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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

The Holiday Season is upon us and I hope everyone will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please remember families that are less fortunate than us and especially our Military all over the world and their families. I want to thank all the chapters who held toy runs during this holiday season for their remembrance of their fellow man.

The state meeting went well with Treasure Coast hosting and they did a fantastic job. Everyone appreciated the effort put forth and the state board thanks you for the work you did. The next state meeting will be held in the state capitol in conjunction with our annual Freedom Rally in February. Abate of Florida has a new chapter in the Martin County area and it is called Lighthouse Chapter.

I have just been informed that there is an amendment in Washington for a National Helmet Law again by the same Senator from New Jersey. As I write this we have already started calling our senators and congressmen to get this amendment killed. We will let everyone know how it went as soon as we hear about it. It seems like 2012 is starting to be the year of the anti-motorcyclist in our nation's capitol and our state capitol in Tallahassee. It seems about ever five years the federal government wants to save us from ourselves and since it's an election year we are their target. We must be vigilant and stand up for our "Rights" or we will be all driving nothing but cars.

Don't forget that our Freedom Rally has been moved to February because of the changing of the legislative session this year.

*Until then "Ride Safe and Free!!!"*

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized letter 'D' followed by the lowercase letters 'dc'.



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### NEXT STATE MEETING

Sunday February 12, Monticello, FL

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## CHAPTER UPDATE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2011

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AT LARGE	484	0	0	3	4	327	457	2	-0.82%		68%	-4
ALACHUA	149	3	1	0	6	110	91		-1.97%		85%	-2
BIG BEND	41	2	1	0	4	35	16		-4.65%		85%	-8
BLACK CREEK	134	1	2	6	9	114	64		-5.63%		83%	-2
BREVARD	313	0	3	0	2	259	167		-0.32%		82%	-3
CALOOSAHATCHEE	106	1	0	4	4	87	55		-2.75%		74%	4
DAYTONA BEACH	276	9	4	0	5	204	173		1.47%		72%	-10
DUVAL	459	5	2	12	15	332	105		-2.13%		79%	0
ESTERO RIVER	207	3	2	13	3	163	86		0.00%		75%	1
FIRST COAST	36	3	2	0	2	27	6		2.86%		82%	-8
FOREST	173	1	2	4	9	141	55		-3.89%		55%	-4
FREEDOM	122	4	4	4	8	67	46		-3.17%		79%	-17
GATOR ALLEY	425	6	0	13	23	335	238	1	-3.85%		85%	4
GULF COAST	318	9	2	7	5	269	235	1	.60%		75%	0
HILLSBOROUGH	197	4	1	3	4	148	119		0.00%		79%	-11
INDEPENDENCE	453	22	3	9	33	356	312	1	-6.60%		76%	-1
INERSTATE	169	2	5	0	3	128	99		-0.59%		69%	-13
LAKE	230	0	2	6	13	159	140		-4.96%		87%	0
NATURE COAST	55	2	1	0	2	48	19	1	-1.79%		70%	-4
ORANGE COUNTY	61	0	1	1	4	43	26	1	-6.15%		48%	-4
PALM BEACH	217	1	5	1	5	104	66		-1.36%		77%	-3
PEACE RIVER	293	1	6	1	4	226	185		0.00%		81%	3
POLK COUNTY	150	6	6	1	3	122	68		2.04%		85%	2
PUTNAM	126	9	7	2	7	107	66		2.44%		68%	0
SEMINOLE	92	0	0	2	0	63	64	1	0.00%		83%	-1
SOUTHEAST	596	10	12	16	11	495	254		1.02%		79%	-6
SOUTHERNMOST	361	1	3	3	7	284	235	1	-1.90%		79%	2
SOUTHWEST	144	7	1	1	5	114	76		2.86%		74%	3
TREASURE COAST	179	7	1	7	4	133	19	1	2.87%		77%	1
VINTAGE	82	4	2	3	3	63	11		1.23%		67%	1
WEST COAST	274	8	11	3	18	219	119	1	-4.20		80%	-10
WEST PASCO	24	1	0	0	0	16	4		4.35%		67%	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6946</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>5298</b>	<b>3676</b>		<b>-1.39</b>		<b>76%</b>	<b>-93</b>



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ALACHUA	148	0	2	5	1	109	91		-0.67%		74%	-1
BIG BEND	42	1	0	4	2	36	16		2.44%		86%	-1
BLACK CREEK	131	2	7	8	7	111	65		-2.24%		85%	-5
BREVARD	306	3	2	1	10	256	166	1	-2.24%		84%	-7
CALOOSAHATCHEE	107	5	2	4	3	85	55		0.94%		79%	2
DAYTONA BEACH	281	4	8	4	0	206	173		1.81%		73%	4
DUVAL	461	9	6	13	10	336	107	1	0.44%		73%	-1
ESTERO RIVER	202	3	1	3	8	163	86		-2.42%		81%	-5
FIRST COAST	36	0	1	1	1	27	6		0.00%		75%	-1
FOREST	179	8	4	9	2	145	56		3.47%		81%	6
FREEDOM	121	2	2	8	3	66	47		-0.82%		55%	-1
GATOR ALLEY	418	5	3	21	14	326	238		-1.65%		78%	-9
GULF COAST	317	5	0	5	7	269	235		-0.31%		85%	-2
HILLSBOROUGH	196	21	19	4	22	150	121		-0.51%		77%	-1
INDEPENDENCE	491	13	5	31	3	386	313		8.39%		79%	10
INERSTATE	162	6	1	3	14	122	99		-4.14%		75%	-8
LAKE	229	5	5	11	8	158	144	1	-0.43%		69%	-3
NATURE COAST	55	0	2	1	1	48	20		0.00%		87%	-1
ORANGE COUNTY	62	1	0	4	0	43	27		1.64%		69%	1
PALM BEACH	211	3	6	5	7	101	66		-2.76%		48%	-4
PEACE RIVER	289	7	10	3	12	226	186		-1.37%		78%	-5
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PUTNAM	126	1	4	6	2	107	66		0.00%		85%	-1
SEMINOLE	93	1	0	0	1	63	64	1	1.09%		68%	0
SOUTHEAST	604	18	25	6	14	497	256	1	1.34%		82%	4
SOUTHERNMOST	368	5	4	3	3	290	236	1	1.94%		79%	2
SOUTHWEST	148	6	0	5	2	117	76		2.78%		79%	4
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<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6980</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>5319</b>	<b>3694</b>		<b>0.49%</b>		<b>76%</b>	<b>-22</b>



**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**DELEGATE MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2011 HOSTED BY TREASURE COAST IN PALM BAY**

Meeting called to order at 2:06 pm by President James “Doc” Reichenbach. Solders for Jesus (Sensei) gave prayer, they will be chaplains for ABATE of Florida. Present were Vice President Danny Fish, Secretary Bob Alexander, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Membership Trustee Val Loper, Products Trustee Steve “Caretaker” Knee, Webmaster and PR Trustee Dave “Lockdown” Rich, Masterlink Editor Bob von Bulow, Legislative Trustee Darrin “Scribe” Brooks, Legal Counsel Larry Crow, State Office “Boots”, and safety director Johnny James.

