PRESIDENT'S REPORT

When you read this the holidays will be over and the New Year will have begun. My New Years resolution is that Abate of Florida, Inc. comes back stronger and bigger then ever. With the legislative session starting in a little over two months we want this to be the best year we've ever had.

At the state meeting hosted by Southwest Chapter in February there will be an insurance meeting prior to the board meeting and I am requesting all Chapter Presidents attend. There is information that must be passed on and I want to talk to the Presidents, it is imperative that they attend.

The new event for October 2015 is moving along and we will have more details at the February meeting. I want to remind everyone that if you wish to host a state meeting a proposal must be submitted prior to the June state meeting 2015 for the meeting in 2016. Until the February meeting ride "Safe and Free".



ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc. wishes to personally convey our most heartfelt condolences to the victims of a very unfortunate traffic accident that occurred during the 2014 Brevard County ABATE Toy Run on December 7, 2014. Our prayers go out to Tammy Maskrey, Breanna Donna and Kadence Donna. Although ABATE took all of the proper precautions by having the Toy Run fully monitored and sanctioned by the Cocoa Beach Police Department, along with their traffic control methods, there is nothing that the sponsors of this event could have done that would have prevented what appears to be driver error on behalf of the motorcyclist who hit the victims. We look forward to working through this matter with the victims' families and may God Bless them.

James D. "Doc" Reichenbach II State President Abate of Florida, Inc.

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NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday February 14, 2015, Cape Coral, FL

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Treasure Coast Chapter. Saturday December 13, 2014

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:00 p.m. by President Doc Reichenbach, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach, Vice President Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt-at-Arms TJ Painter, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz, Membership Grace Lord, Masterlink Bob Alexander, PR/Communications SaraBeth Kohl, Webmaster Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson, Products Steve Knee, Asst. Products Sherry Ward, Legislative Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Legal Larry Crow.

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Keith
Southwest-Victor Piorkowski, Gwynne Hickman
Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Susan Hulce
Vintage-Charles Johnston, Sharon Balocki
West Coast- Mike Duffey, Wendy Waddel

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach: No comment on the Brevard Toy Run. Plans for the Avon Park event October 3-5, 2015 are progressing. Doc met with city council and they are thrilled about event. The sheriff also put in a good word for ABATE of Fl., Inc. A contract has been prepared and Larry and Avon Park's lawyer are going over the details. This will be a 3 year contract and the city is not asking for any money from us, just the business and exposure it would bring to Avon Park. Only permits needed are food permits, vendors only pay for space and sales tax to state of FL. Doc has an idea for the opening ceremony that would include veterans. We need to get flyers printed up so we can start to get sponsors, vendors and band. Any ideas you have for event, let Doc or Bill Bird know. Doc would like the BOD to go down and visit the town once the contract is signed. If a chapter has an incident on a run the chapter President must call Doc. The chapter Sgt-at-Arms must do an incident report immediately and send to the State Office along with the sign in sheet with person's name on it. No event is to be held without insurance, this is in the by-laws. Fun runs that take place after an ABATE meeting from the meeting place require insurance. Doc introduced Grizz from the Monguls MC. He spoke of the court battle to take their patch away, which they won but is now going back to the courts because the government appealed. He thanked those who supported them and cautioned that this may set a precedent for any organization to have their patch taken also.

VICE PRESIDENT Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi: Thank you for the deer. He has his business cards, pick one up if you don't have his information. We need volunteers to make the Avon Park event successful. Take back to your chapters that we will need help.

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: There were two corrections to the minutes of the 10/11/2014 meeting. VP Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi was in attendance and Bill Black is from Palm Beach not Palm Coast. Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Dale Moore from Inerstate, 2nd by Lana Lang from Orange County and approved.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: Financial reports are in packets. It is crucial that we get money from ticket sales today.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS TJ Painter: Merry Christmas. Inventories are due today, turn into Boots.

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: A letter is in packet from State Office regarding AIL. Our old rep, Vicki, has moved out of state and we have not been assigned a new one yet. If you have a claim contact the State Office, leave name and phone number. An agent can call you, but they DO NOT need to come to your house and cannot show up unannounced. We do not give out member info, they get it from the beneficiary cards. Send your cards to the State Office to avoid them calling. If you do get harassed by an agent get the name and phone number and give to Boots. Sold ticket money is due today. She has more tickets if you need any. They make great stocking stuffers. Another reminder that insurance is needed for all events. Waivers need to be complete with printed names and signatures, as well as the signature of the witness. Waivers must description and date of event. If people are coming from another state to join our event they still need to sign a waiver.

MEMBERSHIP Grace Lord: Life cards to Brevard, Hillsborough, Lake, Inerstate and Peace River. Chapter update reports are in the packet. September highest % of growth and most new members was Freedom. October highest % of growth and most new members was Lighthouse.

MASTERLINK Bob Alexander: The January issue will be the first on-line issue and will be in color. Today for submission is today (12-13). We will have 300 printed B & W copies at the state meetings for chapters to give to members who cannot access the on-line version. Question was asked if chapters still need to mail newsletter to BOD, Doc said no if they are available on chapter website.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS SaraBeth Kohl: Three or four chapters still need to make her an admin. Pages need to be set up as an organization not an individual in order for her to be set up as admin. If it is individual then may have to shut it down and start over. Still need the SOP for social media from several chapters. These are not the same as the web page SOP's. The web page form needs to be updated. She has gotten several inquiries regarding alternatives for the campground for Bike Week from people who have stayed there in the past.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: Getting closer to being able to help chapters that need help. Patti gave him the Micro Soft software "Expressions" which is easy to use. He will do an article in the Masterlink on how to download. Patti will update website after January 1, older items will be at the bottom and will keep only a few months, not 6.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Vacant: Doc is still looking for a new Safety Director. We need someone who is dedicated and able to move the program forward. We need to show results to the legislature if we expect to get the safety money. Send paperwork on safety booths/presentations to Boots.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: New chapter order forms and life products order forms are in the packets. Bells are in, chapters will sell at \$ 9.60. Chapters can pick up their bells today. The ABATE of FL., Inc. small shield patches are in. We have a new supplier for shirts so the prices are slightly higher. The dry wick shirts for life members are on the order form. Freedom chapter's patches are in, Southeast's order is in.

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Appreciate Grizz from Monguls coming to thank us for our support. ABATE represents everyone who rides. A lot of things we do is to prevent bills from being passed. Bills are beginning to roll in. Nothing motorcycle related yet. Two bills regarding firearms are out there now. One would allow a school superintendent to appoint a teacher or administrator to carry a gun. The second bill would allow a student with a concealed carry permit to have a gun on campus. He will be starting a bill watch list. Committees will start next month. AMA reported the UN approved a resolution on universal road rules but Darrin does not feel it carries any weight. Legislation began July 1 that requires traffic to move over for state or county sanitation and utility trucks. No news on the CDC and helmet laws. A question was asked regarding protective eyewear. Eyewear must be worn even if you have a windshield. Doc said you do not need if your helmet has a full face shield. The speaker of the House can take away a committee.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: The bill is done. Have a house rep that may sponsor it or can find someone who will. Dwight Boler is Vice Chairman of Transportation Committee, is back on the committee. There are 2 committees in the House, one is Boats and Transportation, the other is Roads and Bridges. Doc will check which committee to through. Doc suggests that we do not bring up the motorcycle only checkpoint rather wait and see what happens down the road. There was much discussion on driver's education in schools. Doc has been told that there is no money in the state budget for this, for instructors. It was suggested that if insurance companies can a discount for DE that parents would push it more. Have your chapter legislative trustee contact individual school districts.

LEGAL Larry Grow: We really need to examine everything chapters do in regards to runs. If you directly or indirectly have a run without insurance you open yourself to problems. Report incidents to Doc, incident forms go to State Office and State Sgt-at-Arms. Waivers must be complete.

NCOM: This year is 30th anniversary. The convention is Mother's Day weekend in May 2015 in Denver. They are working to raise money for the Support the Patch Fund.

AMA: comment on UN: UN does have power especially if supported by the President. 90% of UN peacekeeping force is U.S.

