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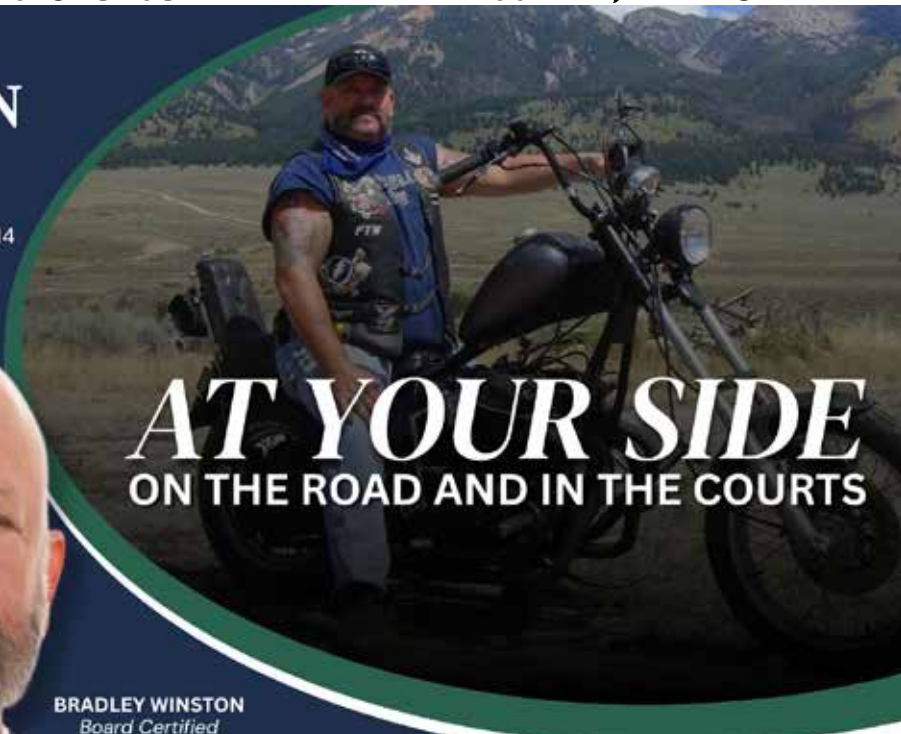
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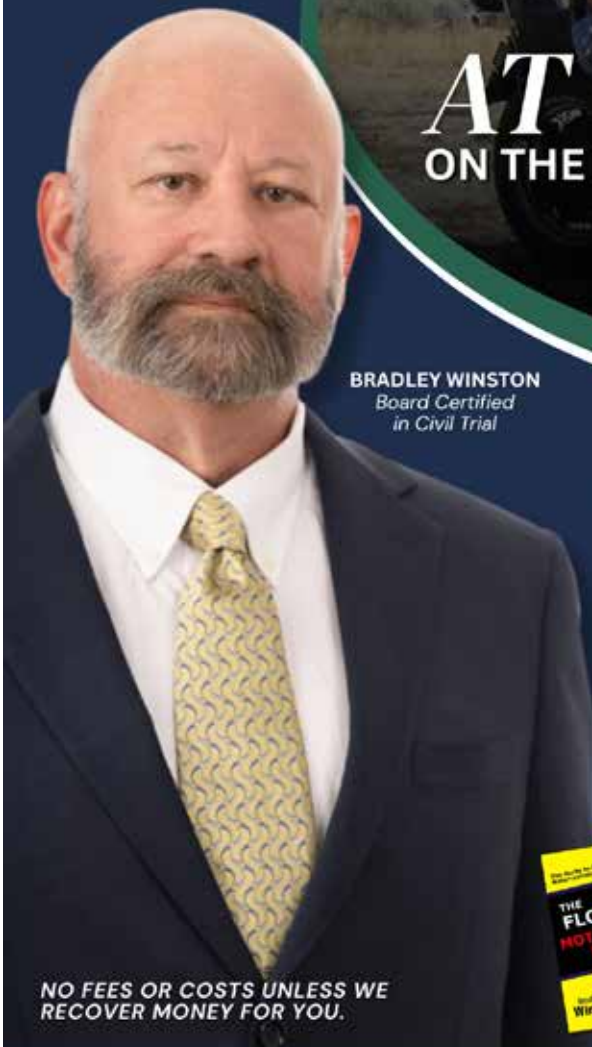
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WHAT IS ABATE?

ABATE is American Bikers Aimed Towards Education.
ABATE was originally founded by Lou Chimney of California.
The Concept has since spread across the nation.

GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

- To provide a newsletter to keep all bikers informed regarding 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 motorcycle 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.

