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**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Gator Alley Chapter, Saturday December 8, 2018**

**CALLED TO ORDER AT:** 2:08 p.m. by President James "Doc" Reichenbach after the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

**Present were:** President James "Doc" Reichenbach, Vice President Darrin Brooks, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Debbie Hamby, Sergeant-at-Arms Marcus Hotelling, State Office Brandy Westerfield, State Office Annex Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz, Membership Laurie Hanley, PR/Communications William Prewitt, Safety Victor Piorkowski, Products Shayne Hanley, Asst Products Kim Hollan, Masterlink Joanne Napoli, Co-Webmasters William Prewitt and Joanne Napoli.

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 Southernmost - Bill Kelly, Sandy MacLaren  
 Southwest - Wayne Cerra, Jaime Cerra  
 Treasure Coast - Steve Kliemisch  
 Vintage - Charles Johnston, Sharon Balocki  
 West Coast - Excused

**PRESIDENT: Doc Reichenbach:**

Some chapters have been working very hard to get new members. Special recognition to Southeast, just saw the figures since July. Also got an email saying how good the Palm Beach event was. It went off without a hitch, did well and was well attended. He appreciates what they did. We will discuss Tallahassee later. It's still a mess from the hurricane. When we requested April 15 for our ride to the capital we received an email that it was not was not available. The Florida Highway Patrol has the whole weekend reserved. Three days ago we got another email that we now can have that date.

**VICE PRESIDENT: Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:**

Welcome to my neck of the woods and my home chapter Gator Alley. Thank you for coming and supporting ABATE.

**SECRETARY: Shelly Johnston:**

The August minutes need to be approved. Motion to approve made by Peace River, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vintage and passed.

**TREASURER: Deborah Hamby:**

Financials reports are in your packets. Chapter reports must be postmarked by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. If the State Treasurer does not receive your reports 5 days after the 5<sup>th</sup> your chapter will be donating \$50 to ABATE of Florida, Inc. The State Treasurer and Membership trustee need your reports on time so they can do their jobs and get our tax filed. Chapters voted to have the reports postmarked by the 5<sup>th</sup>. Recognized Southeast for their donation.

**SARGENT-AT-ARMS: Marcus Hotelling:**

Inventories were due today. If you did not submit them yet get them to Marcus and Brandy ASAP. Let people know when you are home from a ride and are safe or if someone is sick or in the hospital. We are a family and

will help any way we can.

**STATE OFFICE: Brandy Westerfield and Ms. Boots:**

Ms. Boots - Paperwork must be submitted 10 days after an event or there is a \$50.00 fee.

Brandy - if you call her at the State office she will return your call within 24-48 hours depending on her schedule. You can also email her at flabatestateoffice@gmail.com

**MEMBERSHIP: Laurie Hanley:**

July - Most new members: Palm Beach      Highest % of growth: Vintage  
 August - Most new members: Freedom      Highest % of growth: Freedom and Estero River  
 September - Most new members: Southeast      Highest % of growth-Freedom  
 October - Most new members: Southeast      Highest % of growth-Treasure Coast

We have a chapter that has done well with 105 new members since July and their numbers continue to rise. Congratulations to Southeast! Delinquent and deleted members are factored into the stats so your numbers can go down even if you get new members. Thank your membership person for what they do. Doc thanked Laurie for all she does, thanked Debbie also noting her bike broke down on the way to the meeting and she still managed to get here.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR: Victor Piorkowski:**

After you do a safety booth you need to send in the report. Please print legibility and fill in number of attendees. These numbers are used to compile stats to give to Doc to take to Tallahassee. MSAP inventory forms will be on the website. Inventories are due by the end of the year. When you talk to businesses get them to donate to ABATE of Florida Safety and Education Inc. It is a C-3 organization and their donation is tax deductible. Patti has the form for contributions to the 501C3. We will order safety products with the donation money to the C3. Comment was made that the BOD for the C3 was supposed to be changed when we elected new officers in June. Doc responded no, they are two separate entities and it is easier for Patti to handle the C3 since she helped create it. This enables Debbie to concentrate solely on ABATE of Florida, Inc. It was asked if we could have the C3 on the agenda-again. No because they a separate corporation. Doc can report separately on that. Doc met with 3 senators and 3 house reps from Marion County. He talked about the motorcycle training program, that we would like it under ABATE of Florida, Inc., that it should be under motorcyclists not under the state. They agreed, they are going to set an apt with the new governor to see if we can get it under our name. We've always wanted it in our name. Every year we fight to get the money, if we get the program the money would come to us. Some of our members would have to go to instructor training so they could run program. We would make the fees set for everybody, not different according to territory, mandatory so should be set fee. They used to pass everybody to get kickback but ABATE changed that.

**PRODUCTS: Shayne "Velcro" Hanley:**

Having a Christmas sale today. Bumper stickers, lighters, State logo, earrings and a few life member shirts all reduced prices. Did find someone to engrave life member cards for \$20. This is for a replacement card, not your original free card. Working on new ladies shirts. These will be on a preorder basis. Brandy has changed employers and Velcro has all new vendors.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS: William "Magneto" Prewitt:**

Eleven chapters who have Facebook pages have not made him an administrator. Doc wants the flyer for the Tallahassee run sent to every newspaper.

**MASTERLINK: Joanne "Crittter" Napoli:**

There are copies of the September-October and November-December Master links are up front. Many chapters are using copyrighted material and images in their newsletters. Make sure you give credit to the owner. We could get sued for using materials without permission (copyright infringement). The flyer for the ride to Tallahassee will be put on the front page of Masterlink.

**WEBMASTER: Joanne "Crittter" Napoli and William "Magneto" Prewitt:**

Keeping events page up to date with flyers we get from chapters. The flyer for the Tallahassee run will be up soon. Darrin will be sending a copy of the stiffer penalties bill. It will be put on the front page. If you have any ideas for the website let them know.

**LEGISLATIVE: Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:**

Send postcard to legislators reminding them who we are. When we talk to our representatives in Tallahassee know the bill numbers. We have a bill already-HB71. He will get it out to us as soon as it comes out of bill writing. HB45 and S76 are the texting bills. Senate bill SB108 proposes to move concealed carry from the Dept. of Agriculture to the Dept. of Law Enforcement.

**LOBBYIST: Doc Reichenbach:**

Last year's bill was crap. They wanted motorcycles cut out. Rep. Stan McClain will do the bill this year, exactly like it was four years ago. Senator Baxby is doing the bill in the Senate. There is a good chance this will go through. There are a lot of freshman legislators, feels like it could be a good year. Pound the bills in your districts, he will pound them in Tallahassee. Motorcycle Safety money is already put in. There is no bill number yet. We asked for \$300,000. The first thing we will do is buy \$100,000 of safety products, update the safety video and do more radio ads. Last time we got safety money is the last time motorcycle deaths went down.