Also present were, Assistant Sgt. at Arms Emory Griffis, Assistant Sgt at Arms Terry Painter.

Absent were Sgt. at Arms Dennis “Mudder” Rudoi, Masterlink Assistant Rhonda Griffis, Assistant Sgt. at Arms Jeff “Jinx” Nager, Assistant Sgt. at Arms Mike Johnson, Assistant Safety Brenda Heck

Also present was Tammy Fish, guest.

The following Delegates represented their chapters:

Alachua-Jim Burrow, Jay Eric Litt	Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver
Big Bend-Duane Woods	Nature Coast-Frank Moore, Rick Purvis
Black Creek- Greg Marshall	Orange County-Phil Orsini, Frenchi Morland
Brevard-Mike Pope, Mike Bowden	Palm Beach- Dan Henderson. Budd Aubry
Caloosahatchee:Brett Shea, Heidi Hill	Peace River-Bill Neal, Bill Bird
Daytona Beach-Steve Fritze, Ken Holland	Polk County-Patty Brandfass, Christian Brandfass
Duval-Victor Sawyers, Mark Purvis	Putnam County-Lee Nelson
Estero River-Mark Williams, Jerilyn Walker	Seminole County-Mychelle Dillenback, Don Kirkendal
First Coast-Wanda Garrison, SaraBeth Kohl	Southeast-Demetrios Kirkiles, Barry Sadoff
Forest-Paul Antonio, JudyAnn Antonio	Southernmost-SandyMacLaren, Mark Werley
Freedom-Lorraine Cushman, Kimberley Long	Southwest-Frankie Kennedy, Wayne Cerra
Gator Alley-Robert Crans Jr., Frederick Corr	Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Edward Parker
Gulf Coast-Jim Rigby, Bill Brandenburg	Vintage-Tracy Massoth, John Massoth
Hillsborough-Richard Nasrallah, Steve Nasrallah	West Coast-Jim Gladstone
Independence-Charles Bird, John Buffington	West Pasco-Russ Osborn
Inerstate-Thomas Higgins, Cheryl Gelinias	

**President James “Doc” Reichenbach:** Thanks to everybody for their attendance. Safety director Brenda Heck is having health issues, Johnny James will be director, and Brenda will be his assistant.

**Vice President Danny “Doc” Fish:** Make sure we get the benefit information for our toy runs to Patti, also make sure the print and sign waivers are signed. Patti – if it’s a 501c3, we need a letter from them so we can show what we donated to 501c3 corporations.

**Secretary Bob Alexander:** No corrections were submitted. **Move by Vintage second by Duval to accept minutes as written. Passed.**

**Treasurer Patti Nasrallah:** Treasurer report in packets. **Move by Gulf Coast second by Forest to accept treasurer report as given, MOTION PASSED.**



**SGA "Mudder":** Mudder is absent. TJ is taking his place.

Inventories are due. When chapter inventories are complete, they are to be sent to the state office. Make sure you have proper attire when you ride, weather is changing.

**State Office Manager Boots:** Letters from our \$4,000 death and dismemberment insurance policies have gone out. Rosanna Gill is the new representative.

Regarding the drawing tickets, all proceeds and unsold tickets **MUST** be turned in by the February state meeting.

**Membership Val Loper:** Updates in packets

Membership 6980 down 64

Voters 5319 down 57

Most New Members for September 2011 tie Daytona Chapter and Gulf Coast

Most New Members for October 2011 Independence Chapter

Highest Percentage of Growth for September 2011 West Pasco

Highest Percentage of Growth for October 2011 West Pasco

Life cards handed out

As to who has the right to a membership list, membership trustees and president are the only people that are entitled to a membership list. Newsletter is at the discretion of president.

**Masterlink Editor Bob von Bulow:** For your toy runs, special events, take some Masterlinks, get them distributed. Flyers are due today, must be approved by the state office first. Website access to Masterlink will be more interactive, will require flash player 9 or newer. Bob v needs feedback as to how it works.

**PR/Communications Lockdown:**

Working on getting the Proclamation now

Advertising for Bike Week is done, still working on advertising for Tally.

Had a good Webmaster meeting, 15 people from 12 chapters attended.

There is now a QR code on the state website for someone with a smart phone can use a bar code scanner to get to our website with their smart phones easily.

Frenchie asked about the "ABATE does not speak for me" bumper stickers. Lockdown told the delegation about the restaurant that was plastered with these stickers and how the paint on the building was removed as the stickers were taken off. This is criminal vandalism, and not the activity of ABATE of FL members. Remind those that ask about these stickers that ABATE stands for the exact opposite of this type of activity.

**Safety Director Johnny James:** If you have sent things in to the safety director recently, please resend them to Johnny. There are new acquisition forms on the webpage, please use them from now on.

We have new products including lapel pins, new key chains. Also, have rear window stickers, will be available shortly.



Have the safety directors contact Johnny, help get the MSAP out.

LLAMA is interested in our program, possibly we can get some of their members on our membership roll, and get them certified to teach the course.

Ask your chapter safety directors what supplies are the most popular, so we can order more of those, and less of what is less popular.

**Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker" Knee:** George shirts price is dropped to \$10, they will not be re-ordered. Chapter name bars may be ordered in any quantity. Order must be pre-paid.

**Legislative Trustee Darrin Brooks:** In packets are 2012 legislative bills of interest. They are being watched, but are not ABATE of Florida bills. Also shows their progression, and the representative or senator, bill number, and county or counties they represent.

Now is the time for legislative trustees to start educating your members about how to contact your legislators. Be brief, to the point, and professional. Tell them what you support. The assistants are our best friend. Talk to them.

Inerstate, Southwest and Gator Alley have already had legislators speak to them, if your chapter has done this, let Darrin know.

Seminole County is increasing fines for some Florida statutes that used to be \$166, popping wheelies, vertical tag not read up to down, going up \$1,000 to \$1,166. Also increased for speeding violations more than 50 mph over speed limit.

Federal government is putting more emphasis on texting laws.

Information on trauma centers, there are 4 new ones approved. Trauma centers are very important, the timing is all important in treatment success. Also, education of nurses and care professionals are important.

**Lobbyist Doc:** Bills are in drafting, have not been assigned numbers. Two amendments have been done, one, if an individual causes injury or death to a motorcyclist, they have to take our safety course and pay for it. Good reception for it. Also regarding vertical license plate, was in highway safety bill last year, but was struck out. Is back in, but they put the transponder requirement back in. Doc got that taken back out, 50 mph over is still in. Wheelies fine is still in.

Texting bill has passed committee and senate, long way to go. Feds have only passed this for trucks and bus drivers.

Black Creek – please explain transponder requirement. Doc clarified this.

Safety money comes from the motorcycle registration fee.

Regarding high speed chases, it is up to the counties whether they do it or not. Highway Patrol has been told not to do it. No legislation.