BIKE WEEK: March 6-15, 2015. Ticket drawing Saturday March 14 at noon at the State Office in Deland.

TALLAHASSEE: The only date available is 4/20/15 has not completely been confirmed yet. Delegates were asked if they wanted that date or skip the ride to the capital in 2015. Doc called for a motion to have the ride on 4/20/15 and it was unanimously approved. Doc stated it is important that we differentiate ourselves from another organization that is expected there at the same time. We will not be using the KOA campground this year but is individuals want to stay there that is their choice. Sherry also has the name of a campground in the area. The State meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19.

OLD BUSINESS: The proposal for having the ticket drawing twice a year has been scrapped for now. We will continue to have the drawing once a year. We may have 50/50 drawings at the Avon Park event as an alternative for raising money.

NEW BUSINESS: Lana from Orange County recognized member John inquiring why he can't get a Purple Heart tag for his motorcycle. Doc said he was told they do not do duplicate tags for cars/bikes. Have to sell 1000 tags a year for tag to continue. Doc will find out how many Purple Heart tags there are in FL but it would be difficult to tell how many of them ride motorcycles. A question was asked if we could go to the state and ask for an exemption for the Purple Heart for the sacrifice they made. Doc will ask at the capital and we should ask when we go there in April.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Southeast Motorcycle Rights Rally 1/18/15; Palm Beach Freedom Right Rally 12/14; Southwest Christmas Run 12/21; Vintage Birthday Party, Memorial Run and Chili Contest 1/24/2015.

Drawings and silent auction winners announced. Sharon from Vintage won the 50/50 drawing. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The February state meeting is now over and the insurance meeting prior to the state meeting was attended by a little over half the chapters. This organization is about motorcycle rights and having events are part of it. There should have been a 100% turn out for this meeting. Important information was passed out and some of you had no one there to receive it.

The legislative session is about to begin and we are ready. Next year is an off year for elections but many of the legislators will be trying to get bills through that will help them in their re-election. Our run to the Capitol will be later in April this year but it is one of the most important runs you will ever go on. We need to stand up for our rights, if we don't then you'll all be driving cages and riding bicycles because you will be legislated off your motorcycles.

ABATE of Florida is having a new event the first weekend in October. It will be in Avon Park, Florida. The city council voted unanimously to allow us to hold this event in their city. It will be a new adventure for us and fund raiser for the organization, check the flyer on the web for more information.

Bikeweek will be here in two weeks, watch out for yourselves and your riding companions as you know there will be cage traffic that will not see you. Be safe and have a good time.

The last item is that ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a motorcycle rights organization that supports ALL motorcyclists. The problem is when you have other groups demanding you support their causes they need to take a look in the mirror and say have we been supporting the people who fight for us!!!!! If that is you then you need to help ABATE get the job done. We need every motorcyclist in this state to join as a member and fight for all rights not just your personal ones.

The next state meeting will be in April the day before the run to the Capitol I would like to see all of you there. Until then ride 'Ride Safe and Free!!!!!"



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Sunday April 19, 2015, Monticello, FL

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PPRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach: State of the Organization: We need to generate revenue. The campground used to be our big money maker but it has killed us the past two years and we had to cancel the last year (2015) so we didn't have to pay the \$15,000. If the Avon Park (the city) event is successful it will generate much needed income. The last town that held the event like this had 20,000-25,000 people attend. We need every chapter to help. It can't be like the campground where only a few people participate. The city council is really working with us to make this event successful. We will not have to pay for anything except water used after 1000 gallons. The cost for additional water is minimal. The city did require additional insurance, which has been purchased with money from one sponsor. Electric will be free to us and will allow us to keep vendor fees down. Fee for electric to vendors will be \$60 for the weekend or they can bring their generator. We will not be required to have permits but food vendors will need a Florida health certificate and other vendors must have Florida tax certificate. The city also requested that there be security present. We will be using two of their ex-officers and ABATE members will also provide security headed by TJ and Frenchie. We will need a dumpster for trash and pay a \$500 clean-up deposit. There is a lawn mower track owned by the city which Doc will ask if we could use it as a campground for ABATE workers and also hold bike games there. The date for set up is Thursday, October 1. Event is Oct. 2-4 and clean-up will be Monday Oct. 5. BOD is working on a list of what jobs we will need members to do. Gator Alley volunteered to man the bar. Brevard and Vintage offered to work the

beer tent. Polk County will do the bike games. Lake County will do campground if city allows us to use the track. Mudder will field questions about the event and contact the rest of the board. Vendors should contact Billy Bird, contact info will be on flyer which should be out soon, We need more sponsors for the Avon Park event. Since we are now have the 501c3 Corporation, donations are tax deductible. Checks from sponsors/donations should be made out to ABATE of Florida Safety and Education, Inc. If a sponsor gives money to chapter the specifically for safety products the new corporation can give that chapter a grant for their safety booth. It could also give a grant for insurance for an event for the chapter safety booth. A question was asked who would be officers of the new corporation, the top four board members of ABATE of Florida, Inc. are the board of the new corporation.

Doc heard about chapters donating to another motorcycle organization. No more ABATE money is to be donated to them. If you have excess money it needs to go to State. Money should stay in the corporation. Suggestion was made to not pay Lobbyist for a few months to save money. Question was raised if there was anything in by-laws that says President can tell chapters where to spend money. Larry responded that the money the chapters have is because the state allows them to handle money in that way. The whole reason the helmet law was repealed was because of the lobbyist. He has a legal contract. Since we are a political rights organization we would be dead in the water in Tallahassee without the lobbyist.

VICE PRESIDENT Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi: We need 100% effort from every chapter to make the Avon Park event successful. Make new members of your chapters welcome. Introduce them, welcome them into the organization, have board members introduce themselves.

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: There were no corrections to the December meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes was made by Greg Marshall from Black Creek, 2nd by Dale Moore from Inerstate and approved.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: The new monthly reporting form was emailed to all the chapters. Only one-third of chapters have replied. Delegates should tell the chapter Treasurer to start using the new forms. The 501c3 has been approved. She is currently working on a receipt form with the accountant. We do have letterhead for the 501c3 and have opened a bank account for it. The annual corporate fee has been paid by what chapters gave when we first applied for the 501c3. If you have a sponsor contact Patti for a receipt. Checks should be sent to Patti along with request to her for grant for safety money from sponsor donation. There is a new sales tax resale certificate for 2015. Boots will be going around at meeting giving them to chapters. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was 2nd and approved. Jim Burrow presented some ideas from the Financial Committee. One idea is the creation of a business membership. The question was posed if a business membership would entitle them to access the membership list so they could target mailing by zip code. The second idea is to raise the membership rate as our rates are low compared to other organizations. Proposed raising to \$30 or \$50. Committee also recommends raising the Lifetime membership to \$300 with a discount to veterans and possibly a payment plan. The fourth suggestion was to create a sustaining membership, example \$10/month. Could also work for businesses and include an ad in the Masterlink. These proposals are in the Financial Committee's interim report in the delegate and BOD packets. Delegates were told to take these ideas back to their chapters for discussion. SARGENT-AT-ARMS TJ Painter: Still need inventories from one chapter. We need every chapter to send

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STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: Delegates need to be a current member. Sign in with your correct name. Several people turned in tickets and money today. If you are having an event real soon and you think you can sell tickets she does have unsold tickets.

MEMBERSHIP Grace Lord: Life cards to Brevard, Daytona Beach, Duval, Estero River, First Coast, Forest, Gator Alley, Gulf Coast, Hillsborough, Inerstate, Palm Beach, Peace River, Putnam, Seminole, Southernmost and Treasure Coast. November highest % of growth was Lighthouse and most new members was Palm Beach. December highest % of growth and most new members was Brevard with an amazing 36 new members!

