

MASTERLINK



An Important Link Between Us All

ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc.

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Dedicated to Freedom of the Road ♦ Let Those Who Ride Decide

WORKING TO SAVE LIVES



WHAT IS ABATE?

The most current definition of ABATE is American Bikers Aimed Toward Education. ABATE was originally founded by Lou Chimney of California. The concept has since spread across the nation. Most ABATE organizations are run on a state level with various chapters or regions participating therein.

GOALS AND PURPOSE OF ABATE

To provide a newsletter to keep all bikers informed regarding legislative actions and events around our state and through out our country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclist rights.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on the individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc. on the state and national level.

HOW DOES ABATE ACCOMPLISH ITS GOALS?

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit, grassroots political corporation composed of local chapters that have been organized by motorcyclists, to promote a positive image through local, civic, and charitable and benevolent causes; pooling resources for the common benefit of the members promoting political awareness. ABATE exists to monitor legislation and testifies in your behalf during Senate and House hearings. ABATE collects, processes, and exchanges information that may concern you or substantiate our views and places it in your hands through a newsletter or by other means.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Any individual 18 years of age or older interested in motorcycle rights, regardless of their sex, race or club affiliation. It does not matter if you ride or what you ride. ABATE ensures our option on motorcycle laws will be heard

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.

We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG. We fund our work through toy runs, poker runs, camp outs, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others. ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or "MRO". ABATE of Florida, Inc.

ABATE of Florida Accomplishments:

ABATE was the driving force behind the changes in Florida’s Helmet Law. Florida Motorcyclists, over the age of 21 and who carry at least \$10,000 medical insurance coverage now enjoy the Freedom to Choose whether to wear a helmet or not. ABATE has developed & copyrighted “The Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Program” (MSAP). The program is presented to non-motorcyclists to educate them on how to safely share the road with motorcycles. It is taught in local schools & to civic organizations at no charge in the hope of reducing motorcycle accidents and deaths through education, not legislation.

- ABATE has gained a positive and respected position in Tallahassee. Because of our Lobbyist and Legislative efforts, State Representatives are aware of ABATE members and our vigilant quest.
- ABATE reminds travelers every day to “Look Twice Save a Life, Motor-cycles are everywhere” through our billboard campaigns.

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WEB SITES of INTEREST

- www.hsmv.state.fl.us/
- www.leg.state.fl.us/
- <http://ama-cycle.org/legisltn/statewatch/fl.html>
- www.bikernet.com
- www.aimncom.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MY GOALS ARE TO MOVE THIS ORGANIZATION FORWARD WE HAVE BEEN MAKING PROGRESS, AND GENERATING REVENUE. WHILE KEEPING OUR GOALS OF OUR MISSION FOR MOTORCYCLIST RIGHTS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS. IT'S GOING TO TAKE EACH AND EVERYONE OF US TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. TOGETHER WE CAN ALL ACCOMPLISH THIS AND MOVE ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. INTO THE FUTURE. MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN AND I'M ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS. SEE YOU AT THE NEXT STATE MEETING TREASURE COAST WILL BE HOSTING. TILL THEN, LETS MAKE 2023 THE YEAR WE ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL AND WORK TOGETHER AS A ORGANIZATION. LET'S SAVE AS MANY LIVES AS WE CAN BY PROMOTING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ACROSS FLORIDA.

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Rich Newsome

MOTORCYCLE INJURY LAWYER

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March 9th at 8pm

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State Meetings 2023

Feb 11	Melbourne	Treasurer Coast
April 2	Monticello	State
June 12		
August 12		Peace River
October 14	Leesburg	Lake
December 9	Ocala	Forest

ABATE of Florida, Inc. Membership Application

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Chapter: _____

Are you a registered voter: _____ Voting Districts: Fl House: _____ Fl Senate: _____ Us Congress Dist. : _____

Membership Options _____ \$20.00: Lifemembership \$600.00: _____

Member Transfer to New Chapter: _____ From old Chapter: _____

Change of address: _____ Name Change: _____ **Home Chapter:** _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL. Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older. All members receive a membership card and voting privileges in their home chapter, Personal involvement in statewide Legislative actions and their freedom to ride. Mail to Po Box 614 Cantonment, Fl 32533 Questions: (386)943-9610

Membership Verified By: _____ Date paid: _____

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ABATE of Florida, Inc.