**MRF:**

Their old lobbyist is working for P&G now. They have hired a lobbying firm from DC which is not devoting time to MRF.

**AMA:**

No news from them.

**NCOM: Orlando, May 9-12, 2019:**

This is the largest motorcycle rights convention in the US. ABATE of Florida, Inc. will have a seminar on our Safety Program. There will be a chapter officer seminar. Accommodations at the Double Tree Hotel across from Universal Studios Friday and Saturday only. Mention NCOM when making reservations.

**TALLAHASSEE:**

As noted under the President report the ride is back on for Monday April 15. The State meeting is Sunday April 14. Remember we have a new Governor and a lot of new House and Senate members. We need our people to go see them as a show of faith. We need at least 10 people/bikes from each chapter on the ride to show our force. It's for our rights. If we don't fight for them we will lose them. We all need to vote-there all people lying all over Europe, Asia and Arlington who fought for our right to vote. We will have 2 flyers, one for the run and one for the State meeting. The first run in 1984 we had problems but when Doc became President he talked to capital officials and got us back in and we have had no problems since.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Billy Bird - we are rethinking the State party. Five star or regional parties may be more productive, better attended. We need more donations to help pay for the News Service of Florida. Debbie will reach out to the chapters. Lake County Challenge - Palm Beach, Forest, Vintage, Gator Alley, Peace River and Polk all raised money for the challenge. Congratulations to Polk for winning and thank you to the rest of the chapters who participated. Doc was moved deeply when the total raised was announced. The winners of the gun drawing for the rifle and shotgun were announced.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

SloMo had an idea to do a petition for driver's education in the schools. Say how many teenagers die in auto accidents each year. We want to save our kids, see less deaths. How many people die? We want safer roads for everyone. Maybe make it mandatory for anyone under age 18 in order to get their license. Drivers with reckless driving tickets should be required to attend high school night school and pay for driving course. Driver's education should be a standard through all counties. Doc told SloMo to come out with a draft and we will get it out to the chapters. Doc told delegates to go back to chapters and get commitments to go to ride on the capital.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Doc thanked Gator Alley for hosting the meeting, it is always great here, never a bad moment. The food was excellent, Charlie Brown trees were great. In August Doc proposed we find a central location for all State meetings. Marie asked if we could address that again. Doc told delegates to think about it and come to the next State meeting with an answer. Vintage: birthday party and chili cook-off January 26. Estero River: birthday bash December 15. Southeast: annual party January 20. Southernmost: chili cook-off January 27 mile marker 30

Silent auction, drawings and 50/50 which Monica won and gave back all but \$20 to State.

The next State meeting is in Ocala on February 9, 2019 hosted by Forest

Motion to adjourn by and approved. **TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 5:06**

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 1/11/2019



**Congratulations**  
To the  
**WINNERS**  
of our  
**Christmas Drawing**

**Matt Podbielsky**  
(Shotgun)

**Edda Arce**  
(Rifle)





## *From the Desk of the President*

It was heartening to see all chapters at the February state meeting. We had members there who I had not seen for a very long time and it was good to see everyone. I would like to send our condolences to the state Sergeant at Arms on the loss of his father. We especially want to thank Forest Chapter for the excellent way they handled the logistics of the state meeting.

At the meeting we had some good discussions and the most important one is the ride to the Capitol. This year we must have a large showing. We want our legislation to pass and we need to show our legislators that we believe in what we are doing. They need to know from us that one death is one too many and the people who are killing us need to be held accountable. Every week there are articles in the newspapers, on the web, and on television that tell us that another person has died by a careless driver. It must stop and it is our duty as fellow human beings to save these lives.

We also discussed having an Abate Cruise for our members, families and friends. I have contacted a travel agency and they are looking for deals for us. If any one would like to go please tell your chapter so we can see how many rooms we will need and remember it is two people to a room. I was told that if enough people go that some cruises have a party for the group going. This would be an excellent way for our members to get to know each other from all parts of the state. If enough people wish to go I will have someone take names and information to get a complete count.

I also want to remind all chapters that state products cannot be sent out to vendors to make copies for your chapter. All vendors who want to make state products must go through the state board of directors. If that happens we will file suit for infringement on our property.

Again the ride to the Capitol will be the most important ride you will go on this year. If you can make it show up and support the cause of saving your brothers and sisters lives and from serious injury.

# *Doc*

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## NEXT STATE MEETING

Sunday, April 14, 2019

SEE FLYER INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Forest Chapter, Saturday February 9, 2019**

**CALLED TO ORDER AT:** 2:02 p.m. by President James "Doc" Reichenbach after the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters. Passed the hat for Marcus Hotelling.

**Present were:** President James "Doc" Reichenbach, Vice President Darrin Brooks, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Debbie Hamby, State Office Brandy Westerfield, State Office Annex Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz, Membership Laurie Hanley, PR/Communications William Prewitt, Safety Victor Piorowski, Products Shayne Hanley, Asst Products Kim Hollan, Masterlink Joanne Napoli, Co-Webmasters William Prewitt and Joanne Napoli. Excused absence Marcus Hotelling.

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 Gator Alley- Jude Stevens, John Stevens  
 Gulf Coast- Brandy Westerfield, J.L. Gibson  
 Hillsborough- Charles Dotterer, Cheryl Edmunds  
 Lake- Will "Griz" Deaver, Vera Deaver  
 Lighthouse- Marie Donovan, Tammy Grant

Palm Beach- Dan Henderson, Bill Black  
 Peace River- Bill Neal, Bill Bird  
 Polk County- John McDermott, Dewey Cain  
 Seminole County- RD Reagan, Frenchie Morland  
 Southeast- Jon Voger, Marie Baxter  
 Southernmost-Bill Kelly, Byron Agababian  
 Southwest- Wayne Cerra, Jaime Cerra  
 Treasure Coast- Steve Kliemisch  
 Vintage- Sharon Balocki, Pauline Sasser  
 West Coast- Mike Duffey

**PRESIDENT: Doc Reichenbach:**

A card is going around for Richard, the president of Hillsborough chapter, who is in the hospital. We will be having another gun raffle in December. Debbie will be handing out the tickets during lunch break. Seminole is suspended for a couple months to give them time to regroup. Doc would like to look into having an ABATE of Florida, Inc. cruise. Probably a 3 day cruise in January or February 2020. He will talk to his travel agent. Instructed delegates to go back to their chapters and see who would be interested. Friends and family could come also. We could go to Cuba, Cancun or the Bahamas, whatever is the best deal. Carnival gives a discount to ex-military.

**VICE PRESIDENT: Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:**

Nothing to report under V.P.

