



**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.****DELEGATE MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2013 HOSTED BY TREASURE COAST CHAPTER IN VERO BEACH**

Meeting called to order at 2:09 pm by Vice President Emory Griffis. Present were Secretary Bob Alexander, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt. at Arms Dennis "Mudder" Rudoj, Masterlink Editor 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 Danny Fish. President, Legal Counsel Legal Larry Crow Webmaster Dave "Lockdown" Rich.

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

The following Delegates represented their chapters:

Atachua-Jim Burrow  
Black Creek-Jeff Pickard  
Brevard-Faye Carroll, Dave Carroll  
Daytona Beach-John Banta  
Duval-Mike Wewer, Jennifer Wewer  
Estero River-Larry Peterson, Ward Jackson  
First Coast-Sara Beth Kohl, Wanda Garrison  
Forest-Megan Pace, Clayton King  
Freedom-Benica Fox, David Soles  
Gator Alley-Marie Ratchiff, Bill Ratchiff  
Gulf Coast-Tom Wallen  
Hillsborough-Charles Dotterer, Cheryl Edmunds  
Independence- Darlene Anderson  
Inestate-Ernest Gelinas  
Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver

Lighthouse-Doug Tungate, Jacqueline Litsey  
Nature Coast-Steve Mallady, Frank Moore  
Orange County- JM Morland, Phil Orsini  
Palm Beach- Ken Gerecke, Dan Henderson  
Peace River- Bill Neal, Greg Bordon  
Polk County-Alex Waldron, Natalie West  
Putnam County-Herlon Sasser, Pauline Sasser  
Seminole County- Rande Zuclich, Don Kirkendall  
Southeast-Demetrious Kirkiles, Bars Calabrese  
Southernmost- Sandy MacLaren, James Dean Keith  
Southwest-Victor Piorowski, Biffle Davis  
Treasure Coast-Susan Hulce, Dale Gasparik  
Vintage-Shelly Ellsmore, Sharon Balocki  
West Coast-Tom Woodgeard, B, Bonella

**President Danny "Doc" Fish:** Absent excused.

**Vice President Emory Griffis:** Danny has had surgery, is recuperating, please contact Emory for the next two weeks until Danny recovers.

We had an individual give a representative inaccurate information regarding the safety money. Only the state board and the lobbyist can discuss the financing. We cannot fund law suits

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

**Treasurer Patti Nasrallah:** Treasurer Report in packets. Doing some advertising for bike week, it will be funded by the bike week tickets, please get them in. 501c3 process is moving along.  
Frenchi - Are you aware of the BADD funding issue? Patti - yes we are aware of it.  
Moved by Vintage second by Orange to accept treasurer report as written. Passed.

**SBA "Mudder":** Inventory time, all should be in by now, but not all have been turned in yet.  
Tip -- watch colder weather, hypothermia can be an issue.

**State Office Manager Boots:** We are still receiving event insurance form requests one week before the event.

This cannot keep happening. All paperwork must be sent in at least thirty days from the date of the event. Tickets - all sold tickets to be turned in today. Still have some to distribute. These need to be sold to benefit the organization. Rhonda - Suggest use them for Christmas gifts.  
American Income Life letters went out, they came from the state office not the company. Southeast - what about the policy? The rep will explain that, all that is required is you be a current member of ABATE of Florida Inc. Putnam County, had arranged for them to come to the chapter and explain what it was all about, they didn't show. Doc - There is a list of the benefits, but it is not on the letter. A blurb needs to go out to everybody explaining what the benefits are.

**Membership Val Loper:** Updates in packets. Awards handed out.  
Highest Percentage of Growth September 2013 Lighthouse  
Highest Percentage of Growth October 2013 Lighthouse  
Most New Members September 2013 Estero River  
Most New Members October 2013 Gator Alley  
Total Members 6567  
Life cards handed out

**Masterlink Editor Bob von Bulow:** last issue of Masterlink had total number of members and the percentage of voters. The Excel calculating sheet inadvertently took the number of voters and placed it in the total number of members field. That will be fixed for next meeting.  
Brotherhood against Totalitarian Enactments has been taken out. Demetrius explains that the new acronym American Bikers Aimed Toward Education looks better to the public and the legislators, both are correct. Says in bylaws ABATE is not an acronym. Emory - we need to mold ourselves to the times. But we will put it back in the Masterlink. Doc - we voted to keep them both. The corporation is ABATE, that is what we will be, it is silly to argue about what the letters stand for.

**PR/Communications Rhonda:**

Filed for the proclamation for Motorcycle Safety in May, encourage your chapters to do it the same way. SloMo wants information on how the chapter can do that themselves.  
Independence - please include the presidents, Rhonda says she already does that.  
Working on advertising in different magazines, will go over that in Bike Week report.  
Chapter PR chat will be done soon.

**Webmaster:** SloMo is helping out. FLABATEWEBMASTER@Gmail.com

Forest chapter made a motion, but subsequently withdrew it pending further research by the State. It involved the website. Patti is going to help with that.

**Safety Director Charles Wenger:** James Lemko received MSAP rating. Inventory list needs to be done so we can close out this year.

Regarding the Petitions for Tallahassee event, he needs signatures.  
Accident reports need to be turned in so our lobbyist has information he needs.  
ADTSEA is a national organization, may be able to help us with our 501C3 efforts.  
MSAP presentation forms need to be filled out completely and sent into the state office.  
BOD information sheet needs to be up to date.

Street legal golf carts information has been placed as a link on the website.

Black Creek - how do we stand on products, Boots - she is a little behind on inventory list. Will complete the list shortly, go ahead and ask for supplies, she will send what she has.

Bike week – get your orders in, you can pick up the stuff there.

Southeast – what happens when we run out of products. Boots – we will use the safety trifolds. Patti – The reason you have the safety and membership booth, is the breakdown of funds spent and is required on the IRS reporting. Must have a mission statement with funding efforts.

**Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker" Kneeb:** business card holder will be carried as a product. You will be able to order them with chapter name embossed on them. Presents some close out items at reduced prices. Chapter name bars, do you have any that say "at large"? Steve says he can get them if you want.

**Lobbyist Doc Reichenbach:** House decided they weren't going to meet this month. Discussion about safety money, they will help with us. The safety money comes from M/C registration fees. Trying to make the funds recurring so we don't have to apply every year. Driver Education, legislators say they are for it. We are still working on stiffer penalties.

Demetrious, can we get a voting history on the candidates? Doc says we could but many of the candidates with voting history related to motorcycles are gone. French notes an inaccurate report by a television reporter. Doc says you can get an email address for the reporter. French says he will forward the email to the PR person.

**Legislative Trustee: Darrin:** Correction item blueprint 2014 campaign session was not in packets. Will email to everybody on Monday. Has agenda list for legislative session. It is bare bones, open for changes. Items addressed include increased penalties, support for driver education, support for legislation that will decrease driver distraction, and oppose federal mandates that would increase ethanol percentage. We will invite candidates to speak. We need to let them know who we are. Be polite. Last campaign season, Forest Chapter hosted a discussion panel. It was very effective. Darrin will put out a motorcycle friendly candidate list when we get closer in. Would like the chapters input on which candidates are motorcycle friendly. Five year plan, bare bones legislative plan to act as a guide and a wishlist. Things will be added, things taken out, it is a rough idea where we want to be. Would like to establish a PAC fund. Increase education and awareness, educate our members on proper communications with legislators. Increase the timeliness to pass the information on to our members. It depends on the chapters' connection with their members. Provide prompt position information to our members and the media. Make ABATE of Florida the source for media information regarding motorcycles. Be brief in your contacts with the representatives. State your business, and stop talking. They do not want to chat. Same in person. Make your point and then stop. Do not make any promises. Do not say you speak for ABATE.

