

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

I will start out by saying that Dual chapter did a great job with the December meeting, the food was outstanding and so was the band after the meeting.

I hope that everyone has had a safe and happy holiday. I know the holidays can be both happy and sad for each of us. Spending time with family and friends, and remembering those that have passed. Always remember the good times and along the way tell a story or 2 so others can remember them too.

I are very excited to have Charley Wenger on board with safety, he will be working some new ideas that he brings with him. One thing that he and I talked about is to get the teachers, school board members and parents of the high schoolers to write a letter into the State Reps. Asking them to support us getting the funding needed to do our programs. This is something that we have not tried before maybe it will help, it sure can't hurt. So the next time you go out to do our MS&AP program take a stamped envelope addressed to the rep for that area or collect letters and get them to Charley, and we'll hand them to the reps ourselves.

With the new year here it's time to get busy with Bike week and Talley. Please as members take a stack of flyers to all the local bike shops for both events, also set up your time to be off from work to get involved.

Ride safe & smart,

Danny"Doc"Fish

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## CHAPTER UPDATE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2012

<b>Chapter</b>	Members	New New	Renewal	Deleted	Delinquent	Voters	Life Members	Transfer	% Growth	Late	% Voters	Member
AT LARGE	512	0	0	2	1	330	440	1	4.70%		64%	-1
ALACHUA	151	3	3	3	3	114	89		-0.66%		75%	0
BIG BEND	17	0	0	0	2	14	13		-10.53%		82%	-2
BLACK CREEK	126	1	3	4	3	103	70	1	0.80%		82%	-2
BREVARD	319	4	1	3	1	259	156	1	0.95%		81%	3
CALOOSAHATCHEE	80	0	1	2	0	60	50		1.27%		75%	0
DAYTONA BEACH	281	6	7	4	11	182	164	1	0.36%		65%	-5
DUVAL	355	1	5	22	7	246	108	3	-0.56%		69%	-6
ESTERO RIVER	180	1	2	6	2	134	90		-1.64%		74%	-1
FIRST COAST	38	5	4	2	4	26	8	2	15.15%		68%	1
FOREST	149	5	3	1	2	124	58		2.05%		83%	3
FREEDOM	116	2	3	2	4	59	46		-2.52%		51%	-2
GATOR ALLEY	371	4	2	12	6	267	227		-0.27%		72%	-2
GULF COAST	339	5	2	3	8	283	244		-0.88%		83%	-3
HILLSBOROUGH	193	6	1	2	5	143	111		0.52%		74%	1
INDEPENDENCE	508	3	0	5	23	400	305	1	0.00%		79%	-20
INERSTATE	168	1	2	4	5	124	100	1	-2.33%		74%	-4
LAKE	253	24	5	1	1	169	139		11.45%		67%	23
LIGHTHOUSE	92	2	1	0	0	66	4		2.22%		72%	2
NATURE COAST	55	0	2	0	6	43	18		-9.84%		78%	-6
ORANGE COUNTY	53	1	0	1	1	35	26		0.00%		66%	0
PALM BEACH	234	8	11	2	2	95	66		4.46%		41%	6
PEACE RIVER	288	12	5	4	2	218	173		3.60%		76%	10
POLK COUNTY	174	7	4	5	6	133	71		0.58%		76%	1
PUTNAM	117	0	0	4	7	97	61	1	-6.40%		83%	-7
SEMINOLE	117	9	1	1	0	77	60		8.33%		66%	9
SOUTHEAST	631	22	12	17	13	512	263		2.27%		81%	9
SOUTHERNMOST	365	5	3	2	5	293	253		0.55%		80%	0
SOUTHWEST	205	13	1	3	7	159	84		2.50%		78%	6
TREASURE COAST	198	11	2	13	9	152	24		1.02%		77%	2
VINTAGE	71	8	4	5	4	51	18		5.97%		72%	4
WEST COAST	364	10	8	8	11	286	135		-0.27%		79%	-1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7120</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>5254</b>	<b>3674</b>					

## CHAPTER UPDATE REPORT OCTOBER 2012

Chapter	New Members	New	Renewal	Deleted	Delinquent	Voters	Life Members	Transfer	% Growth	Late	% Voters	Member
AT LARGE	505	1	1	1	8	329	440	2	3.27%		65%	-7
ALACHUA	151	1	1	3	1	114	89		-0.66%		75%	0
BIG BEND	15	0	0	2	2	12	13		-21.05%		80%	-2
BLACK CREEK	124	1	4	2	4	101	70		-0.80%		81%	-3
BREVARD	312	1	1	1	8	252	156		-1.27%		81%	-7
CALOOSAHATCHEE	75	0	0	0	5	59	50		-5.06%		79%	-5
DAYTONA BEACH	282	4	7	10	4	185	165		0.71%		66%	0
DUVAL	356	12	5	5	12	248	110		-0.28%		70%	0
ESTERO RIVER	176	3	2	2	7	131	90		-3.83%		74%	-4
FIRST COAST	41	3	0	4	0	28	8		24.24%		68%	3
FOREST	148	7	3	2	8	123	58		1.37%		83%	-1
FREEDOM	113	2	0	4	5	56	46		-5.04%		50%	-3
GATOR ALLEY	367	3	2	6	7	262	227		-1.34%		71%	-4
GULF COAST	332	1	0	8	8	277	244		-2.92%		83%	-7
HILLSBOROUGH	180	11	18	4	25	133	112	1	-6.25%		74%	-14
INDEPENDENCE	499	4	0	0	13	392	305		-1.77%		79%	-9
INERSTATE	164	3	3	5	7	120	100		-4.65%		73%	-4
LAKE	252	3	0	1	4	169	139		11.01%		67%	-1
LIGHTHOUSE	93	1	3	0	0	67	4		3.33%		72%	1
NATURE COAST	55	0	0	6	0	43	18		-9.84%		78%	0
ORANGE COUNTY	53	0	0	1	0	35	26		0.00%		66%	0
PALM BEACH	229	1	4	1	7	93	66		2.23%		41%	-6
PEACE RIVER	288	8	5	2	8	218	173		3.60%		76%	0
POLK COUNTY	171	2	3	3	7	129	71		-1.16%		75%	-5
PUTNAM	118	2	6	6	2	97	62		-5.60%		82%	0
SEMINOLE	121	4	0	0	0	80	60		12.04%		66%	4
SOUTHEAST	616	13	10	10	31	503	264		-0.16%		82%	-18
SOUTHERNMOST	361	0	3	4	5	289	253		-0.55%		80%	-5
SOUTHWEST	207	4	10	4	5	161	84		3.50%		78%	-1
TREASURE COAST	195	2	4	8	5	151	25	1	-0.51%		77%	-3
VINTAGE	69	1	0	3	3	49	18		2.99%		71%	-2
WEST COAST	366	10	5	10	9	289	135		0.27%		79%	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7034</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>5195</b>	<b>3681</b>					

**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**DELEGATE MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2012 HOSTED BY: DUVAL CHAPTER AT DAYS INN AT NEPTUNE BEACH**

Meeting called to order at 2:20 pm by President Danny Fish.

Present were Vice President Jim Gladstone, Secretary Bob Alexander excused Assisting Karen Carawan, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt. At Arms Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi, PR/Webmaster: Rhonda Griffis, Membership Val Loper, Masterlink Bob von Bulow, Legal Counsel Legal Larry Crow, Legislative Trustee Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Products Steve "Caretaker" Knee, Safety Director N/A, Website: Dave "Lockdown" Rich excused, and State Office "Boots", Assistant Sgt at Arms TJ Painter and Emory Griffis both are excused. Also present guest Tammy Fish.

The following Delegates represented their chapters:

Alachua-Jim Burrow, Bruce Nelson	Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver
Big Bend	Lighthouse-Rich Casale, Dough Tungate
Black Creek-Kelly Chaires, Herb Hilderbrand	Nature Coast-Steve Mallady, Frank Moore
Brevard-Fay Carroll, Dave Carroll	Orange County-Frenchi Morland
Caloosahatchee-Biffle Davis	Palm Beach-Dan Henderson, Ken Gerecke
Daytona Beach-John Banta, Frank Roush	Peace River-Bill Neal, Bill Bird
Duval-Mike Wewer, Jeni Wewer	Polk County-Christian Brandfass, PattyBrandfass
Estero River-Mark Williams, Angelic Squirewell	Putnam County-Herlon Sasser, Pauline Sasser
First Coast-Wanda Garrison, SaraBeth Kohl	Seminole County-Mychelle Dillenbeck, Steve Spencer
Forest-Russell Fascenda	Southeast-Excused
Freedom-Benica Fox, Dave Soles	Southernmost-Bill Kelly, Sandy MacLaren
Gator Alley-Fred Corr, Robert Crans	Southwest-Wayne Cerra, Frankie Kennedy
Gulf Coast-Julie Dufur, EJ Dufur	Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Kerstin Carmichael
Hillsborough-John Munroe, Steve Nasrallah	Vintage-Shelly Munson, Sharon Balocki
Independence-John Buffington, Ellen Buffington	West Coast-Margie Gladstone
Interstate-Don McIntyre, Dale Moore	

The Star Spangled Banner was sung by: Mike Evans and Jennifer Bruce. Then the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

**President Danny "Doc" Fish:** First of all Southeast chapter has been excused to attend a funeral today and Ms. Boots will be announcing Roseanna to speak to everyone about the Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance.

AIM packages will be mailed out. Delegates please take good notes; factual information needs to go back to your chapters. Please refrain from drinking during meetings. Professional treatment for all members is a necessity. If you have a problem with someone, take it up with them and work it out.

will be another increase of motorcycle deaths.

**Lobbyist "Doc" Reichenbach:** is excused. Doc said that there will be NO Veto override for the Safety Money.

Questions were asked and Doc Fish will take these to Doc Reichenbach.

**Legal Council Larry Crow:** Limit auction for firearms is under consideration. Have suggested that these will be done through a licensed firearms dealer in the future.

**NCOM:** Will be held in Reno, Nevada during Mother's Day weekend. Those who wish to attend must pay there own way.

**MRF / AMA:** State legislative plaque award given to: ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC for their Meeting of the Minds at the meeting held in Washington, DC.

**Bike Week 2013:** Please take a good look at the list of Needs in the Nov.-Dec. MasterLink. Any donations will be of a great help. Boots is working on the permits. Working on accepting credit cards. Fairgrounds will be providing an ATM machine right by the front gate.

**Tallahassee 2013:** Deposit to be given to KOA at beginning of the year. RV's are to go through the KOA for RV spots.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Good to the Order:** Various events mentioned.

Thanks to Duval for the meeting and not only cooking the food but donating the food as well! Thank you!

The 50/50 drawing was won by Sharon Balocki of Vintage Chapter.

Thanks to all for attending!

Meeting adjourned by unanimous acclaim 5:58 PM

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## **FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT**

By the time you read this report bike week should be in full swing. I would just like to say thank you to all that made donations to the bike week camp grounds. This show of support has been outstanding.

Darrin Brooks and Charlie Wenger have put together a sample petition that will work as a working tool in Tallahassee for our lobbyist to aid us in asking for funds for our safety program. Thanks to Lockdown it is posted on our web site for down loading. I am asking each chapter to use it and gather as many signatures as possible by the Freedom Ride to the capital.

I would hope you all have made arrangements to be in Tallahassee to speak to your House and Senate Reps about your rights on motorcycle related subjects as well as family concerns throughout the state. Such as E15 fuel and cell phone use.

It might have been a while since you have had you bike out due to the winter weather so take the time to look it over check the tires pressure. The good riding season is at hand so be safe.

