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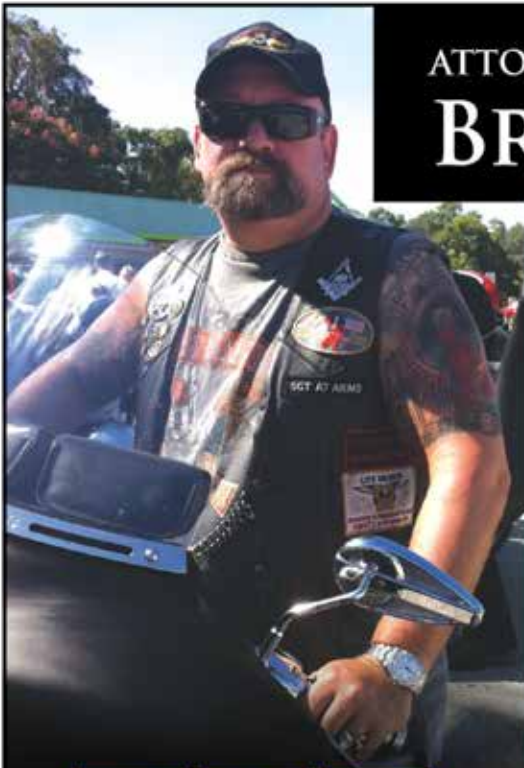
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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non–profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and 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. We are currently the only political MRO in Florida representing the interest of its members and the motorcycling public at-large.
- WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.

ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

There are no requirements to join us and we respect and welcome all motorcycle clubs or any other motorcycle associations or organizations. We do not have any mandatory meetings or rides.

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## **Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments**

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2020 was our 20th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).
- We got the handlebar heights law modified.
- We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.
- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
- We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.
- Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.
- Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.
- We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.



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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

A Year in the Saddle: Thank You for the Ride

As I mark my one-year anniversary as President of ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter, I want to take a moment to reflect—and more importantly, to say thank you.

This past year has been a powerful reminder of what it means to volunteer and serve a cause greater than ourselves. From legislative advocacy to safety awareness, charity rides to community outreach, we've done a lot together—and we've done it with heart, grit, and unity.

I'm proud of the work we've accomplished. We've stood up for biker rights in Tallahassee, expanded our presence in the community, and honored our mission to promote safety, education, and freedom of the road. But none of it would have been possible without each and every one's participation.

To our dedicated members, thank you for showing up—for meetings, events, and rides—and for always standing tall for what we believe in.

To our officers and board members, your tireless efforts behind the scenes keep this chapter running strong. I'm grateful for your counsel, support, and passion.

To our sponsors and supporters, thank you for believing in our mission and helping us carry it forward.

And to the wider motorcycle community—we ride for you. Thank you for keeping the spirit alive.

RIDE SAFE. STAY FREE. AND NEVER STOP FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS.

In Brotherhood and Respect,

OB

President  
ABATE of Florida, Inc.  
SE Chapter





LEAST OF SAINTS MC

# 2ND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

ENTRY: \$5  
12 PM - 5 PM

SATURDAY

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28TH



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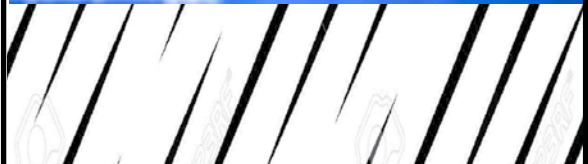


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changes.**





Well, it's nice to see that our annual Freedom Ride to the Capitol is starting to pay off. We were able to get House Bill 889 and Senate Bill 994 passed, so all we need now is for Governor DeSantis to sign the Bills into law, which would then be effective July 1, 2025.

***HB 889: Driver License Education Requirements, GENERAL BILL by Representative Michelle Salzman***

Specifies age (over 18) at which applicant for driver license must complete traffic law & substance abuse education course; requires applicant for learner's driver license to complete certain driver education course approved by DHSMV.

***SB 994: Driver License Education Requirements, General Bill by Senator Jay Collins***

Specifying the age (over 18) at which an applicant for a driver license must complete a traffic law and substance abuse education course; requiring an applicant for a learner's driver license to complete a certain driver education course approved by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, etc.

These bills will help to make it safer out there for those of us who like to ride motorcycles. I feel that the more educated a driver is, the better for us. This month so far has been a rough month for us bikers. We have had three motorcycle deaths on

I-595 alone. Both accidents were hit and runs. So, please keep your eyes on everything that's going on around you, beside you, even behind you, because you'll never know when somebody in cage will take you out.

There were two other bills that we went to Tallahassee, to try and help get passed, that are basically done, not going anywhere, for this session, but hopefully the next one, but I want you to know about them, help us when they come up for consideration again, hopefully next year.

***HB 501 - Hands-free Driving (which had a similar companion bill SB 1318 Traffic Offenses)***

Hands-free Driving: Prohibits person from operating motor vehicle while using wireless communications device in handheld manner...