**Legal Counsel Larry Crow:** absent excused.

**NCOM:** Mudder – attended SE regional meeting in Atlanta. Gave report on entry attempt at Volusia County Fairgrounds.

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

**MRF/AMA:** nothing new.

**BIKE WEEK 2014:** Please sell the tickets! Rhonda – two special events, the 13th and 14th, first one is Bikes, BBQ and Bikinis, we need at least five chapters, we have three. We are also having a bike rodeo. We need band information. Next day is the Boondocks Poker Run (Seminole County). Orange County is doing the rodeo. A sorority is doing the bike wash. We need help with the band, and we need a portable stage. We need alcohol donations for the freedom bar.

Emory- thanks to Lake County for taking care of the large generator for us.

Advanced skill riding course, we have a teacher that will do that for us. Alachua has a site for that. Patti – CUTR – They will provide the instructors free of charge if we can provide the place. If you have a possible venue, contact Darrin.

**TALLAHASSEE 2014:** Court house is approved for April 14. We are still talking to the owner of the campground. We need the petitions.

**OLD BUSINESS:** American Life insurance representative Vickie Blood gave a presentation. The company associates with many different groups.

Mr. Kirkendahl – Affiliation or association programs. Lifelock gives a discount, pay the state discount, your members can go there fill out the form, and the state will receive some money. ABATEsemco.org

**NEW BUSINESS:** Alex, Cosigned a motorcycle with his fiancée, since she was under 21 had to pay two registrations. Emory – we will have to look at that.

**Good to the Order:** Bobby Colella from Bikers for Christ speaks about discrimination on different groups. Interested in hosting a rally in downtown Daytona, will be March 1 will start at noon, if you would like to be involved send him an email.

Thanks to Treasure Coast for the lunch. Various events read.

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

**Meeting adjourned by unanimous acclaim! 6:15 pm**

#### **ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERSHIP**

As a member in good standing of ABATE of Florida, Inc. you are covered by an accidental death and dismemberment policy. This policy pays out the principal sum of \$4000.00 for accidental loss of life, loss of both hands, loss of both feet, loss of sight of both eyes, loss of one hand and one foot, loss of one hand and sight of one eye, or loss of one foot and sight of one eye.

The policy pays out one half of the principal sum \$2000.00 for the loss of one hand, loss of one foot, or loss of sight in one eye.

Loss of hand means cut off through or above the wrist. Loss of a foot means cut off through or above the ankle. Loss of sight means blindness that cannot be corrected to at least 20/200 vision. Any loss must occur within 90 days of the accident causing the payable.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to open by saying how proud of the members that showed up at Tally for the Freedom Rights Rally; the numbers were small compared to years past knowing that our reps were taking the week off. As I said we had to put in for insurance and permit a year in advance so we were not able to change it at the last minute. However we still had the news coverage to reach the public. I hope that each one of you took the time to call or email your reps since then.

It has been an honor serving this organization for the past 8 years as your president and vice president; you are some of the best people in the world that I have had the pleasure to work with. Remember that together we can get anything we want done. But we have to work together to do this, one person can't do it alone.

I want to thank my board for the job they have done to help as well, I could not have done what we done without your help. And a special thanks to Boots, this organization just don't know how much she does to keep things running smooth.

I want each one of you to remember that it is not the chapters standing on this own that makes up ABATE of Florida, Inc. it is all of us together that makes this organization what it is. If you feel that it's not working, then you are doing all you can as a member to make it work better. We need members that get involved, we have a job to do for the motorcycle rider of this state.

Ride safe and smart,

Danny "Doc" Fish

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## NEXT STATE MEETING

Sunday June 14, St Augustine, FL

SEE FLYER INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION

**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Sunday April 13, 2014 Hosted by ABATE of Florida, Inc.**

Meeting called to order at 2:01 pm by President Danny Fish. Present were Vice President Emory Griffis, Secretary Karen Carawan, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt. at Arms Dennis "Mudder" Rudoj, Assistant Sgt. at Arms TJ Painter and Ken Sasser, State Office Manager Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz, Membership Grace Lord, Masterlink editor Patti Nasrallah, PR/Communications trustee Rhonda Griffis, Products trustee Steve Knee, Safety Director Charlie Wenger, Legislative Trustee Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Lobbyist "Doc" Reichenbach, Legal Counsel Larry Crow, and Assistant Website Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson. Also guests present: Tammy Fish and Sharon Rudoj

The following Delegates represented their chapters:

Alachua-Jim Burrow	Lighthouse-Doug Tungate, Jacqueline Litsey
Black Creek-Herb Hilderbrand, Kenneth Koester	Nature Coast-Steve Mallady
Brevard-Richard Thompson, Dave Carroll	Orange County- Joyce Trevelyan, Lana Lang
Daytona Beach-John Banta	Palm Beach- Ken Gerecke, Deborah Wenger
Duval- Lisa Sims, Mark Purvis	Peace River- Bill Neal, Bill Bird
Estero River-unexcused	Polk County-Robert Fletcher, Tim McDermott
First Coast-Sara Beth Kohl	Putnam County- Pauline Sasser
Forest-Elaine Kline, Bifer Kline	Seminole County- Sally Carroll, Don Kirkendall
Freedom-RD "Crow" Carmichael	Southeast-Demetrios Kirkiles, Eftyhia Kirkiles
Gator Alley-Roger Janes, Robert Crans Jr.	Southernmost- Sandy MacLaren, James Dean
Gulf Coast-Russ Dieterich, Jackie Rowe	Keith
Hillsborough-William Nasrallah, David Reisman	Southwest-Victor Piorowski, Carl Nelson
Independence- unexcused	Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch
Innerstate-unexcused	Vintage-Shelly Ellsmore, Charles Johnston
Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver	West Coast- unexcused

**President Danny "Doc" Fish:** Little Mike from Putnam passed away last week and his services was yesterday. A \$300 permit is required by the State of Florida law for any organization that solicits for donations. All of the State Board and Trustees as well must be able to pass a background check when paperwork is submitted. This pertains to the State Board and not at the Chapter level, so please keep this in mind if you are thinking of a state position.

A Special thanks to everyone for showing up, we tried and Darrin sent out an email that most of the legislators were taking Passover and Easter off. So as voters you have the right to contact and visit your legislators at their home offices.

**Vice President Emory Griffis:** When you are contacting any of the board members, please remember that our numbers are public and available on the internet. So, many calls must be screened, so leave your name, your chapter, and a return phone number, so that we can then call you back.

**Secretary Karen Carawan:** No corrections were submitted. No changes or corrections were submitted. Motion made and second to accept minutes as printed, approved.

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

Bike Week 2014 – Lake County has volunteered to pay the large generator bill. Bruce Staley's Company paid the gas used for shopping and propane bill for the cook shack and Bruce donated a lot of to the Freedom Bar. The Bike Week ticket sales had a profit which was better than last year. The Boondocks Run went well and assisted with the profit.

Update on 501c3 status is going well. We have a FIN number now. Pending due to heavy IRS tax, but is moving along. Patti acknowledges Sandy from Southernmost who has a donation check. Motion to

accept the Treasurer Report as written made by Forest and second by Vintage -passed.

**Sgt. at Arms Dennis "Mudder" Rudoj:** Incident and Accident report has two pages, front page will have who was involved and the back page provides injury-first aid- etc. information that is needed. This report must be turned in to me within 24 hours or the incident.

**State Office Boots:** Flyers are not to be released until confirmation of insurance has been received. Please follow the Flyer SOP. Use the SOP as a checklist which should guarantee that the flyer will be correct. Send flyers by email to be approved before sending the rest of the paperwork. Flyers cannot be released until it has been approved first.