Doc – if your chapter makes a motion, your president can override that, but he needs to be able to justify it. Also, parties are part of our life, but you need to use some common sense in your presentation of ABATE.



**Legal Counsel Larry Crow:** Nothing new on the legal front. Question, regarding adverse bumper stickers, can we do something about this? Copy given to Larry, he will look in to it.

**NCOM:** Convention in Indianapolis, Mother's Day weekend.

**MRF / AMA:** Not much from MRF, AMA is working on off road.

**BIKE WEEK 2012:** Need volunteers for bike week. This is the last year for our contract. Also, have drawing tickets left. On our contract, we cannot have a band.

**TALLAHASSEE 2012:** Ready to go. 5 cabins will be available. Notify Boots if you want them. Dates are February 10-11-12-13 of 2012. Free camping, but no RV's in camping area. Steve – get the names for the bell ringing for him, no later than the meeting in Tallahassee.

**Old Business:** No old business.

**New Business:** New chapter wants to come in, name is Lighthouse. Art Ring makes a presentation. They are located in the Martin County area. They have 26 members, all documents submitted. Frenchie – what town? Stuart. Gulf Coast, any chapters in opposition? No, Paul, is the board full? Yes. Treasurer is here. Recruiting is pending on the outcome of this meeting. **Moved by Black Creek, Treasure coast seconds to allow them chapter status. Passes**

Nominations for state board will be in February in Tallahassee.

**Good to the Order:** Various events read. Thanks to Treasure Coast for the meeting. Congratulations to Chris from Polk County who won the 50/50 drawing. Second place was won by SloMo from Palm Beach County. Thank you to all for attending!

This is the last meeting before Tallahassee. We need people there. Very important!

Remember our troops.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous acclaim! 4:50 pm



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

The winter ride to the Capitol is over and next year it will be in April again. I want to thank everyone who made the ride, it was 21 degrees when we left at 9 am and it was cold but we made it safe and sound. I want to thank the Tallahassee Police Department and the Capitol Police for another fantastic job. In the 17 year history of this ride, not once have we ever had a problem with either police department. They have done everything they could to support us. I wish the rest of the state would take lessons from these two great departments. The ceremony was excellent and short due to the cold weather but it was very humbling. The feed back I have received from Tallahassee has all been positive meaning the members who saw their legislators did their job.

This year is again an election year. All members of the U.S. House of Representatives are up for election and Florida has gained two new seats so there will be 27 to vote on this year. One U. S. Senate seat is up for vote and all the Florida House seats and approximately 16 state Senate seats are up this year. We need to get people elected who support motorcycling in this state and this great country. All State ABATE of Florida, Inc. board positions are up for election this year.

The economy has really played havoc with our organization and other states along with the National organizations. Let's hope this year the country turns the tide and brings more jobs and commerce to this great country of ours.

This letter will be short as Bike Week will be here in a couple of weeks but remember, the next state meeting will be hosted by Vintage Chapter. Come out and watch your organization in action. In closing I want to thank JR for providing the red beans and rice at the state meeting, with so many returning for seconds and thirds, I guess it was a great meal.

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CALOOSAHATCHEE	99	2	3	3	6	79	52	5	-7.48%		80%	-4
DAYTONA BEACH	283	7	3	0	5	209	174		0.71%		74%	2
DUVAL	460	21	5	8	23	339	107		-0.22%		74%	-2
ESTERO RIVER	190	2	4	8	13	151	86	1	-5.94%		79%	-11
FIRST COAST	35	0	0	1	1	26	6		-2.78%		74%	-1
FOREST	180	3	2	2	2	147	57		0.56%		82%	1
FREEDOM	120	1	5	3	2	64	47		-0.83%		53%	-1
GATOR ALLEY	411	6	9	12	16	318	239		-1.67%		77%	-10
GULF COAST	323	4	3	4	1	274	238		1.89%		85%	3
HILLSBOROUGH	201	5	3	19	3	152	121		2.55%		76%	2
INDEPENDENCE	495	9	8	3	6	388	313		0.81%		78%	3
INERSTATE	165	4	5	11	4	123	99		1.85%		75%	0
LAKE	223	0	1	8	5	155	144	1	-2.62%		70%	-5
NATURE COAST	56	1	4	1	0	49	20		1.82%		88%	1
ORANGE COUNTY	63	3	2	0	2	44	27		1.61%		70%	1
PALM BEACH	205	7	13	5	15	100	68		-2.84%		49%	-8
PEACE RIVER	290	5	4	11	5	228	186		0.35%		79%	0
POLK COUNTY	153	6	3	4	3	121	68		2.00%		79%	3
PUTNAM	122	0	0	2	4	104	66		-3.17%		85%	-4
SEMINOLE	93	2	3	1	2	62	65		0.00%		67%	0
SOUTHEAST	599	4	11	13	10	493	256		-0.83%		82%	-6
SOUTHERNMOST	374	21	4	3	16	295	249	1	1.63%		79%	5
SOUTHWEST	166	15	0	2	3	128	78	2	12.16%		77%	12
TREASURE COAST	183	11	13	9	2	137	19		5.78%		75%	9
VINTAGE	84	1	1	3	1	64	12		0.00%		76%	0
WEST COAST	273	7	12	8	10	214	122	3	-0.73%		78%	-3
WEST PASCO	30	0	0	0	0	19	4		0.00%		63%	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6988</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>5323</b>	<b>3721</b>		<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>-17</b>



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ALACHUA	151	3	2	2	0	111	91		2.03%		74%	3
BIG BEND	37	0	0	2	0	32	16		0.00%		86%	0
BLACK CREEK	135	4	0	3	2	114	66		1.50%		84%	2
BREVARD	325	51	24	3	32	272	167		6.56%		84%	19
CALOOSAHATCHEE	93	0	1	6	6	73	52		-6.06%		78%	-6
DAYTONA BEACH	283	3	8	3	5	210	175		0.00%		74%	-2
DUVAL	451	12	2	21	23	330	107		-1.96%		73%	-11
ESTERO RIVER	186	10	7	12	15	145	87		-2.11%		78%	-5
FIRST COAST	35	0	0	1	0	26	6		0.00%		74%	0
FOREST	178	1	2	2	3	145	57		-1.11%		81%	-2
FREEDOM	120	5	1	2	5	63	47		0.00%		53%	0
GATOR ALLEY	414	6	5	14	5	321	240		0.73%		78%	1
GULF COAST	310	0	0	1	13	262	238		-4.02%		85%	-13
HILLSBOROUGH	198	0	1	3	3	150	121		-1.49%		76%	-3
INDEPENDENCE	495	19	3	6	19	389	315		0.00%		79%	0
INERSTATE	164	1	2	3	3	122	100		-0.61%		74%	-2
LAKE	221	4	4	3	8	156	146		-0.90%		71%	-4
LIGHTHOUSE	37	35	0	0	0	30	2	2			81%	
NATURE COAST	57	1	0	0	0	50	20		1.79%		88%	1
ORANGE COUNTY	59	1	0	2	5	40	27		-6.35%		68%	-4
PALM BEACH	204	8	9	14	9	98	69	3	-0.49%		48%	-1
PEACE RIVER	292	7	6	4	6	230	186		0.69%		79%	1
POLK COUNTY	158	6	3	3	1	127	70		3.27%		80%	5
PUTNAM	122	0	4	3	1	105	66	1	0.00%		86%	-1
SEMINOLE	96	5	0	2	2	65	65		3.23%		68%	3
SOUTHEAST	592	12	10	8	21	486	257		-1.17%		82%	-9
SOUTHERNMOST	371	5	5	16	8	294	240		-0.80%		79%	-3
SOUTHWEST	174	9	2	3	1	133	78		4.82%		76%	8
TREASURE COAST	176	10	20	2	17	134	19		-3.83%		76%	-7
VINTAGE	81	6	1	1	8	61	12		-3.57%		75%	-2
WEST COAST	270	2	4	9	6	213	123		-1.10%		79%	-4
WEST PASCO	26	0	5	0	4	15	4		-13.33%		58%	-4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6999</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>5332</b>	<b>3728</b>		<b>0.16%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>-7</b>