Why I Filed This Bill(by Representative Tant): I am filing this bill on behalf of a constituent whose son tragically lost his life after being hit and run over by a driver who was using a cell phone and distracted by its use..... Auto insurance is increasingly expensive with a leading cause of increases due to distracted driving. This bill is both a public safety as well as economic measure.

With that being said, we have been busy. On Saturday, May 3rd, we set up a Safety Booth for the International Female Ride Day at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson. That was an amazing thing to see, so many female riders in one big sisterhood of love of riding. Then, we had a really good time at the Heavy Breathers MC's new club house Friday night, May 9th. Then, on Saturday, May 10th, we went to the Outcast MC Anniversary Party in Miami. Those guys really know how to rock out. Please remember it's important to support all of our motorcycle clubs, riding groups, organizations, and independent riders in our community. It is important to have a close-knit community, looking out for each other.

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Midnight Club  
**Reapers**  
20th Annual

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Skull

Saturday  
June 14th  
1pm-6pm

Food  
Music  
50/50  
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**SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES  
HELD AT  
AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 142 171 SW 2ND ST  
POMPANO BEACH FL, 33060  
MAY 18, 2025**

Ace called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., and there were 30 members, and 2 guests present. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a prayer, by Bear.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – LOUIS "OB":**

OB welcomed everyone, recognized some groups in attendance.

He spoke about our upcoming 45th Memorial Day Event on May 25th at American Legion Post 36. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet going around. The volunteers should be there at 10am, vendors at 10:30am, event starts at noon, with a ceremony at 1pm. We have a new prize wheel that Dreamer will show all later. OB showed appreciation to Hunter. He showed all a very nice Certificate of Appreciation that we received from LAMA. The Winston Law sponsored t-shirts will be sold at a reduced rate at our event.

This meeting is the second round of nominations for our Board and Trustees, and to move things along a little bit, we will do that after the Vice President speaks.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHNNY ROSE:**

Johnny spoke about a long-time Southeast Chapter member, and his friend, Red Dog, who passed away 3 days ago. He was a military vet, and a good influence on Johnny. There will be an article in our July newsletter with more.

OB then passed the meeting over to Poet, our Officer of Elections. Today is the second round of nomina-

tions and nominees also will accept or decline. There were two new nominations, for Road Captain, Barry "Rush" Gilbert, and for Products, Patti Dollard.

**PRESIDENT:**

- 1) Louis "OB" Russo - accept

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**

- 1) John "Johnny" Rose - accept

**SECRETARY:**

- 1) Ross "Roscoe" Haertter - accept
- 2) Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff - accept
- 3) Amy "Pixie" Sonnenfeld - decline

**TREASURER:**

- 1) Sheila Rose - accept

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:**

- 1) Eric "Ace" Gonzalez - accept
- 2) Martin "Hunter" Nebojsic - decline
- 3) Stephen "Nighthawk" Chomiak - accept

**HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN**

- 1) Martin "Hunter" Nebojsic - accept
- 2) Ross "Roscoe" Haertter - decline

**SAFETY DIRECTOR**

- 1) Bruce "Poet" Sonnenfeld - accept
- 2) Emile Rayot - decline

**STATE DELEGATE**

- 1) Louis "OB" Russo - accept
- 2) John "Johnny" Rose - accept
- 3) Ross "Roscoe" Haertter – accept, but only as Alternate
- 4) Martin "Hunter" Nebojsic – accept, but only as Alternate
- 5) Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff – accept, but only as Alternate
- 6) Sheila Rose - accept

**LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

- 1) Brad Winston - accept  
Legal Counsel
- 1) Brad Winston - accept

**PRODUCTS**

- 1) Amy "Pixie" Sonnenfeld - accept
- 2) Laurel "Little Bit" Conner - decline
- 3) Sandy Strickland – accept
- 4) Patti Dollard - accept

**MEMBERSHIP**

- 1) Sheila Rose - accept

### **EVENTS COORDINATOR**

- 1) Hollie "Dreamer" Sadoff - accept

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

- 1) Ada Hibbs - accept

### **DISTRIBUTION**

- 1) Louis "OB" Russo – accept
- 2) John "Johnny" Rose – accept, but only as back-up

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- 1) Marelys Lazo - accept

### **GOODWILL AMBASSADOR**

- 1) Dawne "Thunder" Kirk-Waters - accept

### **BILLING AND INVOICING**

- 1) Sheila Rose - accept

### **SOCIAL DIRECTOR**

- 1) Barry "Bear" Crown - accept

### **QUARTERMASTER**

- 1) Bruce "Poet" Sonnenfeld - accept

### **PHOTOGRAPHER**

- 1) Ada Hibbs - accept

### **WEBMASTER**

- 1) Erik Sadoff - accept

### **CHAPLAIN**

- 1) Barry "Bear" Crown - accept
- 2) Jesus "JP" Prieto - decline

OB then added that Axman will remain as Assistant Photographer. Chrissy, "Captain", and "Grumpy" will remain as Assistant Chaplains. "JP" will remain as Advising Trustee, a position that OB has appointed him to. After the final vote in June, some positions, such as Road Captain, Safety, and Products, to name a few, can appoint assistants.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT – ROSS "ROSCOE":**

Roscoe was excused; Hollie filled in. Requested Motion to approve minutes from last meeting, motioned, second, approved.