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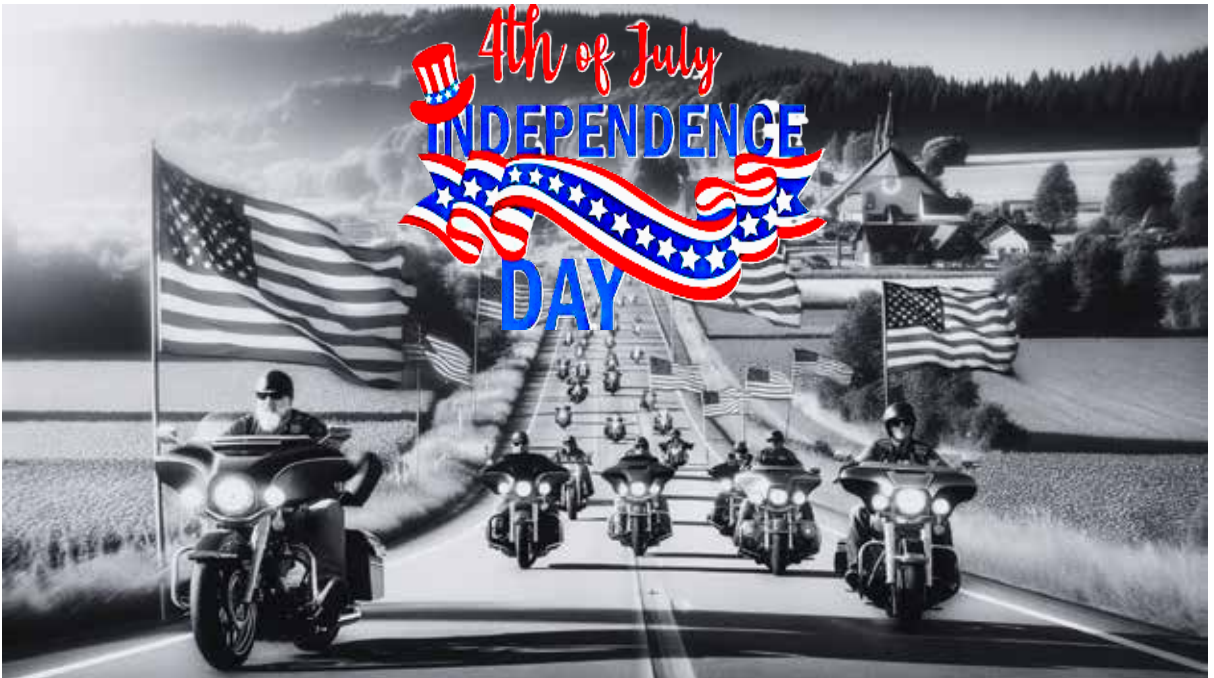


ABATE of FLORIDA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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 now enjoy the 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 education, not legislation. ABATE has passed the Vulnerable Road User Bill in 2024, signed by the Governor, for vulnerable road user to pay specified civil penalty; requires person's driver license to be suspended for specified period; requires person to attend specified driver improvement course.

ABATE has gained a positive and respected position in Tallahassee. Because of our Lobbyist and Legislative efforts, State Representatives are aware of ABATE members and our vigilant quest. ABATE reminds travelers every day to "Look Twice Save a Life, Motorcycles are everywhere"

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Louis 'OB' 754-366-8955**



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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

SE Chapter has officially elected its new Board member Officers for 2026-2027. Thank you to those that stepped up and accepted the responsibilities of keeping this Chapter successful in its continued efforts to advocate Motorcycle Rights and Safety Awareness in our South Florida communities. Now that elections are behind us, it's time to get back to work!

Entering into my 3rd term as President, one of our first goals is to become organized in preparation and presentation. SE Chapter's growth in the community continues due to the dedication of its active membership and those that care to make a difference in making sure we Look Twice For Motorcycles.

SE Chapter is presenting refreshed and new ideas that are contributing. It's exciting to see everyone who is participating, for me, being able to take part in that success makes the commitment that more rewarding.

June we rode to Pascoe County, Boneyard Chapter, for our elections for State Board members. We welcomed Alfie of Daytona Beach Chapter as our new State Vice President. A new chapter has formed in Jacksonville with talks of opening another 2 chapters in the Orlando area. This month we will be returning to Pascoe County for officers training classes with members of all other ABATE of Florida chapters.

The 2026 calendar remains full of upcoming events as we begin to start preparing for Toys in the Sun Run. SE Chapter is looking forward to supporting each and every one of its community members' events.

I hope everyone has a safe celebration on the 4th of July. Please remember you can always share your adventures and pictures with our Newsletter and possibly appear in the next ABATE SE Chapter edition. As the summer heat continues to shine, remember to stay alert, stay hydrated, stay Supporting ABATE of FL Inc. SE Chapter and let those who ride, decide!

WATCH.PROTECT.EDUCATE

Respectfully

OB

President
ABATE SE Chapter



Phoenix Riders

Teddy Bear Ride



July 18, 2026

Meet up: 10am Alligator Alley Harley
KSU: 10:30 Ride to Sunrise PD



Join the Phoenix Riders as we collect NEW stuffed animals for traumatized children.

Two drop off points:
Alligator Alley Harley Davidson
Peterson's Harley Davidson

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Memberships Due for July

**Edmar Amaya
Ronald Anania
Daniel Fasciana
Barry Gilbert
Richard Henry
Lara Jaburek
Delora Lusher
Daniel McDonald
Melissa Marletta
Joao Mendonca
Bruno Morin
Timothy Dack
Darrin Peterson
Rajesh Rajagopal
Maryanne Sarner
George Torres
Anna Viger
Dale Wood**



Memberships Due
June 2026

*JONELL BELTRAN
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PAUL EHRLICH
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Vice PRESIDENT

Poet's Vice-Presidential Thinkings

Howdy brothers and sisters, it's July and you have generously given me your trust as your new VP. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve the Southeast chapter of Florida Abate at this level. As you know our cause and all of you are dear to my heart.