MASTERLINK Bob Alexander: Deadline for submission to the March/April issue is today (2-14-15). Flyers must be approved by State before they can be put in the Masterlink. There are 300 copies of the Jan.-Feb. issue for delegates to take back to chapters.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS SaraBeth Kohl: Gator Alley, Putnam, Southeast and Southwest still need to have Facebook pages set up as organization. Need someone to take over the Orange County page. Alachua has Google group page with State having access. Taking suggestions on topics for articles in Full Throttle magazine. She is thinking about doing a social media article on bikers. Combined our FB pages have over 16,000 likes. She knows of 14 sites that regularly refresh their events pages-use internet to advertise your ride. It is almost time for the proclamations. If you need help email Sarabeth. Also info at www.flgov.com/proclamations.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: He has converted Palm Beach to state site. He will have a series in the Masterlink to help chapters with websites. We are welcome to use the template (Palm Beach). He has been working with Patti to make sure forms are up to date. If you find one that is not let him know.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Vacant: Report given by Lana Lang. She found out that the legislative allocates funds to the superintendent of schools who then decides where money is spent. She has a meeting with her superintendent hoping it may be an avenue to get driver education/bike safety in schools. She also attended a court hearing regarding a young motorcyclist killed on contact by a driver making a left turn in front of him. Driver pled guilty and was about to get a \$250 fine and \$33 court fee when an officer spoke to the judge and said according to Florida statue the minimum is \$1,000. So not all judges know this, she asked the Board to help get the word out. She went to the CUTR conference last Wednesday and Thursday. They asked ABATE to educate motorists, something we have done all along.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: Had a new shipment of bells, all but 3 were sold today. He will order more. **LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:** HB231 by Rep. Passidomo – Vulnerable Road Users Bill focuses more on bicycles and does include most of our last year's language. ABATE of Florida, Inc. answer to Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety copy in delegate packets. Legislative session starts March 3rd. He will be sending out emails about how to talk to legislators.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: Bills have been put in. Bicyclists have already put in Doc's bill, the legislator who did it did not know it was his bill until Darrin showed him. HB231. The Senate bill is done in bill drafting, Darrin will send email with bill number in a few days. Doc has asked for \$300,000 for safety money. It will be put into the 501c3, then distributed to each chapter for safety. Doc didn't want to do a bill to stop traffic stops as we do not have a problem with them and there is a good chance it would be tossed out by Supreme Court. It was brought up that Daytona Beach Main Street bars will let you wear colors until Wednesday of Bike Week but not the rest of the

week, even the ABATE shirt. Doc said we will look into it.

LEGAL Larry Crow: The contract with Avon Park has been finalized. A question was asked regarding the release form at the gate and how we can be sure it is the parent or legal guardian who is signing. This will not be an issue at Avon Park as there is no gate, no admission fee. The release form is a legal document and the signer could face a criminal penalty for falsely signing.

NCOM: This year is 30th anniversary. The convention is Mother's Day weekend in May 2015 in Denver. Next year the convention will be held in Atlantic City.

AMA: Both are sending out anti-motorcyclist-only stops bills at national level. AMA has concern that the new electronic self-driving cars may not recognize motorcycles.

BIKE WEEK: March 6-15, 2015. March 6-15, 2015. Ticket drawing Saturday March 14 at noon at the State Office in Deland. Need to decide if we will do another drawing next year.

TALLAHASSEE: The April state meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19. Our 20th run to the Capital will be Monday, April 20, 2015. We are looking for a good turnout. Motion was passed to order 100 commemorative patches for the 20th anniversary to be available for those on the ride only at an estimated cost of \$5 each. If we run out we will reorder but they must be prepaid for. The road behind the Super 8 Motel will be the staging area for the ride.

OLD BUSINESS: Doc is still looking into the Purple Heart tag for motorcycles. The membership challenge for most new members and % of growth ends in two weeks. Checks will be given out at the April State meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: A suggestion was made that the Leadership Seminars be moved from Clermont to Treasure Coast. The reason they are held in Clermont is the location is in the center of the state. Moving them to Treasure Coast would mean many chapters would have a substantial further distance to travel. Delegates were instructed to bring this proposal back to their chapters for discussion. The question was asked do the Leadership seminars have to be in the summer. They are held in July after Chapter elections so the new officers can get training/information on their new positions. It was also suggested that if a chapter does not show for a mandatory meeting they should be charged a tax for not showing. At least one person from each chapter should attend each ABATE state meeting, absolutely no reason that a member from each chapter does not attend. The By-laws state if you miss 2 consecutive meetings you have to reapply for a charter which costs \$25, raising this fee to a more substantial amount was discussed. Doc asked delegates to get ideas from chapters and bring them back to next state meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: TJ said that road construction crews are now putting out warnings about road conditions. Thanks to Doc and Darrin for working so hard to make this happen. Various chapters announced upcoming rides and events.

Drawings and silent auction winners announced. Richard from Southwest won the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston February 20, 2015.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The April state meeting has come and gone along with the ride to the Capitol. First want to thank every one who made the ride to the Capitol. We got done just in time, when we rode out it rained so hard you couldn't see 10 feet in front of you. I personally want to thank all of you who made the ride and suffered through the storm. My understanding is a tornado struck on the other side of Tallahassee during the storm. As usual the legislature decided not to show up for work that day. As I write this the House of Representatives has decided that they could not do a budget deal with the Senate and shut down the house. This means there will be a special session either in May or June as they are required to have a budget in place by July 1.

I want to remind all chapters attending the state meeting is required unless you are excused. Do not complain when motions are made and passed and you had no say because you didn't show up.

Our Avon Park event is only five months away and we need ideas and help for the event. So far Interstate, Lake, Brevard, Vintage, Polk and Hillsborough are helping. We need many more for security and other jobs. This event is replacing our campground that we had during Bike Week. There will be a campground at this event just a couple of miles out of town where the bike games will be held. We will be having a meeting after the June state meeting hosted by Interstate Chapter where we will discuss in detail what all needs to be done. The state meeting is not far from Avon Park.

I again want to thank everyone who braved the storm in Tallahassee you are truly freedom fights if I could I would give you all a purple heat award for going on the ride you are the best of the best. Until I see you at the June state meeting Ride Safe and Free!!!!!



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NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, June 13, 2015, Sebring, FL

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: State Board. Saturday April 19, 2015

CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:14 by President Doc Reichenbach, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach, Vice President Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt-at-Arms TJ Painter, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz, Membership Grace Lord, Masterlink Bob Alexander, PR/Communications SaraBeth Kohl, Safety Director John Massoth, Products Steve Knee, Asst. Products Sherry Ward, Legislative Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Legal Larry Crow. Absent Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson

DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:

Alachua-Jim Burrow, John Trama
Black Creek-Joe Turner, Greg Marshall
Brevard-Rick Venerable, Tracy Venerable
Daytona Beach-John Banta, Frank Roush
Duval-Mike Hutchison, Dawn Avery
Estero River- NOT EXCUSED
First Coast- Suspended
Forest-Gregory Smale, Joseph Pace
Freedom- RG Grant
Gator Alley-Lynn Corr, David Lindsay
Gulf Coast-Tom Molyet, Brandy Westerfield
Hillsborough-Charles Dotterer, Steve Nasrallah
Independence- Closed
Inerstate-Brenda Moore, Dale Moore
Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver

Lighthouse-Doug Tungate, Jackie Litsey
Orange County- Lana Lang, Frenchie Morland
Palm Beach- Kenneth Gerecke, Deborah Wenger
Peace River- Bill Bird, Bill Neal
Polk County- John McDermott, Ronald Cain
Putnam County- NOT EXCUSED
Seminole County- Donald Kirkendal, Sally
Carroll
Southeast-NOT EXCUSED
Southernmost- Byron Agababian, Sandy
MacLaren
Southwest-Victor Piorkowski, Carl Nelson
Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Barbara
Williams
Vintage-Charles Nazworth, Ernie Raynor

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach: Requested list of chapters in attendance. Thanked chapters for coming, have chapters saying they are not coming, there is no excuse and he will deal with it. This weekend despite the weather and the fact that the representatives are not at the Capital. Introduced our new Safety Director, John Massoth. John advised delegates that they can contact him through the state email (in Masterlink) or 904-729-6960. No calls after 10 pm. Doc said got a call from someone after midnight who was drunk- do not call him when you are drunk, he will not have a conversation with you. Independence chapter is officially closed. It had 430 members, 280 letters were out letters (difference in number due to multiple members in one household). State got 29 responses back, 7 interested in keeping chapter open, three offered to sit on chapter BOD. Members are now at large unless they asked to be transferred to other chapters. At one time they had 1300 members. First Coast has been suspended, have held nominations and will hold re-election, then they will be reinstated and given \$500 seed money. Chapters not in attendance are Southeast, Putnam and Estero which were all not excused, West Coast is excused. Call Doc or you will not be excused, not other board members.