Ride safe & smart,

Danny"Doc"Fish

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## NEXT STATE MEETING

Sunday April 14, Monticello, FL

SEE FLYER INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION



## CHAPTER UPDATE REPORT NOVEMBER 2012

Chapter	Members	New New	Renewal	Deleted	Deliquent	Voters	Life Members	Transfer	% Growth	Late	% Voters	Member
AT LARGE	483	0	1	8	2	328	441		-4.36%		68%	-2
ALACHUA	146	0	1	1	2	112	89		-3.31%		77%	-2
BIG BEND	13	0	0	2	0	12	13		-13.33%		92%	0
BLACK CREEK	123	2	7	3	3	101	70		-0.81%		82%	-1
BREVARD	303	2	15	4	5	255	158	2	-2.88%		84%	-3
CALOOSAHATCHEE	68	0	0	5	4	55	51	1	-9.33%		81%	-4
DAYTONA BEACH	262	5	3	4	7	181	165	1	-7.09%		69%	-2
DUVAL	351	18	8	8	21	250	110	1	-1.40%		71%	-3
ESTERO RIVER	175	2	3	7	3	131	91	1	-0.57%		75%	-1
FIRST COAST	43	2	0	0	0	29	8		4.88%		67%	2
FOREST	149	10	1	8	4	126	58		0.68%		85%	6
FREEDOM	110	2	3	3	3	59	46	1	-2.65%		54%	-1
GATOR ALLEY	341	7	0	7	12	258	226		-7.08%		76%	-5
GULF COAST	330	7	1	8	3	278	245	1	-0.60%		84%	4
HILLSBOROUGH	161	0	1	25	5	129	111	1	-10.56%		80%	-5
INDEPENDENCE	472	0	1	13	15	382	304	1	-5.41%	NO	81%	-15
INERSTATE	161	5	3	6	5	123	100		-1.83%		76%	0
LAKE	244	4	1	4	2	171	139		-3.17%		70%	2
LIGHTHOUSE	76	1	5	0	18	50	4		-18.28%		66%	-17
NATURE COAST	50	0	0	0	2	42	18		-9.09%		84%	-2
ORANGE COUNTY	52	4	1	0	3	34	26		-1.89%		65%	1
PALM BEACH	224	3	6	6	5	98	66		-2.18%		44%	-2
PEACE RIVER	271	5	2	8	7	215	174		-5.90%		79%	-2
POLK COUNTY	165	2	2	6	8	124	72		-3.51%		75%	-6
PUTNAM	113	3	0	2	3	96	60		-4.24%		85%	0
SEMINOLE	117	2	0	0	3	81	61	2	-3.31%		69%	-1
SOUTHEAST	621	6	25	16	9	515	266		0.81%		83%	-3
SOUTHERNMOST	366	14	17	3	11	296	256		1.39%		81%	3
SOUTHWEST	204	8	4	5	9	159	83		-1.45%		78%	-11
TREASURE COAST	206	16	19	4	6	160	25	1	5.64%		78%	10
VINTAGE	67	0	0	3	1	47	17	1	-2.90%		70%	-1
WEST COAST	378	23	3	8	12	303	135		3.28%		80%	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6845</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>5200</b>	<b>3688</b>					

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AT LARGE	476	0	0	2	7	321	441		-1.45%		67%	-7
ALACHUA	144	1	0	2	3	112	89		-1.37%		78%	-2
BIG BEND	13	0	0	0	0	12	13		0.00%		92%	0
BLACK CREEK	129	6	3	2	1	106	72		4.88%		82%	5
BREVARD	296	28	35	4	36	252	160		-2.31%		85%	-8
CALOOSAHATCHEE	68	0	0	4	0	55	51		0.00%		81%	0
DAYTONA BEACH	262	3	6	3	7	180	165		0.00%		69%	-4
DUVAL	353	15	6	21	13	256	112		0.57%		73%	2
ESTERO RIVER	163	1	5	3	13	124	91		-6.86%		76%	-12
FIRST COAST	43	0	1	0	0	29	9		0.00%		67%	0
FOREST	153	4	1	4	0	130	59		2.68%		85%	4
FREEDOM	103	2	0	3	8	56	46		-6.36%		54%	-6
GATOR ALLEY	343	3	8	10	4	258	226		0.59%		75%	-1
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HILLSBOROUGH	161	0	3	5	0	129	114		0.00%		80%	0
INDEPENDENCE	458	8	4	15	22	374	304		-2.97%		82%	-14
INERSTATE	167	6	1	5	0	126	100		3.73%		75%	6
LAKE	236	5	0	2	13	162	139		-3.28%		69%	-8
LIGHTHOUSE	71	0	6	14	9	49	4		-6.58%		69%	-9
NATURE COAST	53	2	3	0	1	44	18		6.00%		83%	1
ORANGE COUNTY	51	0	0	3	1	33	26		-1.92%		65%	-1
PALM BEACH	225	7	16	3	8	104	66		0.45%		46%	-1
PEACE RIVER	265	3	1	6	10	212	174		-2.21%		80%	-7
POLK COUNTY	163	2	6	8	4	121	72		-1.21%		74%	-2
PUTNAM	113	3	0	3	1	96	60		0.00%		85%	2
SEMINOLE	116	3	6	1	6	80	61		-0.85%		69%	-3
SOUTHEAST	625	12	13	4	13	520	267		0.64%		83%	-1
SOUTHERNMOST	362	1	4	10	6	293	256		-1.09%		81%	-5
SOUTHWEST	208	8	9	6	6	163	84		1.96%		78%	2
TREASURE COAST	197	7	20	5	17	154	25		-4.37%		78%	-10
VINTAGE	68	2	6	0	4	48	17		1.49%		71%	-2
WEST COAST	383	9	2	11	5	303	135		1.32%		79%	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6805</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>5187</b>	<b>3701</b>					

**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**DELEGATE MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2013 HOSTED BY INDEPENDENCE CHAPTER IN PALM BAY**

Meeting called to order at 2:17 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, Membership Trustee Val Loper, PR Rhonda Griffis, Products Trustee Steve “Caretaker” Knee, Legal Counsel Larry Crow, Legislative Trustee Darrin “Scribe” Brooks, and State Office “Boots.

Also present were Assistant Sgt. at Arms, TJ Painter and Emory Griffis; and Assistant Secretary and Treasurer Karen Carawan.

Also present was guest Bill Ball

The following Delegates represented their chapters:

Alachua-Jim Burrow, Bruce Nelson	Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver
Big Bend-absent	Lighthouse- Rich Casale, Doug Tungate
Black Creek-Kelly Chaires, Greg Turner	Nature Coast-Karen Carawan, Wayne Carawan
Brevard- Rodney L. Maas, Charles M. Bird	Orange County-Frenchi Morland
Caloosahatchee:absent	Palm Beach- Dan Henderson, Ken Gerecke
Daytona Beach- Frank Roush Jr., Kathy Holland	Peace River-Bill Neal, Bill Bird
Duval-Mike Wewer, Victor Sawyers	Polk County-Christian Brandfass, Patty Brandfass
Estero River-Mark Williams	Putnam County-Lee Nelson, Jo Nelson
First Coast- James Rumschlay, Grace Lord	Seminole County- Dianna Miller, Janice Griffin
Forest-Bridgette Pace, Cathy Hambidge	Southeast-Demetrios Kirkiles, Bob Calabrese
Freedom- Benica Fox, Rose Nutt	Southernmost- Bill Kelly, Sandy MacLaren
Gator Alley-Fred Corr, Robert Crans	Southwest-Wayne Cerra, Victor Piorkowski
Gulf Coast- Debi Alameda, Larry Alameda	Treasure Coast-Pat Murray, Kerstin Carmichael
Hillsborough- Opal Gierschke, Steve Nasrallah	Vintage-Shelly Munson, Charles Johnston
Independence- John Buffington, Robin Bailey	West Coast-Margie Gladstone
Inerstate-Brenda Lee Moore, Dale Moore	

**President Danny “Doc” Fish:** Make sure your chapter website is updated with the correct officers, make sure meeting places/dates are correct.

If you know any way we can improve our support for you, please let us know,

If you have ABATE owned property at your home. check with your homeowners insurance to see if ABATE property you keep at home is covered. Be careful and be responsible.

Our \$4,000 insurance is NOT life insurance, its accidental death and dismemberment insurance, if death is natural, it is not covered.

Media Contact: Local media should be referred to Rhonda so she can include them.

**Vice President Jim Gladstone:** Thanks to all for coming, thanks for your personal time you give to be here. Need to get public to understand what ABATE is, what our purpose is. Regarding tax forms, make sure you make copies.

Danny – Boots does a great job at the office. We got a thank you letter from a family that got the insurance benefit.

**Secretary Bob Alexander:** No corrections were submitted. Move by Lake County second by Gulf Coast to accept minutes as written. Passed. Must use phone number on website if you need to contact me, 863-202-0905

**Treasurer Patti Nasrallah:** Treasurer Report in packets. Thanks to Polk County and Rose for donations.

Working very closely to get a budget that works for us, expenses have changed a lot. We are using QuickBooks now for bookkeeping. Sources of income are broken down as are expenses.

Question: Regarding credit card expenses, look on income/expense section it is broken down there.

The streamlining of Masterlink processing and mailings is underway. The new database has a way of combining families so they only receive one copy.

Moved by Estero River second by Inerstate to accept treasurer report as written, Passed.

**SGA "Mudder":** Still need donations for bike week.

Inventories: Thanks to all those who got them in time. Still need some, names are read. Please include serial numbers of major equipment on the inventory sheets.

Still need volunteers for bike week.

Incident/accident reports: Please use the new form that is on the website. Take pictures.

**State Office Manager Boots:** Officer Updates- please make sure they are correct. Send one completely filled out each time a change is made.

Need current chapter bylaws if you have them.

**Membership Val Loper:** Updates in packets. Awards handed out.

Highest Percentage of Growth for November First Coast  
Most New Members for November West Coast

Highest Percentage of Growth for December Nature Coast  
Most New Members for December Gulf Coast

Life cards handed out

**Masterlink Editor Bob von Bulow:** Absent excused

**PR/Communications Rhonda:** Find in your packet a flyer that says "your flyer here", Richard Lester has agreed to pay to print flyers for our chapter events. Flyers must be pre-approved.

Grace from First Coast has gotten donations and supplies for bike week, thanks Grace!

Daytona Beach chapter made a cash donation, thanks Daytona!

**Webmaster:** Absent excused, turn updates into Boots, she will get them to Lockdown.

**Safety Director Charles Wenger:** Danny – We need the information on distribution, Doc needs this information to try to get our funding back. We are going to try to do a petition. Will be posted on the website.

Alachua says we need to have the delegate vote on this since they are the governing body.

Charlie – petition is out.

Outlines process to have safety class, and obtain MSAP instructor status.

Please put the membership forms on the table at bike nights.

Product orders should be made by March 1.

MSAP certifications – existing certification holders should teach another person in their chapter so they can receive their instructor status.

Mike Pope from Brevard shows bright orange safety shirt, asks how many chapters are having events for May, motorcycle awareness month.

**Products Trustee Steve “Caretaker” Knee:** Change in fax number 386-943-9610. If you order 10 or more of one item, must have a one month lead time. Don’t forget to include your chapter name on the orders.

**Legislative Trustee Darrin Brooks:** March 5 to May 3 is legislative session. Updates are in your packet. Myfloridahouse.com is a very helpful site.

Tallahassee is coming up, prepare a packet for your members to take and hand out to every legislator they go to see. It should have information on your chapter, pictures, logo and that you are in their district and are concerned. Also let them know what we do with the safety money and how vital it is to help save lives.