OB and I have had many long conversations about how we would like to see the Chapter progress and continue to flourish. We have been thinking a great deal about the “legacy” of who we are and what we are all about. Several ideas have come and gone. We would love to hear from you guys...if you think about that sort of thing.

As a first step we decided that your new board members vests should be in a uniform fashion. In others words all look super-similar. The thought is that when, we are seen riding, teaching, talking safety, or at the Capitol speaking to a politician that might help us further o ur goals, our words will carry more weight.It's a psychological thing; look more official, get taken more seriously.

We are always brainstorming how to make things better for the Chapter and the Community we serve. We have lots in store for the year. Some fun rides and some great parties

The President's Councils, both North and South are scaling up their schedules with many open houses, bike nights and block parties. Of course, the Toy Run isn't far away now too!

Anyways, that's all I have for now. Enjoy the journey with us this year. It'll be worth it...promise! Until next month,

POET



ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC - SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

MIAMI EAGLE WINGS
Chapter FL2-E

RIDE TOGETHER. BUILD FRIENDSHIPS. CREATE MEMORIES.

WHO WE ARE

Miami Eagle Wings is a family of riders united by friendship, respect, and a passion for the open road. Our members enjoy monthly rides, breakfast meetings, happy hours, and special events that create lasting memories and lifelong friendships.

WHAT WE DO

- Monthly group rides
- Breakfast meetings
- Happy hours
- Special community events

JOIN THE ADVENTURE

Joining Miami Eagle Wings gives you the opportunity to meet fellow riders, explore new destinations, share experiences, and become part of a supportive community that welcomes riders of all backgrounds. Members also gain access to chapter activities, riding information, and connections with Eagle Wings chapters across the country.

JOIN TODAY

Whether you're looking for adventure, new friends, or simply people who understand the joy of riding, Miami Eagle Wings offers a place where everyone belongs. Come for the ride, stay for the friendships, and become part of something special.

Join Miami Eagle Wings today, because every great journey is better when shared with friends.

Upcoming Event:
We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting on July 5th!

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**SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 142
171 SW 2ND STREET
POMPANO BEACH, FL 33060
JUNE 21, 2026**

Big Bear called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and there were 26 members present. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a prayer by Bear.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – LOUIS "OB":

OB said Happy Father's Day to all. Then he started the meeting by introducing Jules "Feather" and Dawne "Thunder", who are promoting the Motorcycle Block Party. The event will be held on August 1st in a retail shopping center, and all the shops are participating and sponsoring the event. The focus of the event is to raise donated funds and toys for the children for the SFPC Toys in the Sun Run. This is a family friendly event. Please register online, as even though it is free, they would like a good count of how many are coming. If anyone would like to volunteer, please let Feather or Thunder know, and volunteers should be there around 7:30am on the event day. For more information, you will find the event flyers in our newsletter. OB gave Post 142 some love, for allowing us to meet here today, since our regular spot was not available. OB presented Vincent, our newest LIFE member, with his gold membership card. Vincent is also with Miami Eagle Wings, and great asset to our membership. He also welcomed BACA, the Legion members, Books from States MC, and OG Glynn. Glynn is also a mechanic at Bike Doctor and was one of the designers of our current Southeast logo. We are starting to plan our October Annual, more info to come at the next meeting. Thank you Pixie for

stepping up as our Events Coordinator, as Dreamer is focusing on school.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JOHNNY:

Johnny spoke and let us know that on June 27th, the check from the 2025 Toys in the Sun Run is being presented at Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital at 11am. All are welcome to attend. It is a very touching time, anytime, you go and see these kids. He let us know, that he has served our Chapter for 10 years as President and 4 years as Vice President, and 29 years so far, as a member of ABATE Southeast Chapter. He appreciates everyone that supported him and the Chapter over the years. He is stepping down from any leadership positions. He moved to High Springs, outside of Gainesville last year. Life is a little slower there. There really is no need to worry too much about cagers hitting him when he is out riding, he only needs to worry about deer. Many mornings, they stroll past his front porch in the morning, while he is out there, having his coffee. He bought a deer whistle for his bike.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – ACTING SECRETARY – AMY "PIXIE":

Pixie requested a Motion to approve minutes from May's meeting as printed in the newsletter, motioned, second, approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – SHEILA:

Sheila gave the report of Checking and Savings. Motion requested for approval of the Treasurer's report, second, approved. She gave the Event Recap for the Memorial Day party. It was a great event, thank you to Dreamer and Erik, for always doing such a great job manning the gate. She also spoke about some things learned for next time, to always make sure we have at least two people in every booth, such as Safety, Products, and Door Prizes and to have more visible signage for the gate table, so attendees know things like the time of the pulling of tickets or if we have special guests. She also spoke about the upcoming Leadership Seminars in July. OB, Poet, Pixie, Sheila, Big Bear, and John will be attending.