**SECRETARY: Shelly Johnston:**

The December minutes need to be approved. Motion to approve made by Lake County, 2nd by Vintage and passed.

**TREASURER: Deborah Hamby:**

Treasurer's report are in the packets. Secretary said the Treasurer's report for December was not approved. Motion to approve the December report made by Seminole, 2nd by Gulf Coast and passed. Motion to approve February's Treasurer's report made by Forest, 2nd by Vintage and passed. Chapters are doing a good job getting reports in on time. Remember chapters who mail their reports after the 5th of the month will receive a notice to add \$50 donation to State.

**SARGENT-AT-ARMS: Marcus Hotelling:** Excused absence

Condolences to Marcus for the loss of his father. Prayers to him and his family.



**STATE OFFICE: Brandy Westerfield:**

Dropped of flyers for the ride to the capital at Harley dealer in Tallahassee. There are flyers up front also.

**STATE OFFICE ANNEX Ms. Boots:**

Having a hard time getting insurance for camping. Get your requests in early, do not wait until the last minute to submit. Do not make up your own print and sign waiver forms. They are on the website under forms.

**MEMBERSHIP: Laurie Hanley:**

Most new members November: Southeast Highest % of growth: Freedom

Most new members December: Southeast Highest % of growth: Southeast

There is an insurance card template and the letter that goes with the card in your packets. This is for the \$ 4,000 AD&D insurance ABATE of Florida, Inc. members free of charge. Each chapter's membership person needs to print the cards now, the insurance company is not giving them to us anymore. Use card stock paper to print them. She will send out an email to membership people.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR: Victor Piorkowski:**

Has received some inventories. Still need one from each chapter even if it states there are no products. Send in report after you have a safety booth. Needs input- do chapters want him to do a MSAP class after a State meeting? Ask your chapter members. Slossberg asked Doc what we are doing and what he could do to help. Doc mentioned the overhead signs on the turnpike. Delegates noted they saw the message "watch for motorcycles" on the signs on the way to the meeting.

**PRODUCTS: Shayne "Velcro" Hanley:**

Has 2x and 3x Lifetime long sleeve shirts. Come buy them so he can order more in smaller sizes. There are many other items on the table-make him an offer! Hats are \$12 across the board. They say "dedicated to freedom of the road". Lake County modeled a nameplate that scrolled the words "watch for motorcycles". It is \$10 and MSAP will have it for sale.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS: William "Magneto" Prewitt:**

Remember that if you didn't create it you must give credit for it. Do not post pictures of members drinking. ABATE of Florida, Inc. does not condone drinking and riding. Question was asked if Governor DeSantis was going to sign the proclamation for May as Motorcycle Safety Month. Every administration does it differently. Doc will call Monday to see which office is handling the proclamation. Forest is drafting a letter asking businesses to display May is Motorcycle Safety Month or Watch for Motorcycles. In exchange they will get free publicity by having picture in chapter newsletter.

**MASTERLINK: Joanne "Crittter" Napoli Prewitt:**

Masterlinks are up front. As noted by PR/Comm we need to be better about acknowledging copyrighted material. She has potential advertisers for Masterlink.

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**LEGISLATIVE: Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:**

Thanks to chapter donations the News Service of Florida subscription has been paid. Watch for emails on legislative updates and get them out to your members quickly. Darrin will also be sending out talking points to use when you see your representatives and info about our bills: HB71 by Representative McClain and SB158 by Senator Baxley. There is a sample on what to say to legislators in the Masterlink. Send an email to your legislators asking them to co-sponsor one of our bills. Representative McClain is also sponsoring HB2001 which is for \$300,000 for ABATE of Florida, Inc. Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program. HB505 by Representative Grant calls for a Purple Heart Tag for motorcycles. Doc will talk to Steve Wise about the red, white and blue tag.

**LOBBYIST: Doc Reichenbach:**

Doc was contacted by a lawyer for the House of Representatives who was impressed with what we are trying to do. She sounded hopeful that we will get a hearing this time. One sponsor of the bill also thinks the chairman of the committee will be on board. Doc will be taking the **"I'm sick and tired of burying my brothers and sisters to preserve America's right to drive stupid"** banner. A lot of the legislators (30%) are new and will be asking questions. If you don't know the answer refer them to Doc or Darrin. A human life is worth more than \$100, the average amount of the fine.

**MRF:**

Their lobbyist quit and went to Proctor & Gamble. They have hired a lobbying company for a few months.

**AMA:**

No news from them.

**NCOM: Orlando, May 10-12, 2019:**

Flyers are out. ABATE of Florida, Inc. will be doing safety seminars. Doc gave credit to Jeff Avery who created the safety program. Click on the NCOM flyer on our website for the schedule and to register. Discount tickets for Universal may be available at the Chamber of Commerce. We will also be doing the tee shirts for the conference and we keep the proceeds from sales.

**TALLAHASSEE:**

State meeting will be Sunday April 14. Ride to the capital will be Monday 4-15-19. Kick stands up at 9 a.m. behind the Super 8 motel in Monticello (140 Pafford Road Monticello FL 32336). We still don't know which way we are going into the capital. Doc asked if delegates talked to their chapter members about going to the capital. Peace River has 10 people going. Lake County estimates 35-40 bikes. Doc said it is important that we have a good turnout. If we don't show they will think we don't care. We will have the banner there, take pictures and hopefully we will get on the news.

**STATE PARTY COMMITTEE: Darrin and Billy**

Billy reported that they have decided five star or regional parties may be more productive, better attended. There will be a party June 1 at the Fort Meyers Country store. Encouraged neighboring chapters to get together and co-host a party for their areas.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

At the December State meeting chapters were instructed to think about having a central location for all State meetings. Forest motioned to have all meetings in the central Florida area to reduce driving time for delegates. Southeast 2nd motion. Discussion followed with overall feeling that delegates like to travel to visit other

chapters. Nays carried the vote. Doc said chapters need to host meetings if they don't want to centralize. Slo Mo is doing research and working on the wording regarding getting mandatory driver's education. He also needs to talk to some legislators. Doc reminded him that the session starts next month.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Leadership seminars: Lake motioned to have the seminars held here in Ocala. Gator Alley seconded. After some discussion the delegation approved the motion.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Doc thanked Forest for hosting the meeting and for providing lunch.

John (Forest) they are having a chili cook off and Valentine dance tonight and also celebrating his birthday which was yesterday. Grizz (Lake) Leesburg Bike Fest is April 25-28. May 25 is "Can you see me now?" awareness ride. Congrats to newlyweds Sandy and Diane!

Silent auction, drawings held. Sharon (Vintage) won 50/50 and donated most back.