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Physical Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ as of this date _____ my Beneficiary is Listed Below

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Relationship: _____ Membership 2023

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
December 10, 2022
State Delegates Meeting in Leesburg

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Griz – "Out with the Old – In with the New" – We are moving forward. We are a corporation, and we have laws we must abide by. No more exceptions. All reports must be postmarked by the 5th. If not, there will be fines. We are very thankful for Rich Newsome and his organizations donation to ABATE of Florida, Inc. Welcome Aboard Rich! With a sad and heavy heart, Southernmost is closing their chapter due to lack of Board members. All necessary paperwork is being processed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darrin – Gator Alley needs volunteers for Swamp Buggy Race on January 28th, and 29th. Naples Florida. 10-2, and 2-6 each day. Will need to sign up with Lynn Corr. Primitive camping will be available. Gator Alley has been manning this event for the past 13 years. They need bodies for the security work. If you volunteer, you will be able to view the race before (or after) you volunteer. Remember all monies benefit ABATE of Florida, Inc.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn – Make a Motion to accept the meetings as they were presented in your packets. Motion made by Peace River, 2nd by Polk County. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie – Discussed issues with QuickBooks. Rich is making his CPA available to assist us. 2020 taxes must be adjusted, and 2021 taxes need to be completed. We will need to replace our CPA. Southwest questioned Balance Sheet stating the P&L sheet is missing. Deb stated she will investigate those reports. Motion was made by Southeast to accept the Treasurers Report, 2nd by Polk. Several were in favor, and a few were opposed.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Charlie – All inventories were due today. All trailers will need a copy of their tag included in the inventory. Reminder that only delegates are recognized to speak and was asked that a raised hand be acknowledged before speaking. Any other person wanting to speak must be recognized by their Chapters Delegate first.

STATE OFFICE: Brandy – The Board is creating a new 501c3 corporation. The new paperwork has been submitted. Rich is assisting, at no charge, to legalize this. The paperwork will be the same as the previous. The directors will be from the Delegation with rotating terms. Logistics will be important to cover all the state. SE and Lake are good chapters that are pushing membership. Got prices on bumper Sticker or window clings. We will request monies from the Abate Safety and Education, Inc. Rich explained the legality of the existing 501c3 and how no laws have been broken. Discussion ensued...

Treasurer Coast – Abate of Florida, Inc is registered. We voted on the setup of that board.

VP Darrin - a "c3" is separate from ABATE of Florida, Inc due to the lobbying component of the Abate of Florida, Inc. The money is still there. My suggestion is to request monies for specific safety and education items.

Forest Chapter – A cease and desist letter needs to be sent.

Southwest – It's my understanding that is the board changes, the 501c3 board should also change.

Forest (Russ) – the 501c3 can only be used as a motorcycle safety and education. We must move forward; we must move on.

VP Darrin – This was the first time we wrote bylaws for a separate corporation. We have learned and now must move forward.

Polk – When do we expect the new 501c3 to be in effect? (Rich – I have to check but I believe its 4-6 months).

Vintage – Shelly wants off of that Board.

Lake – How do we apply for the products?