SERGEANT AT ARMS REPORT – “BIG BEAR”:

Big Bear spoke and said to “shut up” and pay attention to what’s going on around you. Even though it is summer, kids are doing summer activities, be careful in school zones.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT – OPEN:

Some upcoming events are:

Saturday, June 27th,

Kingdom of Brothers MC Cholo party

Saturday, July 4th –

American Legion Post 142 BBQ and Car Show

Saturday, July 18th -

Phoenix Riders Teddy Bear Run

Saturday, July 25th -

Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off

SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BRUCE “POET”:

Poet said it has been a blast, serving as the Safety Director for the past 2 years. Thank you to all for your support. Our membership has increased by a couple of hundred in those 2 years. He has the greatest confidence in John, who will be taking over. Next Safety Booth will be Alligator Alley Harley Davidson Harleys after Dark on June 30th. OB spoke and thanked John for stepping up. He said he considers Safety Director to be one of the most important positions in the Chapter, to take the position and make it his, not necessarily doing things the same “old” way. New ideas are always good.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT - JOHNNY ROSE:

ALTERNATE STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT – “DREAMER” & “OB”:

OB spoke about the State meeting. We have a new Jacksonville chapter. He also let us know that Alfie is the new State VP.

Poet spoke, as he represented us at the June State meeting, along with Johnny, but his notes are better, ha ha. He said that Griz reminded all that ABATE is a business. Also, that ABATE does more for the State of Florida for safety than any other organization. Fatal crashes are down, due to our efforts. He let all know that if anyone wants to submit pictures for the Masterlink, to send them to Tara. We have an open Governor’s race this year,

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so learn all you can before casting your votes in November. EBikes are a hot topic in Florida right now.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad was excused.

LEGAL COUNSEL – BRAD WINSTON:

Brad was excused.

PRODUCTS REPORT – MILLIE “BUBBLES”:

Bubbles has lots of products for sale. The new poker chips are a big hit! Let her know if you need anything.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – SHEILA:

Sheila read the membership report. We also now have Membership Applications in English and Spanish.

EVENTS COORDINATOR – HOLLIE “DREAMER”:

Dreamer said the Memorial Day Event went very well, despite it being so hot.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – ADA:

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NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION – LOUIS “OB”:

Distribution is going well.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – MARELYS LAZO:

Marelys was excused but sent her report. Sheila spoke, on Facebook for the prior 28 days, we had 27,870 views and 2,477 engagements.

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR – DAWNE “THUNDER”:

Thunder is excused. She had to leave earlier to go to work.

BILLING AND INVOICING – SHEILA:

Sheila said all are up to date. New advertisers for June are Heaven Cycle in Miami and 595 Truck

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Stop, both full page for a year, and for July, we will have another full page advertiser, Long the Face Tattoos, who are also members.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT – BARRY “BEAR”:

Bear brought a cake for Father’s Day and the June birthdays.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT – BRUCE “POET”:

Poet had no report, and all is good.

PHOTOGRAPHER’S REPORT – ADA:

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ASSISTANT PHOTOGRAPHER’S REPORT – AXMAN:

Excused.

WEBMASTER’S REPORT – ERIK SADOFF:

Erik said all is good on the site.

CHAPLAIN – BARRY “BEAR” CROWN:

Bear asked us to pray that everyone stays safe on the roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.



NEW BUSINESS:

Pixie spoke. Today is the final vote for the contested positions for ABATE Southeast Chapter. Our Secretary, Roscoe, is excused, so as Acting Secretary, Pixie is sitting in for him. She read the positions and names for all the uncontested positions and cast one vote, on behalf of the Chapter, for all.

- President -
Louis “OB” Russo
- Vice President -
Bruce“Poet”Sonnenfeld
- Secretary -
Amy“Pixie”Sonnenfeld
- Treasurer -
Sheila Rose
- Sergeant at Arms -
Reynaldo“Big Bear”Gonzalez
- Safety Director -
John Morley
- Membership -
Sheila Rose
- Legislative Liaison -
Brad Winston
- Products -
Millie “Bubbles”Allen
- Public Relations–
Marelys Lazo
- Newsletter Editor -
Ada Hibbs
- Webmaster -
Erik Sadoff

We had one contested position.

- State Delegates:
Johnny Rose
Luis “OB”Russo
Ross Haertter
Reynaldo “Big Bear”Gonzalez
Bruce“Poet”Sonnenfeld

A ballot vote was done, members were told to only pick 2, for State Delegate. The 2 with the most votes were Johnny Rose and Bruce “Poet”Sonnenfeld. The other 3 will be the alternates.

OB then appointed the following Trustee positions and asked for and got a Vote of Confidence for all:

Road Captain -

Will remain Open at this time

Legal Counsel -

Brad Winston

Membership-

Sheila Rose

Events Coordinator -

Amy "Pixie" Sonnenfeld

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Bruce "Poet" Sonnenfeld

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Ada Hibbs

Assistant Photographer -

"Axman"

Chaplains:

Barry "Bear" Crown

Ivan "Grumpy"

Assistant Chaplains-

Chrissy Leonhardt

"OG Paul"

Advising Trustee/Consigliere -

Johnny Rose

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Event flyers are on the tables.

Motion to adjourn at 11:15am, seconded, approved. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 321 in at 10:00am.