Chapter BOD updates and any change in meeting locations must be sent to the State Office first!

**Membership Grace Lord:** Updates in packets.

Highest Percentage of Growth for January 2014 – West Coast

Highest Percentage of Growth for February 2014 - Lighthouse

Most New Members for January 2014 – West Coast

Most new Members for February 2014 – At Large

Total Members - 6685

Total Voters - 4934

Life Cards handed out.

**Masterlink Editor Patti Nasrallah:** Chapter updates will be worked on.

**PR/Communications Rhonda Griffis:** Motorcycle Awareness Proclamation has been signed by the Governor. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Critters Pub in Deltona-welcomes any and all patch holders. Took their "No Color Allowed" sign down and it still is down.

**Website Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson:** Working on Chapter websites, if your Chapter needs any help contact Slo Mo.

**Safety Director Charlie Wenger:** Is now a certified Safety Director. Send reports to Safety directory and the State Office. Collection of Petition Signatures from the Chapters. Please forward any accident news articles from your area to Charlie Wenger.

**Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker" Knee:** Wind Feathers can be customized. When calling Steve (after 6pm your time) leave your name, chapter and area code and phone number, and a return call will be made.

**Lobbyist "Doc" Reichenbach:** This is the first time ever that the legislators have taken the whole week off. When Doc asked about this he was told that the legislators will be working at their local offices. So, stop by and see if your legislator is actually at his/her office. Most of the aids will also be gone; however, there will be a few since they live locally. They have only heard two bills, but they have so many more, don't know how they will hear them all. As soon as I hear anything about the bills which will be next week, I'll be sure to forward the information to Darrin so that he can get it out to all of you. Safety money is not a bill but an amendment and is moving along.

**Legislative Trustee Darrin Brooks:** Talk to your representative year round!

The Governor has signed the Tag Registration Bill so the fee will be going down.

If you do not have a concealed weapon permit, this bill which still has not been approved yet, states that in a declared state of emergency you can have a weapon as long as you are not a felon.

Pop Tart Bill is moving along. Last day of Session is May 2nd which is the 60th day.

This trip to Tallahassee has never been about the only time to talk to our legislators. You need to talk to your representative year round. And don't forget the aids, they are our best friends.

**Legal Counsel Larry Crow:** The lawsuit against the no colors policy is headed for trial.

**NCOM:** Will be held in Dallas during Mother's Day Weekend (May 9-11). Doc is trying to get it held in Florida again. There will be a training session about applying for grants.

**MRF / AMA:** E-15 working toward the off road training.

**Bike Week 2014:** Thanks to all that sold drawing tickets, and to all who stayed, and worked. This year ran smoothly and we had No incidents.

Award for most tickets sold was a three way tie: Estero River, Lake County and Treasure Coast

Award for most chapter hours worked went to: Southern Most Chapter

Congratulations to our 2014 Drawing Winners

\$10,000.00 First Prize to Ray Kugler of Sarasota County, FL.

\$50.00 VISA Card from American Income Life to Marcus Hotelling of Brevard County, FL.

\$50.00 VISA Card from American Income Life to Retha Beeler of Seminole County, FL.

The winning ticket was sold by Sherry Ward!

**Tallahassee 2014:** Remember that most of the legislators and some of the aids will not be there tomorrow. But, for those who are there including the aids, please be sure to thank them after you've talked to them. The aids can be our friends!

Mudder gave instructions regarding line-up time, kick stands up and the procedure to enter and park at the Capitol and after the exit.

**Old Business:** Lobbyist proposals-copies of those received are in your packets. A brief explanation about the facts was given for the delegates to take back to their Chapters to discuss and vote on.

Nominations for 2014 – 2016 State Board of Directors President – Emory Griffis (declined); Doc Reichenbach; Frenchie Morland (declined); Patti Nasrallah (declined); Sandy MacLaren (declined); Griz Deaver (declined)

Vice-President – Emory Griffis (declined); Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi; Jim Burrow

Secretary – Karen Carawan (declined); Shelly Ellsmore

Treasurer – Patti Nasrallah

Sgt-at-Arms – T.J. Painter

PR/Communications – Rhonda Griffis (declined); Sara Beth Kohl

Membership Trustee – Grace Lord

MasterLink Editor – Dave Henderson (declined); Leanna Falls

Legal Counsel – Larry Crow; Jerry T. (declined)

Legislative Trustee – Darrin Brooks; James Rumslaugh (not in attendance)

Product Trustee – Steve Knee

**New Business:** Please send to the state office- proposals to host the state meetings for 2015 and the possibility that April could also be available to host a meeting.

Officer Seminars-the July dates will be announced.

**Good to the Order:** Lake County announced the Leesburg Bike Fest coming up, come to our campground at the

Eagles Aerie # 4273- Okahumpka, FL.

Motorcycle Awareness (hosted by Duval, First Coast & Black Creek) at Jacksonville Landing May 10th 1pm to 5pm. Various other events read.

Congratulations to Elaine Kline from Forest Chapter who won the 50/50 drawing.

Thank you all for attending!

**Meeting adjourned at: 5:57pm**



ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

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VINTAGE CHAPTER

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL

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STATE MEETING & STATE ELECTION

JUNE 14, 2014

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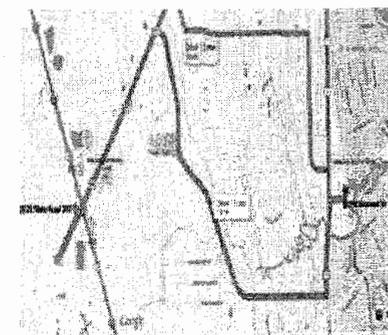
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As your new President I want to thank all of you who showed your support for our mission during my last term two years ago. Abate of Florida, Inc. is a non profit corporation formed to provide justice to all motorcycle riders in the state of Florida by legislative means and safety. We are not a club and do not claim to be as we are neutral and support everyone who supports us. It is time for us to once again become the most powerful grassroots organization in the state and to use our strength from the halls of congress to the legislature in Tallahassee. We cannot succeed without your support and it is time to make our move with elections coming up in November. **"The time is Now"!!!!!!**

The officer seminars will be over by the time the Masterlink reaches you so I hope all of you had a chance to attend them. This will be short for now, **"Ride safe and Free"!!!!!!**

*James "Doc" Reichenbach II*

### 2014-2016 State Board of Director Chapter Voting Record

	VP			VP	
	JIM BURROW	DENNIS RUDOI		JIM BURROW	DENNIS RUDOI
		"MUDDER"		"MUDDER"	
VOTER			VOTER		
ALACHUA		2	POLK COUNTY	ABSENT	
BLACK CREEK		2	PUTNAM COUNTY		2
BREVARD		2	SEMINOLE COUNTY		1
DAYTONA BEACH		1	SOUTHEAST		2
DUVAL	ABSTAIN		SOUTHERNMOST		2
ESTERO RIVER		2	SOUTHWEST	2	
FIRST COAST		2	TREASURE COAST	2	
FOREST		2	VINTAGE		2
FREEDOM		2	WEST COAST		2
GATOR ALLEY		2	PRESIDENT		1
GULF COAST		2	VICE PRESIDENT		1
HILLSBOROUGH		2	SECRETARY		1
INDEPENDENCE		1	TREASURER		1
INERSTATE		2	SGT AT ARMS		1
LAKE COUNTY		2	PR/COMMUNICATIONS	ABSENT	
LIGHTHOUSE		2	MEMBERSHIP		1
NATURE COAST		2	LEGAL		1
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## NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday August 9, Arcadia, FL

SEE FLYER INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION

## **ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Vintage Chapter. Date: Saturday June 14, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 2:03 pm by President Danny Fish.

