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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 provide a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to 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 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, 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
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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 educa-
tion, not legislation.

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ABATE has gained a positive and respected position in
Tallahassee. Because of our Lobbyist and Legislative ef-
forts,
State Representatives are aware of ABATE members and
our vigilant quest.

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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
- www.aimncom.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have signed a new contract with AIL Insurance to continue to provide \$4000 accident insurance to our members. Many families members of our organization who have been killed in accidents have received this benefit. It is a benefit for all of our members in good standing.

We also have made a deal with the Community Credit Union of Florida. Every month they will send us a list and money for their members that join with us.

I know with inflation everything is going up such as gas, food and most necessities that everyone needs. It seems the best bargain in Florida is still a membership in Abate of Florida, Inc.

Easter is coming very soon and I hope you all have a wonderful time with your families. Ride Safe and Free!!!

Doc

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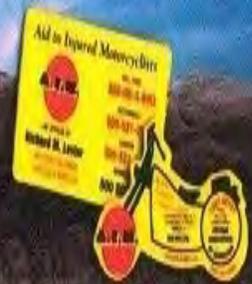
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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

Saturday, February 13, 2022

State Delegate Meeting – Tallahassee

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc - *BIN funds* – All Bin funds must be put into a bank account. This is for an accountability for each chapter. Nothing from State will be done to them. This is an IRS issue. More microscopic views are being made by IRS. BIN funds are only for ABATE members. If any chapters are doing other than for members, these accounts will be closed. Verify that multiple bank accounts are allowed. *Events and Insurance* – Poker Runs are allowable without insurance but not all events. If a chapter have an event without insurance and an accident happens, it will be the responsibility of the President of that Chapter. SE Chapter – Stating that a “Friends Ride” is happening, needs to be pointed out that “this is not to be an ABATE event.” Boots thanked the Chapter profusely for the gifts.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Darrin – Thank you for coming. Remember why we are here. The Ride to Tallahassee is to talk to the Legislative aids. Please stay after the bell ringing ceremony and talk to the Aids. Darrin relayed the story about how in the past the Aids could hear the rumbling when the bikes approached the Capital. Now, not so much.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Lynn – Entertain a motion to accept minutes as they are in your packet. Motion was made by SW, seconded by Polk. All in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Debbie – Entertain a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as they are in your packet. Peace River made a motion, Polk County seconded it. All in favor save 1. Motion carried. Doc read the balance of the Safety and Education account. All safety products ordered by State are in. If you need of products, please contact the board. The Statement on the magnets is the property of ABATE of Florida and no other Person or business is to be on these magnets. Any contract that is more than what is approved by the bylaws are to be approved by the STATE. No exceptions. This is to be approved before any purchase.

STATE OFFICE REPORT: Brandy- There are old applications and websites, that a few chapters are passing out that have \$150 for life membership. This is an incorrect amount.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT: Mudder – We need Road Guards. See me in the morning. Also note that temperature varies. Please hydrate properly. We need support for this event. If we don’t show, it makes a statement of lack of commitment to ABATE Cause.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Laurie -

November Highest %: Treasure Coast, Most New Members: SouthEast

December Highest %: Treasure Coast, Most New Members: Daytona Beach

PR/COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Bill – Proclamation is in motion. May is Motorcycle Safety month. State of Florida has received the request.

WEBSITE REPORT/ Masterlink: Brandy – Any website that is not updated will be unlinked from the State website. There will be plenty of time to update this. All passwords are to be turned in a weeks’ time. Don’t turn in your paperwork stapled. Brandy stated that any social media should have either Brandy or Billy as an administrator or editor.

SAFETY DIRECTOR REPORT: Excused. Needs reports concerning Safety Booths. Send to State Office so that is on record. Safety products are available. Just request them. John made a suggest for shop rags as handouts.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT: Shayne (Velcro) – Excused

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Darrin – The first bill to talk about – Senate committees have passed SB466 “Military/Medic programs of Florida” will allow these people to help with health areas. Packet includes information on our Bills. Utilize these to use as talking points to the Aids. Speaking to the Legislator should start before the committees begin. Go by your Legislators office and thank them. House 308 is Rep. McClain. Rep Branna, House 417 could use a little encouragement to make sure our bill is heard. Darrin read the bill to remind the delegates which ones to promote. Sen Braxley at 412 in the Senate bldg. Let him know how much he is appreciated. Discussion was done concerning what to say and address to the Aids of the Legislators and Talking Points for emails. Went over bill SB 476 by Piazza.