Amy "Dixie" Sonnenfeld

Acting Secretary Southeast Chapter



FROM YOUR SAFETY DIRECTOR

Safety Director Report
OLDHIPPIY'S CORNER (throw-back August
2009)
The Do Not Care Groups

Motorcycle Rights Organizations fight for our rights, plain and simple. You, as a Member, may be fighting to protect your freedom to choose or fighting to gain your freedom of choice; or you maybe are fighting to keep bureaucrats from taking your ride because it's too loud, or too polluting; you may be fighting for the privilege to go riding in a specific area or riding at all. We all know there are a host of other reasons and causes for which to fight for.

And then there are those who don't care. Certainly, the general public doesn't give a rat's ass, they don't ride, and it doesn't affect them. They are too busy racing to soccer games and ballet lessons or talking on their cellphones; obviously they don't care. Our bureaucrats claim they care, but they are too busy justifying their own existence and so called "doing their job", but do they really give a crap? I must be fair, there are some of our elected officials that do care, but they are few and far between. It is entirely understandable that in these hard times, with everything costing more, people making less and having to do more with less, unemployment looms, free time is a prime resource that we all guard and only give away to the most deserving causes. This is the life we live and reality as it stands.

You can say we might have covered it all but; the people that don't care, that bugs the crap out of me. I need to say that they are not bad people, they are just caught up in their own needs. Dealers and the companies that are caught up in making the bottom line are also ones that do not care. They just want to make money; why else would they make a bike that can do 220 MPH out of the box and sell it to someone who promises to get a

motorcycle endorsement maybe in the future.

Then we have the, what I call, "free riders"; they are the general public riders that ride and are oblivious to the fact that they are in danger of losing their ability to travel the roads on their chosen mode of transportation. Why do I call them "free riders", you might ask? Well, they are the ones that ride on the freedom that so many have fought for years to protect, and many of them don't have a clue or are informed of the where's, when's or how's. Unfortunately, many of them just don't care.

Now we go to the group that bugs me the most; these are the ones that are inside the motorcycle rights movement, the ones that went ahead and signed and joined an MRO like ABATE. They had good intentions when they joined; to protect their rights; to work for motorcycle safety; to help in the fund-raising for the organization or community charities. Some of them rise to leadership, but they get caught up in their day-to-day affairs and have forgotten the reason for joining the MRO in the first place. It's not that they don't care, they are confused. Others join for the parties and events, and they do not really care because when asked to write a letter or step up to help with some task they are somehow busy, or it's not their area of expertise; or their pet snake is expecting triplets. Then you have the ones that join to gain some kind of self-promotion, like being a big fish in a little pond; they do not really care; they are looking for self-promotion. Some join and pay their dues and figure "well I've done my part". I don't need to do anything more there is plenty of other people that can do it; they do not care.

The last group concerns me the most; they are the ones who cared the most but for some reason or another they seem to not care anymore. These are the people that gave and gave and gave to a point that they got burned out, in their hearts,

I'm sure they still care. They lead, they followed, they worked until there was nothing left to give and now, they have faded to the sometimes forgotten past. Some of them are remembered and some of them are just ignored once they are no longer useful, and some, we didn't even know they were there until they were gone and something wasn't getting done, most of them just slip into obscurity.

Need to ask yourself this.....what group do you see yourself? And do you really care? Oh, by the way..How are the triplets doing?