Dreamer let us know she will be out of town for a few days next week, 5/22-5/24, so only reach out if it is an emergency

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:**

Gave report of Checking and Savings.

Motion requested for approval of the Treasurer's report, second, approved.

### **SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT – ERIC "ACE":**

Ace said he is proud to be a part of our organization and to help carry the torch. It is all about brotherhood and sisterhood

### **ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT:**

Hunter spoke and said as the new Road Captain, he will be looking to appoint some Assistant Road Captains. Flyers for upcoming events are on the table.

Some upcoming events are:

Saturday, 05-24,

Leathernecks MC Party

Sunday, 05-25,

ABATE Southeast Chapter

Memorial Day Party

Monday, 05-26

Peterson's Harley Davidson

Ride Around the Lake

Monday, 05-26,

Memorial Ride to

South Florida National Cemetery

Sunday, 06-08

AOA GBNF Party

Saturday, 06-14

ABATE of Florida State Meeting

Saturday, 06-14

***Midnight Club Reapers MC Annual***

Saturday, 06-21

***Least of Saints MC Annual***

Saturday, 06-21

Gideons 9th Anniversary Party

in Boca Raton

Saturday, 07-12

Least of Saints MC

Back to School fundraiser



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**SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT –**

**BRUCE “POET” SONNENFELD:**

Poet said it was a pretty good month. The big event was Marelys and the International Female Ride Day at Alligator Alley. This is an international event, and he was busy, talking to new members. He also spoke about Cycle Gear, where we used to set up for bike nights, many years ago, and are now back. We got a new advertiser at that event. He spent some time talking to new members, one was just 18 years old.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT -**

**JOHNNY ROSE AND LOUIS “OB”:**

Next State meeting is June 14th, flyers on the table. Both are going up on Friday night, to go to a bike night sponsored by our Boneyard Chapter. Patti spoke briefly about her great experience talking to her representative at the Freedom Ride in April.

**LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:**

Brad was excused.

**LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:**

Brad was excused.

**PRODUCTS REPORT –**

**AMY “PIXIE” SONNENFELD:**

Pixie had no report but sold a few hats at the meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA ROSE:**

We currently have over 700 members. For Florida Chapters, we had the most new members for January and February.

**EVENTS COORDINATOR – GABE CARRERA:**

Excused. Hollie spoke about our upcoming Memorial Day Event that will be held at American Legion Post 36. Volunteers should be at our event next Sunday at 10am. Vendors should be there at 10:30am. We have jewelry vendors, knives and other fun stuff vendors, Justin Bartlett dogs, and patch sewing. The food will be \$15 a plate, served

from 12:30pm-3:30pm and will be buffet style, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, macaroni salad, potato salad, coleslaw, green salad, chips, and watermelon.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA HIBBS:**

Excused. Sheila spoke, please try and get articles in by the second week of the month as once those are in, then the rest: pictures, etc., can go in. Late articles delay the whole process. She needs everyone to help, step up and take photos. Please send them via email with the 5 W's, who, what, when, where, why questions answered (if possible).

Please EMAIL all articles and photos to news.abatese@gmail.com

**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – LOUIS “OB”:**

No report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS – MARELYS LAZO:**

Marelys said that the interactions on our social media is down a little bit, but our followers are up. She is working on getting us an Instagram account.

**GOODWILL AMBASSADOR –**

**DAWNE “THUNDER” KIRK-WATERS:**

Thunder is excused but got us a lot of great door prizes for our event, donated by Alligator Alley Harley Davidson.

**BILLING AND INVOICING – SHEILA ROSE:**

Sheila said we have a new full-page advertiser and everything else is up to date, please support our advertisers.

**SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT –**

**BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:**

Bear let us know about the sweets he brought, raspberry topped mini cheesecakes for after the meeting.

**QUARTERMASTER REPORT –**

**BRUCE “POET” SONNENFELD:**

All the quarters remain intact.

**PHOTOGRAPHER'S REPORT – ADA HIBBS:**

Email pictures to [news.abatese@gmail.com](mailto:news.abatese@gmail.com)

**WEBMASTER'S REPORT – ERIK SADOFF:**

Erik let us know he will be out of town for a few days next week, so only reach out if it is an emergency.