You can call the representatives now and tell them you will be there, but don’t be surprised if they won’t take an appointment this soon, their schedules don’t go this far out, but plant the seed and then follow up in the time frame they tell you.

Danny – take the time to talk to organizations (schools, service clubs), ask them to tell their representatives what we did for them.

**Lobbyist Doc:** Stiffer penalties bill is in drafting, have till March 1 to obtain a sponsor.

Doc will work on the handicap sticker for M/C vanity plate.

Safety money – will try to get it in re-occurring funds so we don’t have to apply every year.

Drivers Ed – Need program written to address requirement of taking our safety course for those that cause an accident to a motorcyclist.

Texting bill – called to sit on committee on texting, passed on committee, two to go. Task force set up to address problem of distracted drivers.

Talk of requiring motorcycle riders to carry insurance, so far just talk.

Talk of graduated license, talk of making riders start out with small displacement machines and then work up. Europe already does this. So far, just talk.

**Legal Counsel Larry Crow:** State Fair discrimination suit – will attempt entry again.

Doc – if you put the blurb on the bottom, NCOM will pay the \$250 for printing. One condition is, you cannot advertise another attorney.

**NCOM:** Sport bike event is still in planning state, difficult to find a place to have it.

Next year NCOM convention is in RENO.

**MRF / AMA:** AMA still fighting EPA ethanol percentage.

**BIKE WEEK 2013:** Thanks to all chapters and individuals who have made donations. Volunteer setup day the Saturday before bike week.

We have a band this year; will play the first Friday night.

Jim Gladstone: Last weekend of bike week there will be an iron horse rodeo event. Wants help from the chapters that already do rodeos.

**TALLAHASSEE 2013:** All ready to go, make plans to be there Monday. Dates are April 12 to 15 2013. RV sites must be rented directly from KOA. Still looking for food vendor.

**LEADERSHIP SEMINARS:** In packet, estimate of costs. Takes a count of those that want to do the seminars in July. Passed. Question, could you do it as a webinar or a workshop. That is being looked at.

**OLD BUSINESS:** TJ was to research putting magnetic signs on the rest stops at the turnpike and interstate. Information was submitted, is waiting for response

Southernmost – what about the insurance? We are looking at that, quotes are being obtained.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Petition for safety money. First, an MSAP certificate that was missed was handed out. Danny is asking for a show of hands for doing the petition to get our money back. Passed, Alachua only 7 Alachua (Jim Burrow), suggest having the state meetings quarterly instead of every two months. Quick vote, overwhelming against.

**Good to the Order:** Thanks to Independence for the lunch. Palm Beach makes a donation to the state, thank you very much. Brevard also makes a donation, thank you very much. Vintage gives Mudder a birthday gift.

Steve, long sleeve watch for motorcycle shirts, sell for \$18, price to chapter \$15.

Jim Gladstone, has been asked why do we need a state office? Various reasons stated by delegation. Most important, central location otherwise just a bunch of individual entities.

Various events read. Congratulations to Billy from Peace River who won the 50/50 drawing. Thank you to all for attending!

Meeting adjourned by unanimous acclaim! 6:27 pm

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I would like to start out by saying we had an outstanding ride to the capital. The 200 riders that showed up did a great job talking with our reps. We did however find out that the senate transportation committee had not meet for three weeks and had cancelled their meeting for the following day. It seems that our reps are having problems playing well together. If they can't do their jobs we need to find ones that will perform for the voters of Florida.

I did get a chance to speak with Congresswoman Brown for a minute or two and was invited to send her an email with our concerns. It just goes to show that you never know who you might get to speak with. Remember that we can make a difference. It doesn't happen in one day, it takes laying down some ground work by contacting our reps through out the year. Get to know you local government officials as well, they can help with our work.

It was a rush to be able to address all of you on the capital steps, it was one of my proudest moments I have had since being on the board. The hardest job I have ever had to do was calling out the names of brothers and sisters lost for the past year. I allowed the grand daughter of Dale Vest call his name, it was hard watching that little young lady with tears in her eyes, and wondering why there weren't more people there to remember the ones that aren't with us any more to help fight to save life's with our mission. We need more to ride in to the capital next year but don't wait 'til next year to start.

Scribe did a great job with the hand outs so everyone could be prepared when they visited their reps in the House and Senate. I could also tell that chapter legislative trustees and presidents had had done their job as well. Thank you all for being ready.

Ride safe and smart

Danny Fish

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I would like to thank you all for the vote of confidence given to me at the April state meeting, I am truly honored to serve you all as the State Vice President.

I will be getting up to speed over the next couple of weeks and will be contacting all the chapters for input.

Danny and I have always worked well together, and we have an awesome State Board Of Directors.

It is time for us all to move forward, and find a common goal to work on, together this organization is unstoppable!

Hope to see you all at the June state meeting,

Emory Griffis

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## CHAPTER UPDATE REPORT JANUARY 2013

Chapter	Members	New	Renewal	Deleted	Deliquent	Voters	Life Members	Transfer	% Growth	Late	% Voters	Most New Member
AT LARGE	470	0	1	7	6	317	440	5	-1.26%		67%	-6
ALACHUA	145	2	7	2	2	112	89		0.69%		77%	0
BIG BEND	13	0	0	0	0	12	13		0.00%		92%	0
BLACK CREEK	127	2	3	1	4	103	72		-1.55%		81%	-2
BREVARD	293	0	7	36	6	250	161	3	-1.01%		85%	-6
CALOOSAHATCHEE	67	0	1	0	1	54	51		-1.47%		81%	-1
DAYTONA BEACH	278	1	8	4	5	197	167		6.11%		71%	-4
DUVAL	359	27	5	12	21	268	111		1.70%		75%	6
ESTERO RIVER	156	0	3	13	7	121	91		-4.29%		78%	-7
FIRST COAST	45	2	0	0	1	31	10		4.65%		69%	1
FOREST	151	6	1	0	7	127	61	1	-1.31%		84%	-1
FREEDOM	104	1	3	7	2	56	46	1	0.97%		54%	-1
GATOR ALLEY	345	11	5	4	10	259	226		0.58%		75%	1
GULF COAST	341	4	1	5	0	289	245	3	1.19%		85%	4
HILLSBOROUGH	166	6	1	0	1	133	114		3.11%		80%	5
INDEPENDENCE	446	3	0	22	12	367	304	2	-2.62%		82%	-9
INERSTATE	162	0	0	0	5	123	100		-2.99%		76%	-5
LAKE	238	7	2	12	6	163	140		0.85%		68%	1
LIGHTHOUSE	71	8	6	6	11	48	4		0.00%		68%	-3
NATURE COAST	44	0	1	1	9	38	18		-16.98%		86%	-9
ORANGE COUNTY	50	0	3	1	1	32	26		-1.96%		64%	-1
PALM BEACH	220	4	7	6	11	104	66		-2.22%		47%	-7
PEACE RIVER	267	4	7	6	11	213	174		0.75%		80%	-7
POLK COUNTY	159	1	1	4	5	118	72		-2.45%		74%	-4
PUTNAM	110	0	1	1	3	93	60		-2.65%		85%	-3
SEMINOLE	115	2	0	6	3	81	61		-0.86%		70%	-1
SOUTHEAST	634	33	23	8	29	528	270		1.44%		83%	4
SOUTHERNMOST	371	15	5	5	7	300	258	1	2.49%		81%	8
SOUTHWEST	221	16	5	5	5	177	84	1	6.25%		80%	11
TREASURE COAST	206	12	14	13	7	163	26		4.57%		79%	5
VINTAGE	65	3	3	4	6	42	17		-4.41%		65%	-3
WEST COAST	413	40	11	3	13	324	135	1	7.83%		78%	27
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6852</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>5243</b>	<b>3712</b>					

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AT LARGE	479	9	4	6	0	318	440		0.63%		66%	9
ALACHUA	137	0	3	1	9	105	89		-4.86%		77%	-9
BIG BEND	13	0	0	0	0	12	13		0.00%		92%	0
BLACK CREEK	129	4	3	3	3	104	73		0.00%		81%	1
BREVARD	293	1	5	3	4	252	161		-1.01%		86%	-3
CALOOSAHATCHEE	63	0	0	1	4	52	51		-7.35%		83%	-4
DAYTONA BEACH	277	3	4	5	4	197	167	1	5.73%		71%	-1
DUVAL	338	3	4	20	25	253	113		-4.25%		75%	-22
ESTERO RIVER	150	0	2	6	7	118	91		-7.98%		79%	-7
FIRST COAST	38	0	0	1	7	25	10		-11.63%		66%	-7
FOREST	153	8	3	6	6	128	62		0.00%		84%	2
FREEDOM	100	1	1	2	5	55	46		-2.91%		55%	-4
GATOR ALLEY	344	4	2	8	7	256	226		0.29%		74%	-3
GULF COAST	340	3	0	0	4	288	246		0.89%		85%	-1
HILLSBOROUGH	165	0	0	1	1	132	114		2.48%		80%	-1
INDEPENDENCE	461	14	8	10	0	378	304		0.66%		82%	14
INERSTATE	158	1	0	5	5	118	100		-5.39%		75%	-4
LAKE	264	26	6	4	4	176	142		11.86%		67%	22
LIGHTHOUSE	63	5	3	10	14	44	4		-11.27%		70%	-9
NATURE COAST	42	0	0	9	2	36	18		-20.75%		86%	-2
ORANGE COUNTY	48	2	2	1	4	31	26		-5.88%		65%	-2
PALM BEACH	219	6	4	10	9	108	67	1	-2.67%		49%	-3
PEACE RIVER	263	6	6	0	9	211	174		-0.75%		80%	-3
POLK COUNTY	161	4	2	4	4	121	73		-1.23%		75%	0
PUTNAM	105	0	4	3	5	88	60		-7.08%		84%	-5
SEMINOLE	113	2	0	3	4	82	61		-2.59%		73%	-2
SOUTHEAST	631	13	14	23	23	518	270	1	0.96%		82%	-10
SOUTHERNMOST	377	11	4	7	5	304	259	1	4.14%		81%	6
SOUTHWEST	226	10	3	5	5	178	84		8.65%		79%	5
TREASURE COAST	198	6	5	7	14	157	26		0.51%		79%	-8
VINTAGE	62	0	0	6	3	39	17		-8.82%		63%	-3
WEST COAST	417	6	4	10	6	329	135		8.88%		79%	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6827</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>5213</b>	<b>3722</b>					

**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**DELEGATE MEETING APRIL 14, 2013**  
**HOSTED BY STATE BOARD FOR THE 18TH ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY AT TALLAHASSEE**

Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm by President Danny Fish. Present were Vice President Emory Griffis, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt. At Arms Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi, State Office "Boots", Membership Val Loper, PR/ Communications Rhonda Griffis, Safety Director Charley Wenger, Lobbyist "Doc" Reichenbach, Legislative Trustee Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Products Steve "Caretaker" Knee, and Assistant Sgt at Arms TJ Painter, Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer Karen Carawan. Also guests present: Tammy Fish, Sharon Rudoi and Bill Ball.

Absent was Secretary Bob Alexander, Masterlink Editor Bob von Bulow, Legal Counsel Legal Larry Crow, Website Dave "Lockdown" Rich.