West Coast- Excused

VICE PRESIDENT Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi: Several months ago put challenge out to chapters for most new members and biggest growth. He would give for \$75 each, Don Kirkendal pledged \$25. Lighthouse had 10.86% increase in growth. Brevard had most new members. These chapters were each given a check for \$100.

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: Correction to dates for Avon Park. Should be Thursday Oct. 1 for set-up, event 2-4, clean-up 5th. Minutes were approved with correction.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: Treasurer's report is in packet. Thanked chapters who have stepped up to help with expenses. State is low on money, the corporation as a whole is ok. Membership, 20% and fundraising are not covering all our expenses. The Finance committee asked for suggestions on membership cost increases at February meeting. Seminole presented proposals in writing, which is in the packet. Greg from Black Creek asked if we were going to compile the suggestions. Some suggestions from chapters were \$30 annual, \$200 Life, \$20 new members, \$30 renewal, Life \$ 300. Duval thought 50/50 split for life membership. Business memberships no. Doc said they only asked for suggestions, not to discuss now. Alachua suggested to suspend everything until after Avon Park. Finance committee will go over suggestions. They will also go over what our costs will be and come back to membership with suggestions. Don K. wondered why we would not a corporate sponsor for \$2000. Doc confused also because corporate sponsor would get nothing. Lake did not want our member list given out. By-laws prohibit that. This was brought up 7 years ago. No one has membership list but Doc and Grace. Never been given to anybody except insurance, we do mailings. Insurance has paid out \$200,000 so it has paid off. No strings attached. Business sponsors: as far as going to Avon Park, supposed to be a fundraiser for ABATE. If we give sponsors a free table they could turn round and give it to someone else, it would not be right. We are trying to save corporation, will not sell out for a few dollars. Greg suggested take back Seminole proposals to chapters to discuss. Doc said they should only get to say they are business sponsor, nothing else. Suggestions will be emailed to chapters to discuss. Our \$20,000 sponsor is only getting 3 tables. Send suggestions to Patti and financial committee. What chapter was asked to do was what increase individual, life, and business memberships they would accept. Suggestion was made that every chapter should get in writing what we asked of them 2 months prior. Treasurer report was approved.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS TJ Painter: Thanked all for showing. Needs 8 road guards for Tallahassee run tomorrow and flag bearers for ceremony at capital. See him after meeting if you can help. Need help in all aspects for Avon Park.

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: If you say you are going for a ride after your regular meeting you have to have insurance. Cannot be announced during meeting. If it is announced after the meeting then don't need. Has Bike Week tickets, 6000 were printed. She would like each chapter to get 100 today. Right now we are in limbo for insurance, they aren't even returning our calls. A run in July is hard to advertise if we don't have insurance. The current policy ends 5/30, insurance company has not given us a binder for the new policy year yet. Doc will call them himself. In the meantime he will be looking for new insurance company. **MEMBERSHIP Grace Lord:** New numbers in packets. Numbers are down, spring is here, go out and make new friends. January highest % of growth Lighthouse, most new members Southeast. February highest % of growth goes to Freedom, most new members Peace River. Life cards given Black Creek, Daytona, Freedom, Gator Alley, Lighthouse, Southeast, Southernmost.

MASTERLINK Bob Alexander: Everything going ok, keeping on, still in learning mode. Jim Burrows suggested the advertising rates for Masterlink should be changed. If you would like your 10 chapter copies mailed after it is posted on the website contact Patti or Bob and they will send them at chapter's expense. Question if a member can email Masterlink to other members. Yes, but pdf file is very large but email Patti and she will send a zip file that is easier and smaller to email out.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS SaraBeth Kohl: She has hit 66 magazine sites and other media for Avon Park flyer, as well as 27 ABATE state sites. Has proclamation from governor. Send her your chapter proclamations or let her know what you've done with them. Any questions on social media contact her.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: Webmaster not present, website is up to date as far as Patti. Frenchie pointed out that the President's letter needs to be updated, all the bills say 2014.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Vacant: Report given by Lana Lang. Paperwork: training class report make sure all sections are complete before you send it in. Safety booths: everything needs to be filled out. Prefer they are done monthly, not annually. Recently got one year's worth of safety reports at one time. How many people

did you reach, not how many attended. Need to know how many you actually talked to. Jim from Seminole had a question from student in school he presented safety program to why the video is so old. We need to show proper apparel, explain why we ride as a group. Doc asked to have suggestions send to him on how to update anything in videos or safety program. Make safety orders up, submit and John will see what he can get you. First thing we will do with money in budget to buy safety products, buy products, buy products first, then put up billboards and do new videos and PSA. We need products for safety booths. Going to try to get grant from federal government now that we are a c3, is easier to get grants. No problem using FDOT Ride Smart products if you have any. There are several thousand posters in the office. Leesburg bike fest next weekend, question was asked about safety booth. We did have a booth in past but city took away. It was moved to the campground and it does well. Southwest and Vintage each had a member receive instructor patches and safety certificates.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: Now has more bells. If you need to call him must be after 6 pm, leave voice mail. Anytime on weekends. Don had question on progress of on-line ordering and on demand products. Nothing been done but Steve will get working on it.

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Tomorrow we are going to the capital. Hopefully you brought the paper he asked you to do, the one that says "You have been visited by ABATE, chapter name" with signatures. Make our presence known. Important to drop them off to Kathleen Passidomo 417 House office bldg. She is the one who did the HB231. Show we support the bill and her, say hello to the aide. Also to Matt Hudson. Show we support him, appreciate his support. 10 am office 418 Matt Hudson office gator alley has apt, he will take group onto house floor. Aides will be there. Tell them to support Senate Bill 908, House Bill 231. Question regarding concealed weapon: must have your permit with you and tell them you are carrying. Meet Byron at 10:30 in Rotunda for tour.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: ABATE was behind the wording "serious bodily injury" and the \$1000 fine. A lot is done by amendments, a lot is done behind the scenes. Best bill is SB908, has left turns in it, HB231 does not. If House bill comes to Senate they will lay it on the table and pass their bill and send back to the House. Both bills are waiting for vote. They are \$2 billion apart on budget, mostly about Medicaid. Already talking about special session. They have until July 1 to approve budget. Only 20 bills passed so far. You may have noticed signs along the roads that say watch for motorcycles, new Secretary of Transportation is pro motorcycle, Doc spoke to him in hallway, signs are now up. When we call legislators Doc normally gets good feedback. Bill for more stiff penalties was voted no, chairman of committee said he didn't mind if they hit us as long as they have insurance. In the Keys, overhead messages about motorcycles are on only 2 times a year, a few days each. Doc will ask FDOT to keep up longer.

LEGAL Larry Crow: Campground arrangements finalized, should have contract this week.

NGOM: The convention is Mother's Day weekend in May 2015 in Denver. Next year (2016) the convention will be held in Atlantic City, 2017 in Reno, 2018 in Orlando..

AMA: Bill out about traffic stops (MRF). AMA on voice to voice: sends caller info out there when close to cell tower, sponsored by Rubio..

BIKE WEEK: March 6-15, 2015. March 6-15, 2015. Ticket drawing Saturday March 14 at noon at the State Office in Deland. Need to decide if we will do another drawing next year.