**CHAPLAIN – BARRY "BEAR" CROWN:**

Bear let us know that Troy's father was ill, to keep him in your prayers. Troy was our former VP and Road Captain, who we greatly miss. Also, keep our States MC brothers and sisters in your prayers, as a young member of their club, "No Luck", recently passed, tragically.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Please, everyone, make sure you have signed in for the meeting.

Event flyers on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 11:00am, seconded, approved.  
Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:00am on June 15, 2025.

**HOLLIE "DREAMER" SADOFF**

Sitting in for Ross "Roscoe"  
Secretary Southeast Chapter



## POET'S SAFE THINKINGS

Howdy Brothers and Sisters, it's June and Summer is here! That means either extreme heat or rain related weather. That's the price we pay for living and riding in the Sunshine State.

I just wanted to talk about riding a motorcycle in the rain. It's 100% doable and we have all done it! First and foremost, if you are susceptible to colds and upper respiratory infections like me, don't do it! The alternative is a rain suit you will drown in sweat in and a full face helmet.

I will never forget a trip Pixie and I did a few years ago to Daytona Bike Week. It rained the whole way there in a stop and go traffic jam. By the time we got there, even wearing rain gear, we were soaked and exhausted. That's No Bueno and a great way to get Pneumonia.

suits; if they work, great idea. Of course there are waterproof gauntlets that go up over the sleeves of the suit. From personal experience, they work exceptionally well.

Anyways, we are all free to choose whether or not to ride in the rain. Some may claim you are not a "real biker" if you don't. I'm a fair weather kind of biker. The added stress of it just adds too much to the already enormous amount of things we all have to pay attention to. Choose wisely!

***RIDE SAFE, RIDE FREE,***



**POET**



I see lots of new products and clothes that supposedly make riding in the rain easier. There is a little windshield wiper that mounts on a full face; kinda cool. I have seen "sweat-free" rain



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# ***RIDING SMART IN SOUTH FLORIDA'S RAINY SEASON***

The Summer in South Florida means one thing for ABATE of Fl. SE Chapter riders: rain, and plenty of it. Wet roads and afternoon storms are part of the deal, but that doesn't mean we hang up the helmets. It means we ride smarter, stay prepared and remain alert. Here are some tips to keep you safe and dry(ish) during the wet months:

## ***PLAN AHEAD***

Check the radar before you roll. Florida's rain patterns are predictable—build flexibility into your route and be ready to pivot if needed.

## ***GEAR UP***

Keep quality rain gear on the bike—jacket, gloves, boot covers, and something reflective. Fog-resistant visors help you see when the world turns gray.

## ***RIDE SMOOTH***

Wet roads are slick. Avoid painted lines, metal grates, and sudden moves. Brake gently, throttle smoothly, and keep more distance from other bikes and vehicles.

## ***GROUP RIDE ADJUSTMENTS***

In the rain, space out. Visibility drops, stopping takes longer, and traction disappears fast. Don't hesitate to pause or reroute the group if conditions get bad.

## ***STAY VISIBLE***

Bright gear and working lights make a difference. Don't count on drivers seeing you in heavy rain—make yourself impossible to miss.

## ***RESPECT LIGHTNING = STOP***

If you see lightning, get off the road. Underpasses

and trees aren't safe. Wait it out in a proper shelter.

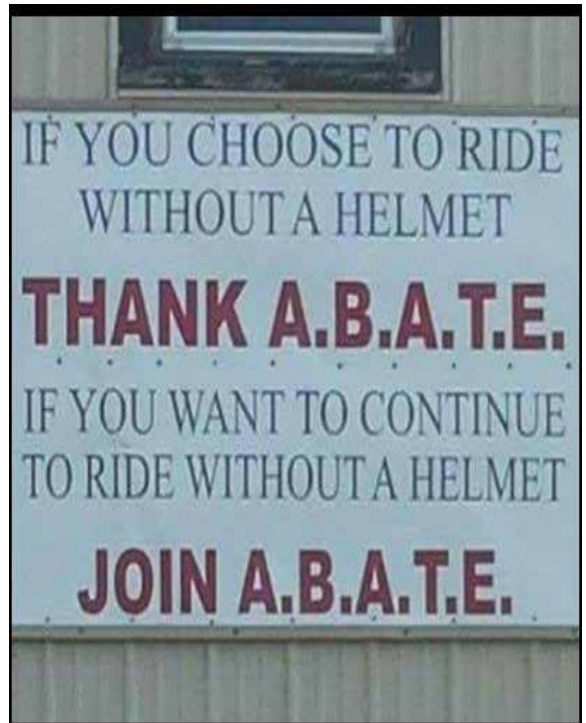
## ***FINAL THOUGHTS:***

Riding in South Florida's rainy season isn't about avoiding the rain—it's about preparation and smart decision. knowing how to handle it. Stay sharp, ride smart, and always put safety first. As always, if you have tips or stories about wet rides, share them at the next chapter meeting. Never let the weather steal your joy of the ride and Watch out for motorcycles!