The following Delegate represented their chapters:

Alachua-Jim Burrow, Bruce Nelson	Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver
Big Bend-Disbanded	Lighthouse-Excused
Black Creek-Greg Marshall, Greg Turner	Nature Coast-Lisa Tocchio Smith, Steve Mallady
Brevard-Faye Carroll, Dave Carroll	Orange County-Excused
Caloosahatchee-Disbanded	Palm Beach-Ken Gerecke, Deborah Wenger
Daytona Beach- John Banta	Peace River-Bill Neal, Bill Bird
Duval-Mike Wewer, Jennifer Wewer	Polk County-Christian Brandfass, Tim McDermott
Estero River-Dale Williams	Putnam County-Herlon Sasser, Pauline Sasser
First Coast-Wanda Garrison, Sara Beth Kohl	Seminole County-Donald Kirkendall, Jim Lemkow
Forest-Elaine Kline, Steve Kline	Southeast-Excused
Freedom-RD Carmichael	Southernmost-Wm Kelly III, Sandy MacLaren
Gator Alley-Fred Corr, Robert Crans	Southwest-Brett Shaw
Gulf Coast-Gary VerCrouse, EJ Dufur	Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Dale Gasparik
Hillsborough-Opal Gierschke, Steve Nasrallah	Vintage-Shelly Ellsmore, Charles Johnson
Independence-Robin Bailey, Richard Thompson	West Coast-Mike Gesell, Heath Tudor
Interstate-James Reichenbach	

**President Danny "Doc" Fish:** We have plans for a Pep Rally tonight at the Campground, weather permitting and hoping all of you can attend. Darrin has done an outstanding job and been professional so that we can talk to our representatives tomorrow. The Ride to the Capitol does make the difference, so be sure to contact your representative or his/her aide. I will read the resignation of Jim Gladstone as our State Vice President that I received at Bike Week. In the interim I appointed Emory Griffis as the interim Vice President. So, at this time I will call a vote of confidence for Emory as the State Vice President, please show your sticks for those in favor, those opposed---OK, Emory you've got a job. We will have a page in the Born to Ride and Full Throttle magazines. Delegates, I want you to go back to your Chapters and to your Chapter President and tell them that they need to take care of their chapter problems. This organization is about motorcycle safety awareness and legislative, that is our business, not a he said she said organization. If you can't unit for these two causes, then get out of the way. I have a job and I want to take care of it. There are two chapters that are to be closed: Big Bend is no longer a Chapter, but I am not killing the Big Bend Chapter name at this time, however this chapter is closed. Biffle Davis of the Caloosahatchee Chapter has been called to speak to the delegates-he regrets to say that his chapter has voted to close. Doc received an email the other day about a motorcycle helmet survey on Facebook "Gas Buddy" which may be a rigged poll. Patti said that she sent this email to Hillsborough to take the survey, on the first day there were 16,000 who had taken the survey two days latter 20,000 had taken the survey and the percentage didn't change. This may be out of Tennessee, but anybody who can use the numbers from a survey can use it for their purposes.

**Vice President Emory Griffis:** I want to thank everyone for your vote of confidence. You can contact me at: emorysflht@yahoo.com I will do my best to get to as many chapter meetings as I can, I am a working man so, I'll do my best. Let us know what you want, don't be afraid to voice your opinion. We need to boost the moral of this organization, any ideas? Email me. Bikeweek 2014 events-changes are needed please give me any suggestions!

Chris wants to know why we haven't changed our tax status for 11 years. As for our membership, I feel strongly that there is a generation gap and we must reach out to the young riders. If you have any ideas or suggestions contact me. Chris, get high school kids to do community service to work at your chapter events.

**Secretary Bob Alexander is excused Karen Carawan assisting:** Correction submitted for the February 9th meeting held by Independence Chapter: Regarding to the Treasurer's Seminars under the Good of the Order: set for July 13, 2013. Chris B. from Polk County Chapter has suggested that ALL Chapter Presidents and V.P.'s attend the Treasurer Seminars to be learning the paperwork and be aware of their Chapter's financial situations! The best ways to contact Bob is by email, bob@ralex.com, but if you must reach him, call 863-202-0905. Moved by Black Creek, second by Putnam to accept minutes as written. Passed.

**Treasurer Patti Nasarallah:** Treasurers reports are in the packets. I am using a new accounting program with more details. The first sheet to look at is the check detail (February 1 through April 6, 2013) this lists every check I wrote from February through April 6th in detail. Explained the Wells Fargo and Bank of America Credit Card Itemized Unpaid Charges, then the Balance Sheet is where everything comes into play, giving you your total liabilities and equity. Now, can all of you go back to your chapters and explain? I also have the Bikeweek totals which I will go over during the Bike Week portion of this meeting. Moved by Griz-Lake County and second by Viper-Forest Chapter to accept treasurer report as written. Passed.

**Sgt-At-Arms Mudder:** Is Independence Chapter here? I need for you to turn your inventory in ASAP. Patti - Please turn in your inventory so that I can include these in and close out the year end totals and get them to the accountant. Mudder - I want to thank all of you for coming out and working so hard at Bike Week. I will go over all this in the Bike Week portion.

**State Office Boots:** We are not going to let the rain interfere with our event tomorrow are we? We're going to see every smiling face up in Tallahassee tomorrow right? "OK!" Insurance, ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. then your Chapter Name. When you get your flyer completed, have someone check it please. You need a start and end time, addresses (locations), contact person. I need the flyers, Insurance request, property release and insurance check. I'm sure you're all coming to the leadership seminars for the S.O.P. (standard operating procedures) aren't you? Doc - see if you can get a sponsor to sponsor your event. If you're doing a Charity event, see if the Charity will pay for the Insurance or if the event sponsor can add you to their insurance policy. These are ways to save your chapter money when doing an event.

**Membership Valerie Loper:** Updates are in the packets; these report totals are without deceased members. Please tell your membership trustee to notify me about any deceased members so I can update the data base. Also, I have to chase down membership reports, if there's no activity, send a report stating no activity or just send me an email letting me know that your chapter had no activity for that specific month. If your member is on the delinquent list for i.e. Feb. (they are not covered with the insurance and they are not a member in good standing) and will fall off the list the next month.

Highest Percentage of Growth for January goes to West Coast Chapter  
Most New Members for January goes to West Coast Chapter  
Highest Percentage of Growth for February goes to Lake County Chapter  
Most new Members for February goes to Lake County Chapter  
Life Cards handed out.

**Masterlink Editor Bob von Bulow:** absence is excused.

**PR/Communications Rhonda Griffis:** Bike night last night in Monticello was great; I saw people talking and promoting ABATE. For Bike Week 2014 I want to form a committee, and as you brought up Chris, I did lose a lot of Sponsors because of our Tax Status. We will need to form activities, backwoods run, etc. I monitor Facebook and have set up a State Facebook Page "Abate Florida" which has grown so large; I needed to set up a second page. The second page is a Group Facebook Page "ABATE of Florida". Please remember that Facebook is a public forum. As Danny mentioned earlier, we have two monthly full page ads in the Born to Ride and Full Throttle Magazine. I need two chapters to volunteer to submit an article, Duval and Black Creek have stepped up! After some debate, we will need to have Chapters submit any articles or publications to Doc for review and approval from the board. It was suggested that we use the information Darrin sends

out regarding the legislative news. This may be utilized until we can collect enough articles from the chapters. It was suggested to make a guideline for writing the articles to be submitted. Central Florida Sport Bike Riders (CFB) held a bike night in Orlando. Of the 250 plus people who were there, 85% never heard of who ABATE was or what we were about! We need to go out there to the high schools and these young riders bike night and educate them about what we are all about. Please complete the survey handed out today and turn them in before the end of the meeting. Doc - we have looked at having a junior ABATE. We need to get these younger people in the right surroundings and not into the bars to learn about ABATE. We will set a committee to look into this.

**Website Dave "Lockdown" Rich:** absence is excused. He is working for us, a few websites had been compromised and he isolated the problem.

**Safety Director Charlie Wenger:** I'd like to introduce the new MSAP Certifier Brian Brinkman. Danny has taken his time to sit through so that many could complete their first certification. The second will be by Ms. Boots. How many have heard of the 1 second and 2 second rule for group riding? Well, check in the Masterlink for this rule, hand signals, etc. There will be a Safety International Event Conference in Orlando coming up, Oct 16-20. More details to come. Any safety items made by chapters must be approved by the State Board before handing them out! Boots - All presentations must be sent to the state office. Please be sure to fill in the date and fill in the number of people in attendance of your presentation. I keep a running total of all chapters' safety programs given and how many attended. Charlie - How many chapters are picking up their Safety items from the State Office? I have an idea; when you place an order add a \$7.50 check to the State to assist in gas for a local person from DeLand to take the items to the next state meeting so that the chapter could collect and take their order back. Doc suggests that this be tossed around and discussed.

**Products Steve Knee:** I have products set out back at the campground; I also have the long sleeve Yellow "Watch for Motorcycle" T-shirts available. I'm set-up by the pool. We also take credit cards with a service fee. To order your replacement life card, you need to go to your Chapter products person and they will place the order with me. If the name is misspelled you need to get with Val. Doc - There are extreme weather condition alerts and tornado watch! Some of these old trees around here are called Widow Makers, so be careful.

Danny, Darrin has done an outstanding job, probably the best job in ten years in our legislative information. With that and no further a do, I would like to present Darrin.

**Legislative Darrin Brooks:** I have decided to do like Rhonda and place items into your packets. I have condensed all the bills we have been watching and are moving. These are broken down by the House and Senate, the bill number, name and a brief description, who did the bill, co-sponsors, effective date, and the last event. Explaining that the information accuracy is as of Wednesday night at 6pm, this is the latest I could provide information and have it printed for you. You can go on the internet and download the most current information. Remember when you talk to your representatives don't just talk about motorcycles, talk about any issues you have, taxes, insurance, anything local that's going on. Talk to them about all that. They are always amazed to accept that ABATE members are very educated and very informed. Also is the transportation and highway safety subcommittee list, stop by these legislators offices and stress that your Chapter members are in their district and that we appreciate their support. I also have the Senate transportation committee stop by the Senators office and encourage them to add SB 1648 to the agenda of the Transportation Committee. And please ask that they add the HB 1335-Traffic Offenses Bill by Senator Beshears to the next Transportation and Highway Safety Committee Meeting. Please remember to sign in tomorrow and speak to the representative or aide and be sure to introduce yourself. Keep in mind the "Ethics Bill". If this can pass, we could then offer the representative a Chapter T-shirt or even a bottle of water. I will have this bill number for you in five minutes after I finish talking. Now, these reps will err on the side of caution, unless the offer is given to everybody!

**Lobbyist "Doc" Reichenbach:** I've been here 20 years and 19 of them were as your president. Darrin has done the best job with the legislative information that we have ever had. I don't want to talk to long, the texting bill will pass. The ethics bill is supposed to pass, and if it does it will help us out just like Darrin said. Beshears is an avid bicyclist supporter and many of his friends have been hit on bicycles and the fines have been very minimal. I've had the opportunity to sit and talk to him for many hours, and he is a veteran. There have been only three bills heard in the last few weeks here in Tallahassee. I've asked for a list of bills that have actually been heard. I'd like to see that list! I asked about the Insurance this year, and

I was told that they have bigger fish to fry this year, so that's alright by me. There's a helmet bill and handlebar height bill that isn't going anywhere this year.

**Legal Council Larry Crow:** absence is excused.

**NCOM:** Convention is Mother's Day weekend in Reno, Nevada and coming up. How many chapters are taking advantage of the flyer advertising?

