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In Memory of all our lost Brothers and Sisters

*Yea, Though I Ride Through the Valley
of the Shadow of Death, I will Fear
no Evil: for Thou Art with Me"*
Psalms 23:4



WHAT IS ABATE?

The most current definition of ABATE is American Bikers Aimed Toward Education. ABATE was originally founded by Lou Chimney of California. The concept has since spread across the nation. Most ABATE organizations are run on a state level with various chapters or regions participating therein.

GOALS AND PURPOSE OF ABATE

To provide a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to legislative actions and events around our state and through out our country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclist rights.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on the individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc. on the state and national level.

HOW DOES ABATE ACCOMPLISH ITS GOALS?

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit, grassroots political corporation composed of local chapters that have been organized by motorcyclists, to promote a positive image through local, civic, and charitable and benevolent causes; pooling resources for the common benefit of the members promoting political awareness. ABATE exists to monitor legislation and testifies in your behalf during Senate and House hearings. ABATE collects, processes, and exchanges information that may concern you or substantiate our views and places it in your hands through a newsletter or by other means.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Any individual 18 years of age or older interested in motor-cycle rights, regardless of their sex, race or club affiliation. It does not matter if you ride or what you ride. ABATE ensures our option on motorcycle laws will be heard

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.

We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG. We fund our work through toy runs, poker runs, camp outs, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others. ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or "MRO". ABATE of Florida, Inc.

ABATE of Florida Accomplishments:

ABATE was the driving force behind the changes in Florida's
 Helmet Law. Florida Motorcyclists, over the age of 21 and
 who carry at least \$10,000 medical insurance coverage
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 Freedom to Choose whether to wear a helmet or not.
 ABATE has developed & copyrighted "The Motorcycle
 Safety & Awareness Program"(MSAP). The program is
 presented to non-motorcyclists to educate them on how to
 safely share the road with motorcycles. It is taught in local
 schools & to civic organizations at no charge in the hope of
 reducing motorcycle accidents and deaths through educa-
 tion, not legislation.

- ABATE has gained a positive and respected position in
 Tallahassee. Because of our Lobbyist and Legislative ef-
 forts,
 State Representatives are aware of ABATE members and
 our vigilant quest.

- ABATE reminds travelers everyday to "Look Twice Save a
 Life, Motor-cycles are everywhere" through our billboard
 campaign.

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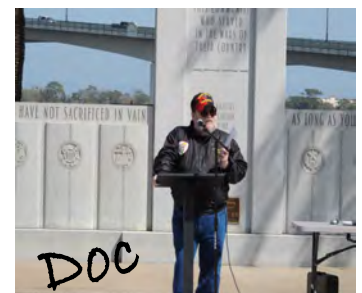
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's that time a year again and we have elections going on across the state for our chapters. These are your Board Members and Trustees. These are the people that will lead their chapter and make good decisions to help their chapters as well as bring new ideals into the chapter. Please make sure that the incoming officers have the paperwork they will need to move forward to help your chapter. all records are to be kept for 7 years on the chapter level and passed to the new board after elections. Please make sure the new president has the necessary information to help his/her board and trustees and that he knows www.abatefloridainc.com all the forms can be found there if a trustee or board member needs more information please have them contact the state officer for that position. All reports, checks, sign in sheet and wavers are to be sent to PO Box 614 Cantonment Fl 32533 The 2021 Gun tickets are all checked out so get with a chapter near you to see if they have some. Remember if your chapter checked tickets out you are responsible for them financially so if you don't sell them make sure they are turned in. This year will be a 1st prize of Henry big boy .44 magnum and 2nd prize is a Golden Boy .22 Tickets mailed in will be sent to the state office is sold must have check included.