The next State meeting is in Monticello on Sunday, April 14 hosted by State. BOD meeting at noon, delegate meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Vintage, 2nd by Forest and approved. **TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 4:11**

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 2/27//2019





## **From the Desk of the President**

**The April state meeting and run to the Capitol have been over for two weeks. I waited to write this letter until session was over but they are still playing with the budget. With a full house at the American Legion for the state meeting it was a wonderful sight to see. The run to the Capitol went off without a hitch and I think the Police had a great time riding their Harley along with us. The Abate turnout was over two and a half times the size of last year. As soon as the legislature adjourns there will be a complete legislative report sent to the chapters.**

**May 9-11 the National Coalition of Motorcyclists will be having their annual convention in Orlando. Some of you have volunteered to help at the convention and it is greatly appreciated. We'd like as many of our members to show up at the convention as possible. One of the seminars will be our motorcycle safety program given by Abate of Florida and another seminar will be women in motorcycling. Also at the banquet Saturday night Billy Bird will receive an award for his contributions to Abate of Florida.**

**Our next state meeting will be in St Augustine hosted by Vintage Chapter. We hope we will see you there. In the mean time ride "Safe and Free".**

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**NEXT STATE MEETING**  
**Saturday, June 8, 2019**  
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**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: State Board, Sunday, April 14, 2019**

**CALLED TO ORDER AT:** 2:03 p.m. by President James “Doc” Reichenbach after the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**Present were:** President James “Doc” Reichenbach, Vice President Darrin Brooks, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Debbie Hamby, Sgt @ Arms Marcus Hotelling, State Office Brandy Westerfield, Membership Laurie Hanley, Safety Victor Piorkowski, Products Shayne Hanley, Assistant Products Kim Hollan, Absent Elizabeth “Boots” Buchholtz, Joanne Napoli and William Prewitt.

**DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

Daytona Beach- John Banta, Alfred Fyock  
 Estero River- Absent  
 Forest- John Melin, Bridget Pace  
 Freedom- William Vaconis, Ronnie Payne  
 Gator Alley- John Stevens, Joe Belanger  
 Gulf Coast- J.L. Gibson, Earl Young  
 Hillsborough- Charles Dotterer, Cheryl Edmunds  
 Lake- Will “Griz” Deaver, Vera Deaver  
 Lighthouse- Tammy Grant

Palm Beach- Ken Gerecke, Bill Black  
 Peace River- Bill Bird, Kim Hollan  
 Polk County- John McDermott, Dewey Cain  
 Seminole County- Frenchie Morland  
 Southeast- Jon Voger  
 Southernmost-Bill Kelly, Byron Agababian  
 Southwest- Absent  
 Treasure Coast- Steve Kliemisch  
 Vintage- John Trama, Charles Johnston  
 West Coast- Sam Stollard, Dennis Vosset

**PRESIDENT: Doc Reichenbach:**

Had about a 3 hour meeting with Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. They have new people on board and want to work with us. Marie, program manager, deals with driver’s education. She is interested in getting it back into all schools. Doc talked to Grizz, suggested we get a program going with Maria. Grizz has the idea that the amount charged for a ticket could be used to pay for a driver’s ed class. He will be talking to legislators after the session ends. We have been trying to get driver’s ed in schools for many years. Doc also went to a COC meeting. He talked with them about the profiling bill they want. Doc will not do the bill until they can show him that profiling did actually take place. We need all the facts and they need to prove it. Finally, we need to display our annual resale Sales Tax Certificate if we are selling products. It is for items that are being resold. It cannot be used for any other purpose. Whoever signs for the certificate is responsible for it. It cannot be used for personal reasons. The person who signed for it (usually the chapter President) will be fined 200% if it is used for any other reason. It is also a third degree felony. Every motorcyclist pays an extra \$2.50 when they register their motorcycle. Thirty years ago we asked the legislature to take out this money and put it into a motorcycle safety trust fund. \$1.5 million was paid last year. \$400,000 went to motorcycle safety. \$1.1 million went to the Safety commission general fund to be used for whatever they want. Why is there such a fight over the \$300,000 we ask for? It is our money! Doc also asked where the \$400,000 went and where are all the billboards, TV/radio ads, etc. that ABATE of Florida, Inc. has paid for in the past. NHTSA has asked ABATE to come back to the meetings CUTR has in Tampa. They will not attack us regarding helmets like they did Darrin in the past. Let Doc know if you are interested.

**VICE PRESIDENT: Darrin “Scribe” Brooks:**

Welcomed everyone. Has names for the bell ringing ceremony ready for tomorrow.

**SECRETARY: Shelly Johnston:**

The February minutes need to be approved. Motion to approve made by Seminole County, 2nd by Forest and passed.

**TREASURER: Deborah Hamby:**

Financial statements are in your packets.

Motion to approve February and March Treasurer's report made by Forest, 2nd by Daytona Beach and approved. Every chapter should come sign out some gun/rifle drawing tickets.

**SARGENT-AT-ARMS: Marcus Hotelling:**

Thanked everyone for the well wishes and contributions for his father's passing. Still needs road guards for 5 intersections and flag holders for tomorrow. We cannot ride if no road guards. Slower riders and trikes will be in the back. Do not let cars get in between us on the ride. KSU at 9 am behind the Super 8, get there early. Everyone must sign waiver. Once we pick up the police escort do not ride in the left lane. They will be riding by us quite fast in that lane. The Capital guard does not stay in the guard shack. We will need a minimum of 10 bikes at once to be let out. If your bike leaks put something under it or you will be fined \$150.

**STATE OFFICE: Brandy Westerfield:**

There was a problem with the State Office telephone. It has been resolved. A couple of volunteers are needed at 8 in the morning for registration.

**STATE OFFICE ANNEX Ms. Boots:**

Excused absence

**MEMBERSHIP: Laurie Hanley:**

Most new members January: Lake

Highest % of growth: Lake

Most new members February: Southeast

Highest % of growth: Forest

Go back to your chapters and tell your membership person what a good job they are doing.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR: Victor Piorkowski:**

Nothing at this time.

**PRODUCTS: Shayne "Velcro" Hanley:**

Has old rally pins for \$1.00. Also have new stickers, pins, flags. Lifetime shirts only \$10. Make an offer on something you want.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS: William "Magneto" Prewitt:**

Excused absence

**MASTERLINK: Joanne "Crittter" Napoli Prewitt:**

Excused absence

**WEBMASTER: Joanne "Crittter" Napoli Prewitt and William "Magneto" Prewitt:**

Excused absence

**LEGISLATIVE: Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:**

Tomorrow is a big day. Has prepared a sheet of talking points. Talk about the Vulnerable Road Users bill and the safety \$(how it goes to safety and awareness. Go up to see your people, the aids will be there. Try to have

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a face to face meeting. It's too late to do anything now. We should be working with our legislators all year round. HB2001 made it through the first committee then was put directly into the budget. We are 2/3 through the session, which ends May 3. The VRU is still waiting to be heard in committee. The head of the committee, Brad Drake, does not like motorcyclists. Senator Bradley did not like the texting bill last year because he thought minorities would be targeted and they would file complaints. This year he is for it.