**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**DELEGATE MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2012 HOSTED BY STATE BOARD IN TALLAHASSEE**

Meeting called to order at 2:11 pm by President James "Doc" Reichenbach. Present were Vice President Danny Fish, Secretary Bob Alexander, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt. at Arms Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi, Assistant Masterlink Rhonda Griffis, Membership Trustee Val Loper, Legal Counsel Legal Larry Crow, Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker" Knee, Legislative Trustee Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, and State Office "Boots", Safety Director Johnny James, Assistant Sgt at Arms TJ Painter, Emory Griffis, and Jinx Nager. Also present was guest Tammy Fish.

Absent was Editor Bob von Bulow, Webmaster and PR Trustee Dave "Lockdown" Rich, Assistant Sgt at Arms Mike Johnson, Assistant PR Ginny Rich, Assistant Safety Director Brenda Heck.

The following Delegates represented their chapters:

Alachua-Jim Burrow, Jay Eric Litt  
 Big Bend-Duane Woods, Tom Koch  
 Black Creek-Paul Schneider, Kenneth Koester  
 Brevard-Theresa Clifton, Mike Bowden  
 Caloosahatchee-Brett Shea, Heidi Hill  
 Daytona Beach-John Banta, Gary Dubnicek  
 Duval-Jeni Wewer, Mike Wewer  
 Estero River-Angelic Squirewell, Dale Williams  
 First Coast-Wanda Garrison, SaraBeth Kohl  
 Forest-Steve Kline, Elaine Kline  
 Freedom-Nancy Painter, RD Carmichael  
 Gator Alley-Robert Crans Jr., Frederick Corr  
 Gulf Coast-Russ Dieterich, Jackie Bowe  
 Hillsborough-Milton Gonzalez, Steve Nasrallah  
 Independence-Charles Bird  
 Inerstate-Ernest Gelinias, Cheryl Gelinias

Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver  
 Lighthouse-Doug Tungate  
 Nature Coast-Joe Gore, Roxanne Gore  
 Orange County-Frenchi Morland, Lana Lang  
 Palm Beach- Dan Henderson, Budd Aubry  
 Peace River-Bill Neal, Bill Bird  
 Polk County-Patty Brandfass, Christian Brandfass  
 Putnam County-Richard LeBlanc, Jackelyne Smith  
 Seminole County-Janice Griffin, Dianna Miller  
 Southeast-Demetrios Kirkiles, Bill Ball  
 Southernmost- Mark Werley, Jim Wirth  
 Southwest-Frankie Kennedy, Pamela Mix  
 Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Edward Parker  
 Vintage-Tracy Massoth, Dorothy Wilkinson  
 West Coast-Jim Gladstone, Eric Thompson  
 West Pasco-

**President James "Doc" Reichenbach:** Nothing under President's Report, will have some items under different headings.

**Vice President Danny "Doc" Fish:** Not getting newsletters, new address is PO Box 3615 Milton FL 32572. We are one organization, chapters are NOT territorial, we must all work together. There is one mission, one statement we all go by.

**Secretary Bob Alexander:** Please send all documentation to the state office, not to me. I no longer have a dedicated fax line at my home, please use email to contact me, if you must use fax, please use the state office fax, it will be referred back to me. No corrections were submitted. **Move by Palm Beach, second by Hillsborough to accept minutes as written. Passed.**



**Treasurer Patti Nasrallah:** Treasurer report in packets. **Move by First Coast second by Seminole to accept treasurer report as given, MOTION PASSED.**

**SGA "Mudder:** Most inventories are in, calls will be made to chapters that are not in compliance. Setup for bikeweek is March 3 at 8:30. Regarding the run tomorrow, find out if there are new riders, they should be near the back of the pack. Do not spread out, it invites cars to fit themselves in our line, this is not safe. Follow the people in front of you. Do not pass! We still need road guards and flag carriers. Form line at 8, leave at 9. Will be police escorted into capital.

**State Office Manager Boots:** Drawing tickets are due today. Chapter newsletters must be sent to the state office. Officer updates must be sent to state office. Two chapters have changed meeting places without sending updates. Regarding insurance for events, please do not wait until the last minute. Don't forget print and sign waivers.

**Membership Val Loper:** Updates in packets

Highest Percentage of Growth for November	Southwest
Highest Percentage of Growth for December	Peace River
Most New Members November	Southwest
Most New Members December	Brevard

Total Members 6999	+19
Total Voters 5332	+13

Life cards handed out

**Masterlink Editor Bob von Bulow absent, Rhonda Griffis:** Masterlink on website will soon be a turn able page instead of scroll down. Part of her duties are to take pictures, if you don't want to be in the Masterlink, please try to get out of the picture, or let her know if you don't want to be there. Watch hand gestures. Also, no alcoholic beverages in your hand for pictures in Masterlink. Alachua asks if front page picture can be changed, one in front is 10 years old.

**PR/Communications Lockdown (absent):** We have received the "May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month" Proclamation from the Governor. The State Office has the copy, and it will be posted online as May approaches. *Please remind the chapters at the State Meeting that they should be lining up their local Proclamations by now so they will have them by May.*

I received a report from 1&1 (our web hosting package) on 2/2/12 that one of the sub domains is sending out spam mail. Each chapter has their own subdomain on our website, and on 2/9/12 the security leak was found by 1&1 and reported back to me. It appears an unknown third party was taking advantage of a PHP file on one of the chapter's website. This file has been disabled, and I have notified the appropriate chapter with instructions on how to fix this problem from occurring in the future.

HS Community Service Hours; I finally got to speak with the Guidance Counselor at Palmetto Ridge High School in Collier County. She has gotten the approval from the School District to allow our MSAP program to be an entity for students to gain Community Service Hours toward their graduation requirement. There will be no formal letter, but I would recommend we send one to them acknowledging it (I would be willing to draft it for Doc's signature if requested).

This is for Collier County; but I assume we could put this to the State Board of Ed for state-wide approval.