**MRF / AMA:** Not much coming out from MRF right now. AMA is concentrating on the off-road riding and Ethanol.

**Bike Week 2013:** Awards for bike week were handed out. Presidential award for 60 hours or more were handed out. Also 48 to 59 hours awards (get-in-free cards) were handed out. Now for the Chapters working the most hours, 3rd Place goes to Seminole Chapter with 423.25 hrs. 2nd Place goes to Sothernmost Chapter with 475.25 hrs. and 1st Place goes to Lake County Chapter with 607.5 hours. First place for selling the most drawing tickets goes to Lake County Chapter. Winning ticket was purchased by Lee Johnson of Duval. This ticket was sold by Grace Lord and she collected her money on site. Volunteer of the Year is Coca Cola Annie! There were 629 hours worked by Non Members - some are members now! Bruce Staley was recognized for all his hard work and hours.

Mudder-In order to run Bike Week successfully I need to run four-six hour shifts. The shift commanders work more than these six hours, having to come in before the shift begins to make sure that they have enough people to cover the shifts, if not they need to find someone. These shift commanders were Dan Daniels, Toejo, Little Doc and Griz. I will need 6 road guards before the Tallahassee police escort picks us up. Get with me in the morning. Keep the lines tight and staggered so that no cars can break in our lines. If you don't feel comfortable keeping it tight, please go to the back of the line. Road guards, please do not race to the front, just go to the back of the line. Doc calls Patti to discuss the Bike Week Totals. Patti - in your packets are the 2013 BikeWeek P&L, I have grouped both the BikeWeek totals and the Drawing Tickets together. We did make a profit, but I'd like to thank all the Chapters for all the cash and material donations to off-set our expenses and make this happen.

**Tallahassee 2013:** Everything is ready. Need volunteers for road guards until we meet up with the police escorts. Kick stands up at 9 am. Please be safe. Because of the weather the Rally tonight will be called off. Please get names for the bell ringing ceremony to Steve Knee.

**Leadership Seminars:** Flyer is in the packets, will be held at the Days Inn and Suites at Clermont on July 13th and 14th. All Presidents and Vice Presidents please consider to sit-in the Treasurer Seminars so that you will have a better knowledge of the financial aspect of your chapter.

#### **Old Business:**

**New Business:** Alachua - Bylaw change has been withdrawn at this time. Forest chapter - Biker Bob - proposal for Safety and Membership Flyers has been handed out. Use this as an idea or guide. Take this back to your chapters. Doc wants to thank JR for his chili.

**Good of the Order:** Russ - Gator Alley would like to mention Mash Bash will be a one day event hoping this will get more people to come in. Mike - Duval can we work on getting on the back of the renewal registration cards for donations? Chris - need new ideas put in as new business. Biffer - Forest Chapter - 90 percent of the sports bikers do not drink, so if you are trying to get them to listen, you need to hold your meetings other than at a bar. Griz - Lake County - April 25th Leesburg Bike Fest come on out to our campground. 50/50 won by Val!

**Meeting adjourned at: 6pm**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I would like to say that the meeting hosted by Southwest Chapter went very well, there was a lot of business covered. We had some great food and good space to work with. Wayne, please let your chapter members know how much we really like their hard work and they did a great job.

Well folks, we took it in the shorts for this last session in Tally. We are putting things in place to keep this from happening again. Scribe will be gathering a group for a think tank to help lay out plans for the upcoming year. As a member of ABATE of Florida, Inc., don't wait for Tally, start laying down a good base with your House and Senate Reps now. Take time to go by their home town offices and let them know who you are and what we do. Let them know that we are not happy with the business from this year, and we want some of our money to get more motorcycle safety awareness.

I know by the time the Masterlink reaches you most, if not all chapter elections will be over. I have served on chapter boards before and I know that some new officers will need some help. Out going board members please take the time to help the people that have stepped up into positions so your chapter does not have to miss a beat and use this time to help your chapter grow stronger. New board members remember, you work for that chapter and remember what is like to sit on the other side of the table.

Ride safe and smart

Danny Fish

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## CHAPTER UPDATE REPORT MARCH 2013

Chapter	Members	New	Renewal	Deleted	Delinquent	Voters	Life Members	Transfer	% Growth	Late	% Voters	Most New Member
AT LARGE	473	1	2	0	13	318	440	1	-1.25%		67%	-12
ALACHUA	135	0	0	9	2	104	89		-1.46%		77%	-2
BIG BEND	12	0	0	0	0	11	12		-7.69%		92%	0
BLACK CREEK	132	3	0	3	2	107	73		2.33%		81%	1
BREVARD	294	3	2	4	2	253	161		0.34%		86%	1
CALOOSAHATCHEE	59	0	0	4	2	50	51	2	-6.35%		85%	-2
DAYTONA BEACH	277	6	8	4	5	195	168		0.00%		70%	1
DUVAL	326	3	9	20	20	246	116		-3.55%		75%	-17
ESTERO RIVER	144	2	4	7	8	114	91		-4.00%		79%	-6
FIRST COAST	42	2	1	6	0	27	10		10.53%		64%	2
FOREST	154	6	5	4	7	129	63		0.65%		84%	-1
FREEDOM	98	0	3	4	3	55	46		-2.00%		56%	-3
GATOR ALLEY	346	6	5	5	6	258	226		0.58%		75%	0
GULF COAST	342	2	2	2	2	291	248		0.59%		85%	0
HILLSBOROUGH	164	0	1	1	2	132	114		-0.61%		80%	-2
INDEPENDENCE	470	19	5	0	11	385	305	1	1.95%		82%	8
INERSTATE	159	1	0	5	0	119	101		0.63%		75%	1
LAKE	268	3	5	4	0	179	142		1.52%		67%	3
LIGHTHOUSE	63	1	1	13	2	42	4		0.00%		67%	-1
NATURE COAST	38	0	0	2	4	32	18		-9.52%		84%	-4
ORANGE COUNTY	55	9	1	4	2	34	26		14.58%		62%	7
PALM BEACH	215	6	10	9	9	111	68		-1.83%		52%	-3
PEACE RIVER	265	3	2	7	3	213	174		0.76%		80%	0
POLK COUNTY	154	1	2	3	9	116	73		-4.35%		75%	-8
PUTNAM	105	1	2	5	1	88	60		0.00%		84%	0
SEMINOLE	110	4	2	4	8	77	61		-2.65%		70%	-4
SOUTHEAST	626	5	8	20	13	518	270		-0.79%		83%	-8
SOUTHERNMOST	372	6	5	3	13	299	259		-1.33%		80%	-7
SOUTHWEST	238	20	4	5	12	189	84	2	5.31%		79%	8
TREASURE COAST	194	9	5	11	15	155	26	1	-2.02%		80%	-6
VINTAGE	60	0	0	3	2	38	17		-3.23%		63%	-2
WEST COAST	421	9	2	4	7	334	135	1	0.96%		79%	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6811</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>5219</b>	<b>3731</b>					

## CHAPTER UPDATE REPORT APRIL 2013

Chapter	Members	New	Renewal	Deleted	Deliquent	Voters	Life Members	Transfer	% Growth	Late	% Voters	Most New Member
AT LARGE	540	0	0	15	5	376	502		14.16%		70%	-5
ALACHUA	127	1	1	1	10	98	89		-5.93%		77%	-9
BLACK CREEK	134	3	2	0	1	109	73		1.52%		81%	2
BREVARD	294	4	2	2	5	252	162		0.00%		86%	-1
DAYTONA BEACH	282	4	2	3	1	198	170		1.81%		70%	3
DUVAL	316	8	3	19	17	242	117		-3.07%		77%	-9
ESTERO RIVER	150	5	2	7	0	116	91		4.17%		77%	5
FIRST COAST	47	5	1	0	0	31	10		11.90%		66%	5
FOREST	165	13	2	7	2	136	63		7.14%		82%	11
FREEDOM	100	6	3	3	4	57	47		2.04%		57%	2
GATOR ALLEY	345	7	5	4	9	252	226		-0.29%		73%	-2
GULF COAST	336	3	0	2	9	284	249		-1.75%		85%	-6
HILLSBOROUGH	167	4	0	2	1	134	114		1.83%		80%	3
INDEPENDENCE	473	9	4	8	8	388	304		0.64%		82%	1
INERSTATE	156	0	0	0	3	117	101		-1.89%		75%	-3
LAKE	296	38	6	0	9	194	142		10.45%		66%	29
LIGHTHOUSE	58	0	0	2	5	40	4		-7.94%		69%	-5
NATURE COAST	36	1	0	4	3	32	18		-5.26%		89%	-2
ORANGE COUNTY	53	0	0	2	2	33	26		-3.64%		62%	-2
PALM BEACH	226	11	14	7	2	124	70		5.12%		55%	9
PEACE RIVER	262	1	3	2	5	210	175		-1.13%		80%	-4
POLK COUNTY	153	4	2	7	7	115	73		-0.65%		75%	-3
PUTNAM	102	0	0	1	3	85	60		-2.86%		83%	-3
SEMINOLE	108	0	0	8	2	76	61		-1.82%		70%	-2
SOUTHEAST	624	7	14	7	15	517	273		-0.32%		83%	-8
SOUTHERNMOST	371	5	7	11	7	298	261		-0.27%		80%	-2
SOUTHWEST	245	10	2	11	4	195	86		2.94%		80%	6
TREASURE COAST	192	5	3	14	7	152	25		-1.03%		79%	-2
VINTAGE	67	5	4	1	0	40	17		11.67%		60%	5
WEST COAST	404	8	5	5	27	317	135		-4.04%		78%	-19
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6829</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>5218</b>	<b>3744</b>					

**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**DELEGATE MEETING JUNE 8, 2013**  
**HOSTED BY SOUTHWEST CHAPTER IN CAPE CORAL**

Meeting called to order at 2:10 pm by President Danny “Doc” Fish. Pledge and moment of silence, prayer was given. Present were Vice President Emory Griffis, Secretary Bob Alexander, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt. at Arms Dennis “Mudder” Rudoj, Membership Trustee Val Loper, PR Rhonda Griffis, Products Trustee Steve “Caretaker” Knee, Legal Counsel Legal Larry Crow, Legislative Trustee Darrin “Scribe” Brooks, and State Office “Boots. Absent Excused were Bob von Bulow Masterlink and Lockdown, Webmaster

Also present were Assistant Sgt. at Arms, TJ Painter Bill Ball, and Assistant Secretary and Treasurer Karen Carawan.

The following Delegates represented their chapters:

Alachua-Jim Burrow	Lighthouse-Doug Tungate, Jacqueline Litsey
Black Creek-Greg Marshall, Christine Marshall	Nature Coast-Karen Carawan
Brevard-Faye Carroll, Dave Carroll	Orange County- JM Morland, Lana Lang
Daytona Beach-Frank Roush Jr., Rick Adams	Palm Beach- Ken Gerecke, Dan Henderson
Duval-Mike Wewer, Jennifer Wewer	Peace River- Bill Bird, Greg Borden
Estero River-Teddy B. Simmons, Melody Simmons	Polk County-Christian Brandfass, Patty Brandfass
First Coast-Wanda Garrison, Sara Beth Kohl	Putnam County-Herlon Sasser, Pauline Sasser
Forest-Meghan Pace, Brian Groves	Seminole County- Dianna Miller, Janice Griffin
Freedom-Benica Fox, Dave Soles	Southeast-Frank Cocchi, Bob Calabrese
Gator Alley-Fred Corr, Robert Crans	Southernmost- Sandy MacLaren, Dean Keith
Gulf Coast-Tom Wallen, Ellen Wallen	Southwest-Victor Piorowski, Fred Glennon
Hillsborough-Steve Nasrallah	Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Dale Gasparik
Independence- Robin Bailey, Ellen Buffington	Vintage-Shelly Ellsmore, Charles Johnston
Inerstate-Dale Moore, Don McIntyre	West Coast- absent
Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver	

**President Danny “Doc” Fish:** Welcome everyone.

Regarding Bike week, thanks to everyone that helped.