**LOBBYIST: Doc Reichenbach:**

Lobbyists give millions of \$ to re-election campaigns, that's how they get the votes. The FL legislative does not meet Mondays and Fridays, so out of a 60 day session they meet only 30 days. In the off season he visits legislators. Next year the session starts in January so the ride to the capital will be in February. Question was asked if there were any legislators on the floor now. Some of the freshman will be working. Doc would like to see that every bill should have to be heard. Right now the chairmen have all the power. He was getting calls saying he was a liar, that the bill died in committee. It did, but it was put on a highway safety bill. Next year will be the 20th anniversary of the helmet bill.

**MRF:**

Has sent letter to NHTSA asking for the definition of a motorcycle. Doc would like to send a letter also asking the same.

**AMA:**

Emailed Doc saying they are going to work on E15 again.

**NCOM: Orlando, May 10-12, 2019:**

There are only 14 rooms left at the \$ 119/night price. May 7 is the deadline for that rate. Doc will try to get more rooms. Gator Alley will be driving vans. We still need 3 people to work the registration desk Friday and Saturday. Vera and Frenchie volunteered. Lana and Victor will be doing safety seminars. We have had the two largest motorcycle rights conventions in the country, 2500 and 2000 respectively. If you have any ideas while you are there let Doc know. We have a new T-shirt design that will be for sale at the convention. Shayne and Laurie's daughter did an awesome job!

**TALLAHASSEE:**

Covered above

**STATE PARTY COMMITTEE: Darrin and Billy**

The Five Star party will be held on June 1 at 19990 Corkscrew Road, Estero sponsored by Peace River, Southwest, Estero, West Coast and Gator Alley. Doc is in favor of having a State party. Clubs have told him they will come. Should be a central Florida location. We need something to raise money. The campground carried us for over 20 years. We lost business to other campgrounds that undercut us.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

ABATE of Florida, Inc. cruise: at least 50 people indicated they would like to go. After discussion Cuba was eliminated as possible destination. Cozumel and the Bahamas are still contenders. Doc will contact the travel agent again for pricing and dates. The Leadership seminars for new officers (and old) will be in Ocala at the Real Estate office. July 13 for all positions except President, which will be Sunday July 14.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Nothing at this time.



**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Gator Alley presented State with a contribution.

Southeast is having a Memorial Day event on Pompano. They are also hosting August State meeting. Book the hotel in Fort Lauderdale by June 30. After that you could pay up to \$500 for a room.

Polk, May 11, Skills on Wheels.

Lighthouse, May 11, along with First Coast and West Palm.

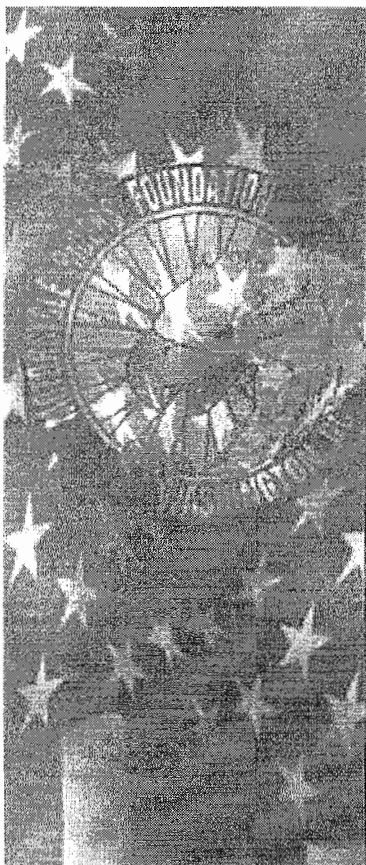
Lake County has the campgrounds during Leesburg Bike Fest. Also, May 25, "can you see me now?" ride. Ends at Moose.

Drawings, silent auction and 50/50. Monica won and donated most back.

The next State meeting is June 8 hosted by Vintage Chapter in St. Augustine. State BOD meeting at noon. Delegate meeting at 2:00 p.m

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:** 4:51

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 5/14/2019



**Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

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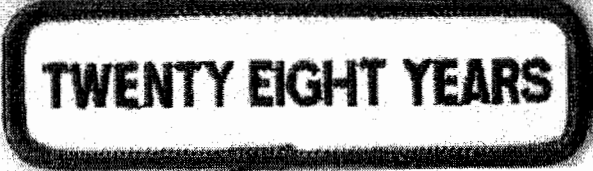
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YOU HAVE EARNED OUR ABIDING GRATITUDE AND  
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Kirk Willard, MRF President

March 2019

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## **ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Vintage Chapter, Sunday, June 8, 2019**

**CALLED TO ORDER AT:** 2:02 p.m. by President James “Doc” Reichenbach after the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**Present were:** President James “Doc” Reichenbach, Vice President Darrin Brooks, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Debbie Hamby, Sgt @ Arms Marcus Hotelling, State Office Brandy Westerfield, State Office Annex Elizabeth “Boots” Buckholtz, Membership Laurie Hanley, Products Shayne Hanley, Assistant Products Kim Hollan, excused absence Victor Piorkowski, Joanne Napoli Prewitt and William Prewitt.

### **DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:**

Daytona Beach- John Banta, Gene Lessig  
 Estero River- Ward Jackson  
 Forest- Kenneth Gee, Sandra Gee  
 Freedom- Absent  
 Gator Alley- Judy Stevens, John Stevens  
 Gulf Coast- Martha Harris, Carol Roberts-Mobley  
 Hillsborough- Charles Dotterer, Cheryl Edmunds  
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 Lighthouse- Marie Donovan, Tammy Grant

Palm Beach- Dan Henderson, Bill Black  
 Peace River- Bill Neal, Bill Bird  
 Polk County- John McDermott, Dewey Cain  
 Seminole County- Lana Lang, Frenchi Morland  
 Southeast- Jon Voger, Marie Baxter  
 Southernmost- Byron Agababian  
 Southwest- Wayne Cerra, Jaime Cerra  
 Treasure Coast- Steve Kliemisch  
 Vintage- Charles Johnston, Jay Trama  
 West Coast- Victor McDonald, Sam Stallard

### **PRESIDENT: Doc Reichenbach:**

The safety money passed all committees but when it hit the Speaker of the House and Senate President it was struck from the budget. We need to decide if we want to sue the state of Florida. There could be consequences. Discuss with your chapters, ask if anyone has ever done so. Think about other ways to get the money. Last year \$ 1.5 million came in from the additional \$2.50 motorcycle registration fee that we pay. \$400,000 went to the Florida safety program, \$1.1 million was used for something (or everything) else. The state started taking our money in 2012. This money belongs to us for motorcycle safety. Doc sent an email asking for a breakdown on how much came in and how much was used for motorcycle safety. We need a full accounting of where this money went. Jerry T has looked at the facts and will do what we want. Byron spoke to their state representative who has gotten lots of money for Monroe County. She said focus on education, find the money some other way. The money is already in DOT’s possession.