PG 1

- SB 126 "Motorcycle riders" Sen Saunders
 - Do away with helmets
 - passed at least one committee
- HB 1911 "Highway Safety and Motor vehicles" by committee
 - do away with helmets
 - SB 126 was added to this bill
 - Bill PASSED and became LAW
- 2001
 - SB 2206 "Motorcycles + Insurance decal" Sen. Sebasta
 - add insurance decal to motorcycle license plate
 - allow LEO's to stop motorcyclists without helmets to check for insurance
 - Did not pass
- 2002
 - nothing significant found
- 2003
 - HB 287 "Motorcycle specialty plate" Rep. Cretul et al.
 - create specialty plate for motorcycles
 - Bill Passed
- 2004
 - SB 682 "Highway Safety" Sen Argenziano et al.
 - HB 65 "Highway Safety" Rep Harrington et al.
 - traffic control signal devices resulting in a crash; provides penalties for specified traffic infractions of traffic control signal devices
 - Both died in final committee
- 2005
 - Several bills starting to relate to "racing on public roadways / parking lots" which will open the door to motorcycle specific racing bill later.
 - HB 71 "Motor Vehicle Speed Competitions" Rep Quinones
 - no racing on public roadways or parking lots
 - Passed in to Law
 - HB 1697 "Highway Safety" Rep Evers et al.
 - Requires foot rest and hand holds for motorcycle passengers
 - Handlebar no higher than top of shoulder
 - originally they wanted it to be no higher than 15 inches above the seat
 - Passed in to Law
- 2006
 - HB 7079 "Highway Safety" Rep Evers et al.
 - Eliminates the requirement for hand holds for passengers on motorcycles
 - Requires first time motorcycle license applicants to take a motorcycle safety course
 - motorcycles registered to rider under 21 must have a different license plate in color / design
 - Passed into Law 2007
 - SB 2670 "Motorcycle Riders/ medical Insurance Coverage" Sen Constantine
 - It would have increased amount of required medical insurance coverage for motorcycle riders who do not wear protective headgear to \$50,000.
 - Died in 1st committee
- 2008
 - This is the year we started to get the "Use of electronic devices while driving" bills that we will see for the next several years to come.
 - SB 828 "Motorcycles or Mopeds / Young Riders" by Sen Beilnet
 - This would have prohibited carrying passengers younger than 12 years old under any circumstance.
 - This bill was withdrawn from further consideration
 - HB 1043 "Street Racing" by Rep Soto et al

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Ester – Complained about not getting products. But when it did arrive, they acquired 17 new members.

VP Darrin – Explained how \$50,000 of products is vastly different than \$5,000.

Forest – **MOTION:** to issue a Cease-and-Desist letter to Doc concerning the ABATE of Florida, Safety and Education. Seconded by Treasure Coast.

DISCUSSION: Freedom – I vote for a new 501c3

Daytona – We need to make a \$15,000 product request, SE agreed.

Lake – Stop bumping heads and let's move on.

VP Darrin – ask for products

Brandy (Office) – go back to your chapters and send me what you want. I will make the request.

Gulf Coast – I have access to products at good prices.

Forest – Motion was tabled.

Pres Griz – Take this back to your chapter. This is important. Thank you, Martha.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie – (Asst was in attendance. Laurie was excused)

July; Highest Growth: **Polk** Most New Members: **Polk**

August; Highest Growth: **Polk** Most New Members: **SouthEast**

September; Highest Growth: **Polk** Most New Members: **Lake**

October; Highest Growth: **Polk** Most New Members: **SouthEast**

Discussion on deceased members. Database is antiquated. There are over 631 deceased members. May use a possible honorary membership to include these members.

Hillsborough – all our deceased Life Members are on a Memorial Wall.

Forest – **MOTION:** Deceased Life Members will be removed from the Total Membership Roll. They will be recognized in another manner.

DISCUSSION: GulfCoast – Our Chapter has an "Everlasting" with the Original Membership

Pres Griz – Only Life Members stay on the Life Sheet.

Hillsborough/Brandy – Discussed Memorial Plaque and Displaying it.

VOTE: All in Favor. Motion Passed.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – May Proclamation was requested in October for mid-April. If you have or know of any more websites to post our events, please let me know.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy – If you have anything from your chapters, please let me know so I can post on the Masterlink site. Have your Newsletter Editor send me you Facebook info. Remember, No Negative Post, only Positive. Also, if an event isn't an ABATE event it must state that. NON-ABATE Event.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: I have a few new products. Looking for new merchandise. License Plate Covers, New Cup. I can place orders.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – Here is some info on the amazing work that ABATE of Florida has accomplished. It is because of "you" that any of this was done.