Present were President Danny Fish, Vice President Emory Griffis, Secretary Karen Carawan, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt. at Arms Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi, State Office Manager "Ms. Boots", Membership Grace Lord, Masterlink editor Patti Nasrallah, Web Master Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson, Products trustee Steve Knee, Assistant Products Sherry Ward, Safety Director Charlie Wenger, Legislative Trustee Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Lobbyist "Doc" Reichenbach, Legal Counsel Larry Crow, Assistant Sgt. at Arms TJ Painter and Ken Sasser. Also guests present: Tammy Fish, Sharon Rudoi and Ivy

### Delegate Representatives:

Alachua-Jim Burrow, Jay Trama  
 Black Creek-Greg Marshall, Joe Turner  
 Brevard-Charles M. Bird, Rodney L. Maas  
 Daytona Beach-John Banta  
 Duval- Victor Sawyers, Lisa Sims  
 Estero River-Larry Peterson, Ward Jackson  
 First Coast-Sara Beth Kohl, Shirley Sutton  
 Forest-Nichole Bushnell, Rand Rummler  
 Freedom-Kimberley Long, Nancy Painter  
 Gator Alley-Marie Ratcliff, Bill Ratcliff  
 Gulf Coast-Larry Alameda, Deb Alameda  
 Hillsborough-Richard Nasrallah, Steve Nasrallah  
 Independence- Phillip Rucki  
 Inerstate-Dale Moore, Arlene Moore  
 Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver

Lighthouse-Marie Donovan, Mike Morgano  
 Nature Coast-Steve Mallady, Frank Moore  
 Orange County- Joyce Trevelyan, Lana Lang  
 Palm Beach- Ken Gerecke, Deborah Wenger  
 Peace River- Bill Neal, Bill Bird  
 Polk County-Unexcused  
 Putnam County- Pauline Sasser, Bill Stoltz  
 Seminole County- Rande Zuclich  
 Southeast-Demetrios Kirkiles, Bob Calabrese  
 Southernmost- Sandy MacLaren, James Dean Keith  
 Southwest-Victor Piorkowski, Richard Leon  
 Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Susan Hulce  
 Vintage-Charles Nazworth, Bonnie Jackson  
 West Coast- Christy Conner, Mike Duffey

### **Thank Vintage Chapter for hosting this meeting.**

During the month of June Chapters hold Officer Elections.

If you are running an event, take the time and effort to talk to the owners, managers of all your stops and talk to them to make sure that everyone is welcome or if they have a policy about colors. There will be a change in the SOP flyers.

It's been my honor and a pleasure to serve all of you, but I must take care of my health. Remember that you are a member of ABATE and be proud of it by what you say to others.

**Vice President Emory Griffis:** It has been a true honor to serve as your VP.

You (Doc Fish) have been efficient not to waste but save and bring in any extra income.

**Secretary Karen Carawan:** No corrections have been submitted.

Motion made to accept minutes by Patti Nasrallah; Second by Larry Alameda-Gulf Coast to accept minutes as written. Passed.

**Treasurer Patti Nasrallah:** Financial Reports and Balance Sheets are in the packets.

Update on 501c3 status – Accountant says we are very close and can accept donations, but you should hold off for now. I will be preparing a receipt letter and who to make the checks payable to. So as soon as I can get all the information together, I get it out to all of you.

Motion made to accept by Gulf Coast; Second by Brevard to accept treasurer report as written. Passed.

**Sgt. at Arms Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi:** It has been an Honor to serve all of you as your Sargent at Arms for the last 7 years. I'm sure that T.J. will provide the service you will need and give you great service.

**State Office Boots:** Flyer SOPs will be revised regarding the No Colors policy. It's important that each chapter turn in the Chapter Officer Updates, you don't want me to call your Chapter. Insurance Requests must be submitted as soon as possible with correct information and money.

**Membership Grace Lord:** Updates are in the packets.

Highest Percentage of Growth for March 2014 – Nature Coast

Highest Percentage of Growth for April 2014 – Forest

Most New Members for March 2014 “Tie” West Coast & Daytona Beach

Most new Members for April 2014 “Tie” Lake County & Forest

Total Members - 6694

Total Voters - 4958

Life Cards handed out.

**Masterlink Editor Patti Nasrallah:** Working on the Masterlink and will have one out soon.

**PR/Communications Rhonda Griffis:** Absence excused.

**Website Dan “Slo Mo” Henderson:** Working on a New Chapter Page and Map, so please make sure that your information in the Masterlink is correct. Please be sure to attend the Leadership Seminars. There is a form for the webmaster which can be downloaded from our website, complete the form and bring this to the Website Seminar.

**Safety Director Charlie Wenger:** I have (3) MSAP certificates to hand out. Our safety products are getting low. Idea to have first aid certified member in each chapter. Doc Reichenbach wants to see the credentials of the person that is providing the training. So you will need to send a copy of the credentials to Doc first.

**Products Trustee Steve “Caretaker: Knee:** Doc Fish had Sherri Ward stand since she's been assisting Steve with his products. Have a few Bob von Bulow patches left and also Boot's List patches. In your packets you will find a new order form, which has the Wind Feathers included. Material School Backpack each school district has their own rules about what is approved. If you were at Tally, you may have seen the Wind Feathers I had. Recruiter Pins will need to check into these and see if there is a minimum order. The Wind Feathers are a great way to get our name out there; you can have these customized also.

**Legislative Trustee Darrin Brooks:** SB102 Leaving scene of Crash bill still on Gov. desk waiting to be signed. HB 89 “Threatened use of deadly force against attacker” on Gov. desk. SB424 prevent discrimination by insurance company for owning a gun. Will start tracking political races and will highlight motorcycle friendly candidates.

Will do survey for candidate again this year. Leadership Conference is open to all who are interested in learning more about helping ABATE and Legislative area. Motorcycle EMS Tips card handout to delegates.

**Lobbyist “Doc” Reichenbach:** Stiffer Penalties was a great bill; the problem was that the Legislator wanted his Hit and Run bill passed. Sessions are over but, I've already made appointments. We are going to put in for grants. I am going to form a committee to apply for these federal grants.

**Legal Counsel Larry Crow:** State Fair Law suit, stating could not discriminate people against colors is still pending.

**NCOM:** Was held in Dallas May 9-11th with good discussions and talked about the colors problems, per Doc Reichenbach. Went to the COC meeting after.

**MRF / AMA:** IRS will abandon the nonprofit rule.  
The AMA co-signed the Motorcycle check stop act.

Addressed the E-15 and E-85 issues

**Bike Week 2015:** Will not address anything about 2015, but for Bike Week for this year a special Thanks to Charlie and Rhonda for the terrific job they did. Estero was not at the last meeting but here is their Trophy for a three-way-tie for ticket sales.

**Tallahassee 2015:** Ms. Boots has put in for the Capitol Run on April 13, 2015. Build a relationship with your representatives now!

**Old Business:** Three Lobbyist Proposals had been sent back with each delegate for their chapters to vote on. Sticks counted and Doc Reichenbach will be our lobbyist for 2014-2016.

The Vice President position is the only position that will require a count of votes for Dennis "Mudder" Rudoj or for Jim Burrow.

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**New Business:** Multi Media-the organization is to put positive information about what we do regarding motorcycle safety and the legislative. Doc Reichenbach handed out plaques for Doc Fish and Emory. Motion to change the date for the Saturday meeting to Sunday for April 12th; motion by Lake County and second by Black Creek, any discussion? Motion is carried.