### **VICE PRESIDENT: Darrin “Scribe” Brooks:**

Nothing to report under V.P.

### **SECRETARY: Shelly Johnston:**

The April minutes need to be approved. Motion to approve made by Palm Beach 2nd by Vintage and approved.

### **TREASURER: Deborah Hamby:**

Financial statements are in your packets. Motion to approve March and April Treasurer’s report made by Peace River 2nd by Southwest and approved. Please come get some gun tickets.

### **SARGENT-AT-ARMS: Marcus Hotelling:**

Chapters are holding elections this month. Encourage new officers to attend the Leadership seminars. Anyone interested in learning about positions can attend. BOD members have a job to do. Many people get offended when their chapter President gets on them. We are all here for the same reasons: to educate and save lives.

**STATE OFFICE: Brandy Westerfield:**

Needs officer update forms ASAP after elections but before the seminars. Darrin asked that it be typed so it can be read easily. He uses it to update his email list for Presidents, VP, PR/Comm, Legislative and Newsletter.

**STATE OFFICE ANNEX Ms. Boots:**

Asked what we were going to do with the old trailer that is at Patti's house. Marcus will look at it and if it needs to be junked take care of it. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Leadership seminars.

**MEMBERSHIP: Laurie Hanley:**

Most new members March: Freedom                      Highest % of growth: tied Freedom and Southwest  
Most new members April: Lighthouse                      Highest % of growth: Southeast  
She got a membership application for Seminole, Doc advised to send card to Frenchi.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR: Victor Piorkowski:**

Excused absence. We wish Victor well as he addresses some health concerns.

**PRODUCTS: Shayne "Velcro" Hanley:**

Thank you to Southeast for giving all the hats to State to sell. Shirts are \$10 today, NCOM shirts are \$15. Buy something today, get a free sticker.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS: William "Magneto" Prewitt:**

Excused absence. Governor Ron DeSantis has signed the Proclamation for May as Motorcycle Safety Month. Thanks to Boots for getting this done.

**MASTERLINK: Joanne "Critter" Napoli Prewitt:**

Excused absence.

**WEBMASTER: Joanne "Critter" Napoli Prewitt and William "Magneto" Prewitt:**

Excused absence.

**LEGISLATIVE: Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:**

There were 6000 bills introduced this past legislative session. Only 174 went on to be signed by Governor DeSantis. Try to educate your members on the legislative process. Start contacting your legislators now while they are home. Ask them if they will co-sponsor the bill. Tell them ABATE of Florida, Inc. does not keep any of the money. It all goes to safety education. We can do it better than a state employee who has never rode a motorcycle, we are more involved. We are the ones it affects. We do it for free, we are a grassroots organization, we use all the money for safety education to save lives. When you visit with your state, county or local legislators take their picture with chapter members and let them know it will be online for people to see. If you already have pics and proclamation photos send them to Darrin. Pre-session committees start in September. The 2020 session starts January 14. He has brand new stuff to talk about at the Leadership seminars. Send him an email if you are no longer the President or other officer and still want to be on his email list.

**LOBBYIST: Doc Reichenbach:**

Our sponsor of the Safety money and VRU lost his wife and missed the first month of the 2018 session.

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Another legislator was appointed to take it over for that month. When we went to the capital one of our chapters went into the capital and read the riot act to the Chief of Staff of that rep. They said they were a constituent and they should be notified directly on anything concerning the bill. At last meeting Doc said there was still a way it might pass. This person called Doc saying they were sick of it. In the 20 years that we have been doing the ride to the capital Doc has never got a complaint about us. Doc had meeting with legislator and Chief of Staff Tuesday and apologized profusely. Nobody wanted to do anything behind the scenes after that incident. Representative McClain did agree to sponsor the bills again. Doc told him about the safety money and he said there was no reason we shouldn't get the money and he will fight for it this coming year. Doc also has a new idea for the VRU. Also have a meeting set up in July with highway safety and motor vehicles for driver's education in schools. Grizz will be attending since this has been his baby for a long time. The guy who was against us for so long is no longer there. The people who are there now are for it. Doc will see to get an appointment with the new director of Safety and Motor Vehicles to see what they think about driver's education. We have already requested the rotunda for that day. Possibly could get the inside rotunda also. See if your county sends a delegation to the capital like Monroe County does, if they do tag along with your county reps and make two appearances in Tallassee. Question on motorcycle purple heart tag. It did not pass and Doc already has someone he is talking to.

**MRF:**

No news.

**AMA:**

No news.

**NCOM: Indianapolis 2020, Oklahoma City 2021:**

The convention in Orlando was outstanding. All three that have been held in Florida have been great. Doc thanked the many people from ABATE of Florida who helped it go so well: the 4 musketeers from Gator Alley who drove the vans and got great reviews. Peace River and Estero, Billy, Vera, Grizz, Brandy and Deb for all they did. Thanked Mudder for his help getting the van. The person he thanked so much for all her efforts in selling the t-shirts is Kim from Peace River. She wouldn't let anyone get away without buying a t-shirt. Billy Bird got a Silver Spoke Award for all the years he has supported ABATE. Leadership seminar put on by South Carolina was good also. Doc met with a lot of the national bosses of the clubs. Attended COC meeting in Melbourne. They were happy we were there. They want to join Abate of Florida and said they would support our events. He said he would look into the profiling thing, but it has to be legit - not for speeding or something else against the law.

**LEGAL:**

Nothing new to report.

**TALLHASSEE 2020:**

2020 is the 20th anniversary of the helmet law. It would be nice if we could get a banner thanking the Florida legislature. Peace River made a motion to move the date of the State meeting to Sunday February 9 and have the ride to the capital Monday February 10. Lake County 2nd the motion and it was approved.