1999

- HB 175 "Motorcycle riders" Representative Argenziano
 - do away with helmets
 - did not pass
- SB 958 "Motorcycles and Mopeds" Sen. Saunders et al
 - do away with helmets
 - did pass at least one committee

2000

- HB 117 "Motorcycle riders" Representative Argenziano
 - do away with helmets
 - did not pass

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- Would have prohibited motorcycles and all vehicles from street racing or even be a spectator at a street race.
- Penalties would have included up to loss of license for 5 years and impounding of your motorcycle / vehicle.
- Died in final committee
- HB 137 "Operating a Motor Vehicle" Rep Lopez-Canera
 - We were able convince them to make some changes to the bill
 - Increase speed to be 50 mph or over the speed limit before ticket (originally it was 30mph)
 - eliminate the confiscation of the motorcycle (originally they wanted to take the motorcycle away)
 - Bill passed into law

2009

- SB 968 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Garcia
 - The Stiffer Penalties / Vulnerable Road Users bill
 - Died in 2nd committee
- HB 1161 "Traffic Offenses" Rep Evers
 - House version of VRU bill
 - Died in 4th committee
- SB 1100 "Dept of HSMV" by committee
 - Eliminates the horizontal only license plate on motorcycles
 - Allows for vertical plates
 - Passed into Law

2010

- HB 875 "Traffic Offenses" Rep Evers
 - VRU bill
 - Died in 2nd committee
- SB 1918 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Aronberg
 - Senate version of VRU bill
 - Died on Calendar – Passed all committees

2011

- SB 608 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Evers
 - VRU bill
 - Died in 4th committee
- HB 403 "Traffic Offenses" Rep Baxley
 - VRU bill
 - Died in 1st committee

2012

- SB 1754 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Evers
 - VRU bill
 - died in 2nd committee.

2013

- HB 1335 "Traffic Offenses" Rep Beshears
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
- SB 1648 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Evers
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee

2014

- HB 1159 "Traffic Offenses" Rep Dudley
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
- SB 1312 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Evers
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee

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- 2015
 - SB 908 "Traffic Safety" Sen Altman et al.
 - provide protection to VRU's
 - died in messages
 - HB 231 "Transportation" Rep Passadomo et al.
 - Similar to SB 908
 - passed committees but laid on table
 - SB 1254 "Noncriminal Traffic Infractions" Sen Bean
 - Provides that if a person commits 2 noncriminal traffic infractions that result in serious bodily injury with in 5 years it will be come a felony.
 - Died in committee
 - SB 1376 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Evers
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
- 2016
 - SB 332 "Highway Safety" Sen Altman et al.
 - Protection to VRU's
 - passed all committees
 - Died on Calendar
 - HB 253 "Highway Safety" Rep Passadomo et al.
 - Protection to VRU's
 - passed all committees
 - died on second reading calendar
- 2017
 - HB 6009 "Motorcycle Safety" Rep Hahnfeldt
 - Require all motorcyclists to wear a helmet
 - Died before being heard in committees
 - SB 66 "Highway Safety" Sen Clemons
 - VRU bill
 - withdrawn
 - SB 408 "Highway Safety" Sen Passadomo
 - VRU bill but more focus on bicycles
 - died in committee
 - SB 432 "Vulnerable Road Users" Sen Baxley
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
 - HB 541 "Vulnerable Road Users" Rep Stone
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
- 2018
 - This is the first year that all money request had to have their own bill. Previously the request could be attached to an appropriations bill.
 - HB 2103 "Motorcycle Safety and Education" Rep McClain
 - Safety money request
 - passed committee
 - died in Appropriations
 - SB 116 "Operation of Vehicles" Sen Baxley
 - protects VRU's
 - died in committee
- 2019
 - HB 71 "Traffic Offenses" Rep McClain and Stevenson
 - VRU bill