Proposals to host the state meetings for 2015

February 2015

April 2015                      Tallahassee

June 2015                      Interstate

August 2015

October 2015                  Hillsborough

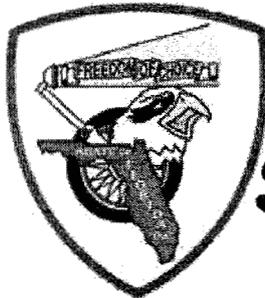
December 2015                Gator Alley

February and August will be decided at the next state meeting. Please send proposals to the state office. President and Vice President Leadership Seminar are for chapter president and vice president only. Tickets for the drawing, I can't understand why each chapter can't support this organization before a charity. Black Creek called for a vote for the 2015 Ticket Drawing will be three chances to win versus only one. Majority of delegates have chosen the three chances.

**Good to the Order:** Various events read. A big Thanks to Vintage for the lunch. Next Meeting will be a Peace River. Congratulations to Charley Johnston who won the 50/50 drawing. Demetrios will be Chairman of the Grants Committee. Thank you to all for attending!

**Meeting adjourned at: 5:55pm**

**ABATE of Florida Inc. Peace River Chapter presents**



# ABATE State Meeting

## Saturday, August 9

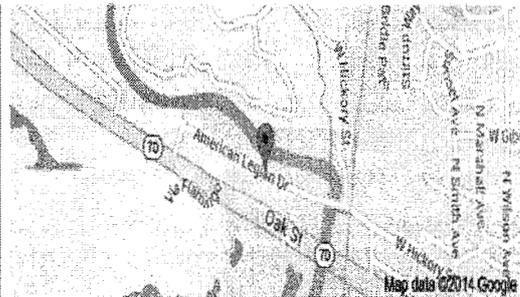


**Location: Arcadia Women's Club**

**2288 American Legion Drive, Arcadia 34266**

**State Board Meeting meets at 12 noon**

**Delegates meeting at 2pm**



### Lodging Info:



Motel Lodging is at the Sleep Inn & Suites - Port Charlotte. (941) 613-6300 \$65 plus tax/night. Be sure to tell them you are with ABATE! Amenities include: Breakfast, Fitness Center, Hot Tub/Jacuzzi, Swimming Pool, Business Center, and High Speed Internet

BY CHOICE HOTELS 806 Kings Hwy, Punta Gorda, 33980. Take I75 to Exit 170. The Sleep Inn is located behind the Cracker Barrel restaurant.

Camping is also available at the Peace River Campground 1/2 mile from the state meeting. The popular ABATE 5-Star event will be taking place the same weekend at this location! 2998 NW Highway 70, Arcadia 34266

Call (863) 494-9693 for camping rates and info.



### Meeting Info:

The State Meeting will be held at the Women's Club, 2288 American Legion Drive, Arcadia 34266

From the Sleep Inn, take the beautiful, scenic Kings Highway East all the way to highway 72. Take a right and go all the way to highway 70. Take a right, go over a small bridge, and take a left on American Legion Drive. Look for ABATE signs. This is a beautiful 25-minute ride unencumbered by stop lights, Interstate traffic, and congestion.



The popular ABATE 5-Star Event will be going on at the Peace River Campground this same weekend! Check out the 5-Star poster for more info!

**Contact: Johnny Martin, President, Peace River Chapter (941) 224-6160**

Donations to ABATE of Florida, Inc. are not deductible for income tax purposes.

Membership & Safety Info Available

ABATE of Florida, Inc. does NOT condone drinking and driving.

CHAPTER	MEMBERS	VOTERS	% VOTERS	CHAPTER	MEMBERS	VOTERS	% VOTERS
AT LARGE	590	330	56%	AT LARGE	586	384	66%
ALACHUA	119	88	74%	ALACHUA	119	88	74%
BLACK CREEK	142	117	82%	BLACK CREEK	144	118	82%
BREVARD	294	236	80%	BREVARD	293	236	81%
DAYTONA BEACH	288	185	64%	DAYTONA BEACH	285	183	64%
DUVAL	229	151	66%	DUVAL	232	155	67%
ESTERO RIVER	162	114	70%	ESTERO RIVER	160	111	69%
FIRST COAST	40	31	78%	FIRST COAST	40	32	80%
FOREST	164	130	79%	FOREST	179	141	79%
FREEDOM	105	66	63%	FREEDOM	108	68	63%
GATOR ALLEY	364	255	70%	GATOR ALLEY	371	264	71%
GULF COAST	340	265	78%	GULF COAST	340	263	77%
HILLSBOROUGH	167	123	74%	HILLSBOROUGH	166	122	73%
INDEPENDENCE	435	358	82%	INDEPENDENCE	424	350	83%
INERSTATE	149	114	77%	INERSTATE	150	115	77%
LAKE	293	190	65%	LAKE	313	207	66%
LIGHTHOUSE	66	46	70%	LIGHTHOUSE	68	48	71%
NATURE COAST	34	26	76%	NATURE COAST	35	27	77%
ORANGE COUNTY	64	40	63%	ORANGE COUNTY	56	36	64%
PALM BEACH	232	149	64%	PALM BEACH	232	149	64%
PEACE RIVER	295	221	75%	PEACE RIVER	296	225	76%
POLK COUNTY	114	87	76%	POLK COUNTY	112	85	76%
PUTNAM	94	72	77%	PUTNAM	95	73	77%
SEMINOLE	89	61	69%	SEMINOLE	93	64	69%
SOUTHEAST	592	483	82%	SOUTHEAST	603	492	82%
SOUTHERNMOST	389	319	82%	SOUTHERNMOST	388	319	82%
SOUTHWEST	246	199	81%	SOUTHWEST	222	179	81%
TREASURE COAST	171	130	76%	TREASURE COAST	170	132	78%
VINTAGE	50	31	62%	VINTAGE	50	31	62%
WEST COAST	372	18	5%	WEST COAST	364	261	72%
TOTALS	6689	4635	69%	TOTALS	6694	4958	74%

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The State meeting of the corporation for August was enlightening. All chapters were present except one. It was gratifying to see the interest of the chapters and the input from them. There were some excellent ideas brought forth and two new committees were formed, a finance and a promotions committee. It is time for Abate to take the next step in their development. There are changes coming and we need to prepare for them.

On the legislative front we will have at least one fight on our hands if the rumors are true that there will be a helmet bill introduced so we need to gear up for that. We will also be doing legislation that will help the motorcyclists in this state. We have been a force in Florida politics in the past and now more then ever need to show our strength. Ask the candidates to come to your meetings and question them. Show them that you are well educated and know your facts. Florida has the Governorship up this year along with State Senate seats and all of the Florida House of Representative seats up for a vote. ***"The Future is now"*** not next year or the year after its ***"Now"***. If you know someone who isn't registered talk to them and get them to register to vote. Many of our friends and relatives fought and died to give the American people this right and it is disgraceful if they do not do their constitutional duty and vote.

The next state meeting will be in October the same weekend as Spooks 'n Scoots I hope you will all be there, until then ***"Ride Safe and Free"!!!!***

*Doc*

### 2015 ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. DAYTONA BIKE WEEK CAMPGROUND CANCELED

DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE THE BIKE WEEK CAMPGROUND HAS BECOME A FINANCIAL LIABILITY. AN OPPORTUNITY AROSE THAT ENABLED US TO CANCEL THE LAST YEAR OF THE CONTRACT WITHOUT SUSTAINING ANY PENALTIES.