NEVER FORGET

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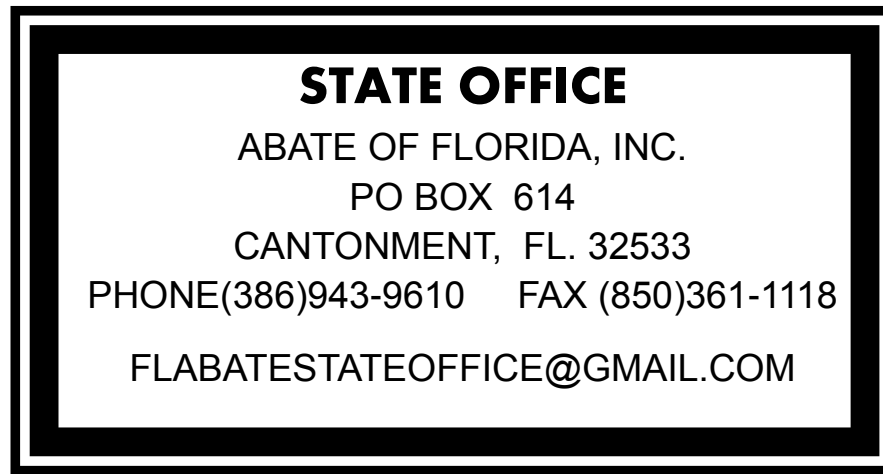
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Jerry T

June 12, 2021
State Delegates Meeting in St. Augustine

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc – Introduced Mudder as new Sergeant-At-Arms and Kenny as his Assistant learning the ropes. Read letter from Jerry T. Just as a reminder, only delegates speak at the meetings. Any other person must be introduced by the delegates. Our Country is having issues with riots and warp teaching to our children, but I thank God every day for our Police and Military. Daytona Chapter: what is the proper use of a “down biker” funds. Discuss protocol of cancellation during hurricane storm. 7-Day notice for cancellation? Found out Hotel policy for cancellation. Chapters are limited to \$100 for donations to outside organizations without being cleared by the Board of Directors. As an example: Gris and John from Forest asked about certain items. Clear everything with the Board. Need reports for outstanding events from chapters. Also, need receipts for expenses.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Darrin – Thank you for coming and Vintage for hosting. Please remember in this small room conversations carry.

SECRETARYS REPORT: Lynn asked to entertain a motion to accept the minutes as they were on Facebook. Treasure Coast stated that the minutes could not be read from her phone. April minutes were then sent to all Presidents. No motion was made. To be presented again at the August meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Debbie – Entertained a motion for the Treasurer Report that are in your packets – Forest made a motion, Hillsborough seconded. Treasurers PO Box is closed. All mail to be sent to the State Office. Invoices for late fee will be sent out on the 15th of the month unless a phone call or email with a legitimate late reason. Late notices will be sent for the State payment for the Website/News Service. In the future, late fees will be deducted from Chapter accounts. After State audit, personal items were found on Chapter Bank Statements. These will be paid back to the chapters.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: – Introduction to new Sergeant of Arms, Mudder. Kenny to learn the ropes to take over next year. Word to wise – dehydration is dangerous to Bikers.

STATE OFFICE: Brandy – After elections, all New Board member forms need to be submitted to State Office asap. As per protocol, each Executive Board member can hold only 1 Executive position. Verification of signers on the checking account is to be sent to the State Office. 2 Signers are required. When any changes are made to the checking account, State Treasurer needs to be on conference call (or speaker at Bank) during these changes. President Books will be sent to the Presidents. They are then responsible to give to their Board Members.

*MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie – Life Membership drawing
March: Highest Growth: Vintage Most New Members: SouthEast
April: Highest Growth: Vintage Most New Members: SouthEast*

