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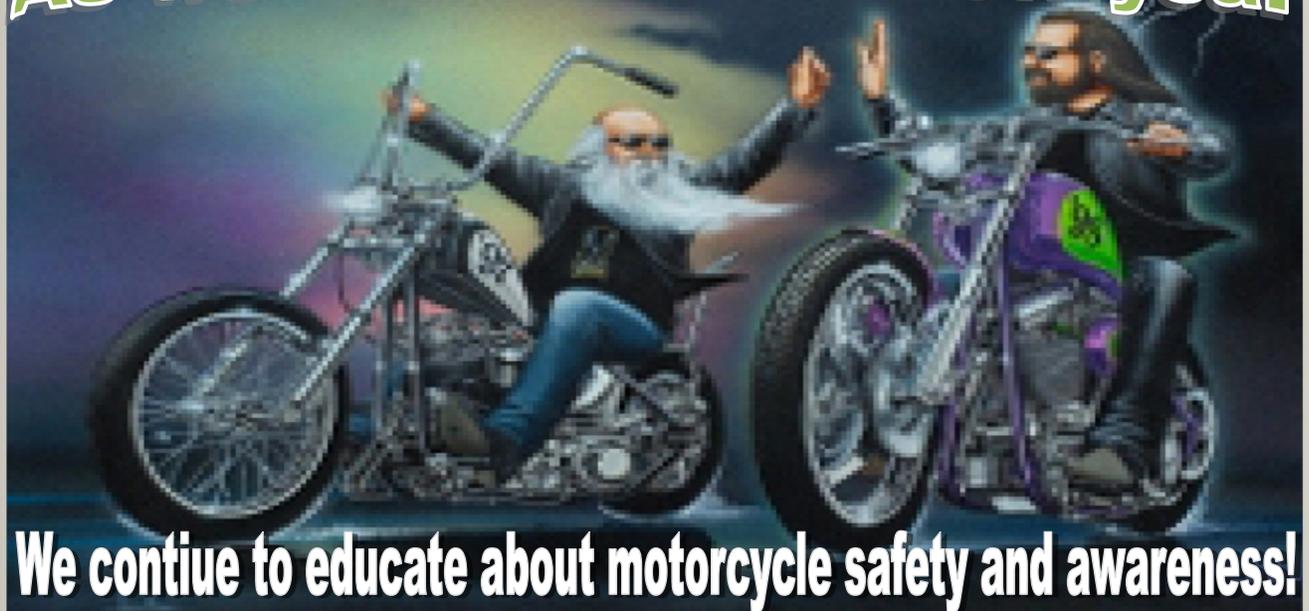


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As we cruise in to a new year



We continue to educate about motorcycle safety and awareness!

NEXT STATE MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2021 VERO BEACH

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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 everyday to "Look Twice Save a Life, Motor-cycles are everywhere" through our billboard campaign.

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- www.leg.state.fl.us/
- <http://ama-cycle.org/legisltn/statewatch/fl.html>
- www.bikernet.com
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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 print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to legislative actions and events around our state and throughout 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 motor-cycle 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, campouts, 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I want to thank all of the chapters who showed up at state meetings this year. Even among all the stuff going on in today's world, our members continue to show dedication to Abate of Florida Inc. This past year we had to deal with Hurricanes and COVID-19 and the loss of family and friends. Please remember to stay a safe distance and be respectful of others. Remember those who have health issues are more at risk.

Hope everyone had a chance to vote as we move into the new year with some new people in office please make sure you reach out to your local reps and make sure they know what Abate of Florida Inc. is.

This year is moving in new directions with a new website Abatefloridainc.com this website is made it very user friendly for our members and interactive. This now allows members to join online, make donations, buy products as well as use Amazon Smiles on top of keeping members informed quickly.

NEVER FORGET

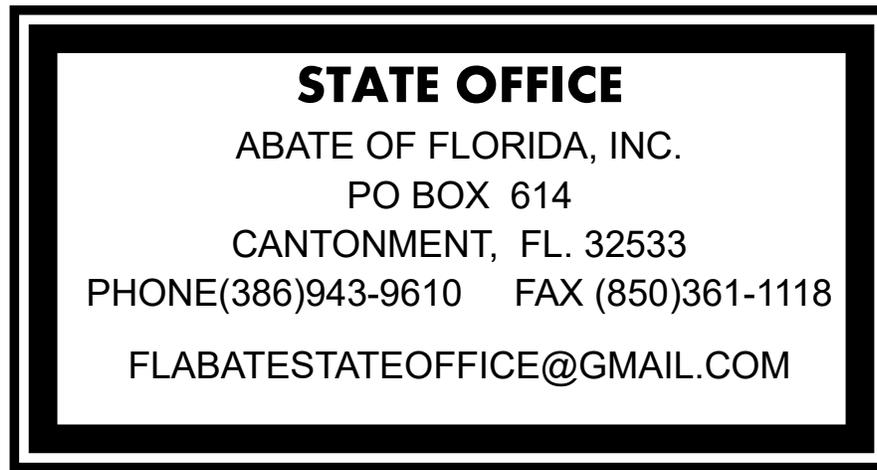
Our Military men and women have given their lives in many wars so we can do this basic freedom that many people take for granted.