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## ***HELMETS OFF TO ALL THE DADS!***

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For those of you men with teenagers, they are watching you and learning how to be a man/adult. Through your example, they see how you treat your lady, navigate relationships, and settle up socially. You may not be aware, but they've been observing your work ethic and want to be just like you.

If your kids have left the barn, they're either saying good things about you or talking trash. If you did a decent job, they still like to hang around with you. But if there's distance between you and your kids, be comforted that you probably still have time to work things out. But don't wait too long.

Fathers have a huge job – to be tough as nails yet loving and kind. While expressing emotion is no easy task, it's a necessary ingredient and helps temper pride. I understand; we've all learned from our mistakes and want to spare our kids from making those themselves. I wish it worked that way. Know this: they look up to you for more than they let on. You raised them to man up and have a thick skin. You can show support, share a hug, and say 'I love you.' The last one is the best.

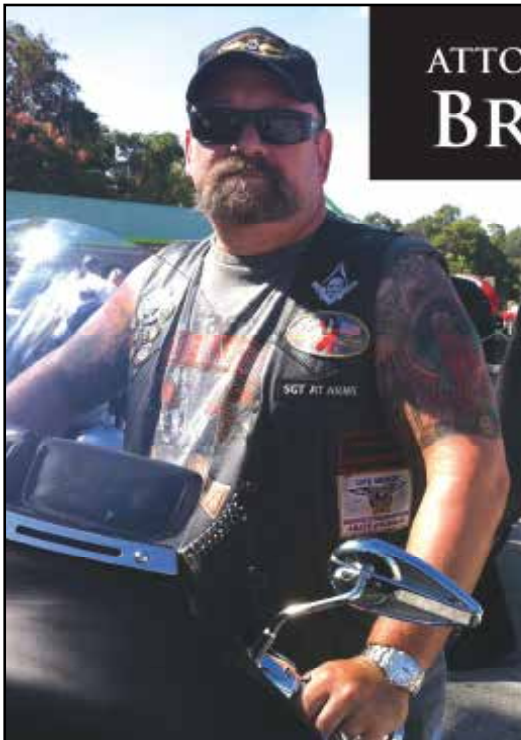
In all my years of prison ministry, I met too many incarcerated men who said they never felt the love of their fathers or had them present in their lives. They longed for approval and validation, which only a dad could give. It's sad to know this could have made a difference. Yet you still can. You still have an important role in your kids' lives if you are alive and kicking.

Proverbs 23:24 says, "The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him." This verse highlights the joy a father experiences when his child lives a righteous life. Some of us didn't have a good example, while others did. We need our heavenly Father's help to accomplish this awesome task.

It's never too late to take your helmet off, kneel before the Lord, and ask for His guidance in being the best father you can be. I'm praying for you!

Happy Father's Day,  
Chrissy Leonhardt - Chaplain





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Sat. 14th **MIDNIGHT CLUB REAPERS  
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Sat 21st **GIDEONS MC ANNUAL**

## **JULY**

- Sun. 13th **ALTERNATIVE MC ANNUAL**  
Sat. 26th Wheels of Man MC  
Chili Cook Off

## **AUGUST**

- 1st – 10th 85th Sturgis Bike Week  
8th – 10th 26th South Florida Tattoo  
Convention  
Sun. 10th AOA Ft. Lauderdale 58th  
Anniversary Party  
Sun. 24th **SCURVY FEW MC ANNUAL**

## **SEPTEMBER**

- Sun. 14th States MC Tune-up party

## **OCTOBER**

- Sun. 5th **MYSTIC SEVEN MC ANNUAL**  
Sat. 11th Outcast MC Party  
Sun. 12th **SE ABATE ANNUAL**  
Sat. 18th Wheels of Man MC Halloween  
Party  
17th – 19th 32nd Daytona Biketoberfest

## **NOVEMBER**

- Sun. 9th Wings of Gold MC Party  
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**Pirate Ball Annual**

TBD      DECEMBER  
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## WEEKLY/MONTHLY EVENTS



### SUNDAY

ABATE Southeast Chapter meeting – 10am-12pm - **3rd Sunday of the month**  
BACA @ American Legion Post 180 – 10:30am – **2nd Sunday**  
Mickey's Tiki Bar – Wind Rider Church Services Church – 11am  
Sharkey's Lounge – Free pool

### MONDAY

Sharkey's Lounge – Ladies' night 9pm-2am – 2 for 1 drinks

### TUESDAY

Mickey's Tiki Bar – Karaoke – 8pm-12am  
States MC – Taco Tuesday – 6:30pm  
Wings of Gold MC – Open House – 7pm

### WEDNESDAY

Mickey's Tiki Bar – "Texas Hold 'Em" – 8pm-12am

### THURSDAY

ABATE Southeast Chapter EBoard Meeting – 6:30pm -  
**Thursday before the Chapter meeting**  
Scurvy Few MC – Poker Night – 7pm  
The Crew MC – Open House – 8pm – **3rd Thursday**  
Mickey's Tiki Bar – Lady's Nite Ou– 8pm