TALLAHASSEE: Ride is getting smaller every year. Need to decide are we are going to have ride next year. A lot of things are being done by email, phone and some people can't take Monday off. Every year people vote to have then don't show up. John Banta from Daytona Beach made motion that "April 20, 2015 will be the last Tallahassee Freedom Rights run". Jim Burrow 2nd. Discussion about disappointment not being able to meet reps. Mondays are usually legislators travel days. Next year is presidential election year. Mudder said it was double edge sword, if we have a poor showing they may think we don't care. Could go on our "County Day" with other elected officials. Alachua chapter voted prior to state meeting to not to come to Tallahassee in future. Delegates need to think about their chapters, how many showed up. Need to make

decision because the session starts in January and need to reserve a date. There is motion on table. We will TP the motion so delegates can go back to chapters and ask if they want the run to continue next year. Bill (Peace River) reminded our only chance to ride as ABATE. Four chapters did not think it important enough to show up today. Bob Alexander stated he had a problem with the wording as it is the last run ever, would prefer that it say no run in 2016. Next meeting it will be decided, no more postponing. Make sure chapters discuss. This run was gone four years. When Doc became president took him 2 years to convince everyone to come and we have been coming ever since. We need to reserve the capital and police, asked Boots to call and see if we can get tentative date and email chapters. Kickstands up at 9 a.m. on road behind Super 8 motel for the run to Tallahassee.

OLD BUSINESS: Vote on moving Leadership Seminars to Treasure Coast in Vero Beach. Steve talked to hotel, have rate for rooms \$ 55-65, if enough rooms are filled we could get hall free. Recommendations to have new officer training online or by webinars. Doc said program would have to be developed. Other delegates expressed that getting together is a big part of the training. Grace: we all come together once a year, face to face meetings for new/old/officers and BOD. A lot of positions require one on one. Motion to move to the Leadership Seminars to Treasure Coast was passed by a vote of 34 yes to 8 no. At the February state meeting Doc asked delegates to bring back ideas from chapters regarding raising the fee to reapply for their charter. This is a by-law change so chapters need to vote on it. Motion was made by Greg Marshall from Black Creek that "the reinstatement fee for missing two consecutive meetings (unexcused) and loss of charter will be changed to \$100." 2nd by Jim Burrow. Delegates are to take this back to their chapters for a vote. Doc presented a trophy to Lake County for the most bike tickets sold. Doc spoke to highway safety regarding Purple Heart tag. They don't want to do tag because it would add more tags, which is not true because Doc has one on his car. Doc talked to a legislator who is a bronze star recipient. He told Doc to come back and see him this week to see what can be done.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made that "all chapter delegates shall submit your chapter's response in writing at the next state meeting". Delegates voted this proposal down. Suggestion that chapters get a copy of agenda before the BOD meeting. Doc replied that the agenda is sometimes not finalized until right before the meeting. Another idea was that the chapter president or secretary email the responses to the BOD member needing the information. Doc also asked chapters to submit in writing to the state office if they are interested in hosting a state meeting in 2016.

AVON PARK: The campground is a go. Lake County has offered to run the campground. Set up for event on Thursday, need help. Will have bike games (Polk County), vendors, bands. One lane of each side will be closed so bikes can park. We will have a flag raising Friday, Doc wants to get area vets from each conflict to attend. Doc will donate a flag he has to ABATE that was flown over the capital and in the future he has a congressman who can give us one that was flown over the capital. We will then present it to the city council. The flyer will be updated with new information.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Leesburg bike fest next week; May 23 Brevard and Treasure Coast combined run Mash bash 5/1 and 5/2 Gator Alley; Lighthouse May 3 third annual blessing of bikes; Vintage April 25 run against all cancer; Orange County May 2 games

50/50 won by Charles N.

Meeting adjourned 5:27

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 4/23/15

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

First I'd like to thank Interstate Chapter for hosting the June meeting and providing us with the wonderful meal. They went way above and beyond the call of duty for this meeting. I hope everyone took time to thank them.

Yesterday we got the word the Governor vetoed our safety money. I was speaking with some of our senate supporters as to what actions that I thought we should consider and wanted their opinion. After discussing it they asked me to wait for a couple of days to check on some things before I sent anything out to the membership as to what I thought we should do. In the meantime I get an email about a face book post from one of our members. I have tried to warn everyone about sticking a needle in the eye of the legislature but it seems we always have someone who is a legend in their own mind and knows what's best for Abate of Florida, Inc... The biggest problem in this world is you can't fix stupid whether it's on our side or Tallahassee's. There are people who are professional cause promoters and unfortunately we have our share. They are self righteous and believe everyone should dance to their tune because they know what is best for everyone for cause after cause they support. How this is going to affect our cause after Tallahassee reads this I have no clue but that's ok because we will fight for the "CAUSE" not to hear ourselves speak or to make us feel important. As was stated at the state meeting out stiffer penalties bill died when the house left early and it was in messages. Many bills died and there are some upset lawmakers because their bills died also.

Texas was discussed and I explained to the delegation what I had been asked by them to do. Instead of accepting their council the same person demanded to know who said what. We always ask other states to stay out of our business but now it seems we are not to listen to another state when they ask us to do the same thing. Two statements have been put out by NCOM and my understanding is the Clubs are putting out another. If you feel you have to make a comment personally that is certainly your right but keep Abate of Florida, Inc. out of it. Speak for yourself as this organization has no comment until the people involved ask us to do so. It's been over a month and no one knows who did what, all we know for sure there are nine dead over and eighteen wounded. Over one hundred seventy three were arrested. For the people who think I don't care I had friends locked up in there and didn't have the one hundred thousand it would have took to get them out.

Our event for October 2-4 is in high gear and I want to thank all of you who showed up Sunday morning to help us lay it out. There is still much to do and we will need everyone's help to pull this off. More will be discussed at the President's meeting next month and we will work the logistics out between now and then.

We will see you at the meetings in July until then "Ride Safe and Free".



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NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, August 8, 2015 Tavares, FL

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Inerstate Chapter Saturday June 13, 2015

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:30 pm by President James "Doc" Reichenbach followed by the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence. Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach II, Vice President Dennis "Rudder" Rudoi, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Sargent at Arms T.J. Painter, Membership Grace Lord, PR/Communications SaraBeth Kohl, Masterlink Bob Alexander, MSAP John Massoth, Legislative Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Products Steve Knee, Legal Larry Crow, Website Dan Henderson, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz. Absent: Asst. Products Sherry Ward.

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Lighthouse-Zeke Shoemaker, Robert Keller

Orange County- Merrell Hahn, Frenchie Morland Palm Beach- Kenneth Gerecke, Deborah Wenger Peace River- Bill Bird, Bill Neal Polk County- Mark Zinser, Dewey Cain Putnam County- Herlon Sasser, Pauline Sasser Seminole County- Don Kirkendall, Sally Carroll Southeast-Bob Calabrese, Beverly Swasey Southernmost- Sandy MacLaren, James Dean Keith Southwest-Victor Piorkowski, Shayne Harley Treasure Coast-Stewart Dalton, Susan Hulce Vintage-Susan Hedrick, Ernie Raynor West Coast- Mike Duffey, Wendy Waddell

PRESIDENT DOC Reichenbach: We need to look at the way we do toy runs and poker runs. We are all aware of the events that happened at the Brevard toy run. Our insurance company has asked us to approve settling. Doc refused, we did nothing wrong. The route was planned, there were so many police at that corner. We are being told that we are responsible for the guy on bike, the guy who lent him the bike and the police. Insurance said we have to do something different. We did not cause the accident and it was an accident. Doc does not want to settle, wants input from delegates. If driver didn't have insurance and wasn't wearing a helmet he was breaking law. He was only ticketed for careless driving. Question was asked to Larry what we are legally at fault for. The problem is at this point we are the only ones with insurance. The insurance co can settle within policy limits. If insurance co settles it essentially says we are at fault and we have no recourse. A claim like this may hurt us in the future for getting insurance. Don says we will have to demonstrate to insurance companies that we have made changes to runs to avoid such situations in the future. Brevard has already stopped toy run. Their attorney said we were negligent and didn't protect by standers on sidewalk. Doc is worried about poker runs stopping at bars. Question was asked if we could have waiver about drinking, Larry said it wouldn't stand up. Marie asked is the state attorney office was contacted to see if more charges are to be filed. The investigation is still ongoing. Question was asked exactly what we should be taking back to chapters. We don't have time to take back to chapters as Doc has meeting with them next month. Delegates need to make decision if we settle or fight it. Either way insurance company will do what they want. Insurance company has renewed our policy for another year. Larry (Estero River) made motion not to settle, 2nd by Rick (Brevard). Motion was carried to not settle. Settlement cannot place blame on ABATE. If they do settle ABATE will look into doing press release. The waiver we have each participant sign before an event does not apply to spectators. Doc had meeting with new director for Florida of AIL about the \$4000 ADD. Doc listened to what AIL has to offer, said it was pretty good insurance that would cover your whole family for very reasonable rates. He asked Doc if he could come to each chapter and speak to the members. If so, he will call the chapter Presidents to set up time to meet with chapter. If you send in yellow card to the company they will call you for an appointment. Anybody who does come uninvited call Doc and he will call Bill and have it handled. Bill is the one that got this ADD program started for us. Yellow card does have to be filled out in order for beneficiary to get benefit. He will contact each chapter President through info in Masterlink on the web.