Congratulations to Vintage for all their hard work along with SE. Safety booths are key. Thank you to all the Chapters membership people. Doc stated that we are the 3rd largest ABATE in the US. Thank you.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – PR is to be the administrator on all Facebook accounts under ABATE of Florida, Inc. Chapters. Please discuss with Bill Bird to make sure this is done in a timely manner. Passwords will need to be available as well. Everyone (Presidents) will be getting an email concerning this item. ABATERights is the Facebook account to be added as administrator on all Facebook accounts. All Facebook passwords will be stored at the State Office.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy – Send info for chapter events to be put on the Website. Also, any issues or corrections with the website needs to be addressed to Brandy at the State Office. Updates to be completed.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT: Victor – Looking into small magnets and pens. John from Forest, (Lake) made a motion to take back the request to the chapters to donate to the ABATE Safety and Awareness program, 501c3. This will enable us to buy in bulk much needed safety products. Seconded by SouthEast. Unanimous vote, carries.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – Ladies V-Neck will be available soon. Also, new products on the table. 2x, 3x will be pre-ordered only. John from Forest won the Trivia.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – Special Session occurred in May. Mostly concerning gambling. Vulnerable Road User Bill was not even on the agenda. Pandemic was the excuse for Tallahassee not going through so many bills. Discussed the price of Space Junk compared to the life of a motorcyclist. Jail time for Space junk, not for the biker death. Explained how no legislature sign up to help co-sponsor the bill. Keep this in mind when they show up for votes. Please give Darrin the names for the Bell Ringing.

LOBBYIST: Doc – None of our items passed. Hopefully, the Capital will open soon so Legislators can be addressed more easily. The State has cut back on everything this year. Bill will be submitted again. Doc has requested to meet with the Governor.

Legal Counsel: Jerry T – Letter in Packet was read at the beginning of the meeting.

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – in Des Moines July 23, 24. Darrin won the Silver Spoke Award for media with his Podcast.

TALLAHASSEE: February 13th, 14th 2021. Motion was made by Gris to move the Delegate meeting from Saturday to Sunday. Seconded by Hillsborough. No Discussion was warranted.

OLD BUSINESS: - State party, suggested that 1 person from each chapter attend the organizing committee. Trying to make the event at a centralized location. This meeting will take place in Clermont at the next Delegate meeting in August. Velcro is chairing, Darrin will assist. Brandy stated that there are only 8 books of Gun Tickets left. Treasure Coast asked about the Moose Charities. Even though this is a great way of making money, we must have the prize money first. That is not possible now.

Ringing of the Bell

NEW BUSINESS: August will be the State Meeting assignment from the Chapters. If no meeting is assigned, State will host the meeting at the VFW Retirement grounds. There will be no Leadership Seminar this year. Thank you to Vintage for hosting and to all those that worked hard to make this meeting possible.

GOOD TO THE ORDER: Lake County gave State a donation from passing the hat.

Motion to Adjourn by SouthEast, Seconded by Hillsborough. 5:04

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Corr



ABATE of Florida, Inc. Membership Application

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Chapter: _____

Are you a registered voter: Yes _____ / No _____

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Membership Options Annual New Member \$20.00: _____ Lifemembership \$600.00: _____

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MAY		2021	
CHAPTER	MEMBERS	VOTERS	% VOTERS
AT LARGE	1862	1320	71%
DAYTONA BEACH	268	170	63%
ESTERO RIVER	152	112	74%
FOREST	199	155	78%
FREEDOM	92	68	74%
GATOR ALLEY	307	202	66%
GULF COAST	459	378	82%
HILLSBOROUGH	136	96	71%
LAKE	299	210	70%
LIGHTHOUSE	46	34	74%
PALM BEACH	133	82	62%
PEACE RIVER	257	194	75%
POLK COUNTY	176	142	81%
SOUTHEAST	652	532	82%
SOUTHERNMOST	307	240	78%
SOUTHWEST	133	100	75%
TREASURE COAST	83	71	86%
VINTAGE	73	61	84%
TOTALS	5634	4167	74%

JUNE		2021	
CHAPTER	MEMBERS	VOTERS	% VOTERS
AT LARGE	1864	1322	71%
DAYTONA BEACH	268	170	63%
ESTERO RIVER	152	112	74%
FOREST	206	160	78%
FREEDOM	105	81	77%
GATOR ALLEY	307	200	65%
GULF COAST	449	370	82%
HILLSBOROUGH	136	96	71%
LAKE	303	216	71%
LIGHTHOUSE	51	38	75%
PALM BEACH	140	90	64%
PEACE RIVER	259	196	76%
POLK COUNTY	181	145	80%
SOUTHEAST	671	541	81%
SOUTHERNMOST	311	243	78%
SOUTHWEST	133	101	76%
TREASURE COAST	82	69	84%
VINTAGE	71	60	85%
TOTALS	5689	4210	74%