LOBBYIST: Doc – Went over information on the budgets – by Governor, House and Senate. Described how the budgets are worked out. Stressed how the money for ABATE is for the whole State not just a specific area or county. A request was made that when the Governor signs the bill, ABATE would be present. Explained the process of a bill. Explanation of different processes of previous bills and the amount of time and effort it takes to talk to many Legislators. A challenge to chapters to see if they want an ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc. tag.

LEGAL COUNSEL: Jerry T- Will be at the June meeting. No other cases pending. Discussed the leaving info from the Capital.

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – June 17th, 18th in Nashville (this is a change of date)

TALLAHASSEE 2022: Monday is the Ride to the Capital

STATE PARTY: Velcro – Lebanon is not an option for a State party. We will be looking into another location.

OLD BUSINESS: Sold Gun tickets are to be sent to the state office monthly with your treasure report. Please send stubs and checks.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for State Office – 1st Round

President - Doc (accepted)	Vice President – Darrin (accepted)
Secretary - Lynn (Undecided)	Treasurer – Deb (accepted)
Membership – Laurie(not Present)	Public Relations – Bill (accepted)
Sargent of Arms – Charlie (accepted)	Products – Shayne (not Present)
Legislation – Darrin (accepted)	Legal – Jerry T

Next round of Nomination will be in April. Elections in June.

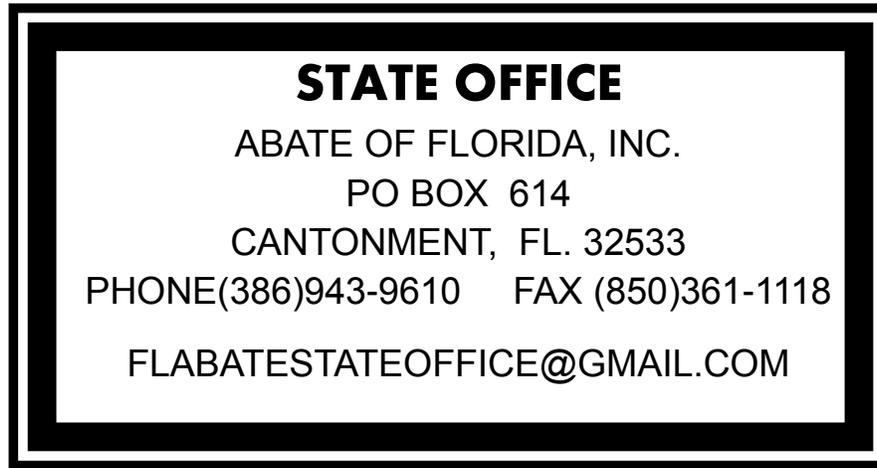
From Treasure Coast – Motion made: can we change the process of voting back to the way of secret ballots. Discussion requested. Question was asked on how do we vote now? It is by open stick voting. Lake County seconded the motion. Vote was done – 9 for the motion, 10 against the motion. Motion fails. Bylaws will reflect the changes.

Any leaking bike needs to make sure there’s no spots on the pavers.

GOOD TO THE ORDER: Forest Chapter read their upcoming events. The State party team has changed. Please give Brandy your email to help volunteer. Lake – we will not be doing our event. We will continue next year.

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STATE MEETINGS LOCATIONS

April 9,2022	Treasure Coast	Vero Beach
June 11,2022	Forest	Ft. McCoy
August13,2022		Ft. McCoy
October 8,2022	Lake County	
December 10,2022	Gator Alley	Naples

ABATE of Florida, Inc. Membership Application

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Email completed application to

Flabatestateoffice@gmail.com Membership 2022

ABATE of Florida Inc. – Fighting for ALL Motorcyclists!

As motorcyclists, we really don't think about our right to ride when we bring our motorcycles to life and head out for an afternoon putt with our friends or plan a nice evening at a bike night. ABATE of Florida Inc. has been an integral part of our ability to ride in the state of Florida without a helmet. In addition, ABATE of Florida Inc. is constantly making sure that your right to ride is protected and backed by hundreds of members who seek only to fight for YOUR right to ride.