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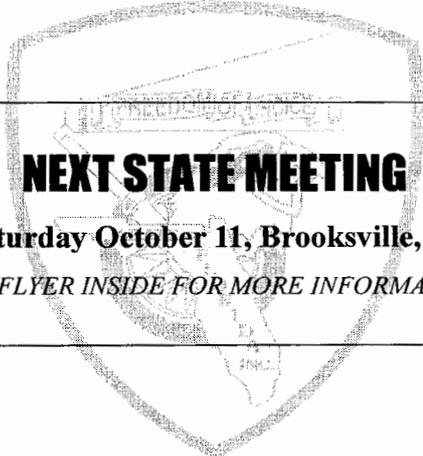
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**NEXT STATE MEETING**  
Saturday October 11, Brooksville, FL  
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## **ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Peace River Chapter.**

### **Saturday August 9, 2014**

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:00 p.m. by President Doc Reichenbach

Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt-at-Arms TJ Painter, Membership Grace Lord, PR/Communications SaraBeth Kohl, Masterlink Bob Alexander, Safety Charlie Wenger, Legislative Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Products Steve Knee, Asst. Products Sherry Ward, Legal Larry Crow, Website Dan "Slo Mo" Henderon, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buckholz. Excused Absence: Vice President Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi.

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### **PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach:**

Re-introduced Bob Alexander who was State Secretary for many years, asked for vote of confidence to appoint Bob the new Masterlink editor. Motion approved by delegates. Also recognized Arlene who was delegate at June meeting, she is 92 and going strong. The allegation that we paid for the postage for the A.I.M. mailing are incorrect, we are reimbursed for postage. They do a lot of work PRO BONO. We have supported A.I.M. for over 20 years. Regarding statement Lobbyist doesn't give updates-both Doc & Mudder went over what we want to do this year in the President/VP seminars. . Doc & Patti met with accountant about C-3. Should be signing papers Monday 8/11/14, hopefully hear back from IRS in 3-4 months. We will not start collecting donations under the C-3 until we know it has been approved to prevent possible repayment and penalty fee issues. This will protect ABATE of Florida, Inc. financial status. Wants it back by March 2015 when session starts, we can say are now C-3 corporation. When we become the C-3 we should try to get the Motorcycle Training Program. Will bring in revenue to ABATE and funds will go to training, billboards, seminars, safety education for the benefit of all motorcyclists, and make it fair and equitable for everyone to take the course. Highway Safety told Doc no longer wants their name associated with of ABATE of FL, Inc. Nature Coast put in a request to close. Letters went out to members to see if 10 members will step up, if not they will fold.

**Vice President Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi:** No report.

**Secretary Shelly Johnston:** There was one correction to the minutes from the June meeting to include

the chapter elections are held in June and that the State Treasurer will be a signer on all bank accounts. Minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer Patti Nasrallah:** Financial report in packets contain income/expense reports, balance sheet and detail of checks written. Doc recommended no more campgrounds after 2015. Need a vote on this from the chapters. We could get into the promotions/ concert business. Billy Bird will look into this. Don Kirkendale said many companies would pay postage for Masterlink just to reach such a large targeted audience. Doc said we cannot advertise insurance or cruises and get bulk rate.. Demetrius brought up idea of Finance Committee to review proposals and report to BOD pros/cons. Doc's concern is confidentiality of members, it would go to every member, but we would do the mailing. Doc formed new Finance Committee consisting of Don Kirkendale, Jim Burrow and Demetrios Kirkiles with Patti Nasrallah as Chairperson to look into business memberships, sponsorships and review proposals.

**Sgt. at Arms Dennis T J Painter:** Inventory sheets in packet, due at December State meeting. If it's late it affects the IRS filing. With high temperatures and humidity you will get dehydrated fast, watch your partner for signs also. Take closer look at bikes, check tires.

**State Office Ms Boots:** Officer updates still needed from a few chapters. Need copy of registration for trailers along with inventories. Look through inventory, make sure they are accurate. Flyers would be approved quicker if they follow flyer SOP. Must contain Abate of Florida, Inc. chapter's name, address of event, start and stop time. Just follow the checklist. Drawing tickets: every chapter should have letter in packet to take to treasurer and copy of tickets numbers the chapter has out. Has extra tickets here now-let her know if you need any.

**Membership Grace Lord:** Updates in packets.

Highest % of Growth May 2014: Palm Beach; June 2014: First Coast. Most New Members May 2014: Palm Beach; June 2014: Daytona. Total Members: 6717. Total Voters: 4993. Life Cards given out to Alachua, Brevard, Daytona, Duval, Freedom, Gulf Coast, Inerstate, Lake, Palm Beach, Putnam, Southeast, Southernmost, Southwest, Vintage and West Coast Chapters.

**Masterlink Editor Bob Alexander:** There are 2 issues: hardware, software. The hardware problem is solved, working on software. Patti will work with him to allow a smooth transition. Patti said the Masterlink is about half done.

**PR/Communications Sarabeth Kohl:** Still needs to hear back from several chapters on whether they have Facebook page. Do not post negative comments, get facts straight before posting on social media. Page should be set up as an organization, not individual, and should not be able to send or accept friend requests. She must be admin on page, will not take posts down before discussing with Chapter PR. Pages should reflect our cause and mission: motorcycle safety and awareness and dedication to freedom of the road. Put in link to State's webpage.

**Website Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson:** In process of converting everything over, once done will be able to help chapters out

**Safety Director Charlie Wenger:** New MSAP certifications went to Charlie Black from Palm Beach, Jim Willard from Southeast, and John York, Ruth Kanowich, Kerry Walsh, Robert Walsh all from Daytona Beach. Push to get as many people certified MSAP as possible, those with certification should train other chapter members. Think out-of-the box when setting up places for safety booths. Safety item inventory also in packet, complete and return.

**Products Trustee Steve "Caretaker: Knee:** If you want Life Member or "Watch for Motorcycles" shirt and he does not have it in stock fill out order form and send to him along with payment. Item

should be in at next State meeting. The cost of the reflective back patch is \$50, Steve will look into it a little more, get cost on smaller quantity. Take back to chapter how many acorn patches and/or back patches the chapter wants, let Steve know so he can order and he will tell chapter how much. Spirit bells will cost about \$10 each, say ABATE of Florida, Inc. on one side and "safe passage" on the other. Took quick count of how many bells were wanted. He will order, they will take 4-6 weeks so should be here for next State meeting. He now has year pins in stock, up to 35 years.

**Legislative Trustee Darrin Brooks:** He is starting to see more about mandatory helmet laws in newsprint. He will be emailing sample letters to use for media and legislators. He is working on blurps about safety, keep your eyes open for anti-motorcycle, helmet law stuff, let him know so he can respond. Big thanks to John Banta for doggedly digging in the stats and reports. This is election year, have candidates come speak to your chapter, it's a good way to introduce them to ABATE while they are starting out. If you have a pro-motorcycle candidate (or anti) let him know so he can pass info on to Lobbyist. After the Primary he will be putting together a list of motorcycle friendly candidates. Slo Mo suggested talking to school board candidates also.

**Lobbyist "Doc" Reichenbach:** FL legislators were in special session Thursday 8/7 to redo some districts. This will affect some of us, including early voters. Stiffer penalties bill, safety money, driver's ed, discrimination bill, safety of the road are all things he will be working on. He will put out list of people he thinks we should support as his Lobbyist recommendation. Hoping to get a meeting with Gov. Scott.

**NCOM:** Next board meeting is in 11/14, convention May 2015 is in Denver, 2016 is Atlantic Beach. Motorcycle stops defeated. Would like to see a national discrimination bill instead of being addressed at state level. A few years ago the Monguls had their patch confiscated by the US government. They sued and won and now govt is appealing. This comes down to freedom of choice and if it doesn't stop who will be next? They are having a Save the Patch event 8/16 in Edgewater with proceeds going to the "Trademark Defense Fund". Info on NFLCOC website.

**MRF / AMA:** Transportation bill passed, didn't see anything about NHSTA. Darrin will check into. Nothing from AMA.

**Bike Week March 6-15,2015:** Ticket drawing Saturday March 14, 2015 noon. Doc met with fairgrounds and we cannot get out of contract. 2015 is last year of contract. Possibility of counter-offer was brought up, take this back to chapters and vote whether to keep campgrounds and/or counter offer. Need participation from all chapters to keep it profitable.