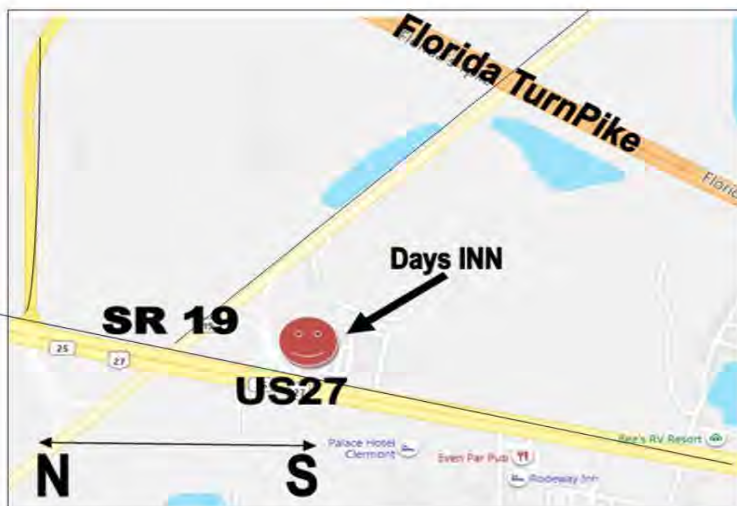
Lake County Chapter

State Meeting – August 14, 2021 -Lake County FL

State Board Meeting starts noon --- Delegates Meeting at 2:00

Meeting Hall: 20390 N US Hwy 27, Clermont @ Days Inn

HOTEL: Days Inn @ 20390 N US Hwy 27, Clermont



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SAT pm-- Join us upstairs for Lake County's favorite J & J Ice Cream Stand & lots of activities. Pool Tables & live music – 7-9:00 pm

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Contact: Chapter Pres: GRIZ 352-516-2982

Chapter VP: Tate 352-409-2055

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STATE MEETINGS

August 14,2021 **Lake** **Clermont**
October 9,2021 **Gulf Coast** **Pensacola**
December 11,201 **Peace River** **Port Charlotte**

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As motorcyclists, we really don't think about our right to ride when we bring our motorcycles to life and head out for an afternoon putt with our friends or plan a nice evening at a bike night. ABATE of Florida Inc. has been an integral part of our ability to ride in the state of Florida without a helmet. In addition, ABATE of Florida Inc. is constantly making sure that your right to ride is protected and backed by hundreds of members who seek only to fight for YOUR right to ride.

On the ABATE of Florida Inc. Facebook page, it says, "Welcome to ABATE of Florida, Inc! We are Florida's only recognized Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO). We fight for Motorcycle Rights and are a voice for those who no longer have a voice."

Since 1981, ABATE of Florida Inc. has been incorporated. Prior to the incorporation, ABATE was made up of a few chapters that worked tirelessly for their rights to ride in the beautiful Sunshine State. Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with Doc Reichenbach, the state president and certified lobbyist for ABATE of Florida Inc. Doc, a veteran and long-time motorcyclist advocate, shared with me what ABATE of Florida Inc. has been busy working on for ALL bikers in our state. How did ABATE come about? "The early 1970s brought ABATE to life. ABATE was originally formed to fight the state's helmet laws and other unjust laws focused toward the motorcyclist."

ABATE originally started in California, and it was a National ABATE. Over time, the National ABATE Office folded and states within the Union started their own ABATE chapters. Each state is entirely different meaning that you had different legislators and folks in the states' governments that all had to learn the rules in governance, laws, policies, etc. It's a lengthy process, but then again, the government paddles that same boat.