**Safety Director Johnny James:** have products for chapters at campground. Handed out certificates. Doc – we have the next to last installment for our safety money, have the radio ads in Volusia county done for bikeweek. We need black and white bumper stickers. Also need yard signs, also black and yellow magnets, the small ones. We have a portion of safety money still to come.

There is safety money in the state budget for next year. We still have detractors, but so far it is still in budget.

**Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker" Knee:** Chapters still have orders to be picked up. We are doing a patch that says "my voice was heard", next year will have year patch available next year, patches are \$2 and will only be available at Tallahassee. No retro dates. Turn in names for bell ringing in to Steve today.

**Legislative Trustee Darrin Brooks:** This is our weekend, our time to talk to the legislators. SB 1754 is our bill. When you speak to your legislators, remember our best friends are the aides. If you are good to the aides, they are good to us. Remember to thank them for supporting our budget. Tell them a little about what you do, in schools, in their district. Let them know what we are doing with the money, and how it is helping save lives.

Redistricting is going to affect us, new maps were sent out by Darrin last month. Reps are very willing to come and speak to us right now.

**Lobbyist Doc:** SB 1754 passed Senate unanimously. Justice (Greg Evers) should be the same. House is the problem, Brad Drake chairman of transportation is still unwilling to hear this bill. Refuses to hear even as an amendment. But Brad Drake is not running for re-election, redistricting may work this out for us. Texting bill was passing, but he refused to hear the texting bill either.

No helmet bill yet. Insurance has not come up either.

Southernmost – Can we ask Mr. Cannon to intervene with Brad Drake? Doc says certainly, but probably won't happen.

Vertical tag issue, transponder requirement made even if you don't ride on a toll road. Amendment made this year that out of state riders didn't have to have a transponder. Doc contested that. Chairman has agreed to take the transponder requirement out.

**Legal Counsel Larry Crow:** Lawsuit re: COC against the state fair has been filed, should be moving forward. No pending or threatening legal matters for us at this time.

Bill is in to allow people with CW permits to carry them on hip. Last year, Orange County sheriff captain got photos from CW permits and driver license, took them to committee meeting saying that people would be terrorized if bikers are allowed to carry them, had seven photos of patch holder's w/permits. The photos from CW or driver license cannot be used legally.

**NCOM:** Convention in Indianapolis, Mother's Day weekend 10-11-12 of May. On sport bikers, sport bike rodeo in the state of Florida, will likely happen next year, AIM will rent the stadium and pay the insurance, we will work out a deal with them, possibly we will do the vendors. Emory states this could be an ice breaker between the younger crowd and us. **Demetrious (Southeast) moves to move forward with this, second by Polk.** Vintage chapter working to merge the different riders with us for a more united front. **Passed unanimous.**



**MRF / AMA:** MRF- EPA bill, trying to stop the 15% ethanol bill. Some Sunoco stations have racing fuels, some also have no ethanol fuel. Also marinas usually have “no ethanol” fuel. MRF wants state MROS to pay for representatives to come to their meetings.

**BIKE WEEK 2012:** Everything is ready. Need volunteers for bike week. Setup day is March 3 at 8:30.

**TALLAHASSEE 2012:** ready to go. Stay together as a group. Sheriff is supposed to be here today talk to us. Next year's ride will be 13-15 of April, if the event is approved.

**Old Business:** nominations for state board. Doc gives a short speech announcing his retirement. Turn the meeting over to Bill Bird. Thanks to Richard Nasrallah for the support, also Sandy McLaren. Thanks to Boots. Thanks to all.

**New Business:** Been approached by some patch holders, saying they have been discriminated against due to establishments that refuse patches. All chapters who hold their meetings in a venue that refuses admittance to patch holders will move their meeting place by April 1, 2012.

Polk County has brought forth a bylaw. Chris from that chapter explains. We would like to add the following change to the current by-laws: A person running for any of the Executive Officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) positions must be an American citizen and a Florida resident. Doc- must be taken back to the chapter. However, bylaw could be suspended for a one time suspension for a specific reason, they can. But it isn't changing the bylaw, it is just suspending it. But the delegation must agree. Griz says he will not vote on anything his chapter has not voted on. **Strongbow moves, Marky Mark seconds to see if we want to vote on this. Alachua, could conditions be applied to a board member that does not apply to any member, Demetrious, absolutely, like for bonding. Motion to vote on this today, “no” means this goes back to chapters, to vote today raise sticks. Nobody wants to vote today. Goes back to chapters.**

Forest Chapter would like to see if state would commission a patch for members continuous for 30 years, if not could it be done by the chapter. Motion dies.

Demitrious Southeast, fund raising idea, move second by Alachua could we investigate we station people at each end of Main Street in bikeweek, or set up coin cans in dealers. passes

Doc – if you see someone talking to a reporter at the capitol, take a picture of it so we can head off an issue like we had last year.

**Good to the Order:** Various events read. Thanks to JR for meal. Congratulations to Wanda from First Coast who won the 50/50 drawing. Thank you to all for attending!

**Meeting adjourned by unanimous acclaim! 4:50 pm**



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

This will be my last letter as your President. It seems like yesterday that I was elected to be the president of this organization but it has really been nineteen years. As they say time does fly when you do something you love.

I want to thank everyone for all the support you have given this organization and myself over the years. I really want to thank the state board of directors as many of them have served with me for years. I also want to thank all the members who served as board members through my tenure. Danny Fish has been the best Vice-President in my nineteen years and is more than qualified to follow in my footsteps. The person I most want to thank is the one who is the glue that kept me together and our state office. **THANKS BOOTS!!!!**

I have watched this organization grow from being thousands of dollars in debt and despised by the legislature into an organization with money in the bank and has become a powerful influence in Florida and National politics. I know you as an organization will continue to grow and accomplish even bigger feats in the years to come. I hope I have made at least a small contribution in the efforts we made over the years. You now ride free and have gotten bad laws stopped and new ones implemented and for that you should all be very proud. I will not make this a long goodbye so I will say **RIDE SAFE AND FREE!!!!**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized letter 'D' followed by the lowercase letters 'dc'.