Polk – take ideas from members seriously whether or not they are helping at events like bike week and Tallahassee.

Liability insurance. Probably not cost effective to go through AMA. Duvall – Why are we paying insurance if we are signing waivers. Answer – We need to protect all liability of members and board

**Vice President Emory Griffis:** We need the support of the sport bike riders to accomplish our goals, they are typically younger than we are, we need them to carry our message on.

Black Creek – Have found there is a different riding philosophy among sport bike riders, sometimes they think we ride too slow. How do you bridge that? Danny – we need to educate the young people. Do they know the penalties for speed and wheelies? First offense is \$1,000.

Alachua – NHRA turned a similar circumstance with cars into a track event in the ‘50s. Maybe we can push track days. Polk – they have some sport bike members, they let them ride their way by themselves, and then meet up at the end. Maybe a subcommittee would work, but they are not going to ride at the pace of the average cruiser rider. Can we get involved in areas that cater to sport bike riders?

Community service, would prefer to delve into the 18 and above service, will get information on that.  
Danny – Boots does a great job at the office. We got a thank you letter from a family that got the insurance benefit.

**Secretary Bob Alexander:** Move to accept minutes by Black Creek, correction from last minutes, We do not have a full page ad in Full Throttle or Born to Run, we have an article page. Second by Palm Beach, approved.

**Treasurer Patti Nasrallah:** Treasurer Report in packets.

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

Estimate from accountant to change to 501C3 corporation is discussed. Propose that we form a new corporation in addition to the old one that will have its own bylaws. In about six months we can have a new 501C3 corporation. Danny – is requesting you to take the proposal back and discuss it with your chapters. It looks like now will be the best time to do this, next meeting we will call for a vote on this. Duval – Will the same board and members be in charge? Danny – will have to be worked out. We have to have a very minimal list of items in the bylaws in order to get it approved. Later on we can amend it. Black Creek – we take back a vote for the planning of this, not the acceptance of this, right? Danny – see if we are going to proceed to the point of paying the accountant to get the paperwork into the IRS to see if we can qualify. If we do this, donations will be tax deductible. What we are trying to do today is see if your chapter wants to spend the \$1,800 to start the process. Polk says we need to do this. Gator Alley – thinks it is a good time to make this application. We will have a motion at the next meeting.

**SGA "Mudder:** Make sure you keep your body hydrated in this hot weather. Bill "Squeaky" Ball is the new SGT at Arms assistant.

**State Office Manager Boots:** Please sign in so we can read the handwriting.

If your chapter has vehicles registered to ABATE, state office needs a copy of the registration in the office.

Elections – send in your new officer updates, need the whole form filled out every time, not just the changes

Seminars, want to see everyone there.

Flyers – follow the SOP.

Still have some safety supplies, come to the office and see what we have left.

**Membership Val Loper:** Updates in packets. Awards handed out.

Total Membership 6829 +2

Total Voters 5218 +5

Most New Members for March 2013 Independence & Southwest

Most New Members for April 2013 Lake

Highest Percentage of Growth for March 2013 Orange County

Highest Percentage of Growth for April 2013 First Coast

Life cards handed out

**Masterlink Editor Bob von Bulow:** absent excused

**PR/Communications Rhonda:** Kudos to every chapter who did safety and awareness events during May. Facebook – encourage chapters to have a Facebook page, but follow the proper process. ABATE must be admin on the page. Issue with Polk Facebook page could have been averted if state had admin privileges.

Survey filled at last meeting, reviewed, summary is in packets. Next step is implementation. Some states have districts or chapter sections in their newsletter instead of individual newsletters. That might increase the cost of putting out the Masterlink but should be able to be accommodated. Polk – the C3 corporation might help that process.

**Webmaster:** absent

**Safety Director Charles Wenger:** Will do a swap with Eustis Swap Meet, will advertise for them in exchange for putting our safety booth at their event on October 16 thru 20. New MSAP instructor, Mike from Daytona Chapter. Make sure you use our DVDs when you do the program. \$7.50 per chapter participation fee asked for moving safety products to help pay for gas. Black Creek. IF somebody goes to state office and brings the products to the meeting, they will get \$7.50 per chapter from the chapters that receives product to help pay for gas. In favor 27, 12 against, passes.

**Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker" Knee:** New email address. Close out on some shirts. Belt buckle art still in works.

**Lobbyist Doc:** Senate took our money out of the budget on the last day possible. Part of the reason is nobody goes to see these people. Same thing happened on stiffer penalties bill. Texting bill went through but doesn't have any teeth. Should be a primary offence.

Getting C3 status is an excellent idea. Will help us with legislative efforts.

Black Creek – Would like a time line of the money charged by the state for motorcycle related items, when was it taken, needs names and dates so he can educate his reps. Darrin will take it upon himself to get the names, rates and dates.

Vanity Handicap plate for motorcycle tags is being looked at by the transportation department.

Need to research what the standards for getting a driver license and motorcycle license are.

NCOM in Reno, Val and Mudder went, did a great job. 9th and 10th of November will be a board meeting for NCOM Southern states.

**Legislative Trustee Darrin Brooks:** Stiffer penalties bill was not placed on either agenda. Texting bill passed and signed into law.

Safety money, would like to start a legislative think tank to get chapter involvement into the legislative process, just email Darrin let him know you are interested. Also develop a five year rolling legislative agenda.

Also help us become prepared for elections when they come up.

Encourage candidates to speak to chapters. Publicize that this has been done. This will increase our visibility.

Work with other motorcycle organizations or clubs in your area.

**Legal Counsel Larry Crow:** State Fair discrimination suit – Preliminary matters finished, hoping we will have a set of guidelines for the trial pretty soon.

**MRF / AMA:** AMA still fighting EPA ethanol percentage.

**BIKE WEEK 2014:** Rhonda – bike week committee with Griz Gracie, Geno, and Michelle, also Patti and Boots.

Bike week tickets should be ready to hand out at the seminars.

Website for bike week alone is being formatted.

Mudder – last year \$50 was offered to the chapter that sold the most tickets, Lake County won, was given the \$50 check by Mudder. Will do this again for the chapter that sells the most tickets for 2014.

**TALLAHASSEE 2014:** We don't know what we are going to do. Second weekend is Passover, there will be no one in the capitol. Third weekend is Easter. Trying to make contact with the person that makes our reservations.

**LEADERSHIP SEMINARS:** In packet. Schedule of meetings and times.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** State Meetings – October Hillsborough. February 8- Lake County or Gator Alley. June – Duval or Vintage. August 8 Peace River, December-Treasure Coast. February Lake County (27 for) Gator Alley (25 for). June Vintage (47 for).

Polk – What are we going to do about safety products. Suggest every chapter put on a poker run, said proceeds to go entirely to safety money. Also suggests some chapter events held state wide on same day for visibility.

**Good to the Order:** Gulf Coast has a wood motorcycle to sell tickets on. Various events read.

Thanks to Southwest for the lunch.

Congratulations to Bridgette from Forest who won the 50/50 drawing. Thank you to all for attending!

**Meeting adjourned by unanimous acclaim! 6:06 pm**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

We just completed our August meeting and I want to take a moment to thank my board and West Coast for making it a great meeting. A lot of good info was covered. I have faith the delegates will take all info back to the chapters. We all need to be on the same page when it comes to what we have to do to make ABATE of Florida, Inc. a driving force within the state of Florida. We all have to work together as one. I don't want to hear any more talk about territories or chapters not working together smoothly. We are one, and united we are unstoppable and will make a difference.

We have agreed on a Bike Week contract with the fairgrounds so we can move forward with plan to make this coming bike week a success. Bike week tickets will be ready at the October state meeting. Chapter presidents, check with your chapter and email Boots to let her know how many tickets your chapter wants. I have issued a challenge to all members to buy 1 ticket each so we could sell out in a month. When tickets are sold return them with a check from your chapter, DON'T bring cash. If something happens on the road with the cash we can not reclaim it, but a check can be rewritten, this is just smart business for all.

Members have asked us to look into a different campground for Tally and we did and there are not any that will work for us right now. We have talked with the KOA again and received numbers that we can work with. KOA will handle the RVs and tent camping will be free, but like last year, no trailers or RVs will be allowed in the tent area unless a RV cost is paid. So start making plans to be there in April 2014. I won't say that it will be warm but our chances are better than in February.

We have had a lot of members go down and even more go into the hospital due to health reasons. Folks, take care of yourself and each other. Look your bikes over, check tires and pressure and go to your doctor for a check up as well.

Ride safe and smart

Danny Fish

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**NEXT STATE MEETING**  
 Saturday October 12, San Antonio, FL  
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## CHAPTER UPDATE REPORT JUNE 2013

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AT LARGE	539	0	0	1	4	377	506	3	-0.55%		70%	-4
ALACHUA	125	2	2	3	0	96	89		0.81%		77%	2
BLACK CREEK	133	2	1	2	0	107	72		1.53%		80%	2
BREVARD	295	0	3	2	4	253	164	1	-1.01%		86%	-4
DAYTONA BEACH	296	10	2	3	0	204	170		4.23%		69%	10
DUVAL	293	13	4	19	23	219	117		-2.98%		75%	-10
ESTERO RIVER	131	1	0	12	5	106	92	2	-4.38%		81%	-4
FIRST COAST	44	1	0	1	2	30	9	2	-2.22%		68%	-1
FOREST	157	7	3	15	2	127	63		3.97%		81%	5
FREEDOM	97	2	0	5	4	57	48		-2.02%		59%	-2
GATOR ALLEY	338	3	5	15	9	249	226	2	-0.59%		74%	-6
GULF COAST	328	10	7	15	8	280	250		0.92%		85%	2
HILLSBOROUGH	164	1	0	3	1	132	114		0.00%		80%	0
INDEPENDENCE	470	13	7	4	17	386	305	2	-1.05%		82%	-4
INERSTATE	148	1	4	7	3	112	101		1.37%		76%	-2
LAKE	295	3	1	4	1	192	142		0.00%		65%	2
LIGHTHOUSE	51	0	0	6	1	37	4		-1.92%		73%	-1
NATURE COAST	36	2	2	0	1	30	17		2.86%		83%	1
ORANGE COUNTY	51	0	0	1	1	33	26		-1.92%		65%	-1
PALM BEACH	226	7	5	3	11	136	71		-1.31%		60%	-4
PEACE RIVER	256	1	0	7	1	205	174		0.00%		80%	0
POLK COUNTY	131	1	2	19	5	99	73		-2.96%		76%	-4
PUTNAM	97	0	1	1	3	80	60		-3.00%		82%	-3
SEMINOLE	103	0	0	3	1	73	60	1	-1.90%		71%	-1
SOUTHEAST	609	8	27	35	14	504	278		0.33%		83%	-6
SOUTHERNMOST	375	4	4	0	6	301	264		-0.27%		80%	-2
SOUTHWEST	262	11	5	8	3	211	87		3.15%		81%	8
TREASURE COAST	201	1	2	2	6	154	25		-2.43%		77%	-5
VINTAGE	60	2	0	4	6	33	17		-6.25%		55%	-4
WEST COAST	362	20	8	36	37	280	134	1	-3.72%		77%	-17
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6673</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>5103</b>	<b>3758</b>				<b>76%</b>	

**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**DELEGATE MEETING AUGUST 10, 2013**  
**HOSTED BY WEST COAST CHAPTER IN SARASOTA**

Meeting called to order at 2:30 pm by President Danny "Doc" Fish. Pledge and moment of silence, prayer was given. Present were Vice President Emory Griffis, Secretary Bob Alexander, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt. at Arms Dennis "Mudder" Rudoj, Masterlink Bob von Bulow, Membership Trustee Val Loper, PR Rhonda Griffis, Legislative Trustee Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker" Knee, State Office "Boots and Safety Director Charles Wenger.