Doc shared with me what ABATE is currently working on in Tallahassee. "ABATE of Florida Inc. is working on the 'Stiffer Penalties Bill' but legislators are calling it 'The Vulnerable Road Users Bill.' We can't get the legislators to understand that we are out there riding our motorcycles and there are laws in effect that hinder our rights. In their eyes, they feel that we choose to ride, hence, they not backing or supporting this important cause. Unfortunately, they don't understand that a motorcycle is a vehicle and should be protected by laws. We are tax payers and have the right to ride. We deserve their support."

Who is a Vulnerable Road User? A vulnerable road user (VRU) is anyone who is on or alongside a roadway without the protective hard covering of a metal automobile. The term includes bicycle riders, pedestrians, motorcyclists, people in wheelchairs, police, first responders, roadway workers and other users like a person on a skateboard or scooter.

Did you know that every year, we, as motorcyclists, put \$2.50 from our motorcycle registrations into a motorcyclist safety fund which is supposed to be for the motorcycle rider's program? Sadly, that money isn't being designated for the intended purpose. "A few years ago, the Florida government took our money and put it into the transportation budget where that money would be used by everybody in the government. 30 years ago, that money was to have gone into a trust fund and used for nothing except motorcyclist safety programs. Now, that money is used to plant wild flowers, and other items that have nothing to do with motorcyclist safety. A few years ago, we put a bill in and asked for some of that money to be used for motorcycle safety. We got \$500,000 one time and \$200,000 another time. The

last year we received any funding for motorcycle safety was the last year that motorcycle deaths dropped in our state.” Interesting fact: The years ABATE of Florida Inc. was awarded the money for motorcycle safety, our local communities were saturated with billboards, radio ads, TV ads, and magazine ads on motorcycle safety. Now that the money is not being awarded to ABATE of Florida Inc. for promoting safety, motorcycle deaths have gone up.

ABATE of Florida Inc. has worked for years keeping this state a helmet-free state. It hasn't always been helmet-free. “It took us 8 years to get anyone to support these bills. The Democrats were in control then and they didn't believe in it. We had to wait for the Republicans to get into power. We did turn a lot of Dems heads with the hard work ABATE of Florida Inc. put into this bill and the eventual passing of it. Every year, we have to fight someone that wants to put a bill back in changing the helmet laws back. We get information about looming bills that someone wants to put in against motorcyclists from legislators that don't want their name mentioned. We will get this type of intel and work quickly to take care of impending problems.”

I asked Doc what was the biggest accomplishment ABATE of Florida has witnessed? “The main thing ABATE of Florida Inc. has accomplished all these years is that we are a viable organization. We definitely are not some fly-by-night organization. We are an organization that will fight for your rights. If a bill gets passed that's against us, we fight. We fight every day for ALL motorcyclists whether you're a member of ABATE or not.” A few years ago, a bill came out on not allowing vertical license plates. ABATE of Florida Inc. fought that bill and had it abolished. Now, you can have a vertical plate on your motorcycle thanks to ABATE of Florida Inc!

ABATE of Florida Inc. works hard on getting the right people voted into office and cultivating those relationships. Doc clarified, “For example, with our helmet law, the AMA, MRF, and other organizations were calling legislators asking them NOT to sign off on the helmet law ABATE of Florida Inc. was working on. They were asking the Governor to veto the bill. Obviously, that didn't happen. It was a big win for us when we won the right to wear a helmet or not in the state of Florida.”

Every person who rides a motorcycle in the state of Florida should consider becoming a member of ABATE of Florida Inc. “No one has to come to every meeting or join a chapter, but for \$20 a year you have someone fighting for your rights to ride. And you get a \$4,000 accidental death insurance policy. That seems like a pretty good deal to me. You get all the support of all the members of ABATE of Florida Inc. as well.” Currently, there are 18 chapters in the state of Florida. Maybe there's one close to you! If you want to fight for your right to ride, why not consider joining ABATE of Florida Inc? Your support to ABATE of Florida Inc. will not only help with legislation in Tallahassee, but voting for the local politicians in your communities who are ‘motorcyclist-friendly’ will further the strides that are being accomplished for you every day in our state's government.

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State Products

Hello everyone

Hope you enjoyed the new products at the June State meeting. Products will be available to first come first serve as a lot of them are made in they own special way to make them more personal. I look forward to bringing you new products during the year.