**Tallahassee April 13, 2015:** State meeting Sunday 4/12/15. Super 8 will work with us on room prices. We will line up in parking lot and road behind the Super 8 for the ride to the capital. If you go make sure you see your legislators.

**Old Business:** Southwest Chapter will host the February 2015 meeting. Lake County will host August 2015.

**New Business:** None

**Good to the Order:** Big thank-you for Peace River for the lunch. Various Chapters announced upcoming events. Next State meeting will be Saturday 10/12/14 hosted by Hillsborough. 50/50 won by Bob "Bars" Calabrese.

**Meeting adjourned at: 5:05pm**

## Every Marine a rifleman!

I have heard this statement many times in my life, but it was the most recent time that it made me think of ABATE of Florida, Inc. Let me first pay my undying respect to all the people who have served this Country in both times of war and peace. Allow me to give recognition to the US Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Merchant Marines, however, it is the USMC that I have always been most enamored. But I digress...

## Every Marine a rifleman!

The saying emphasizes that every Marine, no matter what their MOS (military occupation specialty), is also trained infantry and with few exceptions they have to certify annually with their rifle and physical fitness. Consequently, a Marine no matter what they do, must be ready to defend this country at a moment's notice.

## Every ABATE member a legislative warrior!

ABATE of Florida, Inc. has many jobs that must be done in order for not just the organization, but for all motorcyclists in Florida to successfully move forward with our continuous fight for motorcycle rights and safety. Just as every Marine is a rifleman, it should also be said that every ABATE member is a legislative warrior. No matter what your role is with ABATE of Florida, Inc., every one of you must be ready to fight for your rights and safety when needed. That time, my friends, is now. We are all counting on your help.

We all know that motorcyclists are social; we enjoy being with our friends and sharing our stories of the road. We also know that motorcyclists are not afraid to offer an opinion and share our thoughts. Those two facts go a long way to help ABATE of Florida, Inc. fight for your rights and safety. I like to call this the ripple effect, just as a single drop of water on a pond sends out an ever widening circle; the same applies to information in the motorcycle community. It does not take long for word to spread about motorcycle related political issues and how it affects us as riders. Words also spreads quickly within our community about which politicians are motorcycle friendly and which ones want to take back our freedoms. Over the past few years several elections in Florida have been won or lost due in part to the involvement of the motorcycle community. Each year a greater number of candidates are seeing the benefit of reaching out to our community and seeking our support. After all, we are a great cross section of the population; we are all genders, ethnicities, and income levels. We are blue collar, white collar, retired, and students. And we are all very educated whether formally or street-wise and we have the passion to fight for our freedoms.

Along with the increased awareness of the politicians seeking our support, we have to be ever vigilant to recognize which politicians are just glad-handing us to get our powerful votes. The good news is that like the ripples on a pond, information about the politicians both good and bad spread quickly throughout our community. If you want to know what is going on in the political world and cut through the political haze, just ask an ABATE of Florida, Inc. member, you will get the information that you want without all the B.S.

If you are interested in learning more about how your local politics affect your freedoms as a motorcyclist, stop by your local ABATE of Florida, Inc. Chapter and learn how you can become more aware of how you can impact your future and maybe become a legislative warrior in your own community.

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks,  
State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc.

**MAY 2014****JUNE 2014**

<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>VOTERS</b>	<b>% VOTERS</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>VOTERS</b>
AT LARGE	589	387	66%	AT LARGE	591	388
ALACHUA	120	89	74%	ALACHUA	120	89
BLACK CREEK	146	119	82%	BLACK CREEK	145	118
BREVARD	290	236	81%	BREVARD	290	237
DAYTONA BEACH	292	187	64%	DAYTONA BEACH	300	190
DUVAL	231	155	67%	DUVAL	225	152
ESTERO RIVER	156	111	71%	ESTERO RIVER	162	115
FIRST COAST	39	31	79%	FIRST COAST	43	33
FOREST	180	143	79%	FOREST	178	140
FREEDOM	109	69	63%	FREEDOM	106	69
GATOR ALLEY	372	263	71%	GATOR ALLEY	371	259
GULF COAST	341	264	77%	GULF COAST	342	264
HILLSBOROUGH	162	118	73%	HILLSBOROUGH	162	118
INDEPENDENCE	427	354	83%	INDEPENDENCE	424	350
INERSTATE	150	115	77%	INERSTATE	151	118
LAKE	294	196	67%	LAKE	298	199
LIGHTHOUSE	73	51	70%	LIGHTHOUSE	76	53
NATURE COAST	35	27	77%	NATURE COAST	34	26
ORANGE COUNTY	60	40	67%	ORANGE COUNTY	61	40
PALM BEACH	267	172	64%	PALM BEACH	265	172
PEACE RIVER	300	229	76%	PEACE RIVER	302	231
POLK COUNTY	111	85	77%	POLK COUNTY	113	87
PUTNAM	98	76	78%	PUTNAM	98	76
SEMINOLE	91	63	69%	SEMINOLE	92	64
SOUTHEAST	616	505	82%	SOUTHEAST	602	493
SOUTHERNMOST	387	319	82%	SOUTHERNMOST	389	323
SOUTHWEST	216	175	81%	SOUTHWEST	213	172
TREASURE COAST	174	142	82%	TREASURE COAST	167	138
VINTAGE	53	29	55%	VINTAGE	53	35
WEST COAST	357	258	72%	WEST COAST	344	244
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6736</b>	<b>5008</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6717</b>	<b>4993</b>

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I want to thank all of the delegates at the October state meeting for their input and support. Some decisions were made that I know were not easy but had to be made. The new event that we have come up with hopefully will bring a huge influx of money for Abate of Florida, Inc. It may expand into events in other sections of the state. We will be speaking to the city involved immediately to work out a deal with them on how we can make this event a reality. More facts will be forthcoming as soon as they are known. The next meeting in December at Treasure Coast we should have a good idea where this event will lead us.

With the support of the membership we will bring this organization back to prominence it has had through out it's over thirty years of existence. We are the best grassroots organization in motorcycling and I believe that. With your help we will build upon that and make it something we can pass on to our future generations.

I will see you at Treasure Coast in December until then Ride Safe and Free!!!!!!

*Doc*

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**2015 ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC**  
**DAYTONA BIKE WEEK CAMPGROUND CANCELLED**  
TICKET DRAWING FOR THE \$10,000 CASH PRIZE WILL BE HELD AT THE  
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## NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday December 13, Vero Beach, FL

SEE FLYER INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION

## ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

### State meeting hosted by Hillsborough Chapter October 11, 2014

**CALLED TO ORDER AT:** 2:15 p.m. by President Doc Reichenbach with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah Sgt-at-Arms TJ Painter, Asst. Sgt-at-Arms Ken Sasser, Membership Grace Lord, PR/Communications SaraBeth Kohl, Masterlink Bob Alexander, Legislative Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Products Steve Knee, Asst. Products Sherry Ward, Website Dan "Slo Mo" Henderon, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz. Excused Absence: Legal Larry Crow.

#### Delegates Representatives:

Alachua-Jim Burrow

Black Creek-Greg Marshall, Herb Hilderbrand

Brevard-Rik Venerable, Mary Korolovich

Daytona Beach-John Banta, Frank Roush Jr.