B5

- died in committee
- SB 158 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Baxley
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
- HB 2001 "ABATE of Florida Motorcycle safety program" Rep McClain and Grall
 - Safety money
 - passed committee
 - died in appropriations
- 2020
 - HB 2007 "ABATE of Florida Motorcycle safety program" Rep McClain
 - Passed committee
 - died in appropriations
 - HB 455 "Traffic Offenses" Rep McClain
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
 - SB 308 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Baxley
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
- 2021
 - SB 278 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Baxley
 - VRU bill
 - Died in committee
 - HB 1643 "Violations against vulnerable road users" Rep McClain
 - VRU bill
 - Died in committee
 - HB 2489 "ABATE of Florida Safety and Education" Rep McClain
 - Safety money
 - passed committee
 - died in appropriations
- 2022
 - HB 743 "Violations against vulnerable road users" Rep McClain
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
 - SB 1252 "Traffic Offenses" Sen Baxley
 - VRU bill
 - died in committee
 - HB 2573 "ABATE of Florida Safety and Education" Rep McClain
 - Safety money
 - died in committee

LOBBYIST: – Rich Newsome (speaking at the beginning of the meeting) explained his relationship with former House Speaker Richard Corcoran. He also has a relationship with Gov. DeSantis. Our goal in this coming year is the need to focus on getting the money back. Lean on those who are volunteering for the Corporation. Work on new membership. We will need to Line Item the Bills. Get the Governor on board and focus on ABATE of Florida, Inc. Plan on the Bills for next Session.

GulfCoast – Disagrees on one or more points. We need to focus on Education.

Forest – I agree with Rich. We must get back in the view of the People. "War is won 1 battle at a time." It means we must get out and talk to our Representatives.

Lake - Will there be a Business Plan?

Rich – Yes, but it will depend on Phone Calls and involvement of the members. It will also depend on Richard Corcoran. We need to get him on board which is a possibility considering a phone made that included Pres. Griz.

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SouthEast – My secretary made a list of contacts that would help with communication with Legislation.

Legal Counsel: Jerry T – Not in Attendance

State Party: Shayne – There will be a small committee meeting after the meeting to see how we can attack Bike Week this year. There are also events that Daytona Chapter have monthly.

Forest – Abate of Florida, Inc. needs to participate in this "Money Pit". We should sell drawing tickets at these events.

Vintage – We shouldn't have only a weekend party.

Forest - Made a suggestion to have smaller events before we have a Big State Party.

Forest – Spooks and Scoot is available for ownership.

Forest – **MOTION:** ABATE of Florida, Inc. needs to purchase and continue to renew its ownership. Seconded by Estero River.

DISCUSSION concerning this endeavor. Deb looked up the price for purchasing ownership. A vote was taken, all in favor. Treasurer will proceed with the purchase of the name "Boots and Scoots".

Vote was taken. All in favor.

It was requested that Griz please call Patti to discuss what ABATE of Florida will be doing concerning this change.

NCOM UPDATE: - Phoenix in 2023

TALLAHASSEE: Tallahassee is not set. Cannot get any guarantees for April for the Courtyard.

Southeast talked about the issues in Delray and "no Colors" in their area. They are standing their ground. St. Augustine talked about the issues with parking garages.

Forest – Stressed using FLSenate.gov and MyFLHouse.gov as tool for information.

OLD BUSINESS: Reiterated the closing of SouthernMost.

NEW BUSINESS: Pres. Griz discussed how the Meetings will be starting at Noon because the board is meeting monthly through Zoom. (It was later brought to our attention that the meeting time is a bylaw item and must be in the Masterlink for 2 newsletters and then voted on by the delegation.) Pres Griz stressed how this gets people back home sooner elevating an overnight stay and also doing away with lunch if the chapter decided not to serve it. (A Motion was made but is void due to the bylaw rules.)

Items that came up for further discussion:

State to provide monthly reports.

New chapter to possibly start in Pasco county or Orlando area.

Treasure Coast: Discussed changes that are happening in his area. Due to these items, I am requesting Treasure Coast to be changed to Lagoon Chapter. After much heated discussion, it was approved noting that ABATE of Florida will not be responsible for any of the cost of this change. Steve will also contact each member with the information on this change.

Daytona presented a petition against "No Colors". Asked for people to sign.