Dont forget that your money support Abate of Florida Inc.

2021 NCOM CONVENTION

JULY 23-25

DES MOINES, IOWA

Holiday Inn Des Moines - Airport
6111 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321
Reservations: 515-287-2400

Mention NCOM Convention for Special Room Rate



 **Accepted for Registration at onabike.com**

**PRE-REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 15TH
 OR PAY CASH AT THE CONVENTION**

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- \$85.00 Convention Registration(includes Silver Spoke Award Banquet)
 Please check main course preference: Chicken Beef Vegetarian
 If you do not choose - a beef entree will be provided for your dinner.
- \$50.00 Registration ONLY (Banquet not included)

Make checks payable and mail to: Richard M. Lester, 7334 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Suite 200, Canoga Park, CA 91303

ABATE of Florida Inc.



1st Prize



HENRY BIG BOY .44 MAGNUM

\$5 donation

Drawing Dec. 11, 2021

Just in time for Christmas

Please visit www.Abatefloridainc.com

for chapter near you to purchase tickets

2nd Prize



HENRY GOLDEN BOY .22 S/L/LR

Need not to be present to win

ONLY 1500 Tickets Printed



*Full name must be listed on the ticket stub for awards drawing purposes! Winner has 30 days after being notified to pick up prize. Winner will be notified and must qualify for ownership with a Florida Firearms Dealer. MUST BE 18 OR OLDER to purchase ticket.

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25th ANNUAL FREEDOM GATHERING

State Meeting Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2:00pm

State Board Meeting Sunday, February 13 at Noon

American Legion Hall - 1065 S. Water St., Monticello, FL 32344

Directions to Hall: Go 2 blocks west of the Opera House on US 90, then turn west on Water Street. Go 1/2 mile to the Legion Hall

"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." ~ Thomas Jefferson

Ride to the Capitol Monday, February 14, 2022

Kickstands up at 9:00am - Behind the Super 8 in Monticello

POC Abate of Florida Inc. State Office Brandy (850) 485-3853

Super 8 Monticello: 140 Pafford Rd., Monticello, FL 32336. Phone: 850-997-8888

Take I-10 to Exit 225 South on US 19. The hotel is located on the West side.

Days Inn Monticello: 44 Woodworth Dr., Monticello, FL 32336. Phone: 850-997-5988. Take I-10 to Exit 225 South on US 19. The hotel is located on the East side.

There are other hotels and campgrounds in the area. The two listed above offer discounts to ABATE members. Please make reservations early.

Membership & Safety Information Available

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ABATE OF FL, INC.

STATE MEETING



Hosted by: **GULF COAST CHAPTER**
Saturday October 9, 2021

Board Meeting at 12:00pm CST
Delegates Meeting at 2:00pm CST



Meet and Greet
Friday Night at Wayside Park
1401 E Gregory St Pensacola, FL
7pm - till, Burgers, Dogs, Drinks and
Side Dishes provided.
Afterwards lets all go and paint Graffiti Bridge
with "Watch For Motorcycles", and add your
own personal touch from your local Chapter.



Meeting location is:
American Legion Post 340
8890 Ashland Ave
Pensacola FL
850-477-8094

Host Hotel: Red Roof Inn
2591 Wilde Lake Blvd
Pensacola FL
850-941-0908

Rates are Double Bed \$70 per night
King Bed \$80 per night.

Deadline is September 30th for these rates.
POC: Martha Harris 850-393-7527



You must abide by CDC Guidelines to attend meetings and follow local mask mandates.

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Something You want to share with others related to Abate of Florida, Inc. Please forward it to Brandy and we will see if we can get you a spot in the Masterlink or website

Looking for female rider experience Sport Bike and chapter stories as well something your chapter did in the past 2 months that would be good for others to know how our members are working in the community to help others .

Would also like to see some motorcycle friendly business to start advertising in the master-link If every Chapter could Get 1 or 2 sponsors for their chapter area that way it is across the state and not just local.