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## NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday June 9, Clermont, FL

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BLACK CREEK	133	5	3	5	1	112	68	1	3.91%		84%	4
BREVARD	323	2	7	4	5	272	167		0.31%		84%	-3
CALOOSAHATCHEE	94	3	4	0	2	75	53	1	0.00%		80%	1
DAYTONA BEACH	278	2	0	4	7	201	175		-1.77%		72%	-5
DUVAL	429	27	5	39	33	310	111	2	-1.61%		72%	-6
ESTERO RIVER	181	4	3	7	10	141	89		-2.69%		78%	-6
FIRST COAST	38	2	1	0	2	27	6	2	5.56%		71%	0
FOREST	168	2	4	7	5	138	57		-1.18%		82%	-3
FREEDOM	121	3	2	2	4	62	48		0.00%		51%	-1
GATOR ALLEY	393	4	3	15	18	296	243		-3.20%		75%	-14
GULF COAST	315	3	2	7	0	268	240		1.29%		85%	3
HILLSBOROUGH	200	2	0	1	2	154	121		0.00%		77%	0
INDEPENDENCE	509	16	2	8	14	397	316	1	2.83%		78%	2
INERSTATE	165	0	2	1	3	123	101		-1.79%		75%	-3
LAKE	235	4	3	3	4	168	147		0.00%		71%	0
LIGHTHOUSE	68	17	0	0	0	52	3		33.33%		76%	17
NATURE COAST	64	1	1	0	2	55	21		-1.54%		86%	-1
ORANGE COUNTY	59	5	3	4	2	39	27		11.32%		66%	3
PALM BEACH	204	2	4	4	8	97	69		-2.86%		48%	-6
PEACE RIVER	287	8	9	3	10	229	186		-0.35%		80%	-2
POLK COUNTY	158	2	4	5	3	124	70		-0.63%		78%	-1
PUTNAM	128	5	2	1	1	110	66		3.23%		86%	4
SEMINOLE	101	4	1	2	2	68	65	1	3.06%		67%	2
SOUTHEAST	618	21	16	16	12	512	259	1	2.83%		83%	9
SOUTHERNMOST	380	8	3	8	4	301	245		1.33%		79%	4
SOUTHWEST	188	6	1	0	0	141	79		3.87%		75%	6
TREASURE COAST	185	15	11	8	9	145	20		5.71%		78%	6
VINTAGE	75	1	1	2	9	60	16		-9.64%		80%	-8
WEST COAST	268	7	5	12	9	211	127		0.37%		79%	-2
WEST PASCO	34	2	0	0	0	20	4		6.25%		59%	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7089</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>5388</b>	<b>3766</b>		<b>0.94%</b>		<b>76%</b>	



**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**DELEGATE MEETING APRIL 14, 2012 HOSTED BY VINTAGE CHAPTER IN ST. AUGUSTINE**

Meeting called to order at 2:11 pm by President James “Doc” Reichenbach. Sensi from Soldiers of Jesus gave prayer. Present were Vice President Danny Fish, Secretary Bob Alexander, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt. at Arms Dennis “Mudder” Rudoi, Masterlink Bob von Bulow, Membership Trustee Val Loper, PR Trustee Dave “Lockdown” Rich, Products Trustee Steve “Caretaker” Knee, Legislative Trustee Darrin “Scribe” Brooks, and State Office “Boots”, Safety Director Johnny James, Assistant Sgt at Arms, TJ Painter and Emory Griffis. Also present was guest Tammy Fish. Assistant Masterlink Rhonda Griffis, Assistant Treasurer Karen Carawan, Assistant PR Ginny Rich

Absent was Legal Counsel Legal Larry Crow, Assistant Sgt at Arms Mike Johnson

The following Delegates represented their chapters:

Alachua-Jim Burrow, Jeff Longanecker	Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver
Big Bend-Absent	Lighthouse-Absent
Black Creek-Kenneth Koester, Herb Hilderbrand	Nature Coast-Lisa Tocchio-Smith, Steve Mallady
Brevard-Rodney Maas, Mike Pope	Orange County-Frenchi Morland, Lana Lang
Caloosahatchee:Brett Shea, Heidi Hill	Palm Beach- Dan Henderson, Budd Aubry
Daytona Beach-John Banta, Gary Dubnicek	Peace River-Bill Neal, Bill Bird
Duval-Jeni Wewer, MikeWewer	Polk County-Patty Brandfass, Christian Brandfass
Estero River-Angelic Squirewell, Jerilyn Walker	Putnam County-Pauline Sasser, Herlon Sasser
First Coast-Wanda Garrison, SaraBeth Kohl	Seminole County-Don Kirkendell, Dianna Millerl
Forest-Paul Antonio, Bob Wilson	Southeast-Demetrios Kirkiles, Bob Calabrese
Freedom-Nancy Painter, Dave Soles	Southernmost- Mark Werley, Sandy Maclaren
Gator Alley-Robert Crans Jr., Will Breen	Southwest-Frankie Kennedy, Wayne Cerra
Gulf Coast-Russ Dieterich, Jackie Bowe	Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Pat Murray
Hillsborough-Absent Excused	Vintage-Tracy Massoth, Sharon Balocki
Independence-Charles Bird, Darlene Carter	West Coast-Jim Gladstone, Margie Gladstone
Inerstate-Don McIntyre, Cheryl Gelinias	West Pasco- Absent

**President James “Doc” Reichenbach:** Michigan has received their helmet repeal.

New banner has been made, displayed in front of room, it is a copy of our patch that notes “I’m tired of burying my brothers and sisters to protect America’s right to drive stupid”.

**Vice President Danny “Doc” Fish:** As an organization we have to observe state and federal laws. We must have hard copy minutes sent in to state office. In packets noted are the ones we have, not the ones we need. We must be very careful of what we put in our newsletters. Presidents of chapters are held accountable for what goes in newsletters. It is highly recommended the presidents preview the newsletters before they go out.



**Secretary Bob Alexander:** No corrections were submitted. **Move by Lake, second by Forest to accept minutes as written. Passed.**

**Treasurer Patti Nasrallah:** Treasurer report in packets. Everybody must get new signature cards since Doc is not running for office. We are not a 501c3 corporation we are a 501c4. Handed out some replacement charters. **Move by Forest second by Inerstate to accept treasurer report as given, MOTION PASSED.**

**SGA "Mudder:** Security trailer has been damaged, needs volunteers to re-secure the wall before the end of the month. Trailer is at the fairgrounds.

**State Office Manager Boots:** RE: American Income Life, \$4,000 accidental death and dismemberment benefit, please keep them up to date. The agent does not have to come to your house, you do not have to sign anything. Once in a while it is necessary to send out registered mail, please make sure the person that picks up the mail will pick up the registered mail.

**Membership Val Loper:** Updates in packets

Highest Percentage of Growth for January is Lighthouse and Lake County  
Highest Percentage of Growth for February is Lighthouse  
Most New Members November is Lighthouse  
Most New Members December is Lighthouse

Total Members 7089 +90  
Total Voters 5388 +56

Life cards handed out

**Masterlink Editor Bob von Bulow:** Chapter elections are coming up, please get the officer change sheets in as soon as possible so they can make the June issue if possible. Rhonda is making a CD of various state events, let Bob v know if you would like a copy of that.

**PR/Communications Lockdown:** ABATE of IN is taking advantage of our exchange of advertising, our Bike Week Campground flyer for their Boogie flyer.

The 2012 Proclamation has been sent to the office and is now online on our website

Please email a copy of any Proclamation your chapter obtained to [statepr@abateflorida.com](mailto:statepr@abateflorida.com) so I can add it to the list of the many Proclamations we have on the website.

**Safety Director Johnny James:** Need real names on reports, NOT road names. We have to account for the products.

**Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker" Knee:** Old event shirts are available at reduced prices.



**Legislative Trustee Darrin Brooks:** Session is over, special session is over. We gained two seats in congress due to redistricting. Maps will be sent out. This is the time when each chapter needs to step up. The new candidates are wanting to talk to groups such as ours, we need them to be aware of us and we need to find out who is motorcycle friendly.