Absent excused were Legal Counsel Legal Larry Crow and Webmaster Dave "Lockdown" Rich.

Also present were Assistant Masterlink Grace Lord, Assistant Sgt at Arms Bill Ball and Assistant Sgt at Arms TJ Painter.

The following Delegates represented their chapters:

Alachua-Jim Burrow  
 Black Creek-Greg Marshall, Christine Marshall  
 Brevard-Faye Rodney Maas, Mike Pope  
 Daytona Beach-Frank Roush Jr., Rick Adams  
 Duval-Mike Wewer, Jennifer Wewer  
 Estero River-Larry Peterson  
 First Coast-Sara Beth Kohl, Shirley Sutton  
 Forest-Meghan Pace, Clayton King  
 Freedom-Lorraine Cushman, Kimberley Long  
 Gator Alley-Marie Ratcliff, Bill Ratcliff  
 Gulf Coast-Brandy Westerfield, Dany Dell  
 Hillsborough-Steve Nasrallah, Bob Munroe  
 Independence- Darlene Anderson/Carter, Ellen  
     Buffington  
 Inerstate-Dale Moore, Ernest Gelinas

Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver  
 Lighthouse-Doug Tungate, Jacqueline Litsey  
 Nature Coast-Frank Moore, William Wiggins  
 Orange County- JM Morland, Lana Lang  
 Palm Beach- Ken Gerecke, Dan Henderson  
 Peace River- Bill Bird, Bill Neal  
 Polk County-Alex Waldron, Natalie West  
 Putnam County-Herlon Sasser, Pauline Sasser  
 Seminole County- Dianna Miller, Janice Griffin  
 Southeast-Stekphen Chomiak, Bob Calabrese  
 Southernmost- Norma Jean Smith, Dean Keith  
 Southwest-Wayne Cerra, Fred Glennon  
 Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Patricia Johns  
 Vintage-Shelly Ellsmore, Charles Johnston  
 West Coast-Sharon Sieradzki, Ed Patten

**President Danny "Doc" Fish:** Welcome everyone. I apologize for not being at the seminar. Remember our goals, safety and education. This is not a social club but we can have fun while we do our jobs.

Regarding Bike week, thanks to everyone that helped.

Congratulations to new chapter office holders.

We need to raise money, but sometimes the chapters do a little extra for the communities, that puts a good light on ABATE name.

ABATE of Florida is a neutral organization which supports every rider in the state.

**Vice President Emory Griffis:** Thanks for your support and feedback in the seminars.

Please make sure your chapter updates are in and correct so your meeting can be attended if desired.

## CHAPTER UPDATE REPORT MAY 2013

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AT LARGE	542	0	0	5	1	378	505	2	0.37%		70%	-1
ALACHUA	124	0	2	10	3	96	89		-2.36%		77%	-3
BLACK CREEK	131	0	2	1	2	106	72		-2.24%		81%	-2
BREVARD	298	4	6	2	3	256	163		1.36%		86%	1
DAYTONA BEACH	284	5	1	0	4	196	170		0.71%		69%	1
DUVAL	302	6	6	17	21	231	117		-4.43%		76%	-15
ESTERO RIVER	137	0	0	0	12	109	92	1	-8.67%		80%	-12
FIRST COAST	45	1	0	0	1	31	9		-4.26%		69%	0
FOREST	151	3	2	2	16	121	63		-8.48%		80%	-13
FREEDOM	99	2	5	2	5	56	48	1	-1.00%		57%	-3
GATOR ALLEY	340	7	7	4	17	251	226	1	-1.45%		74%	-10
GULF COAST	325	3	0	9	16	276	250		-3.27%		85%	-13
HILLSBOROUGH	164	0	0	1	3	132	114		-1.80%		80%	-3
INDEPENDENCE	475	8	3	8	4	392	305		0.42%		83%	4
INERSTATE	146	0	0	3	10	110	101		-6.41%		75%	-10
LAKE	295	0	1	8	4	191	142		-0.34%		65%	-4
LIGHTHOUSE	52	0	0	5	6	38	4		-10.34%		73%	-6
NATURE COAST	35	0	0	3	1	31	18		-2.78%		89%	-1
ORANGE COUNTY	52	0	0	2	1	33	26		-1.89%		63%	-1
PALM BEACH	229	4	13	0	4	129	71	1	1.33%		56%	
PEACE RIVER	256	2	1	5	7	205	174	1	-2.29%		80%	
POLK COUNTY	135	1	4	7	19	102	73		-11.76%		76%	
PUTNAM	100	1	3	3	2	83	61		-1.96%		83%	
SEMINOLE	105	0	0	2	3	75	61		-2.78%		71%	-3
SOUTHEAST	607	21	21	12	42	501	275		-2.72%		83%	-21
SOUTHERNMOST	376	5	0	7	8	303	263		1.35%		81%	-3
SOUTHWEST	254	15	5	3	0	204	87	1	3.67%		80%	15
TREASURE COAST	206	8	5	3	2	159	25		7.29%		77%	6
VINTAGE	64	1	1	0	4	36	17		-4.48%		56%	-3
WEST COAST	376	9	9	24	40	295	135		-6.93%		78%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6705</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>5126</b>	<b>3756</b>		<b>-1.82%</b>		<b>76%</b>	

**Secretary Bob Alexander:** No changes or corrections. Move to accept minutes by Black Creek, Second by Peace River, approved.

**Treasurer Patti Nasrallah:** Treasurer Report in packets.

Moved by Lake County second by Southernmost to accept treasurer report as written, Passed.

**SGA "Mudder":** Please be reminded, school is back in session, watch your school zones, watch for little ones. Also keep your body hydrated when you ride.

**State Office Manager Boots:** Job is to keep track of paperwork, secretary's minutes, chapter newsletters need to be filed. Need safety program, MSAP forms sent to office. For those who missed seminars, there is paperwork to take back to your chapters.

Flyers for events: There is an SOP for flyers, they must be followed, you can only put up (make public) flyers after the state office gets all of the paperwork.

Drawing Tickets – have some to distribute today,

**Membership Val Loper:** Updates in packets. Awards handed out.

Total Membership 6673

Total Voters 5103

Most New Members for May 2013 Southwest

Most New Members for June 2013 Daytona

Highest Percentage of Growth for May 2013 Treasure Coast

Highest Percentage of Growth for June 2013 Daytona

Life cards handed out

**Masterlink Editor Bob von Bulow:** Thanks to the chapters and individuals who sent pictures and articles.

**PR/Communications Rhonda:** As delegates part of your job is to take information back to your chapter. Find the PR blast in your file make sure your chapter PR gets it.

Have compiled a list of chapter PR, hopefully it is complete, make sure you receive this. One question is, would it be positive to set up a chat room for just chapter PRS to keep everyone in the loop?

Media publications – writes for four biker magazines. We can present chapter information in one or more of these magazines if the material is suitable.

Treasure Coast suggests chapters send their newsletters to the other chapters.

**Webmaster:** absent. Slo Mo from Palm Beach may be able to help with some day to day problems with chapter sites.

**Safety Director Charles Wenger:** Regarding advanced skills course for safety, we are trying to set up one in Palm Beach, but we are running into problems with existing schools. If you have certified instructors in your chapter, make them known to Charlie.

Corrosion on electrical components is prevalent in Florida. Palm Beach recognizes Bill Blank. Notes being bumped on bike by woman talking on cell phone.

Get MSAP petitions signed.

Homeland Security DL ID must be in compliance

**Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker" Knee:** Reflective patches are available

**Legislative Trustee - Darrin:** The Think Tank was introduced in June. We have personally invited some individuals, also all legislative trustees and it is starting to take off. Purpose is to have a free flow of ideas. Purpose is NOT to set policy. If you are interested, let Darrin know. Slo Mo says this is a good idea for other groups including clubs, for free flow of information.

Peachtree (Georgia) Insurance company – received an email regarding a motorcycle fatality. Their response was the motorcycle was not considered a vehicle, if it doesn't have four wheels then they are not going to pay the claim. We are going to contact the Florida Insurance Commissioner about this.

Motorcycle only checkpoints – Don't see a problem from this now, Florida isn't doing it yet. NHTSA is behind this.

Stiffer penalties bill was discussed, wording mostly. Do we want to do it from a judicial point, or stick with jail time?

Chapter level legislative seminars, Darrin will come to your chapter to help when possible.

Regarding rising motorcycle fatalities, when number of registrations are considered, the rate of fatalities are actually down.

Regarding Driver Education in schools, the issue is funding. We are looking at that, will be discussed in the think tank.

Regarding the Safety money, it is a standing request, must be in budget.

Interlock for DUI convicts was discussed.

Alachua thinks we should try to get the safety money reinstated, but if cannot, then try to get the \$2.50 removed.

**Legal Counsel Larry Crow:** absent excused

**NCOM:** Nov 9, 2013 regional meeting in Atlanta. Will talk about the motorcycle only checkpoints.

**MRF / AMA:** MRF and AMA still fighting EPA ethanol percentage.

**BIKE WEEK 2014:** Rhonda – We are including some special events. We will have a dedicated website just for the campground. One event is named Bikes, BBQ and Bikinis. Bike Week Committee has been set up. Chapters will be given the opportunity to generate funds for their own chapters. There will be a bike rodeo.

Seminole County is doing a "Boondocks" poker run.

**TALLAHASSEE 2014:** We don't know what we are going to do yet. Second weekend is Passover, there will be no one in the capitol. Third weekend is Easter. March 24 is the weekend after bike week.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 501c3, we must decide whether to pay the money to start the process. Putnam – if we do this, will donations be deductible to the chapter as well as state? Yes it would. Patti – in the beginning we will be two separate corps, money cannot be comingled. Question called, should we spend the startup money to begin the process of starting a 501c3. 49 in favor, 6 against. Check will be written to the accountant to start the process. After the vote was taken, Lake County donated the money to start the process.

April meeting must be decided. There would have to be a vote to change the meeting to March. If we do it in April, only the second weekend is available which is Easter. Putnam suggest April. Turns out Easter is the 20th, not the 13th, so we will have the meeting on the 13th.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Lifeline table, West Coast chapter explains.

Duval – had an at large member ask for legislation change to be able to disregard a turn device if it doesn't cycle properly.

West Coast Chapter talks about mission statement, it's a community issue not a motorcycle issue. Until we can affect the general population we cannot hope to make changes to help us make roads safe for us.

**Good to the Order:** Thanks to West Coast for the lunch. Various events read.

Gator Alley presents a check for ABATE of Florida, thanks Gator Alley.

Congratulations to Dano from Gulf Coast who won the 50/50 drawing. Thank you to all for attending!

*Meeting adjourned by unanimous acclaim! 6:03 pm*

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Just wanted to start out by saying what a great job everyone did at Spooks and the meeting. I know what goes into such an event and I don't care how often you put these on, they just don't get any easier. So thanks to all.

On a bigger scale, I want to say how proud I am of the chapters that are getting out there to increase motorcycle awareness. Just to name a couple, Duval with their street corner campaign with signs and waving at the cagers as they pass by and to West Coast with their Can You See Me Now Ride. Folks keep up the good work. I am seeing bumper stickers all over the state.

You are making a difference for everyone who rides!!!