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VICE PRESIDENT Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi: Met with representatives from SkyMed, regarding the SkyMed "Takes you Home" program. If you are on a trip out of the country and you are in a wreck they cover the cost of airlift, will fly you, your bike, your spouse home. They will give \$500 discount to Abate members. They will set up website for ABATE members but for now the information can be found at http://www.skymed.com/Krajicek.

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: No corrections to minutes from April State meeting. Orange County motioned to accept minutes, Gator Alley 2nd. Motion carried to accept the Secretary report.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: Financial report is in packets. Wells Fargo accounts change as of July 1. All grandfathered accounts are being changed. Chapters could be hit with \$14 month service charges if you are not proactive. Give information in the packet to your chapter President and treasurer. Go to bank before July 1 and sit down and talk about options, see if something fits for your chapter. Call her if you cannot find an account option so she can contact bank and see what she can do. Patti has gone to a few other banks, almost no large bank or credit union is offering commercial checking for free. There is a fundraiser through AmazonSmile. ABATE of Florida Safety and Education, Inc. is one of their recognized charities. They will donate 0.5% of each purchase to us. See information sheet in packet. There is a blank piece of paper in packet. At the April state meeting delegates were instructed to go back to their chapters to see what they would accept as suggestions for annual, life and business membership. Chapter names to be put on paper, write down the answers to these questions. The financial committee will compile them and report back to the delegates. Alachua motion to accept Treasurer's report, Interstate 2nd, motion carried to accept the Treasurer report.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS TJ Painter: Need all the help we can get for security, made call out for watch commanders for Avon Park event. 352-303-8299 (must be trained by ABATE as watch commander). Brevard chapter has crowd control people schooled by Brevard County fire department, asked if we could use them, Doc answered yes. We will also have own our security and hired 3 safety officers through the city.

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: Southeast chapter asked why flyer has beer garden when chapters were told they cannot advertise alcohol, that flyers must say adult beverages available. Difference is State had to pay \$350 for permit for liquor. The officer update list goes to state office as soon as elections are over, then the Masterlink will be updated with new officer information. Insurance will be covered under leadership seminars. She will be going around to chapters who did not get the tickets at the April meeting. Must sign their own name on the print and sign waivers, cannot sign for spouse. Secretaries' minutes: some chapters are good, some minutes haven't been sent in a long time. She will be sending out emails for missing minutes. Chapters cannot sell MSAP products. If they want to make donation that's fine, but can't charge for it. Can't put in raffle, can to as door prize to anyone showing up. Found out a store that was selling our bumper stickers, confronted them, they threw away. State is running low on MSAP supplies, if you don't send in paperwork you have fat chance of getting supplies. Go back to chapters about this. Doc said all Presidents are responsible that paperwork gets out.

MEMBERSHIP Grace Lord: The chapter with the most new members for March was Estero River, April was Southeast. Highest % of growth for March was Estero River, April was Treasure Coast. Life cards were given to Alachua, Black Creek, Freedom, Lake County, Lighthouse, Polk, Southeast, Seminole, Southernmost, Southwest, Vintage, West Coast. MASTERLINK Bob Alexander: Deadline for submission is today. Brought some Masterlink copies, take only what you need. We have not raised the rates for advertising yet, will look into and also see if it can be determined how many people actually read it online.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS SaraBeth Kohl: Echoed the plea for people to sign up to help work the event at Avon Park, there will still be plenty of help needed in all areas. Hope to see all the chapters send representative s to the all the seminars; not just those new to a position because it never hurts any of us to be reminded of things from time to time. Sent out invites on Facebook to the posted event on Avon Park. She is using "Boost My Event" for Facebook posts about Avon Park. After checking chapter websites she saw one chapter out of 10 had posting for the event. Told chapters to get the flyer on websites and out to communities. She will send updated flyer to all chapter presidents.

WEBMASTER Dan "Sio Mo" Henderson: Will be at leadership seminars to help chapter webmaster. They need to know pw and user id and anything special you want to put up. Has templates, software, graphics programs he can share. He will help with websites also can mirror the Palm Beach website which is easy to use, can help set up.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Vacant: John Massoth: Will have safety booth at Avon Park. Would like help from anyone with instructor patch, safety directors or anyone wanting to earn patch. Presentations will be done for people wanting to earn

patch.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: Chapter products have been picked up. There are a couple bells left, he will reorder more. **LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:** Recap of the 2015 Session- things moved very well. Vulnerable Road Users bill moved very well, passed all the committees, passed thru house and senate. House passed the house version morning of 5/28 and then quit for the session 3 hours later. All bills in middle died. All-American Flag Act, traffic enforcement quotas, and concealed carry during evacuation in declared state of emergency all passed. Waco-has heard from members of ABATE and people who don't ride what ABATE's opinion is. We have no comment at this time. Because ABATE of FL., Inc. is quiet on this doesn't mean we are weak, ignorant or accepting of it. ABATE exists in a different world than it was born in. More is dealt with behind the scenes, phone calls, conversations. Politics is all about getting re-elected, if we go quietly more things get done. Long and winding road a bill takes is in packets. 2015 special session is all about the budget. Thanked all who emailed and called representatives, it really did help. Talk to your reps about the VRU bill this summer.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: As soon as the house guit they were sued by Democrat senators and senate won but the judge said he wouldn't order them back because only 3 days left in session. Senate would not take up the house stuff and they left also. Budget is now about 90% agreed upon. Decided they would not hear anyone before the house. Got call saying members of house were going to call him and ask why we should get \$ after what happened in Waco. We don't know what happened in Waco so no comment. Texas AIM attorney and COC rep sent statement to Doc to sign as chairman of NCOM. He gets calls daily, they have asked for us to stay out of their business. Many are still being held who have made bond but are waiting for ankle bracelets which they had to order. This is a matter of basic human rights, treat those who were injured. NCOM has made statement for everyone. Life, liberty and pursuit of happiness is guaranteed and they are not getting those rights. Doc asked for \$300,000 knowing it would be whittled down. Senators Evers and Latvala made agreement with house rep that ABATE would get \$150,000 for safety money. Does have to pass Pres of Senate and Speaker of House. He will talk to chief of staff for transportation. Then it will go to governor, if he doesn't cross it off we should get it. We will get 2 years of safety products. Get yard signs, small magnets (3000)), large magnets, sun screens for back window. Cloth bags go good. Bracelets/bands, lip balm, pens, crayons, coloring books, first aid kits, registration and insurance card holder, black and yellow keychains. Would also like to do a new video but last one cost \$40,000. Nothing spoke on helmet law. Motorcycle gang bill had a whisper, may pick up speed next year. No guarantee now because of Waco. Won't know until October when session begins again. Question was asked by Forest chapter if chapters could have communication from ABATE BOD when such events happen. Asked Doc who in Texas (COC, attorneys) asked us to not get involved. Mudder: the worst thing ABATE could do is put out misinformation. Until it all comes out in an investigation we would do them an injustice. This needs to be addressed nationally once the facts are out, not just ABATE of Fl. Until then we will honor their requests and we will not compromise the situation. You could send letter to Waco representatives as individual, not as ABATE. We are the only MRO in the state capital. GPS gas tax-proposed tracking device to tax drivers on mileage driven.-Tracy from Brevard asked if we could get more info for August meeting.

LEGAL Larry Crow: No report

NCOM: Waco was discussed above. Doc attended the National meeting in Denver, said it was one of the best he's attended.