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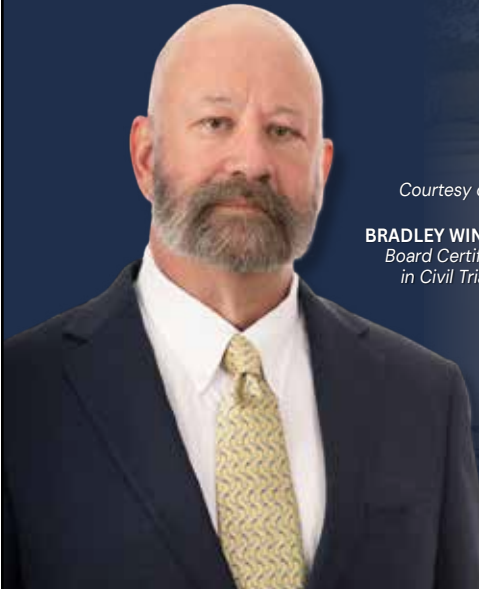
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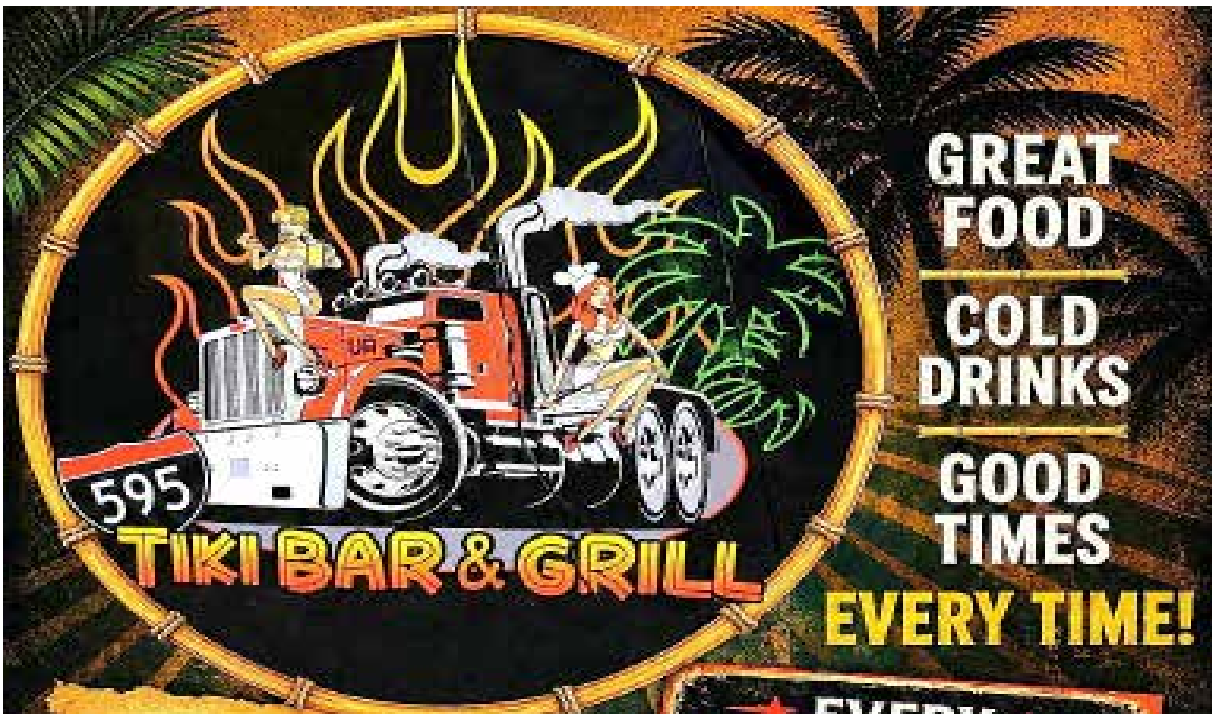
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'The Star Spangled Banner' was written by Francis Scott Key, an attorney, in 1814 after he witnessed the British bombardment of Fort McHenry in Maryland, during the War of 1812. The song was officially adopted as the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

Then in 1831, 23-year-old Samuel Francis Smith wrote 'My Country 'Tis of Thee'. While the words were written by this young Baptist minister, the melody, is the same as the national anthem of the United Kingdom, "God Save the Queen."

It is said that Woody Guthrie, an American singer-songwriter and folk musician grew tired of hearing Kate Smith sing 'God Bless America'. So he wrote, 'This Land is Your Land' in 1940. His folk music reflected the struggles of the working class, migrant workers, and the disenfranchised during the Great Depression.

This article wouldn't be complete without mentioning 'Born in the USA'. Written by Bruce Springsteen, an American singer, songwriter, and musician from New Jersey, this classic rock staple remains an essential contemporary reflection on the working class and the realities of the Vietnam War era.

'Proud to Be an American', (officially titled "God Bless the U.S.A.") was made popular by American country music artist Lee Greenwood. He wrote and recorded the patriotic anthem in 1983, releasing it as a single in May 1984. It quickly became his signature

song and a staple at military and national events.

But of all the songs I've mentioned, one of my old favorites was written by a Russian-born American composer, Irving Berlin. "God Bless America" was composed in 1918 but not used until Kate Smith sang it in 1938 as a "song of peace". Berlin never collected royalties, instead directing all proceeds to the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. The song is a simple prayer written by a young Jewish man which says:

"While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,

Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,

Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,

As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God Bless America,

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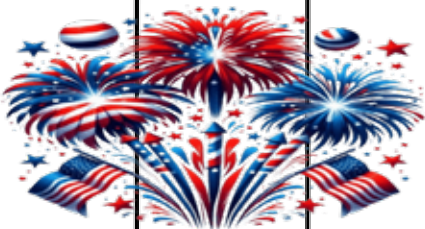



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- Sat. 14th Pirate Ball Annual
- Sat. 14th The Crew MC Party





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BACA @ American Legion Post 180 – 9:30am – **2nd Sunday**
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MONDAY

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TUESDAY

States MC – Open House – 6:30pm
Wings of Gold MC – Open House – 7pm

WEDNESDAY

Mickey's Tiki Bar – Karaoke – 8pm-12am

THURSDAY

ABATE Southeast Chapter EBoard Meeting – 6:30pm -
Thursday before the Chapter meeting
The Crew MC Open House – 8pm – **3rd Thursday**
Mickey's Tiki Bar Lady's Nite Out– 8pm
Old Timers MC Bike Nite -8pm-12am **1st Thursday**