### FRIDAY

Gideons MC – Open House – 8pm  
Heathens MC – Open House – 8pm – **3rd Friday**  
Outcast MC – Open House – 8pm  
Scurvy Few MC – Open House – 8pm  
States MC – Open House – 7-10pm  
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We were sitting around talking about just everything, some recent struggles that some of us and our families and friends have been going through. We are so blessed to have each other, to talk to, laugh with, and truly, by sharing our joys and struggles with each other, it makes the joys so much sweeter and the struggles so much lighter. On a quick side note, if any of your reading this is going through something, we have a couple of chaplains that will listen and comfort. Anyway, it is not just our sisters that we turn to, in joy and pain, but also so, so many of you, our community of brothers and sisters, in ABATE and in all of the community. There are so many close bonds among bikers, in general, just because of the nature of what we do, what we love, motorcycles and riding. So Thunder shared with us this quote she saw recently and it so applies to many of you, our beautiful brothers and sisters.

Ernest Hemingway once said, “The most beautiful people we encounter in life are often those who have walked through fire.” They’ve faced defeat, endured pain, struggled with hardship, and experienced loss in ways that most of us can scarcely comprehend. Yet, it is through these trials that their true beauty emerges—not the kind that can be seen on the surface, but the kind that radiates from deep within.

These individuals have mastered the delicate art of resilience. They know what it's like to be broken, to feel lost, and to question everything they once believed. Despite the weight of their struggles, they rise again, emerging stronger and more empathetic. It is this journey through darkness that shapes their hearts with unparalleled sensitivity. Having experienced suffering, they possess an extraordinary capacity for compassion.







Their beauty is not about how they look but about how they make others feel. It's a quiet yet powerful presence that brings warmth and healing. They've learned to understand life on a deeper level, seeing the world not just with their eyes but with their hearts. Their understanding of human pain allows them to connect with others in a way that feels genuine, raw, and deeply comforting. They listen without judgment, offer support without expectation, and extend kindness without restraint.

What makes these people so special is that they have walked through their own storms and emerged with an appreciation for life that many who haven't faced adversity might lack. It's a gentle strength that comes from understanding that everything is temporary and that every struggle holds a lesson. Their hearts are filled with love—not only for those around them but for themselves—a love forged in the fire of their experiences.

Beauty like this doesn't happen by chance. It is born from enduring the hardest parts of life and choosing, again and again, to move forward with an open heart. It's a choice to see the good, even when things seem impossible. The most beautiful people aren't simply lucky or gifted; they've faced the worst and found a way to rise above it, transforming their scars into strength and offering that strength to others.

So, when you encounter someone with this kind of beauty—someone whose spirit shines through their words and actions—remember that their light is born from their struggles. They've walked through the dark and emerged with a heart that knows love, kindness, and true compassion. That's a beauty that cannot be bought or imitated. It is earned, hard-won, and absolutely priceless.

And God Bless all the women in the United States military, helping defend our Country, all beautiful badass @sses in our book!!

"Risk is good. Not managing your risk is a dangerous leap." Evel Knievel

# CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Yellow and purple wildflowers lining the sides of the highway, and the median. Majestic pine trees swaying in the breeze. Stretches where the trees formed a canopy overhead and a tunnel to pass through. Old Florida towns that time seemed to have forgotten: Williston, Newberry and Steinhatchee. "Delicious". Frank Brown park was huge and had all the typical vendors and bands like any other rally. As always everything was geared to Harley Davidson. For the first time in my life, this suited me just fine. After 35 years on about every Japanese bike and one Italian Moto GUZZI, I finally broke down and bought a 2013 softail Heritage. And I love, love, love it! This was my first

I opted out of Leesburg this year for something different and more challenging: Thunder Beach in Panama City Beach from May 7 through May 11. It is held twice a year, spring and fall. The rally was spread over three venues: Sharkeys Gulf of America front tiki bar, the local Harley dealership and the primary site, Frank Brown Park. One of the highlights of the trip was the ride out. 560 miles that I covered in one day. Not bad for a 72 year old man. Not bad for a 35-year-old either. The only real option to Ocala was 95 or the turnpike. From there the ride was, as my Brazilian wife would say, "delicious". Photos cannot capture the beauty so I will try to paint a picture with my words. Miles and miles of thoroughbred horse farms just west of Ocala.



rally where I paid any attention to the vendors. But not too much attention as my new Harley is set up just perfectly. In fact, it was the most beautiful Harley of the 30,000 at the rally. I cannot tell you how many bikers came up to compliment me. "Delicious". I plan to go again in the fall.