MRF a AMA: MRF asked Doc to speak to committee to approve amendment to strike the provision that would have allowed the lobby ban to be overturned. The amendment was approved, so now NHTSA can't lobby state legislators. Florida led the way. AMA has blurb about petition on ethanol in gas. It hurts our bikes, period.

AVON PARK: October 2-4, 2015 Brevard, Vintage, Treasure Coast doing beer garden... Gator Alley will do liquor bar. We are trying to get a beer trailer, beer and liquor will be located in same area. Need to determine when last call should be, thinking midnight. Check noise ordinance... if it is 9 then maybe run band 5-8. Will ask city what the time curfew is, if we need variance he would have to go back to city council. We had contract for campground (lawn mower track) signed by city mayor and Doc. Doc offered \$100 a day for 5 days (Nasgrass only pays \$1 a year). Abate workers would camp free, others pay nominal fee to cover the \$500. Then he was told that Nasgrass was also on contract but Maria (city secretary) said we were good to go. Nasgrass sent list back to city council. #1 on list was who was going to do lawn maintenance. Also wanted us to pay electric and water, so they would not sign contract. Doc will go back down to city council meeting next Monday. Attorney for city sent letter to Larry saying we expect you to deal with Nasgrass or you will not occupy the area for campground. We will have a campground despite not

having the lawn mower track. Anyone who wants to walk thru Avon Park be in lobby at 9 am tomorrow. So far the list Doc has for specific areas is: campground – Lake, bike games-Polk, kids games-Alachua, Putnam, security-TJ and Frenchie and need all chapters to help, trash pickup- have a couple people, need a few others, will have golf carts to use. We have a copy of the schematic. The street will be shut down to traffic between the blue lines. We have the gazebo for bands, beer garden, products, AIM booth, safety booth will be in grassy malls as well as the vendors. The roll-off will be behind the museum where we will dump the trash. Lamas coming with 400 members and families. Close to 20,000 attended Sebring event last year. One bar in town wants to hold their own event, Doc has already talked to city about this. Patti will scan the schematic and email to chapter presidents. Doc needs a committee to work on Avon Park, Mudder will be the chairman. Let him know after this meeting if you want to be on it. We need every chapter to help. ATF will be there checking on us be make sure that we don't sell to minors.

BIKE WEEK: March 4-13, 2016. March 6-15, 2015. 6000 drawing tickets have been printed, started distributing to chapters at state meeting 4/19. Drawing will be at State Office Saturday March 12, 2016 at noon.

TALLAHASSEE 2/20-2/22, 2016: Boots has applied for, will be in 3nd week in February. Have to take vote on having run in 2016. Reminded delegates everyone who votes yes needs to come next year! Vote was taken on having the run to Tallahassee in 2016. Chapters voted 36 yes, 8 no so run will take place. Southwest made motion to move state meeting to Sunday the 3rd week of Feb, Gator Alley 2nd, motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Change in by-laws regarding chapters missing 2 consecutive (unexcused) state meetings to pay \$100 to reapply for their charter (vote by chapters required) vote: 35 yes, 3 opposed. The required 2/3 vote was met, change is approved. Doc said if a chapter misses every other meeting he will exercise his authority to pull their voting right. Raising yearly or Lifetime membership rates was covered under Treasurer. Host chapters for 2016 state meetings will be: February will be hosted by State since the run on the capital was voted yes by the delegates. April: Brevard, June: Inerstate, August: Forest, October: Hillsborough, December: Gator Alley. Vote by chapters have run on capital Tallahassee 2016 see Tallahassee above.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Bike fest December 6 Brevard admission is toy

Monguls June 20 Edgewater North Florida COC benefit for trademark defense fund

GOC meeting 2:00 pm tomorrow

Vintage: Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser June 26 3-11

Palm Beach 6/27 freedom rights rally

Lake County: read flyer for August state meeting in Leesburg: July 7 reservation deadline

Polk: VP involved in terrible accident

Black Creek: 4th of July Fort McCoy KOA reservations let them know you are with abate for discount

Forest: August state meeting do chapters want to donate shirts to put in quilt?

Spaghetti dinner next week in Marathon (Keys)

Thanks to Inerstate for the awesome lunch!

Drawing, silent auction, 50/50 won by Monica M. who donated part back to state, Thank you!

Meeting adjourned 5:50

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 6/18/2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I want to thank all the chapters for sending delegates to the last state meeting. We had one chapter missing and they had transportation problems and had to be towed home. It was an interesting meeting and quite a few things were discussed. I would like to also mention that Abate of Florida. Inc. is a motorcycle rights organization that also has a mission of safety for all motorcycle riders. We have fought for over thirty four years for the rights and lives of motorcycle riders and that is our mission. We do charity runs, toys runs and other community service but we are a motorcycle rights and safety organization. Sometimes it seems the line blurs but this is our mission to many of us have lost friends and loved ones to the careless drivers of four wheels. However motorcycles must expect blame when they use too much alcohol and cause accidents, it cannot be one way. We must accept responsibility when we (the motorcyclist) cause an accident. Our Legislative Director Darrin wrote an excellent letter to the newspapers in Florida asking people who have lost relatives and friends to these terrible accidents caused by four wheelers. The idea that they do not have to pay for their crime is criminal. We fight for motorcycle rights, isn't this safety issue a right? Shouldn't some one who runs over a motorcyclist be punished if it's their fault? Everyone is quick to point out if we are at fault but not the people who injure us or kill us.

October 2-3 will be our Avon Park event featuring vendor, children activities, bands, and a motorcycle drill team. We would like every one to attend and have a good time. We will raise a flag that was flown over the US Capitol on Friday morning and it will be raise by veterans. The number one band will be the Bobby Friss band and they are extremely well liked.

I want to thank the members of Abate of Florida, Inc. without you there would be no rights movement in Florida. We are the only ones who keep a presence in the state capitol. I hope to see all of you in Avon Park and until then "Ride Safe and Free!!!!!"



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NEXT STATE MEETING

Saturday, October 10, 2015

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Inerstate Chapter Saturday June 13, 2015

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:13 pm by President James "Doc" Reichenbach followed by the pledge of allegiance and moment of silence. Present were: President James "Doc" Reichenbach II, Vice President Dennis "Rudder" Rudoi, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Sargent at Arms T.J. Painter, Masterlink Bob Alexander, Legislative Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, Products Steve Knee, Legal Larry Crow, Website Dan Henderson, State Office Elizabeth "Boots" Buchholz., Asst. Products Sherry Ward, Asst. Sargent at Arms Marcus Hotelling. Excused absences: Grace Lord, SaraBeth Kohl, John Massoth

DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVES:

Alachua-Jim Burrow, John Trama
Black Creek-Christine Marshall, Greg Marshall
Brevard- excused
Daytona Beach-Alfye Fyock
Duval- Dawn Avery, Ellisa Brown
Estero River-Larry Peterson, Ward Jackson
First Coast-Barry Sing Sr.
Forest-Paul Antonio, Joe Wieland
Freedom-Robert Hotchkiss
Gator Alley-John Stevens, Judy Stevens
Gulf Coast-Tom Wallen, Mandy DeLoach
Hillsborough-Steve Nasrallah
Inerstate-Dale Moore, Brenda Moore

Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver
Lighthouse-Zeke Shoemaker, Robert Keller
Orange County- Joyce Trevelyan, Lana Lang
Palm Beach- Kenneth Gerecke, Deborah Hamby
Peace River- Bill Bird, Bill Neal
Polk County- John McDermott, Dewey Cain
Putnam County- Disband
Seminole County- Jack Battista, Sally Carroll
Southeast-Frank Hammons, Ada Hibbs
Southernmost- Sandy MacLaren, Byron
Agababian Southwest-Victor Piorkowski
Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Susan Hulce
Vintage-Sharon Balocki, Charles Johnston
West Coast- Victor MacDonald, Sam Stallard

PRESIDENT Ooc Reichenbach:

Doc reported on the arbitration between parties involved in the Brevard County toy run. Putnam County chapter will be closed as of this meeting. State Office received only 13 responses from the letters sent to Putnam members. Four wanted to keep it open, 9 said to close. They cannot stay open and use ABATE name to do fundraising in their county. There are only four executive officers in the corporation. They are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Sargent-at-Arms can be signature on check if need be. No chapter by-laws can supersede State by-laws. You can have a meeting without a forum you can still discuss items and make decision. Still need three executive officers to agree (can make phone call to get vote). If two executive officers are present may teleconference with one more to conduct meeting. Doc went to the COC meeting. All were patch holders except Doc and Jerry T. One of the patch holders told everyone to join ABATE so they can tell us what to do. Doc got up to speak and told them they would not take over. After he received calls from Jerry T and a couple other patch holders who were livid. He told them they are welcome to join. He also got an anonymous email demanding we change our by-laws to benefit them. He has no objection to us being club members. ABATE stopped a gang bill last year for motorcycles. Doc met with a legislator who agreed not to introduce it.