**STATE PARTY COMMITTEE: Darrin and Billy**

Peace River, Gator Alley, West Coast, Estero River, Southwest held the first Southwest regional party on June 1. There were 186 attendees. The band cancelled but the DJ did an awesome job. Billy Bird presented Doc with a check from the proceeds. They encourage other chapters get together and put on a party for their

regions. One day event, no admission, get a DJ, it is easy to do. Curtis looked into Pier 2 on Lake Okeechobee. Darrin said it would be a good place to have a Southeast regional party. There is an 81 room ten story motel. They will also let people camp. There is a biker restaurant that will let us rent the bar and a tiki hut in the middle of the pond. Good bike ride around the lake. Network with other chapters at the Leadership Seminars about possible places.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Doc talked about the cruise we all wanted to take. The travel agent told Doc to pick out a place we wanted to go so she can get us the best deal. Cuba is now ruled out due to recent travel restrictions. It was suggested a Mississippi River cruise may be the way to go. Delegates go back to your chapters and decide where you want to go. The choices are the Bahamas, Bermuda, the Caribbean or a paddle boat cruise. Grizz asked about a Go Fund Me that Doc mentioned a few months ago, if one of the BOD could investigate. All money would go to the motorcycle safety only. Billy (Peace River) said there is no downside and made a motion to look into Go Fund Me. Polk 2nd the motion and it was approved. The BOD will look into it. Clubs could support us on the Go Fund Me page. Also, bikers from out of state could donate \$20 for the ability to ride without a helmet while in Florida. Patty (Vintage) added we should tell what we do and what we will do. Frenchi (Seminole) noted the goals and purposes are in the Masterlink page 2. Kenny (Forest) talked about the sign and marquis display they had for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. They had over 100 signs regarding motorcycle safety. He handed out information to the delegates. For the display contest they gave businesses a packet of information including a bumper sticker, intro letter, chapter newsletter, suggested safety messages. The business took a picture and submitted it to Forest Facebook. The one that got the most likes got free advertisement in their newsletter. This was a good way to promote motorcycle safety and help businesses pick up business as well.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Proposals for hosting 2020 State meetings are due by the August 2019 meeting. Jon (Southeast) reminded the delegation to make reservations for the August State meeting in Fort Lauderdale by June 30 or you will pay \$100 more. The special rate is good for 5 days for people who want to stay longer.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Next State meeting will be hosted by Southeast in Fort Lauderdale. BOD meeting at noon. Delegate meeting at 2:00 pm

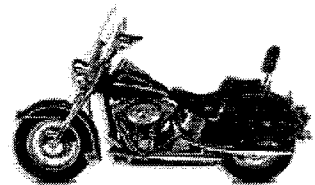
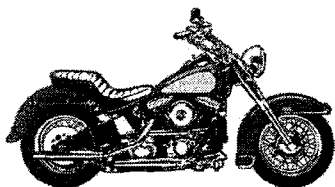
Gulf Coast is having the Firecracker Bike Show in Milton Florida on July 4.

Doc thanked Vintage for hosting the meeting the good tacos and sides and the good brotherhood. Sue, Vintage President, thanked her members for their hard work.

50/50 won by Curtis who donated all back, drawings, silent auction.

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:** 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 6/27//2019





## **From the Desk of the President**

**I want to thank Southeast Chapter for providing an excellent venue for the August state meeting. The next state meeting will be hosted by Gulf Coast Chapter in Pensacola. There was an excellent turnout with a lot of people I haven't seen in years.**

**The planning for the next legislative session is 90% completed. We have sponsors for our bills and we have talked to legislators about sponsoring a bill or resolution on motorcycle profiling. Remember next year is an election year not only for the federal government but the state government. Campaigns are going to come looking for your vote. We need to contact every law maker in every district and let them know that we want their support if they want our vote.**

**I have an update on the ABATE cruise leaving from Port Canaveral the dates are May 1, 15, and May 29th. I still haven't got the firm price yet, but the travel agent will have it to me shortly. Remember it's double occupancy but you can have three to a room and it would be a little cheaper per person. As soon as I get more information I will get it out to you.**

**I hope to see all of you in Pensacola in October. Until then keep your tires on the road and Ride Safe and Free!!!**

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## NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, October 12, 2019

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**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Southeast Chapter, August 10, 2019**

**CALLED TO ORDER AT:** 2:05 p.m. by President James “Doc” Reichenbach after the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Chaplain offered prayer.

**Present were:** President James “Doc” Reichenbach, Vice President Darrin Brooks, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Debbie Hamby, Sgt at Arms Marcus Hotelling, State Office Brandy Westerfield, Membership Laurie Hanley, Products Shayne Hanley, Assistant Products Kim Hollan, Masterlink Joanne Napoli and PR/Comm William Prewitt. Excused absence Elizabeth “Boots” Buchholz, Victor Piorowski.

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 Freedom- Absent  
 Gator Alley- David Lindsay, Amedea Cairo  
 Gulf Coast- Excused  
 Hillsborough- Absent  
 Lake- Vera Deaver, Will Deaver  
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 Polk County- John McDermott  
 Seminole County- Lana Lang, Frenchi Morland  
 Southeast- Zachary Storrs, Bob L  
 Southernmost- Byron Agababian, William Kelly  
 Southwest- Robb Rabell, Isabel Short  
 Treasure Coast- Steve Kliemisch  
 Vintage- Susan Hedrick, SaraBeth Kohl  
 West Coast- Victor McDonald, Sam Stallard

**PRESIDENT: Doc Reichenbach:**

You need to be careful out there. There have been a lot of accidents. Thanked everyone who came out to the seminars. Thanked Patti for helping at the seminars and Darrin for doing double duty. He got a letter from the hotel saying come back anytime. As the Chaplain said, we are a brotherhood and sisterhood. We are working for the same cause, not each chapter for itself or against each other. Some people have been in this organization a long time. Billy Neal was one of those people. He will be missed.

**VICE PRESIDENT: Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:**

There was a good turnout at the Leadership seminars. We have a good combination of old pros and new people. Thanked Southeast for hosting the meeting.

**SECRETARY: Shelly Johnston:**

The June minutes need to be approved. Motion to approve made by Lake, 2nd by Vintage and approved.

**TREASURER: Deborah Hamby:**

Financial statements are in your packets. Motion to approve June and July Treasurer’s report made by Palm Beach, 2nd by Treasure Coast and approved. Please come get some gun tickets. Take the transfer of money from membership to treasurer form out of the packet from leadership seminar, tell membership person we will no longer use it. Doc discussed chapter debit cards. There was a situation where a delegate spent more for hotel and travel to the State meeting than their chapter thought they should have. They are the responsibility of each chapter. You need to set limitations on amount spent with debit card. If you do not you cannot go back on person you allowed to use it. Bottom line, it should never leave the chapter treasurer’s possession.

**SARGENT-AT-ARMS: Marcus Hotelling:**

With the hot weather make sure your tires are good and that you keep hydrated. Schedule events thinking

about the weather. Rain moves in quickly this time of year. You cannot pick up the Sgt-at-Arms packet for someone else. It will be given to the chapter president at the presidents meeting (The same applies to all positions).

**STATE OFFICE: Brandy Westerfield:**

Get your paperwork for websites and other social media into the State office. You cannot be given the password until she receives it.