**Harold**



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## **THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH-BASED MOTORCYCLE CLUBS FOR THE LOCAL BIKER COMMUNITY**

For many, motorcycles represent a means of freedom, adventure, and camaraderie. Riders find a sense of belonging in their clubs, but faith-based motorcycle clubs add a unique layer to this experience. These organizations not only embrace the thrill of the ride but also prioritize spiritual growth and community

Faith-based motorcycle clubs are more than just social groups; they are supportive communities united by a shared belief system. Members often come together not only for rides but also for fellowship, prayer meetings, and service projects. This bond nurtures a sense of belonging that extends beyond the road. In a world where many people feel disconnected, these clubs offer a place where riders can connect with like-minded individuals, forming friendships built on shared values.

One of the greatest benefits of being part of a faith-based motorcycle club is the focus on personal growth. Many clubs aim to foster spiritual development among their members. Regular meetings that include discussions on faith can help individuals deepen their understanding of their beliefs and their relationship with God. This journey is often complemented by the shared experiences of riding together, which can be both exhilarating and reflective. The open road can be a metaphor for life itself, providing opportunities for followers to contemplate their paths, the challenges they face, and the lessons they learn.

Faith-based clubs often engage in charitable work, making them vital contributors to their communities. Whether organizing community service projects, supporting local charities, or assisting those in need, these clubs exemplify the principles of compassion and generosity. Bikers can combine their love for riding with the call to serve others, showcasing how motorcycles can be a conduit for positive change. This involvement not only helps those less fortunate, but it also strengthens the bond among club members as they work toward a common cause.

Motorcycle riding has its risks, and faith-based clubs often emphasize safety in their operations. Many clubs provide training and resources for new riders, creating a culture of safety and accountability. This focus on safe riding practices can create a more conscientious environment, where members look out for one another, ensuring that every ride is a shared experience in safety and enjoyment. Moreover, the accountability that comes from being part of a faith-focused community nurtures character among its members, reminding them to act responsibly both on and off the bike.

Lastly, faith-based motorcycle clubs serve an essential role in spreading messages of hope and faith within and beyond the biking community. By wearing their colors and participating in public events, club members become ambassadors of their faith. They open doors for conversations and connections that might not occur otherwise, sharing their journey and beliefs with a broader audience.

For bikers seeking more than just the thrill of the ride, joining or visiting a local faith-based motorcycle club could be one of the most rewarding choices they ever make. Thank you for reading.



By "JP"

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## LA IMPORTANCIA DE LOS CLUBES DE MOTOCICLISTAS RELIGIOSOS

**Para muchos, las motocicletas representan libertad, aventura y camaradería.** Los motociclistas encuentran un sentido de pertenencia en sus clubes, pero los clubes de motociclistas religiosos añaden un toque único a esta experiencia. Estas organizaciones no solo disfrutan de la emoción de conducir, sino que también priorizan el crecimiento espiritual y la comunidad.

**Los clubes de motociclistas religiosos son más que simples grupos sociales;** son comunidades de apoyo unidas por un sistema de creencias compartido. Los miembros a menudo se reúnen no solo para pasear, sino también para compartir, reuniones de oración y proyectos de servicio. Este vínculo nutre un sentido de pertenencia que se extiende más allá de la carretera. En un mundo donde muchas personas se sienten desconectadas, estos clubes ofrecen un lugar donde los motociclistas pueden conectar con personas afines, forjando amistades basadas en valores compartidos.

**Uno de los mayores beneficios de formar parte de un club de motociclistas religioso es el enfoque en el crecimiento personal.** Muchos clubes buscan fomentar el desarrollo espiritual entre sus miembros. Las reuniones regulares que incluyen conversaciones sobre la fe pueden ayudar a las personas a profundizar en sus creencias y su relación con Dios. Este viaje a menudo se complementa con las experiencias compartidas de un viaje en grupo, que pueden ser a la vez estimulantes y reflexivas. El camino abierto puede ser una metáfora de la vida misma, brindando oportunidades para que los seguidores reflexionen sobre sus caminos, los desafíos que enfrentan y las lecciones que aprenden.

**Los clubes religiosos suelen participar en obras de caridad, lo que los convierte en contribuyentes vitales para sus comunidades.** Ya sea organizando proyectos de servicio comunitario, apoyando a organizaciones benéficas locales o ayudando a los necesitados, estos clubes ejemplifican los principios de compasión y generosidad. Los motociclistas pueden combinar su pasión por las motos con la vocación de servir a los demás, demostrando cómo las motocicletas pueden ser un vehículo para un cambio positivo. Esta participación no solo ayuda a los menos afortunados, sino que también fortalece el vínculo entre los miembros del club mientras trabajan por una causa común.