**Lobbyist Doc:** People in Tallahassee were impressed with our dedication on the cold ride. Session will go back to the previous date (April) next year. No adverse news coverage.

Our stiffer penalty bill did not go through. Brad Drake would not budge. He will not be in the house next year. Vertical tag is on HB 1223 which is going to the governor.

Safety money is in the budget, Governor has line item veto, but confidence is high that it will remain in the budget.

Proposal for lobbyist has been submitted.

Frenchi – was jail time the reason the stiffer penalties bill failed? Doc says no, the biggest problem was Brad Drake refusing to hear it.

Rhonda – can we get the red-white-blue tag price reduced? Doc – all fees were raised it wasn't just the motorcyclist tag. Lana – are the fees still being divided amongst the four entities that had it originally? Yes.

Polk asks if we need to make a motion for our stiffer penalties bill next year, Doc says not today. Let the chapters decide how they want to proceed.

Lobbyist proposal is corrected to read starting 11/1/2012 to end on 11/1/2014.

Patti – we had discussed making a new safety video using safety money.

Danny – Talking about distance education on a website for the program resulting from a traffic infraction. Jim Burrow suggests licensing the program to a third party.

**Legal Counsel Larry Crow: Absent: Doc -** Hillsborough County fairgrounds lawsuit is under way. Also filing suit for Orange County using driver and CW permit pictures.

Doc was invited to come to the fairgrounds to view a sequel to the Easyriders movie. Doc declined, said he wouldn't be allowed in with the ABATE insignia, other groups were not allowed entrance to this, so suit will be filed.

**NCOM:** May 10-11-12 in Indianapolis, Doc will attend as chairman, Mudder, Danny Fish, and Val are going. Will have a meeting with sport bike rodeo people at NCOM meeting.

**MRF / AMA:** MRF- blurb about EPA bill, trying to stop the 15% ethanol bill. EPA has no oversight, can make their own laws. Also note on Michigan helmet law progress.



**BIKE WEEK 2012:** Awards for bike week were handed out. Chapter that worked the most hours, Lake County. First place for selling most drawing tickets, Caloosahatchee Chapter. We usually have a Volunteer of the year award, this year we have several. Ann McCarty, Tom Wallen, Jim Rigby, Steve Nasarallah, Paul Antonio, Julie Strough, Sherry Ward, Bruce Staley, Tammy Fish, Sharon Rudo. Presidential awards for 60 hours or more were handed out. Also 48 to 59 hours awards (get in free cards) were handed out.

Mudder – Bike Week couldn't be done if it weren't for volunteers. Has some awards for his people which will be mailed out. Acknowledges his shift commanders, also assistants.

Val thanks her people that worked, thanks for helping her keep the sign in sheets current.

Patti – thanks the volunteers that worked in the cook shack.

Danny – thanks to Gator Alley and Fritz for building the bar. Thanks Lockdown for the idea of donating the goods. Thanks to Jim Burrow for the plaque.

**TALLAHASSEE 2012:** Legislature was happy with us to brave the cold and come to the capitol. If we are to do it again, it is reserved for next year.

**Old Business:** Polk County bylaw change. Roll call vote. A person running for any of the Executive Officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) state board positions must be an American citizen and a Florida resident. Fails by one vote.

Lobbyist proposal is discussed by Doc.

Nominations for state board is completed.

**New Business:** State meeting bids due by June

Southeast – can we put up a billboard in the Southeast with the new safety money? Board will look into it.

Strongbow – RE: billboards in the Southeast, bus advertising is cheaper.

Griz – member looking for info on website on the state meeting, found it hard to find it. Lockdown will find an easier way to do it.

Jim Burrow – EPA has approved 15% ethanol. Luckily Congress has asked for more research. EPA has no oversight.

State made a profit on bike week this year.

**Good to the Order:** Various events read. Thanks to Vintage for the meeting and the meal. June meeting will be in Lake County. Congratulations to Ray from Lake County who won the 50/50 drawing. Thank you to all for attending!

**Meeting adjourned by unanimous acclaim! 5:25 pm**



**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**DELEGATE MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2012 HOSTED BY HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHAPTER IN SAN ANTONIO**

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm by President Danny "Doc" Fish. Prayer was given. Present were Vice President Jim Gladstone, Secretary Bob Alexander, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt. at Arms Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi, Masterlink Bob von Bulow, Membership Trustee Val Loper, PR Rhonda Griffis, Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker" Knee, Legislative Trustee Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, and State Office "Boots."

Also present were Assistant Sgt. at Arms, TJ Painter and Emory Griffis. Also present was guest Tammy Fish., Assistant Secretary and Treasurer Karen Carawan,

Absent were Webmaster Dave "Lockdown" Rich; Legal Counsel Legal Larry Crow

The following Delegates represented their chapters:

Alachua-Jim Burrow, Bruce Nelson  
 Big Bend-absent  
 Black Creek-Kelly Chaires, Greg Turner  
 Brevard-Fay Carroll, Dave Carroll  
 Caloosahatchee:Heidi Hill, Diane Kerwin  
 Daytona Beach-John Banta  
 Duval-Lisa Sims, Victor Sawyers  
 Estero River-Mark Williams, Kenny Winstead  
 First Coast-Wanda Garrison, SaraBeth Kohl  
 Forest-Russell Pace, Bridgett Pace  
 Freedom-Benica Fox, Dave Soles  
 Gator Alley-Fred Corr, John Stevens  
 Gulf Coast-Jim Rigby, Ben Sandoual  
 Hillsborough-Jennifer Jeffery, Becky Speer  
 Independence-Charles Bird, Rodney Maas  
 Inerstate-Don McIntyre, Dale Moore

Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver  
 Lighthouse-Marie Donovan, Art Ring  
 Nature Coast-Rick Purvis, Beth Bobbitt  
 Orange County-Lana Lang, Frenchi Morland  
 Palm Beach- Dan Henderson, Ken Gerecke  
 Peace River-Greg Borden, Bill Bird  
 Polk County-Christian Brandfass, Patty Brandfass  
 Putnam County-W.E. Stollz, Pauline Sasser  
 Seminole County- Dianna Miller, Janice Griffin  
 Southeast-Alan Loper, Stephen Chomiak  
 Southernmost- Mark Werley, Sandy MacLaren  
 Southwest-Wayne Cerra, Jimmie Dennis  
 Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Dawn Steinhurst  
 Vintage-John Massoth, Tracy Massoth  
 West Coast-Joe Pereh, Mike Gesell

**President Danny "Doc" Fish:** We have lost some really good people to death recently. Please support their families and keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

The bickering in chapters has become a real issue, Jim has been spending a great deal of time to try to smooth some of these issues. Please remember and be careful of what you put on your vests.

RE: Drinking at meetings. It is not allowed. Remember it is the president's responsibility for the safety of the chapter. Be an example for your members.

Bike week tickets will be distributed today. Financial report shows we need this help, we must sell these tickets quickly.