Forest – brought to light an incident that happened at the last meeting concerning a disgraced patch of ABATE of Florida. Requested a Motion but rescinded after Pres. Griz explained what was done concerning this incident. It was taken care of and the person is no longer welcomed at an ABATE of Florida meeting.

50/50 – BonBon won and donated a portion back to ABATE of Florida.

Marcus auctioned a cup for ABATE of Florida. Bill won much to Brandy head shaking.

Gun Drawing: 44 Henry – John Alexander (was in attendance), 22 Henry - Tim McDermott (was in attendance).

Meeting was adjourned.

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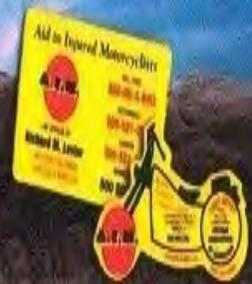
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ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Meeting



Saturday, February 11, 2023
Delegates meeting @ 2PM

American Legion Post 81
2909 S Harbor City Blvd. Melbourne, Fl. 32901

Hosted by: Treasure Coast Chapter
For more information please contact
Steve @ 772-539-2814 or Abatesk@yahoo.com

Host Hotel : Melbourne All Suites Inn
4455 W New Haven Ave
Melbourne, Fl. 32904
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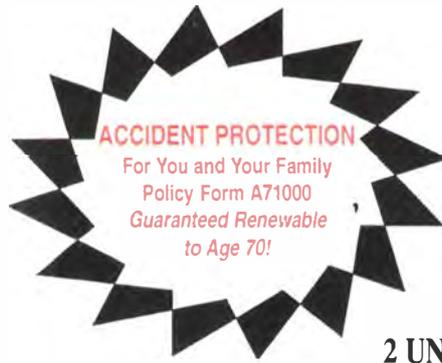


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Abate State office does not have any information on additional insurance please call AIL directly.

2 UNIT PLAN

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit

\$20,000-----Adult-----\$10,000
 \$4,000-----Dependent Child-----\$2,000

Payable for Loss of:

- * Life
- * Both Feet or Both Hands
- * Sight of Both Eyes
- * One Hand and One Foot

Payable for Loss of:

- * Sight of One Eye
- * One Foot or One Hand

When Such Injury Results From Any Covered Accident

Automobile Accident Benefit

\$40,000-----Adult-----\$20,000
 \$8,000-----Dependent Child-----\$4,000

Payable for Loss of:

- * Life
- * Both Feet or Both Hands
- * Sight of Both Eyes
- * One Hand and One Foot

Payable for Loss of

- * Sight of One Eye
- * One Foot or One Hand

When Such Injury Results From Any Covered Accident While Driving or Riding As A Passenger In An Automobile

Common Carrier Accident Benefit

\$100,000-----Adult-----\$50,000
 \$20,000-----Dependent Child-----\$10,000

Payable for Loss of:

- * Life
- * Both Feet or Both Hands
- * Sight of Both Eyes
- * One Hand and One Foot

Payable for Loss of:

- * Sight of One Eye
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26th ANNUAL FREEDOM GATHERING Ride to the Capitol Monday, April 3, 2023

Kickstands up at 9:00am Behind the Super 8 in Monticello

"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." ~ Thomas Jefferson

POC Abate of Florida Inc. State Office Brandy (850) 485-3853

Days Inn Monticello: 44 Woodworth Dr., Monticello, FL 32336. Phone: 850-997-5988. Take I-10 to Exit 225 South on US 19. The hotel is located on the East side.

Super 8 Monticello: 140 Pafford Rd., Monticello, FL 32336. Phone: 850-997-8888
Take I-10 to Exit 225 South on US 19. The hotel is located on the West side.
There is also a few campgrounds in the area.

STATE MEETING SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023 2PM

AMERICAN LEGION HALL- 1065 S WATER ST MONTICELLO, FL 32344

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ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Meeting



Saturday, April 2, 2023
Delegates meeting @ 2PM

American Legion Post 1065
1065 S Water Street Monticello, Fl, 32344

Hosted by: Abate of Florida Inc.
For more information please contact
Brandy @ 850-485-3853 or State Office

Host Hotel: Days Inn Monticello
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Tallahassee Freedom Rally February 2022



Tate - Russ/Joyce - Judd - Rich - (2nd row) - DR - David - TEE - Jessie
(top) - Casey - ?? - Flipper & Landfill Mike



ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc.