VICE PRESIDENT Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi:

Main concern is growth of the organization. Chapters need to expand their rank and file in their areas. Attrition has claimed many members. If you are excited about ABATE then work with new members, educate the public, light a fire, save lives. Discussion concerning junior membership for ages 16-18.

Dawn (Duval) thought it was good idea but it was shot down in the past. Questions raised about what their function would be and it was noted that most meetings are held where alcohol is served. Doc said send proposals to him. Sally will look into junior memberships a little more. They also raise questions regarding increased liability to ABATE.

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston:

No corrections to minutes from June State meeting. Motion carried to accept the Secretary report.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah:

Income/expense report and balance sheet in packets as usual. Selling of tickets is critical to us meeting expenses every month. There is also a grant application form for chapters to request grants from ABATE of Florida Safety and Education Inc. as well as forms for the "Receipt of Charitable Donation" and "Contribution of Volunteer Services". Contact Patti for help in completing these. Motion carried to accept Treasurer's report.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS TJ Painter:

Still need help with Avon Park. We've had a lot of rain lately, roads are wet. Take time to look bike over. **STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots:**

Some chapters turned in sold ticket money today and some were signed out. One chapter turned in unsold tickets. Suggested selling at events, neighboring events. Sally (Seminole) asked if a winning ticket was put back in drum for chance at next prize. A ticket can win only one prize.

MEMBERSHIP Grace Lord:

excused absence. The chapter with the most new members for May was Daytona Beach, June was Gulf Coast.. Highest % of growth for May was Lake County, June was Alachua. Life cards were given to Estero River, Gator Alley, Gulf Coast, Inerstate, Lake County, Lighthouse, Polk County, Southeast, Southernmost, West Coast.

MASTERLINK Bob Alexander:

Deadline for submission is today. Masterlink copies are up front. All submissions are approved through Boots. Greg (Black Creek) asked if there were different deadlines for chapter flyers and paid advertisers. The deadline date is the same for everyone. If it is submitted a few days late and the Masterlink has not been published and there is room we do try to include it in the issue.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS SaraBeth Kohl:

excused absence: The updated SOP's for social media need to be signed and returned

WEBMASTER Dan "Sio Mo" Henderson:

Abateflorida.com tracking info is in packet. In the time period 7/9-8/5/2015 there were 139,965 page impressions. Most frequent accessed pages were index, helmet law, newsletters, Board of Directors, and events. Jim Burrow (Alachua) said that in order to protect privacy rights of members use BCC when sending emails, it will put all addresses in blind copy.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Vacant: John Massoth:

excused absence: One MSAP certificate was handed out to Susan Hedrick from Vintage chapter. Doc would like to purchase a lot of safety products after the Avon Park event. He needs to know what main items we need. Delegates will go back to chapters to see what they need and send a list of top 3 items to John. Also bring the list to the October Sate meeting.

PROBUCTS Steve Knee:

Chapter products have been picked up. He has ordered 50 more bells for selling at Avon Park.

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks:

Sent out the long version of the "letter to the editor" to any newspaper who would publish it.. This came about because he received an email from a mother whose daughter was killed in Melbourne. She is

willing to help us use her story to go to legislators. They may react differently to a grieving mother who lost her daughter because someone ran a light and hit her. Last BOD teleconference Doc brought up doing a letter to the editor in newspapers asking for families who have lost loved ones to contact him. ABATE members should contact the small papers and see if they will publish it. The original is 400 words but he does have one as short as 150 words to accommodate any paper's word limits. There will be a special session in August to redraw the congressional district map and in October to draw Senate district. The legislative session starts in January 2016, know who your legislators are, start talking to them now.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach:

We have Republican legislature in Florida. Will be interesting to see how far the issues go in the Presidential debate. He received phone call from a former FL senator asking if Doc would speak to parole board on behalf of a guy serving 10 years for broadsiding a motorcyclist in Lake County. His wife said he has served enough time (4 years) for the crime. He would not. No such thing as an accident, somebody is at fault or careless. Please give Doc suggestions on what bills we want to do this upcoming session. Election 2016 coming up: we will elect a new president, all new House of Representatives and 1/3 Senate. On the state level all the House, 1/3-1/2 Senate. Governor Scott will be in office until 2018. The biggest complaint about the court ordered redistricting is coming from Corrine Brown who feels it is unfair to minorities

LEGAL Larry Crow:

Nothing to report. Brevard Toy run covered under President's report

NCOM:

There still have not been any indictments regarding the events in Waco. The 90 days will be up in about 2 weeks. They are all out on bail.

MRF & AMA:

MRF did not name ABATE of Fl. Inc. as being instrumental in getting an amendment approved that prevents NHTSA to lobby state legislators. AMA is still fighting the 15% ethanol in gas. They also had an article on off-road riding

AVON PARK: October 2-4, 2015

We still need volunteers. We have 3 bands, a DJ and will have Bobby Friss as headliner Saturday 10/3 at 6 p.m. Brevard, Vintage, Treasure Coast doing beer garden... Gator Alley will do liquor bar and will take donations of liquor from chapters. They will be on the mall where the Gazebo is, and the safety booth. Richard Lester (AIM) will have a table there as well. We will have events for kids. Any child who participates will receive a ribbon so no one will feel left out. Possibly have hay bale maze. The bouncy house people carry their own insurance, make sure we are named under it. We are still looking for more vendors, including a peanut vendor. Anyone interested have them call Billy Bird. Vendor fees are \$150 for the whole weekend for a 10 x 10 space, \$200 for a 12 x 24. Electric for weekend is \$60. We will have car show and bike show. We will be doing an honor guard ceremony to raise the flag and start the event Friday at 10:00 am. Set up for event will be Thursday 10/1, cleanup Monday 10/5 if not completed Sunday. There will be camping at the Moose, anyone who works 6 hours will get free camping. After 9 pm they will have 2 bands, food and a bar for campers and Moose members only. We will sell 50/50 tickets on Friday and Saturday, at least 2 drawings each day so people will not have to wait all day for drawing. Must be present to win, we will tell when the drawing will take place. We will draw a ticket until we have a winner for that drawing.

BIKE WEEK: March 4-13, 2016.

6000 drawing tickets have been printed. We will be selling tickets at the Avon Park Autumn Bike Fest.

Drawing will be at State Office Saturday March 12, 2016 at noon.

TALLAHASSEE 2/20-2/22, 2016:

Boots has not received confirmation yet on Monday 2/22 for the capital. They have changed the system for confirmations. This is George Washington's birthday, the original freedom fighter. Doc is going to Tally this week and he will find out if they have us scheduled. The state meeting will be Sunday 2/21 in Monticello, still need confirmation on that also.

OLD BUSINESS:

Website hit stats was covered under Website above. More input is needed on membership rates. Jim Burrow will be talking to chapters.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Lake County is celebrating their 28th birthday, cake for everyone! Save the date for Spooks & Scoots
Inerstate is having the Frisco Poker run Saturday Oct. 3 Avon Park Alachua is having a sports car-like road rally on September 19

Thanks to Lake County for hosting the meeting and for the awesome lunch and endless desserts! Leftover food will be donated to the Veterans Association.

Drawing, silent auction.

50/50 won by Charles J.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 5:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 8/15/2015

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