Duval- Nan Borenstein, Dawn Avery

Estero River-Larry Peterson, Stephanie O'Hara

First Coast-Barry Sing Sr., Tamela Morris-Sing

Forest-Paul Antonio, Tim Smith

Freedom-Patrick Herbert, David Clark

Gator Alley-John Stevens, Jude Stevens

Gulf Coast-Elliott Dufur, Thomas Moulyet

Hillsborough-Richard Nasrallah, James Sewell

Independence- Darlene Anderson, Ellen

Buffington

Inerstate-Dale Moore

Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver

Lighthouse-Doug Tungate, Jackie Litsey

Orange County- Lana Lang, Frenchie Morland

Palm Beach- Ed Lattari, Ken Gerecke

Peace River- Bill Bird

Polk County- Tim McDermott, Dewey Cain

Putnam County- Pauline Sasser

Seminole County- Don Kirkendall, Sally Carroll

Southeast-Excused

Southernmost- Sandy MacLaren, James Dean Keith

Southwest-Victor Piorowski, Richard Leon

Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Dale Gasparik

Vintage-Kevin Barfield, Sharon Balocki

West Coast- Bill Russell

**PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach:** Asked delegates to sign in with their correct name and to write legibly. This is important if you ever want to run for office, your attendance has to be verified. Nature Coast chapter has been closed. Doc was informed today that Charles Wenger, the Safety Director, has resigned. Doc will be looking for someone to fill this position. He originally asked the Chapters to discuss the Bike Week campground with members, but an opportunity arose that enabled ABATE of Florida, Inc. to get out of the last year of the contract without financial penalty. This decision had to be made quickly and was unanimously agreed on by the BOD. Doc has received a letter to verify this. The campground has struggled the past few years and we only were in the black due to chapters donating or paying for supplies and the generator. Flyers must have exact wording for deductions per the SOP. Life cards picked up by delegates are to be given to chapter membership trustee to then be given to the member. Members cannot use ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s roster for their own private mailing. There will be no further mailings until unless it benefits the corporation. Any mailing except the insurance and AIM will be decided on by the delegation. He received a call from a chapter saying they weren't coming due to lack of funds, no excuses, each chapter needs to show up. Also, be careful driving. He hit a deer coming to the meeting- its hunting season and they are running.

**VICE PRESIDENT Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi:** Motorola did not distribute service manuals for our radios and will no longer fix them. Obsolete radios will be turned over to TJ. We now have 15

working radios each with 2 new batteries thanks to Hillsborough. The security trailer and pumpkin will be scrapped. The cook shack and box trailer will be stored. Mudder put out a challenge to all chapters to increase membership. He will give the chapter with the most new members and the chapter with the highest % of growth (based on size) over a 4 month period \$75. Don Kirkendall will add \$25, so the chapters will get \$100. Discussion followed on ways to get and keep members. Frenchie asked how do we keep members, Mudder said get them involved. The \$4000 ADD insurance is a bonus. SloMo suggested to share practices that work with other chapters. Safety products can generate new members. Face to face at local events and meet & greets with officers and members also increase membership and help retain those you have.

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: No corrections to the minutes of the August meeting were submitted. Motion to approve by Black Creek, 2nd by Inerstate and carried.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: Financial reports are in packets, they contain income/expense reports, balance sheet and detail of checks written. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by First Coast, 2nd by Gulf Coast, carried.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS TJ Painter: Inventories are due at December State meeting. With colder weather coming please check the air pressure on tires. Watch for critters.

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: All sold drawing tickets should be turned in at the December State meeting. All sold and unsold tickets must be turned in at the February State meeting. The drawing will take place at the State office, same date and time on ticket. Flyers must say "donations are not deductible for federal income tax purposes". She still has some safety products at the State Office.

MEMBERSHIP Grace Lord: Updates in packets. We now have 6623 members. Highest % of Growth July 2014: First Coast; Highest % of Growth August 2014: Polk. Most New Members July 2014: Treasure Coast; Most New Members August 2014: Polk. Total Members: 6717. Total Voters: 4993. Life cards were given out.

MASTERLINK Bob Alexander: Deadline is today (Oct. 11) for flyers for the November/December Masterlink. Take extra copies of current issue to hand out. Doc polled delegates on which chapters send electronic newsletters, about 70%. The Masterlink costs \$18,000/year to print/mail and then there's no guarantee it will be delivered since it is 3rd class mail. Doc proposed the Masterlink be available in color on our website with a limited number of copies available at the state meeting. Everyone should have access to a computer. We can discuss printing it again at a later date when more funds are available. Businesses could advertise in the on-line version. A sample on-line color version was passed around. Patti proposed that the last paper edition of the Masterlink be the Nov-Dec issue and that chapters be responsible for getting paper copies to their members that need it.. Discussion of pros/cons followed. Motion by Orange County to begin the on-line Masterlink with the Jan-Feb 2015 issue for a period of one year, 2nd by Inerstate, carried by vote 45-3.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS SaraBeth Kohl: There is a social media SOP in the packets. Agreement form (last page) needs to be signed by chapter Presidents and whoever is admin for page. Copies of the signed agreement need to be sent to the state office. Thanked chapters who have completed their paperwork, asked that other chapters contact her if they need help and whether they have a social page or not.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo-Mo" Henderson: Patti and Slo-Mo are working on updating the site. Let them know if your chapter is having website issues.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Charlie Wenger has resigned. Contact State Office if you need safety

products. Bill Black from Palm Coast has earned his MSAP Instructor patch.

**PRODUCTS TRUSTEE Steve Knee:** The bells should be in for the December state meeting. He will be ordering the small shield patch. Has key chains for \$2, HB1911 coins, some patches returned from Nature Coast remembering KC, Wayne, Tom, Bob. He has protocol of the life shirts made of dry wick material. They will be available in long or shorts sleeves.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT Darrin Brooks:** Will be emailing lists of only those who are running against someone. These are for ABATE members only, do not post online or in newsletters. Still have time to ask candidates to come talk to chapter. He will send out thank you and congrats letters we can pass on to candidates.

**LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach:** Doc put list of candidates in the packets noting the motorcycle friendly ones. As above, do not publish as it may jeopardize the C-3 status. Send him info on accidents. Orange County had an event last week and Lana Lang was on TV that night, outstanding PR Lana! Due to the election not many bills have been put in, waiting to see who gets elected. The "stiffer penalties" bill is now called the Vulnerable Road Users bill. He is already talking about getting driver's ed back in schools.

**LEGAL COUNCIL Larry Crow:** Excused.

**N.C.O.M. Doc:** Board meeting November. Convention May 2015 in Denver.

**MRF& AMA Doc:** Nothing from MRF. AMA still pushing EPA.

**BIKE WEEK:** March 6-15, 2015. Ticket drawing will be held Saturday March 14, 2015 noon in Deland at the state office. Campground is cancelled. Proposed drawing for 2 times year, June & December. Tabled until next State meeting.

**TALLAHASSEE:** The date of April 13, 2015 has been given to another party. The dates available are 3/30/15, 4/20 or 4/27. Of these only 4/20 works. Doc proposed that we reserve this date and go back to the chapters to see if this date works. That would make the State meeting Sunday 4/19/15. Motion to change meeting date passed by acclamation. Sherry will get campground info.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Doc spoke with an official from Avon Park who offered ABATE of Florida, Inc. their city to put an October event. They are only asking that they get a portion of the vendor monies and that the city name be in the credits(flyers). They will give ABATE \$3,000 to promote the event. There is a wide median in the middle of main street for vendors and they will block off main street and allow motorcycles only. Inerstate will still do the Poker Run. Billy Bird will head a committee for this event, Bob Alexander is assisting. Motion by Alachua to go forward with the plans for "Avon Park Autumn Bike Fest" 2nd and approved.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Various events announced. Go out and support Spooks and Scoots. Thanks to Hillsborough for hosting the meeting and Freedom prepared a great lunch.

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:** 5:40 p.m.