On the Florida front we must work hard to build new alliances. We have also been vigilant in our state capitol and in the nation's capitol. We must continue to do so.

Thanks to Forest Chapter for hosting the December 12th State meeting.

Everyone have a Great Thanksgiving and Christmas

“Ride Safe and Free!!!”

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Jerry T

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Saturday, August 8, 2020 State Delegates Meeting in Clermont

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc Update on Lawsuit – I can't speak about the happenings during the deposition. Meeting was for 3 hours at \$500 an hour. Meeting was by Zoom. Jerry T was with Doc. Our information was spoken. Others went into a chat room. After 2 hrs. the other party left without notice to us. What happens now? We are not sure if we go to court or for a negotiation. Because of the virus, no court date was set. We will not settle. After I hear more, I will let you know. No one at this meeting was at the event except the man who is suing. Question: Where is the bar video? This video is now missing. If we go to court and they request 1 million dollars. Decisions will be made at that time. If something happens, I will contact the Presidents personally so it can be relayed to chapter. Not to be on social media.

Forest Chapter not present – members have come down the virus. WEST COAST to fold. No members want to be officer. Most will transfer to Peace River. Verification of Monies – Chapter monies counted needs to be verified by 2 officers – Treasurer and 1 other officer. Treasurer will deposit the funds. If the Treasurer is not available to make the deposit, the chapter President will then make the deposit on the next business day. No married couple can count and verify the money. This is also being done by State.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Darrin – Update on YouTube Podcast. Mistake was made with the price of the copper coin. Should be \$15. Good response to videos. Making some history of ABATE and on recent attacks on biker. Also, info on this meeting. DOC – Introduced Hunter an Eagle Scout. Handed out stars for Veterans. "I've done this for Veterans. Retired flags stars were cut off to give to Veterans to thank them for their service.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Lynn – Entertain a Motion to accept the minutes as presented on Facebook. Motion made by Polk County, seconded by Peace River. Discussion, vote by delegates.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie - Motion to accept Treasures Report. Gun Tickets available. Motion made by Southwest, seconded by Peace River. Question about Lobbyist pay. Discussion ensued. Gris made a point order – this is to be discussed at Old Business.

STATE OFFICE ANNEX REPORT: Boots – Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy has to addressed in 90 days. All Officer updates need to be sent to office as soon as meeting has happened.

STATE OFFICE REPORT: Brandy – Please see the packets for new paperwork to be filled out.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Marcus – Please hydrate, extremely hot out. If you have an event, you must have security present. Items to be auctioned. Raising money for the state.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie (Twizzle) - June: Highest Growth: Gulf Coast June: Most New Members: Gulf Coast Packets contain a Membership Form. This is a reminder to send a copy of the check for Membership. Auction of items done with Marcus

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – Docs interview with Born to Ride magazine. Working to make it a part of their issues concerning Legislative and History. Should be in the next issue. Meeting with Sport Bikes. Interested in Vulnerable Road user Bill. Hoping to Make into members.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy (new editor) Old Masterlink issues will be updates with current info. We will move forward.

Facebook (Gulf Coast) - Approached the board about doing the Facebook page and it was approved. Several other ABATE State organizations following us. What we what to accomplish – bring unity back to members. Southern Florida

SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT: Victor – I have managed to get 2 more MSAP certificates. If you are doing any Booths at events, please send the paperwork to Victor. SW Chapter needs one more class. This will be shared.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) New Products list in packet. The new list is on the website. October there will be a flyer for the December Christmas sale. We have pillows, come up and check them out. Copper coin, to pre-paid. You will get a receipt. Approximate 3 weeks.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – Primary Elections August 18th – many elections will be decided during the Primary. Particularly important to get people out to vote. I did voters' guide for Collier and Lee Counties. I did not get any information from other chapters. Talked about talking to recent candidates. Informed the delegates on how he sends thank you for the newest elected officials. Get your members out to vote.

LOBBYIST: Doc – (* forgotten at first of the meeting). Life Membership tickets, please talk to the Board about problems not verbally attack the individual board member. No one takes any tickets but complains about money. If you want to withdraw the Life Membership ticket, a vote will occur. Short Discussions – Peace River will accept any life member. Slo Mo – why are we discussing if it was already explained? John from Daytona, can we buy for others if I'm a Life Member. Gris – reminder about the Death and Dismemberment policy for any Life Member. Drawing to be in Feb. Motion made to leave it like it is. Gris made the motion, seconded by Polk. All in favor. Lobbyist – Any state can use the bill as written. House member has agreed to sponsor the bill and also the money request. Meeting with Senator on Monday. Will inform the results at the next meeting. Calls about helmet bill – questions how you got that passed. Many other states don't have the bill as it is written. We are grateful for the House and Senate. Sport Bikers asked about vertical tags. After a talk about this with the Chairman, an amendment was made and passed. Watch the elections, it will be a close race. Recalled the Saunders work we did and how he remembers us when the Helmet Law was proposed.