FRIDAY

Gideons MC – Open House – 8pm
Heathens MC – Open House – 7pm – **4th Friday**
Outcast MC – Open House – 8pm
States MC – Open House – 7-10pm **1st Friday**
Kingdom of Brothers MC – Open House – 8pm – **1st & 3rd Friday**
Liberty MA – Open House – 8pm
Outcast MC Open House - TBA **1st Friday**
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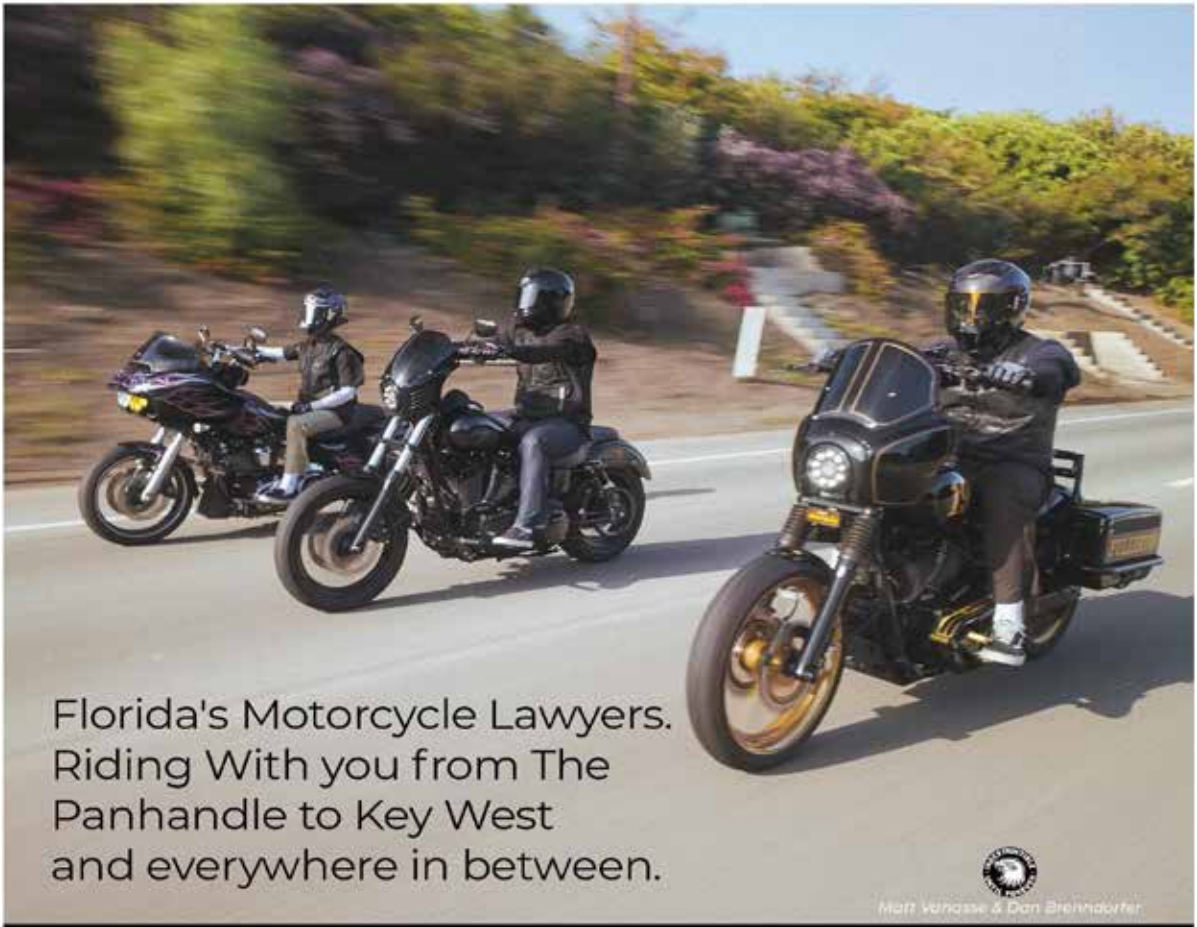

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We were sitting around talking, and we do this monthly article called “Educate, don’t legislate”. But what does that mean? We kicked it around and we all had a bunch to say, but we were able to get it semi-organized here.

ABATE originated in the early 1970’s as a grassroots group to protect biker rights and push back against federal and state restrictions. ABATE originally stood for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. Totalitarian refers to a centralized, dictatorial form of government that seeks to exert total control over the public and private lives of its citizens. Enactment is the process of a legislative body passing a bill into a valid law, statute, or decree. So this was a very strong statement, A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. ABATE evolved and the focus shifted more heavily on safety and rider perception, and a new meaning was added “American Bikers Aiming Toward Education. Southeast Chapter has adopted both meanings in our printed documents and products.

Educate, don't legislate means to promote motorcycle safety by focusing on rider awareness, educating people in cars and trucks, and teaching them shared road responsibility, instead of having more laws that put stricter traffic mandates on us all. Educating the driving public is key to protecting bikers and preventing accidents on the road.

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*A maximum of two motorcycles can ride side-by-side in a single lane, but they cannot pass each other within that same lane.

*Education is your best defense. Taking a safety and skills course, even if you have been riding for years. This helps refresh your skills and is a lot of fun.

Then, we wanted to know, which state has the strictest motorcycle laws? So we looked it up.