Bring chapter funds to the state meeting in the form of a check not cash, write a chapter check for the drawing tickets.

**Vice President Jim Gladstone:** Thanks to all for coming. Regarding appearances in public, please be aware of what you put in print, watch the content of published photos, for example stacks of bottles in the background, or unacceptable behavior. Don't print pictures that are questionable.



**Secretary Bob Alexander:** No corrections were submitted. Move by Peace River second by Gulf Coast to accept minutes as written. Passed.

**Treasurer Patti Nasrallah:** Treasurer Report in packets. A few months ago we had to pay our liability insurance. Masterlink costs a significant amount every other month. We have only collected about a third of what our insurance costs from the chapters. The answer is to sell those tickets.

Also, our members need to support our events. Attendance is dropping in all events all over the state. No one is saying don't do charity events, but make sure the corporation makes something out of the events.

Frenchi says one of the reasons people don't come because of the way they were treated in the past. Danny says there have been changes, there are new faces. We have to work together. Chapter participation is the answer.

Moved Seminole second Independence to accept treasurer report as written, Passed.

**SGA "Mudder:** Inventory sheets, there are two in your packets, one for safety and one for chapter products. Fill them out and send them to the state office. Need make model and serial numbers of major equipment.

**Safety:** There may be members that wear support patches. ABATE supports all motorcyclists, all clubs. If a member has a support patch and find themselves in an area of a rival club, they are going to find themselves in a bit of a pickle. Be aware of what a support patch is, and advise your members NOT to wear support patches for one group over another.

For large items like trailers or vehicles, it is not a bad idea to have a picture included with the inventory to help with identification if necessary. Anything with a tag, copy of registration must be on file.

**State Office Manager Boots:** we are one organization. We must work together. Flyer SOPS, for some reason they are not being followed very well right now. Dates, chapter names, ABATE of Florida, spelling are some of the many problems in these areas.

RE: American Income Life, make sure state has correct names, address, for example in case of divorce your name might be changed, to collect the benefits your name and other information must match what the state has on file.

**Membership Val Loper:** Updates in packets. Would like to send membership reports by email, will use email unless chapter specifically requests otherwise.

Highest Percentage of Growth for July West Coast  
Most New Members for July Southeast  
Highest Percentage of Growth for August West Coast  
Most New Members for August Daytona Beach  
Total Members 7054 (-43)  
Total Voters 5335 (-26)  
Life cards handed out

**Masterlink Editor Bob von Bulow:** Send pictures when possible. Some businesses have web based businesses. We could benefit greatly from some ads in our Masterlink, and it's really cheap. Please try to sell these ads to help support the organization.



**PR/Communications Rhonda:** Her responsibility is to help chapters with communications. Her public is us, our public is the community. Emory and Rhonda will select a chapter, then take \$125 out of their personal funding to pay for insurance, then will help them put on an event. Call it the pay it forward plan. That chapter will then pay it forward, and give the \$125 to another chapter that would ordinarily not be able to afford to put on an event.

She has secured paperwork for one \$5,000 sponsor and a verbal commitment from another \$5,000 which will be \$10,000 NOT coming out of our pocket. Rhonda needs your help, your PR rep will be contacted, if they don't respond, then the president will be contacted.

Has sent out condolence cards to Tallahassee police officer that was killed on his bike. Also attended Brenda Hecks funeral.

**Safety Director Report given by Danny Fish:** Please get the supply reports in to the office. We need the records to help us get the funding in the future. Talking with Charlie Winger, may be interested in the program.

Danny recognizes Lana Lang. Attended the CTST meeting. She felt welcome and felt they were glad for her input.

Danny – take these opportunities, but be careful how you present yourself, and have your facts straight.

**Products Trustee Steve “Caretaker” Knee:** Close out shirts available for \$5. Products from Indiana that we have been getting are being discontinued. We are trying to find alternative sources.

**Legislative Trustee Darrin Brooks:** Ongoing lawsuit I Pinellas county, corrections officer from Connecticut, rides without a helmet, got a ticket, officer needed to see proof of insurance. His health insurance was denied by the officer. Ticket was written. Is thought the judge will dismiss due to statute being unclear.

Ethanol 15 is being watched. Best thing for us to do since we are still in the campaign season, talk to the candidates about this.

Primary, we won some but we lost some big ones. Get the members out to vote. Maybe make a run on Election Day.

Polk County had a good showing with a candidate, Inerstate had a very pro ABATE Candidate in to speak with them, unfortunately that candidate lost by a very small margin, Motorcycle coalition, Darrin's treatment is getting better through our influence, and our working with the safety teams.

Also, let the candidates know what we do with the safety money, we can help Doc get the funding back for us.

**Lobbyist Doc:** Talk to the legislators about the safety money, we can get the veto overridden.

Amendments – Received calls on support of various bills and legislation. If it is not motorcycle oriented, we are not going to take a stand on it.

ABATE was formed to lobby for favorable legislation as it relates to motorcycles.

Bills – Doc needs the sanction of the state board in order to do bills. You must direct your questions to the state board if you want Doc to do something official.

Stiffer penalties bill will be done again.



Doc has been asked to see if we can get mandatory driver education for cars. Doc wants us to see what counties already have it, and how they pay for it.

**Legal Counsel Larry Crow:** Absent: Danny – meeting missed, understand he has job and family obligations, will talk to Larry this week.

**NCOM:** Sport bike event is still in planning state, conference call made last week. Considering Lakeland, Gainesville and Orlando, want to do it the week before Biketoberfest next year.

Next year NCOM convention is in RENO.

**MRF / AMA:** AMA fighting E15 and mandatory purchase of 4 gallons.

**BIKE WEEK 2013:** Thanks to Rhonda for getting us some money to work with. We are going to be reaching out to the chapters to donate some of the things we need to put this on. Need a 55-65 kw generator, if we can get one, we can save some money.

Dfish30775@aol.com is Danny's personal email address, we are having trouble with the 1 and 1 email accounts.

**TALLAHASSEE 2013:** we will be going back to the KOA, no RVs or campers in tent area. Those units must rent directly from KOA. The officer that was killed was one of the ones who always assisted us on our run. He will be remembered with out bell on the steps of the capitol. Dates are April 12 to 15 2013. Chris, never sees flyers or anything on our run in the Tallahassee area.

**Old Business:** Alachua tabling the bylaw change till the next meeting pending more research.

Our bylaws require two signatures on all checks.

The person that sells the winning drawing ticket gets a \$150 bonus. Mudder will put \$50 in the chapter's fund of the member that sells the winning tickets.

**New Business:** TJ will research putting magnetic signs on the rest stops at the turnpike and interstate.

**Good to the Order:** Various events read. Thanks to Hillsborough, Freedom and Polk for the meeting and the meal. December meeting will be in Neptune Beach. Steve from Southeast gave a short talk on VA. Congratulations to

Dan from Treasure Coast who won the 50/50 drawing. He donated a portion of it back to ABATE. Thank you Dan! Thank you to all for attending!

Meeting adjourned by unanimous acclaim! 5:56 pm