**Conducir una motocicleta conlleva riesgos, y los clubes religiosos suelen priorizar la seguridad en sus operaciones.** Muchos clubes ofrecen capacitación y recursos para nuevos motociclistas, creando una cultura de seguridad y responsabilidad. Este enfoque en prácticas de conducción seguras puede crear un entorno más consciente, donde los miembros se cuidan entre sí, garantizando que cada viaje sea una experiencia compartida de seguridad y disfrute. Además, la responsabilidad que surge de formar parte de una comunidad religiosa fortalece el carácter de sus miembros, recordándoles que deben actuar con responsabilidad tanto dentro como fuera de la motocicleta.

**Por último, los clubes de motociclistas religiosos desempeñan un papel esencial en la difusión de mensajes de esperanza y fe dentro y fuera de la comunidad motociclista.** Al vestir sus colores y participar en eventos públicos, los miembros del club se convierten en embajadores de su fe. Abren puertas a conversaciones y conexiones que de otro modo no surgirían, compartiendo su trayectoria y creencias con un público más amplio.

Para los motociclistas que buscan algo más que la emoción de conducir, unirse o visitar un club de motociclistas religioso local podría ser una de las decisiones más gratificantes que tomen. Gracias por leer.

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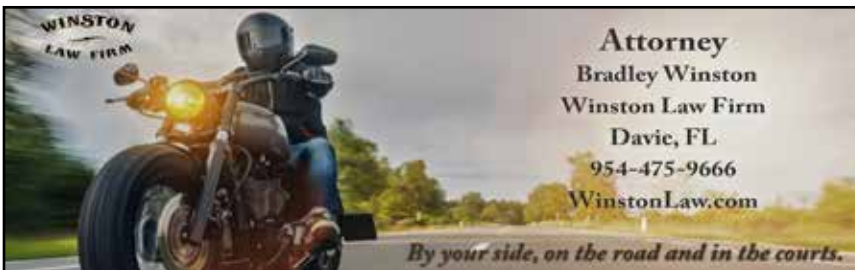
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By Marelys Lazo, Gold Coast Chapter, Stilettos on Steel

Our International Female Ride Day (IFRD) celebration on May 3rd was one for the books—jam-packed with FUN, fierce sisterhood, and unforgettable memories on two wheels! I'm thrilled to share highlights from this incredible event and offer heartfelt thanks to everyone who played a part in making it so special.

It all kicked off Thursday night with a warm South Florida welcome to Vicki Gray, the legendary founder of IFRD herself! Vicki, a longtime motorcycle instructor, journalist, racer, and creator of Motoress, launched International Female Ride Day back in 2007 with the global rallying cry: "JUST RIDE!" Her mission? To empower women worldwide to embrace the joy and freedom of motorcycling—and show the world that women ride, too. Now in its 19th year, her vision has become a powerful international movement that unites female riders in over 120 countries.

On Friday, the festivities continued with a fun pre-ride party at Alligator Alley Harley-Davidson, where several of our ladies gathered for food, laughs, and plenty of pre-ride excitement. Thank you to Krysten Soto, the dealership's amazing marketing and events coordinator, for hosting us and providing a delicious breakfast and generous raffle prizes—including a \$250 gift card!

Saturday morning arrived and the big day was finally here! We kicked off our 62-mile ride to Roland Martin's Tiki Bar in Clewiston with 73 incredible female riders from all corners of Florida—Jacksonville, New Port Richey, Deland, Orlando, and more—all united under one message: JUST RIDE. It was an awe-inspiring sight to see so many women riding in strength and solidarity.

The energy at the Tiki Bar was electric! Live music by Jeffrey James—who came out just for our event—kept the vibes high and had everyone dancing and singing along. A big thank you to Sandra Rolon for coordinating the entertainment and helping to create such a fun, festive atmosphere for all the ladies to enjoy.

Having Vicki Gray ride with us this year made the event EXTRA special. To ride side by side with the woman who sparked this worldwide celebration was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Her presence reminded us why we ride: to connect, to empower, and to be seen.

A HUGE thank you goes out to our incredible road blockers—Eloy Estrada, Mike Razzler, Jorge Caro, and the rest of the supportive men who had our backs and kept us safe on the road. Your help is what makes rides like this possible, and we appreciate you more than words can say.

Thank you to Yi Valdez for organizing photographers to capture every powerful, beautiful, and joyful moment of the day. We can't wait to see all the stunning shots of our wind sisters in action!

And to my amazing Stilettos on Steel sisters and everyone who supported the planning, logistics, and positive energy that went into this ride—THANK YOU. This event meant the world to me. Motorcycling brings me passion, purpose, and power, and sharing that with other women is my mission.

Riding with women from all walks of life, backgrounds, and bike brands—laughing, bonding, and creating memories—is what this movement is all about. And having Vicki Gray, a true icon of strength and empowerment, right there with us? That was the cherry on top. Here's to strong women, epic rides, and a sisterhood like no other.

Let's keep the momentum going... and always remember to JUST RIDE!







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**July 20, 2025 10am-12pm**

**American Legion Post 142,  
171 SW 2nd St.,  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060**