Vintage Chapter

15th ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY & CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, January 28th, 2023 11 am to 4 pm

VFW Post 3349

3201 Reid St, Palatka, FL 32177



CONTACT:

Susan Hedrick, Pres. 904-547-0723
Tracy Massoth, VP 904-566-5406
SaraBeth Kohl, Sect. 904-591-4100

Bring your best **CHILI** and enter to WIN!

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\$ 10 p/meal (includes chili, hamburgers, hotdogs, fixins AND 5 drawing tickets) 50/50 DOOR PRIZES FAMILY FUN

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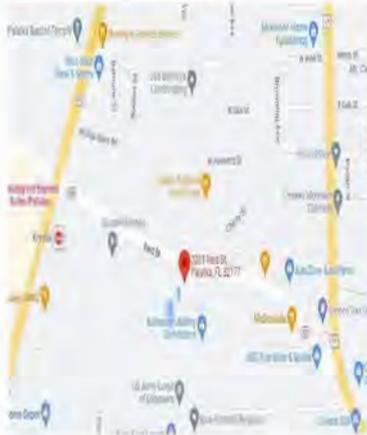
Directions: Take HWY 17 or HWY 19 from the north or the south to Palatka. Reid is SR 100 between HWY 17 and HWY 19 in Palatka. The VFW is on the corner of Reid St and N Palm Ave.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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5-STAR EVENT

FEB. 25TH, 2023

10am - 5pm

SUN SPORTS CYCLE

3441 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33966



- ☆ MUSIC ☆ BIKE GAMES ☆ 50/50 DRAWINGS
- ☆ PRIZES ☆ AUCTION ☆ VENDORS
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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Fox Crossing's 9th Annual Chili Cook Off

In support of ABATE of Florida, Inc. Forest Chapter

Sunday 27 Feb 2022

Hosted by John Leonard
Address: 10932 East Highway 25
Bellevue, FL 34420
Phone: (352) 288-0104

You must abide by CDC Guidelines to Attend & follow local county mask mandates.

Set up your best Chili at Noon.
Tasting, Music and fun begins at 1 PM
Event ends at 6 P.M.



\$5 to enter contest
For more info and to reserve your entry, call:
Greg (352)812-8766 (Dog)
John (352)318-6514



\$5 to taste and judge



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ESTERO RIVER CHAPTER PRESENTS:

21ST ANNUAL

LEGENDARY PARTY

Saturday, March 18th, 2023

Gates Open: 11AM &
Close @ 11 PM
Cost: \$3 Single
\$5 Couple

Bike Games
1:30 - 3P

The
Chopper
Band
3 - 7P



Corkscrew Country Store 1990 Corkscrew Rd., Estero FL 33928

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RVs Welcome \$20 & Trailers \$10 one time Fee
NO hook ups- NO Reservations- **Cash Only**

- *24 Hr Security
- *Hot Showers
- *Bike Blessing
- *50/50 & Prizes
- *Blood Mobile
- *NO PETS**

DATES: April 27-30, 2023
WHERE: 27150 Haywood Worm Farms Rd
 Okahumpka 34762 **Eagles Aerie # 4273**
TIME: Gates open Thurs-Fri-Sat-Sun 7 am
NO Early arrivals
 Gates close Thurs-Fri-Sat- at 11:50pm -Sun at noon.
COST: \$15. pp, per nite -Includes Tax
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Thur: TBA -- Fri: TBA
Sat: TBA
- * Tiki Bar
- *Food available
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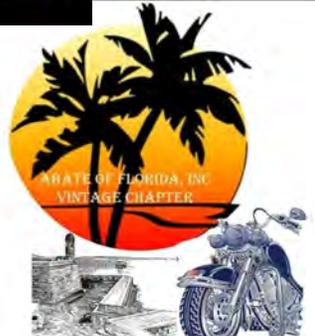
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