On the ABATE of Florida Inc. Facebook page, it says, "Welcome to ABATE of Florida, Inc! We are Florida's only recognized Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO). We fight for Motorcycle Rights and are a voice for those who no longer have a voice."

Since 1981, ABATE of Florida Inc. has been incorporated. Prior to the incorporation, ABATE was made up of a few chapters that worked tirelessly for their rights to ride in the beautiful Sunshine State.

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with Doc Reichenbach, the state president and certified lobbyist for ABATE of Florida Inc. Doc, a veteran and long-time motorcyclist advocate, shared with me what ABATE of Florida Inc. has been busy working on for ALL bikers in our state.

How did ABATE come about? "The early 1970s brought ABATE to life. ABATE was originally formed to fight the state's helmet laws and other unjust laws focused toward the motorcyclist."

ABATE originally started in California, and it was a National ABATE. Over time, the National ABATE Office folded and states within the Union started their own ABATE chapters. Each state is entirely different meaning that you had different legislators and folks in the states' governments that all had to learn the rules in governance, laws, policies, etc. It's a lengthy process, but then again, the government paddles that same boat.

Doc shared with me what ABATE is currently working on in Tallahassee. "ABATE of Florida Inc. is working on the 'Stiffer Penalties Bill' but legislators are calling it 'The Vulnerable Road Users Bill.' We can't get the legislators to understand that we are out there riding our motorcycles and there are laws in effect that hinder our rights. In their eyes, they feel that we choose to ride, hence, them not backing or supporting this important cause. Unfortunately, they don't understand that a motorcycle is a vehicle and should be protected by laws. We are tax payers and have the right to ride. We deserve their support."

Who is a Vulnerable Road User? A vulnerable road user (VRU) is anyone who is on or alongside a roadway without the protective hard covering of a metal automobile. The term includes bicycle riders, pedestrians, motorcyclists, people in wheelchairs, police, first responders, roadway workers and other users like a person on a skateboard or scooter.

Did you know that every year, we, as motorcyclists, put \$2.50 from our motorcycle registrations into a motorcyclist safety fund which is supposed to be for the motorcycle rider's program? Sadly, that money isn't being designated for the intended purpose. "A few years ago, the Florida government took our money and put it into the transportation budget where that money would be used by everybody in the government. 30 years ago, that money was to have gone into a trust fund and used for nothing except motorcyclist safety programs. Now, that money is used to plant wild flowers, and other items that have nothing to do with motorcyclist safety. A few years ago, we put a bill in and asked for some of that money to be used for motorcycle safety. We got \$500,000 one time and \$200,000 another time. The last year we received any funding for motorcycle safety was the last year that motorcycle deaths dropped in our state." Interesting fact: The years ABATE of Florida Inc. was awarded the money for motorcycle safety, our local communities were saturated with billboards, radio ads, TV ads, and magazine ads on motorcycle safety. Now that the money is not being awarded to ABATE of Florida Inc. for promoting safety, motorcycle deaths have gone up.

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ABATE of Florida Inc. has worked for years keeping this state a helmet-free state. It hasn't always been helmet-free. “It took us 8 years to get anyone to support these bills. The Democrats were in control then and they didn't believe in it. We had to wait for the Republicans to get into power. We did turn a lot of Dems heads with the hard work ABATE of Florida Inc. put into this bill and the eventual passing of it. Every year, we have to fight someone that wants to put a bill back in changing the helmet laws back. We get information about looming bills that someone wants to put in against motorcyclists from legislators that don't want their name mentioned. We will get this type of intel and work quickly to take care of impending problems.”

I asked Doc what was the biggest accomplishment ABATE of Florida has witnessed? “The main thing ABATE of Florida Inc. has accomplished all these years is that we are a viable organization. We definitely are not some fly-by-night organization. We are an organization that will fight for your rights. If a bill gets passed that's against us, we fight. We fight every day for ALL motorcyclists whether you're a member of ABATE or not.” A few years ago, a bill came out on not allowing vertical license plates. ABATE of Florida Inc. fought that bill and had it abolished.

Now, you can have a vertical plate on your motorcycle thanks to ABATE of Florida Inc!

ABATE of Florida Inc. works hard on getting the right people voted into office and cultivating those relationships. Doc clarified, “For example, with our helmet law, the AMA, MRF, and other organizations were calling legislators asking them NOT to sign off on the helmet law ABATE of Florida Inc. was working on. They were asking the Governor to veto the bill. Obviously, that didn't happen. It was a big win for us when we won the right to wear a helmet or not in the state of Florida.”