**STATE OFFICE ANNEX Ms. Boots: Excused absence**

Feel better soon Boots.

**MEMBERSHIP: Laurie Hanley:**

Most new members May: Southeast

Highest % of growth: Southeast

Most new members June: Southeast

Highest % of growth: Freedom

**SAFETY DIRECTOR: Victor Piorkowski: Excused absence**

Wishes for a speedy recovery Victor.

**PRODUCTS: Shayne "Velcro" Hanley:**

Every time you buy something it puts money in State's pockets. Asked that some chapters correct the spelling of his name in their newsletters, it is Shayne (or Velcro). Thanks to John for helping him through the products seminar. He is looking into a patch for the 20th anniversary of the helmet bill.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS: William "Magneto" Prewitt:**

Thanked Darrin for covering seminars for him.

**MASTERLINK: Joanne "Critter" Napoli Prewitt:**

Thanked Patti for helping with the Masterlink seminar. Remember if you are using someone else's articles, cartoons, etc. they need to be cited. (source author, source website)

**WEBMASTER: Joanne "Critter" Napoli Prewitt and William "Magneto" Prewitt:**

Email Critter with any questions or if you need your username or password. She will not give out both in the same email. Email address is: [Flabatestatewebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:Flabatestatewebmaster@gmail.com)

**LEGISLATIVE: Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:**

Bills have already been filed. Now is the time to see your legislators while they are home. Make an appointment to meet with them, spend 15 minutes talking with them about ABATE of Florida, Inc. If you meet with them now, when session starts, and we send out emails they will remember you. Byron gave Darrin a post card that their chapter does. Some chapters send out post cards to the reps with member signatures on it. Elections will be held after this session is over. Do a chapter ride to your rep's office. Let your chapter PR person know when a candidate is coming to speak with your chapter so they can send out a press release to get the word out. Take pictures with members and your rep and send them to Darrin. He will get them on the website and newsletter. Start working on an email tree for your chapter (members must give email voluntarily) so when he sends out releases or requests to contact the legislators it can be done quickly. Question was asked who has access to member email addresses. Only the President and Membership trustee has that access. Doc said ABATE of

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Florid, Inc. DOES NOT give out personal information. Richard Lester has not bought our email list. We take care of the mailings from AIM.

**LOBBYIST: Doc Reichenbach:**

Senator Baxley asked Doc to come in to talk about the bill. They discussed different strategies on how to get the bill through. He has offered to do the bill again (VRU). He will also do the safety money. Rep McClain will do both bills in the House. No one has stepped up to sponsor the profiling bill. They want proof: witnesses and video, people who will testify. The legislative session starts January, ends first week of March. Doc hears complaints that we don't do anything, but no one sends emails with suggestions. He is trying to get a meeting with the Secretary of Transportation to see what can be done about tolls. May not get toll totally removed but try to get it reduced. We are less wear and tear on the roads, use less fossil fuel, better for the environment. Frenchie reminded us that we don't have to use the toll roads. CUTR is at it again. They released a report in conjunction with USF using the 2016 statistics. It showed that FL had highest % of motorcycle fatalities in 2016: 89.3 per 100,000 registered motorcycles. In 2016 there were 543 deaths, 552 in 2017 but registrations increased by 9,000. There were 610,191 motorcycle registrations. At \$2.50 each that comes close to \$1.5 million. Numbers showed that \$400,000 was used for the motorcycle safety program, \$1.1 million used for something else. The signs we saw on the way down here are result of ABATE of Florida, Inc. efforts under the old secretary of transportation.

**MRF:**

No news.

**AMA:**

No news.

**NCOM: Indianapolis 2020, Oklahoma City 2021:**

Doc has a Board meeting in November.

**LEGAL:**

Nothing to report. Jerry T. does all our stuff pro bono, all he asks is contact him if you need legal help.

**TALLAHASSEE 2020:**

The State meeting will be Sunday, February 9 and the ride to the capital will be Monday, February 10. The request for the capital is in. Doc still needs to contact the legion. The last ride went well, more people attended. Police escort did a good job, capital police said everything was fine. Bill (Peace River) said several rooms have already been booked. This will be Billy Neal's last ride to the capital. Some of his ashes will be sprinkled along the way. Velcro asked about a patch for Billy Neal. Bill Bird said it's already been done he will bring some to the next State meeting. This year is the 20th anniversary of the helmet bill. Doc asked the delegates if they wanted a bronze or silver commemorative coin. They were all interested in a coin so Doc will try to get some prices.

**STATE PARTY COMMITTEE: Darrin and Billy**

We are going to have regional parties not a large state party. Chapters will work together to try for a party in their areas. Curtis (Palm Beach) is looking into having a party in the Okeechobee area in the Spring.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion on suing the state of Florida for the safety money. Chapter consensus is they need more information. Doc has requested information on who spent the money and what was it spent on. They have 90 days to answer the inquiry. If we do file a suit, we must be able to back up what we say.

Go Fund Me Page: some thought it looks like we are begging, other people said we need to do it. It gives people who can't join a way to support ABATE of Florida, Inc. Treasurer is going to put it in. Darrin will come up with the wording.

Cruise: The Mississippi cruise is too expensive. Delegates decided on a 3-day cruise to the Bahamas which is around \$300. You don't need a passport if it is a closed end cruise (leaves from and returns to a U.S. port). Possibly leave from Cape Canaveral in May 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2020 State meetings will be hosted by these chapters:

February:	State
April:	Southwest
June:	Vintage
August:	Lake
October:	Gulf Coast
December:	Forest

Suggestion to prorate membership and do renewals once a year. It would be more work for the membership trustee.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Bill Bird thanked all who attended Billy Neal's celebration of life. ABATE of Florida, Inc. 250-300 people turned up in force. His family was really impressed.

Bob (Southeast) - VFW next door is open.

John announced ride in Deland - Daytona area Oct. 5-6 for the children's camp. There is an award for the organization with the most riders (\$50).

There is a poker run in Bellevue on Sept. 21 for Wreaths Across America. Gator Alley is celebrating its 32nd birthday on that day also. Southeast is having their 39th annual event on Oct. 13 at noon at Mickey's Bar.

Silent auction, drawing and 50/50 (won by T-Man)

The next State meeting will be October 12, 2019 hosted by Gulf Coast (Pensacola).

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:** 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 9/7/2019

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**FROM DARRIN "SCRIBE" BROOKS, STATE VP AND LEGISLATIVE REP**

Several of us have been receiving an invitation to take a survey that wants motorcyclists opinions. It is from Ride S.M.A.R.T. Florida so you are aware who is doing it.

The link is [www.mcsafety.org](http://www.mcsafety.org)

I took it and it doesn't take to long. Hopefully they will release the findings.