On a different note, there are a lot of scams going on out there right now so make sure that you represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. the right way, and if you see someone out there that is not an ABATE of Florida, Inc., member but representing themselves as one of us, take their pic with your cell phone, get a card and get it in to us so we can take action to stop them.

The last couple of months I've had the hardest job ever in sending many of our good friends, brothers and sisters on their last ride. Sorry to say that we are not getting any younger. Please take care of yourselves and each other. Make the necessary arrangements so your family can celebrate your life.

Ride safe and smart

Danny Fish

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FIRST COAST	49	69%
FOREST	166	82%
FREEDOM	100	57%
GATOR ALLEY	341	74%
GULF COAST	328	85%
HILLSBOROUGH	164	80%
INDEPENDENCE	467	82%
INERSTATE	148	76%
LAKE	295	65%
LIGHTHOUSE	50	72%
NATURE COAST	36	83%
ORANGE COUNTY	51	65%
PALM BEACH	226	60%
PEACE RIVER	256	80%
POLK COUNTY	131	76%
PUTNAM	97	82%
SEMINOLE	103	71%
SOUTHEAST	609	83%
SOUTHERNMOST	375	80%
SOUTHWEST	262	81%
TREASURE COAST	201	77%
VINTAGE	60	55%
WEST COAST	280	77%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6716</b>	<b>76%</b>

Chapter	Members	% Voters
AT LARGE	536	70%
ALACHUA	122	76%
BLACK CREEK	146	81%
BREVARD	303	86%
DAYTONA BEACH	279	70%
DUVAL	283	73%
ESTERO RIVER	151	77%
FIRST COAST	49	69%
FOREST	168	81%
FREEDOM	96	59%
GATOR ALLEY	343	73%
GULF COAST	317	85%
HILLSBOROUGH	163	80%
INDEPENDENCE	460	82%
INERSTATE	141	74%
LAKE	293	65%
LIGHTHOUSE	47	72%
NATURE COAST	34	82%
ORANGE COUNTY	53	66%
PALM BEACH	230	61%
PEACE RIVER	255	80%
POLK COUNTY	129	75%
PUTNAM	93	83%
SEMINOLE	102	71%
SOUTHEAST	606	83%
SOUTHERNMOST	375	80%
SOUTHWEST	250	79%
TREASURE COAST	194	76%
VINTAGE	57	54%
WEST COAST	283	75%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6650</b>	<b>76%</b>



With my sincere heartfelt "Thanks" to all who wished my husband of 45 years off to his Journey at his memorial held at Spooks N Scoots. With Love, Karen Y. Carawan

**IT'S NOT THE DESTINATION,  
IT'S THE JOURNEY.**



**WAYNE "HEART ATTACK" CARAWAN**

aka POOH



**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.  
DELEGATE MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2013  
HOSTED BY HILLSBOROUGH CHAPTER IN SAN ANTONIO**

Meeting called to order at 2:09 pm by President Danny Fish. Present were Vice President Emory Griffis, Secretary Bob Alexander, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt. at Arms Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi, Masterlink Bob von Bulow, Membership Trustee Val Loper, PR Rhonda Griffis, Legislative Trustee Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Legal Counsel Larry Crow, Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker" Knee, State Office "Boots and Safety Director Charles Wenger.

Absent excused were and Webmaster Dave "Lockdown" Rich.

Also present were Assistant Treasurer Karen Carawan, Assistant Masterlink Grace Lord, Assistant Sgt at Arms Bill Ball and Assistant Sgt at Arms TJ Painter

The following Delegates represented their chapters:

Alachua-Jim Burrow, Bruce Nelson  
Black Creek-Kelly Chaires, Greg Turner  
Brevard-Faye Carroll, Dave Carroll  
Daytona Beach-John Banta, Gene Lessig  
Duval-Mike Wewer, Jennifer Wewer  
Estero River-Larry Peterson, Lynn Dillard  
First Coast-Sara Beth Kohl, Wanda Garrison  
Forest-Bridgette Pace, Joseph Pace  
Freedom-Benica Fox, David Soles  
Gator Alley-Marie Ratcliff, Bill Ratcliff  
Gulf Coast-EJ Dufur, Julie Dufur  
Hillsborough-Richard Nasrallah, James Sewell  
Independence- John Crowder, Ellen Buffington  
Inerstate-Cheryl Gelinis, Doc Reichenbach  
Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver

Lighthouse-Doug Tungate, Jacqueline Litsey  
Nature Coast-Dennis Carawan, Ana Carawan  
Orange County- JM Morland, Lana Lang  
Palm Beach- Ken Gerecke, Dan Henderson  
Peace River- Bill Bird  
Polk County-Alex Waldron, Natalie West  
Putnam County-Herlon Sasser, Pauline Sasser  
Seminole County- Dianna Miller, Rande Zulich  
Southeast-Demetrious Kirkiles, Eftyhia Kirkiles  
Southernmost- Sandy MacLaren, Byron Agababian  
Southwest-Victor Piorkowski, Robin Reynolds  
Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Karen Kliemisch  
Vintage-John Massoth, Sharon Balocki  
West Coast-Unexcused

**President Danny "Doc" Fish:** Welcome everyone.

Lay foundation with our representatives. Watch what we say though, we have an issue where a representative was offended by what one of our members said.

Membership - as member you are entitled to a newsletter and a Masterlink. We do not charge our members postage. You have the right as a chapter to refuse membership if the prospective member is detrimental to the goals of ABATE. If you do this though, you must let state know what was done and why.

Accidents and incidents at events, our insurance requires immediate notice of accidents or incidents. Take pictures.

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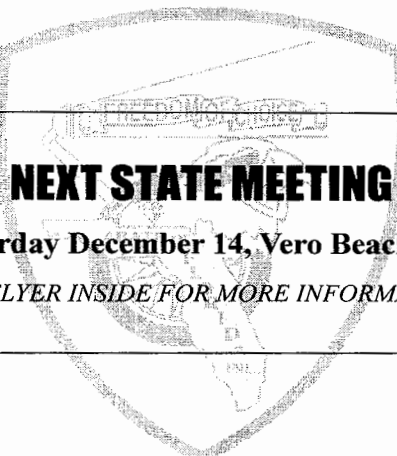
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## NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday December 14, Vero Beach, FL

SEE FLYER INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Vice President Emory Griffis:** Be courteous to the chapters that host our events.

Please make sure your chapter updates are in and correct so your meeting can be attended if desired.

**Secretary Bob Alexander:** No changes or corrections. Move to accept minutes by Palm Beach, Second by Putnam, approved.

**Treasurer Patti Nasrallah:** Treasurer Report in packets. 501c3 process has been started.

Moved by Lake County second by Seminole to accept treasurer report as written, Passed.

**SGA "Mudder:** Incident accident reports must be submitted to Mudder within 24 hours of the incident. Sign in sheets if there is an incident, must be in our office within 48 hours. Mudders' cell phone number 407 925-4307, call him immediately if there is an issue.

Inventory time again. Two inventory sheets in packets, MSAP and general ABATE property. To be given to Sgt at arms immediately, fill them out and return them to the state office as soon as possible. If your chapter has a vehicle like a trailer, VIN numbers must be included on the inventory.

Sgt at arms is responsible for security, not running chapter events.

Danny – It is recommended to take pictures of major items for your inventory.

**State Office Manager Boots:** Drawing tickets, person that sells the winning ticket gets a \$100 prize. The chapter that sells the most tickets gets \$50. Need all sold tickets by December meeting. All tickets sold or not, must be in by February meeting. Pay for the tickets with chapter checks, send them to the state office not Patti.

Check your website agreement, some are expired, check and see if your agreement is current.

American Income Life, this is a good benefit covering any current member. You do not need to accept them into your home unless you want to. There will be another mail out. Might be a good idea to invite the rep to your chapter meeting, might reduce the phone calls. District rep will be at the December state meeting. We do not give our members phone numbers or addresses out to anybody.

**Membership Val Loper:** Updates in packets. Awards handed out.

Total Members: 6650

Total Voters; 5070

Most New Members July 2013 West Coast

Most New Members August 2013 West Coast

Highest Percentage of Growth July 2013 Estero River

Highest Percentage of Growth August 2013 Black Creek

Life cards handed out

Val has a new telephone number, 954-918-1287

**Masterlink Editor Bob von Bulow:** Deadlines for runs are the state meeting. Suggest you carry your Masterlink when you travel, if you have an issue in an area, contact the president or vice president from that area, they may be able to help you.

**PR/Communications Rhonda Griffis:** New York sport bike riders gone wild has filtered down to Florida. If your chapter is contacted by Media regarding the NYC events, please respond with "ABATE of Florida, Inc., does NOT condone, nor do we encourage such behavior". Duval highway information sign flashes, "motorcycles, you are being watched", we have made inquiry to the sheriff as to the intent of the message. Demetrios asks if we can get a press release for this, answer is: that is already underway, will be ready by next weekend. Doc warns, be very careful what you say in print, at least until all the facts are known.

Online chat group, second chat was last week, three participants. Topic was negative press.

**Webmaster:** Absent. Slo Mo from Palm Beach will be helping with some day to day problems with chapter sites.

**Safety Director Charles Wenger:** Woman who hit Jack Regan has not been charged yet, we are watching this case closely. Get MSAP petitions signed. Can we get a list of the remaining safety products that are available?

**Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker" Knee:** Hands out samples, business card holder, also waterproof iPhone case. ABATE lighters, people complain about not being able to refill them, you need the adapter that comes on the refill canister. Chapter name bars are available.

**Legislative Trustee Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:** The bill watch list is in your packet, another will be sent Monday.

Think Tank was introduced in June. Very few people have signed up for it. A concern is that information will be taken out of context or literal when in fact, it is meant to be a discussion forum.

**Lobbyist Doc Reichenbach:** ABATE was formed to be legislative safety is second. HB 55 is very similar to what we wrote, it involves leaving the scene of an accident.

Heavy resistance from legislator regarding driver ed.

DUI lockout for motorcycles still being discussed.

Stiffer penalties bill has been re-written.

Safety money request will be resubmitted for approval.

**Legal Counsel Larry Crow:** Fair authority suit is going to trial. Nothing threatening right now. Announcing he is running for US Congress.

**NCOM:** Some committees have been formed regarding veterans rights, also grants. Will include federal, state, and individuals.

NCOM has an app for your phone, has contacts for road service, you can find it on the AIM website.

**MRF / AMA:** AMA is working on trail riding.

**BIKE WEEK 2014:** Coming along, still need a large generator. Rhonda – We are including some special events. One event is named Bikes, BBQ and Bikinis. Also chapter BBQ cook-off, we have two spots open. Having a rodeo, Frenchi explains, it will be skill oriented. Bike wash.

Seminole County is doing a “Boondocks” poker run.

Danny – Charlie is working on an advanced rider course at bike week.

**TALLAHASSEE 2014:** Court house is approved, April 14. Still needs to talk to the owner of the campground. Working on streamlining the meeting process to maximize the time spent at the campground.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Orlando AMI expo 10/19/2013 9 to 9 will be attended by ABATE.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jim from Alachua, moves to remove Dave “Lockdown” Rich from webmaster position for failure to attend meetings, not communicating with chapter webmasters and a failure to perform his duties, second by Putnam. Demetrious, a letter should have been sent to him to give him an opportunity to explain. Vote by stick was taken, passed.

**Good to the Order:** Thanks to Hillsborough for the lunch. Various events read.

Congratulations to Debra from West Palm who won the 50/50 drawing. Thank you to all for attending!

*Meeting adjourned by unanimous acclaim! 5:30 pm*