Every person who rides a motorcycle in the state of Florida should consider becoming a member of ABATE of Florida Inc. “No one has to come to every meeting or join a chapter, but for \$20 a year you have someone fighting for your rights to ride. And you get a \$4,000 accidental death insurance policy. That seems like a pretty good deal to me. You get all the support of all the members of ABATE of Florida Inc. as well.” Currently, there are 18 chapters in the state of Florida. Maybe there's one close to you!

If you want to fight for your right to ride, why not consider joining ABATE of Florida Inc? Your support to ABATE of Florida Inc. will not only help with legislation in Tallahassee, but voting for the local politicians in your communities who are ‘motorcyclist-friendly’ will further the strides that are being accomplished for you every day in our state's government.

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REPEAL OF THE MANDATORY HELMET LAW DID NOT JUST MAGICALLY HAPPEN

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The helmet law in Florida was amended on 1 July 2000. This was a great day for motorcyclist in the State of Florida. We now had the choice to wear a helmet or not. The expression of “Let Those Who Ride Decide”, came to its fruition. The new law allowed motorcyclists over the age of 21, who meet the insurance requirements, to ride without a helmet if they choose. In those 20 years since, the number of motorcycles registered in Florida has tripled. Also, the number of Floridians that have obtained their motorcycle endorsement has also tripled. Based on those numbers, about 2/3 of the state’s motorcyclists have had the choice to ride without a helmet since getting their endorsement.

I wonder if any of them have thought about how this freedom to choose came about? Have you ever thought about what took place to gain our freedom? Most members of the Florida Legislature are not motorcyclists. It took a dedicated group of motorcycle enthusiasts nearly 20 years to educate our legislators and to gain their trust and support to amend the existing law.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. was founded in 1981 and is made up of a dedicated group of members who have stayed focused for over 40 years. They have fought to gain and maintain our rights as motorcyclists in our state. ABATE of Florida, Inc has a membership of over 5,000 men and women, who are dedicated to preserving our rights and our way of life. That is less than 1% of the number of motorcyclists registered in this state. We are made up of husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, friends, family and veterans. Why are so few motorcyclists not members of the most important organization in Florida to defend their rights? Could it be that they just do not know about ABATE of Florida, Inc. or how to get involved?

ABATE stands for America Bikers Aimed Toward Education or A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. We are made up of 17 chapters across the State of Florida, who are dedicated to preserving their rights. ABATE works to promote motorcycle awareness, educate the public on motorcycle related issues and legislatively preserve the biker lifestyle for all motorcyclists. Being bikers, we also find ways to have get together and go for rides. The fight for biker’s rights did not end with the repeal of the helmet law. There are always people that would take away our rights. If 5,000 have accomplished what we have, imagine what 50,000 could do. We must continue to press forward to defend what we have accomplished and always be alert for other encroachments on our rights. Please come join us in defending our rights in Florida. It only costs \$20 per year and you get an accidental death and dismemberment policy with that. The battle for biker’s rights will continue for generations. It is up to us to make sure that our children and grand children know what it is like to be able to enjoy the freedom of the road.

Bill Bird Public Relations

Exciting New Website now allows members to pay online from their computer or cell phone using a credit card or paypal account

Check out Abatefloridainc.com

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1st Prize



HENRY BIG BOY .44 MAGNUM

\$5 donation

Drawing Dec. 10, 2022

Just in time for Christmas

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for chapter near you to purchase tickets
Need not to be present to win*

2nd Prize



HENRY GOLDEN BOY .22 S/L/LR



ONLY 1500 Tickets Printed

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20TH ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC
YEAR ESTERO RIVER
CHAPTER



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LEGENDARY PARTY

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

MARCH 18 & 19, 2022

FRIDAY 5:00P - 11:59P & SATURDAY 10:00A - MIDNIGHT

FREE ADMISSION | DONATIONS WELCOME

Must abide by CDC Guidelines to attend event & follow local County Mandates.