Legal Counsel: Larry T - Already went over items on the Lawsuit

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – October 16th, 17th

TALLAHASSEE: April 11th, 12th

OLD BUSINESS: Upcoming State Meetings: Feb – Polk, Apr – Tallahassee, June – Vintage, August – Lake, October – Gulf Coast, Dec – Peace River. Rob asked about State Line event. Doc will need to meet with Ga President. Lobbyist Proposal – Gris (Lake) accepts Lobbyist contract, Seconded by Peace River. All agreed. Lake County's offered to purchase a firearm, for the largest donation to the State. Extended to October. Lake County gave the State a donation.

NEW BUSINESS: Gulf Coast – Virtual Bike Show. Explanation of event. Monies to State. Flyer yet to be approved
GOOD TO THE ORDER: Lake County Anniversary, games tonight upstairs. Thanks for help. 50/50 Winner: Sue Hendrick, Vintage Chapter) (donated a portion to State) Motion to Adjourn: Polk made the motion, Peace River seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Corr



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: Yes _____ No _____

Voting Districts Fl House: _____ Fl Senate _____ Us Congress Dist. : _____

Membership Options Annual New Member \$20.00: _____ Lifemembership \$600.00; _____

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

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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State Meeting

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Board Meeting @ 12:00 pm

Delegates Meeting @ 2:00 pm



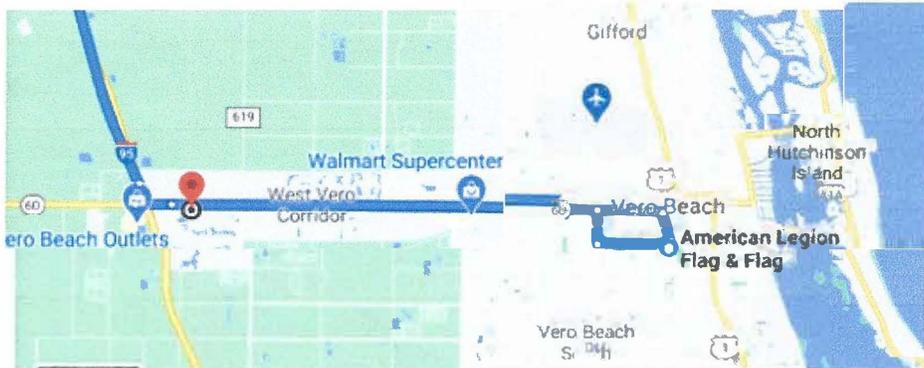
Hosted by: Treasure Coast Chapter

For Info contact Steve @ 772-539-2814 or ABATESK @ YAHOO.COM

Meeting will be held at the **American Legion Post 39**

1535 Old Dixie Hwy * Vero Beach, FL 32960

To Meeting From North or South i95 Exit 147 for FL-60E toward Vero Beach for 7.5 miles. Turn right onto Old Dixie and destination will be on your right.



From meeting to Hotel head North on Old Dixie toward 16th St. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto 16th St. Turn right on 27th Ave. Turn left onto FL-60 (W. 20th Street) and follow back toward i95 to 90th Ave, make a U turn and hotel will be on the right.

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Vero Beach Inn & Suites

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Please make reservation before 1/26/21

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Welcome to 2021

I have exciting news for you the website is totally redone and user friendly from most devices including cell phones.

With the new website we can reach not only members but have new members join online. That's right you can no pay for your membership online using a credit card or PayPal.

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Welcome page

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- who we are and a pod cast from Darrin

Membership page

- tells you about becoming a member
- Application
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Chapter page

- State map with locations of chapter
- Chapter name and link to chapter website
- Chapter Information meeting location and contact

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- Sponsor application

Flyers page

- Flyers for upcoming events
- Non ABATE price list
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- Event calendar

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Never forgotten page

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Links **to Florida Laws**

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STATE MEETINGS

February

April ,11 2021

June 12,2021

August 14,2021

October 9,2021

December 11,2021

Treasure Coast

State meeting

Vintage

Lake

Gulf Coast

Peace River

Vero Beach-

Tallahassee

St Augustine

coming soon

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Something You want to share with others related to Abate of Florida, Inc. Please forward it to Brandy and we will see if we can get you a spot in the Masterlink or website

Looking for female rider experience Sport Bike and chapter stories as well something your chapter did in the past 2 months that would be good for others to know how our members are working in the community to help others .

Would also like to see some motorcycle friendly business to start advertising in the master-link If every Chapter could Get 1 or 2 sponsors for their chapter area that way it is across the state and not just local.

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