California and Nevada are widely regarded as having the most rigorous and highly enforced motorcycle regulations in the country. The strictness of motorcycle laws varies depending on what specific regulations you are looking at. States like California, Nevada, Massachusetts, and Virginia require all riders and passengers, regardless of age, to wear DOT-compliant helmets. Many states mandate eye protection (like goggles, glasses, or a windshield) unless the bike is equipped with a specific windshield height. California remains the only state that allows lane splitting (riding between lanes of moving or stopped traffic). While legal, it is highly regulated, and the California Highway Patrol strictly enforces reckless or unsafe splitting. By contrast, states like Hawaii, Texas, and North Carolina strictly prohibit lane splitting and lane filtering entirely. Virginia is notoriously aggressive when it comes to speed enforcement. Reckless driving is a Class 1 misdemeanor, which can be triggered by going just 81 mph or driving 20 mph over the speed limit. Mississippi is known for having some of the strictest insurance requirements, mandating liability, uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage, and a minimum of \$10,000 in medical coverage protection. Most states require a specific motorcycle endorsement on your driver's license (like a Class M), and many require riders to take official safety courses before the endorsement is issued.

ABATE of Florida has their own safety program; Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program (MSAP). Two of our members are MSAP certified and two others are just one class away from certification. What is MSAP? Straight from the State website <https://abatefloridainc.com/safety/>. "It is imperative that drivers understand the proper and safest way to share the road with motorcycle riders. Recognizing the need, ABATE of Florida, Inc. created the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program (MSAP) to educate the public on motorcycle safety to help prevent motorcycle crashes and fatalities.

The program's goal is to educate participants on how to safely share the road with motorcyclists. ABATE and your local ABATE chapter offer the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program to any organization or school free of charge. It is taught in local Drivers Education Programs and Civic Organizations in hopes of reducing motorcycle fatalities and crashes through education, not legislation.

ABATE's commitment is strong, and we continue to improve the program and expand our reach. According to Ride Smart Florida, as of July 2024, Florida had 1,460,576 drivers with motorcycle endorsements and 671,694 registered motorcycles. Confirming the need to reach more of the driving public is even greater.

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It was a reminder to me what this lifestyle we love is supposed to be about. I wanted to share some pictures from our afternoon with a loved and valued brother of our chapter to the biker community here in South Florida. I hope that it can serve to others as inspiration and a reminder of what this lifestyle means to us collectively and what it means to call a man your brother and mean it, as impacted me personally.


God bless, peace and love, and stay safe out there family.

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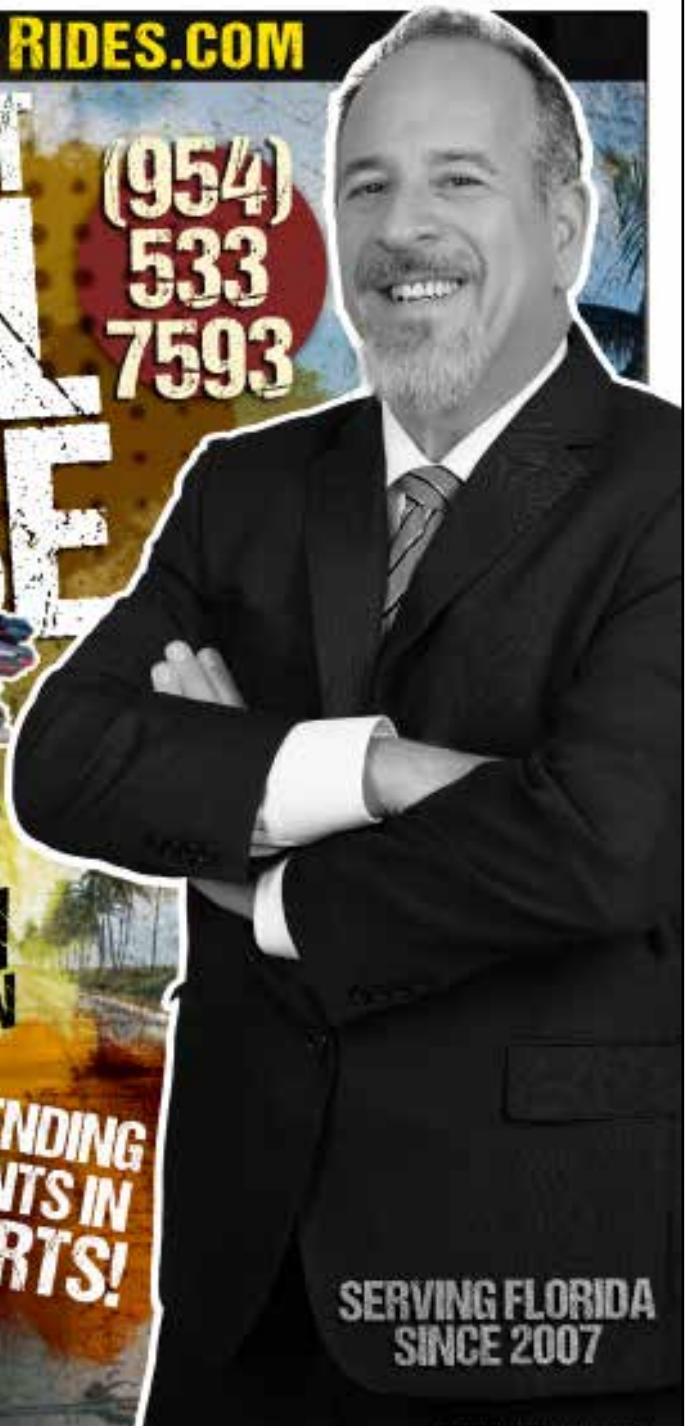
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