ENTERTAINMENT | FOOD | BIKE GAMES

Corkscrew Country Store 19990 Corkscrew Rd., Estero FL 33928

Membership & Safety Info Will Be Available. For More Info, Contact:

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC., POLK COUNTY CHAPTER

MARCH 26th, 2022 POKER RUN

POKER RUN FOR FALLEN RIDERS: BEST 5 CARDS
WIN 50/50.

APPROXIMATELY 50 MILE RIDE!!

COST: Rider \$20.00/Passenger \$15.00

STARTS: TL's Old Place – Registration 11:00: last bike
out 12:30pm

2nd: Lake Shipp Inn

3rd: Good Spot/Hole Shotz

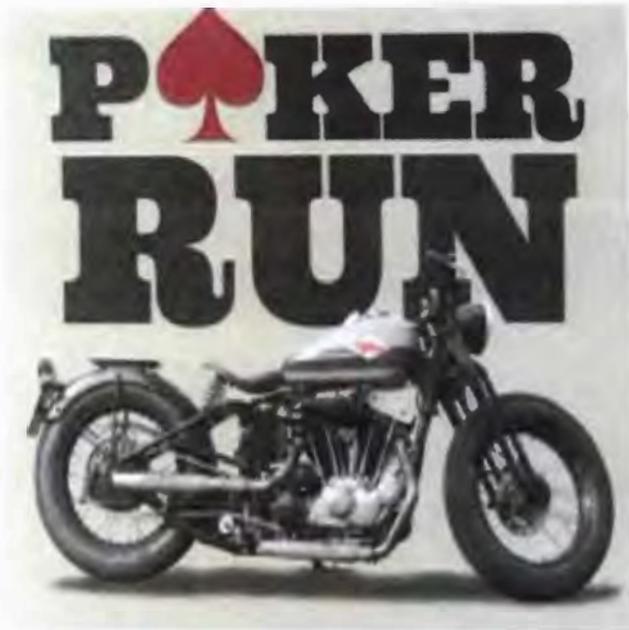
4th: Out n About Bar & Music Lounge

5th: High Seas

6th: Plan B

7th: L.A.'s Midway Lounge-last bike in at 6:30pm, 50/50
raffle; prize basket raffles/chicken dinner \$6.00

ENDS: 8:00pm



For more information call Mark "Zman" (PRES) 863-559-9550 or Tim "Roadmap" McDERMOTT (VP) 863-712-7548

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.  Polk County Chapter's

PRESENTS OUR

LITH SKILLS ON WHEELS MOTORCYCLE RODEO

MAY 14, 2022

Event starts
at 11am and
ends at 4pm

Sign ups are from
11am - 1.00pm

THE BOONDOCKS

8515 US Hwy 98 N. LAKELAND, FL

\$5.00 Donation Covers Entrance & Participation Fee:

Do Overs \$5.00

\$100
OVERALL
RODEO PRIZE

Separate Award
for Wienie Bite
& Slow race

COME SHOW US YOUR SKILLS
ON TWO WHEELS

Clothesline _____
Plank _____
Balloon Toss _____
Cone Ball _____
5 Second Ball _____
Beanbag Toss _____
Joust _____
Slow Ride _____
Wienie Bite _____

Awards for
1st & 2nd
Place

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EVENT

MAY 14TH, 2022
10am - 5pm

SUN SPORTS CYCLE
3441 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33966



- ★ MUSIC ★ BIKE GAMES ★ 50/50 DRAWINGS
- ★ PRIZES ★ AUCTION ★ VENDORS
- ★ FOOD/BEVERAGES AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Rob at 239-458-3136 or thesawguide@yahoo.com

SAFETY AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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JUNE 17-19 NASHVILLE, TN

Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville Airport
10 Century Boulevard, Nashville, TN 37214

Mention The NCOM Convention for \$169/Night Room Rate
Free Breakfast & Nightly Reception with Free Beer & Chips
for Hotel Reserved Guests

RESERVATIONS: 615-871-0033



Complete Your Registration Online at onabike.com

**PRE-REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 10TH
OR PAY CASH AT THE CONVENTION**

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\$100.00 Convention Registration (Includes Silver Spoke Award Banquet)

Please check main course preference: Chicken Beef Vegetarian
If you do not select a preference, a beef entree will be provided for your dinner.

\$60.00 Registration ONLY (Silver Spoke Banquet not included)

Make checks payable and mail to: Richard M. Lester, 5850 Canoga Avenue, Suite 200, Woodland Hills, CA 91367-6515



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