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May Chapter Meeting is your last
chance to nominate and speak before
State and Chapter Elections
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NEXT ENDEVOUR

MAY – MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

MAY 23RD - LAST MEETING BEFORE ELECTIONS ON JUNE 27TH



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President's Report

April 2010

From the desk of . . .

The Chief

Hello everyone, as always, I trust this newsletter finds all in good health and spirits.

As many are aware, I have accepted the nomination for State President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. However, this decision was not made lightly and required much thought and consideration. I have absolutely no doubt that I am capable and qualified to assume this responsibility, as do my very many supporters statewide, I and Frenchie Moore-land this MROs past Sgt St Arms will be running together as your new President and Vice President.

Again, as I stated earlier we feel we are very qualified and are ready to go. The one lingering drawback to this whole process is the never ending nonsense that inevitably has already started at the state level. Unfortunately, the current administration has as always stooped to the lowest levels and is now using the state website to spread dissention and ill will toward me directly simply because I accepted the nomination.

Currently, the state website says that because the Southwest chapter didn't take bike tickets that somehow means that the President of that Chapter is somehow not worthy of the Presidency. To which I respond BUNK.

The site fails to mention the tremendous strides the Southwest chapter has made in teaching our MSAP to students nor do they mention the opportunity to rewrite the Florida drivers' handbook pertaining to motorcycles this permission was also obtained by the Southwest chapter and brought to the state level many months ago.

I for one feel that its way past time for change as do many others statewide. The most common complaint I hear from the membership is that they

are tired of being ignored, they feel as though they are not being heard and if anyone wants to step up and offer solutions to existing problems with ABATE they are publicly humiliated and ridiculed to the point where we have lost many great people over the years.

In our gorgeous state of Florida we are afforded some of the greatest riding conditions in the country we are blessed with thousands of miles of beautiful highways and country back roads not to mention the time frame we ride twelve months out of the year. These reasons by themselves indicate the need for a strong and powerful MRO and yet after approximately thirty years in this state ABATE of Florida houses less than eight thousand members.....This is the very first problem to be addressed.

We have people that have been on board with ABATE for many years and feel the same.

We can not continue to do the same thing year after year without changing anything and expect things to change. Change does not come easy and will not happen overnight. We will need the cooperation of all the Chapters around the state and an open line of communication to the state board of directors, members should not be afraid to speak at a meeting for fear of being ridiculed etc. This ongoing problem will immediately go away once we are able to put the correct people in place.

Thank you to all that help to support this MRO it will be my pleasure to serve you at the state level. In closing I would like to add that this is not about me or anyone else, this is about our states MRO and everyone that is willing to contribute to the greater good of all motorcyclists, we should have the premier MRO in the country and it is my full intention to bring this dream to fruition.

Thank You for the opportunity to serve you.

Ride Safe,
Frankie

Membership Report:

APRIL 2010

Welcome New Members: We hope that you choose to get involved with this growing and fun chapter... Diana Woods, Lester Wohlers and Jeff Wilkes

Thanks for your renewals: Larry Dobransky

Expired and/or Delinquent Members: If you know any of these folks please encourage them to REJOIN or renew with SOUTHWEST CHAPTER!!!!

Forest Glover, Terry Lanyon, Ernest Maroon, Bob Miller, Ray Steel, Trudi Steel, Kenneth Thomas, Gary Bellaire, Barbara Holloper, Larry Holloper and Rob Sample

If you are not receiving your newsletter or Masterlink, PLEASE CONTACT me to make sure your information is correct.

Your membership expires on the last day of your Anniversary month.....

Delinquent renewals must be received no later than the Chapter meeting of the month following your anniversary date in order to maintain renewal status otherwise you will be enrolled as a new member.....

Anyone who would like to recycle his or her first year pins in order to save the Chapter money

PLEASE turn your pins into Membership.....THANKS

Ride Safe and Free
Trudy Rabell,
Membership Trustee

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Southwest Chapter Meeting Schedule

May 23rd, 2010
@ 10 a.m. at
Victory Lane Café
Located at
4150 Hancock Bridge Pkwy.,
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PRESENTLY, MEMBER MATERIAL DEADLINE IS THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE EACH CHAPTER MEETING FOR BOARD APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSIONS NEW ADVERTISERS OR AD CHANGES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH

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JIM DIED!**




**JIM'S FAMILY MISSES HIS SON
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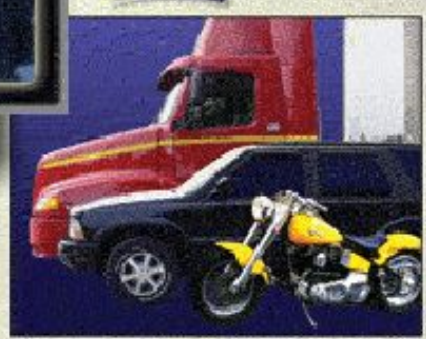


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WHAT DOES MATTER!



**MOTORCYCLES ARE OUT THERE...
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QUICK TIPS: MSF's Guide to Group Riding

Motorcycling is primarily a solo activity, but for many, riding as a group -- whether with friends on a Sunday morning ride or with an organized motorcycle rally -- is the epitome of the motorcycling experience. Here are some tips to help ensure a fun and safe group ride:

Arrive prepared. Arrive on time with a full gas tank.

Hold a riders' meeting. Discuss things like the route, rest and fuel stops, and hand signals (see diagrams on next page). Assign a lead and sweep (tail) rider. Both should be experienced riders who are well-versed in group riding procedures. The leader should assess everyone's riding skills and the group's riding style.

Keep the group to a manageable size, ideally five to seven riders. If necessary, break the group into smaller sub-groups, each with a lead and sweep rider.

Ride prepared. At least one rider in each group should pack a cell phone, first-aid kit, and full tool kit, so the group is prepared for any problem that they might encounter.

Ride in formation. The staggered riding formation (see diagram below) allows a proper space cushion between motorcycles so that each rider has enough time and space to maneuver and to

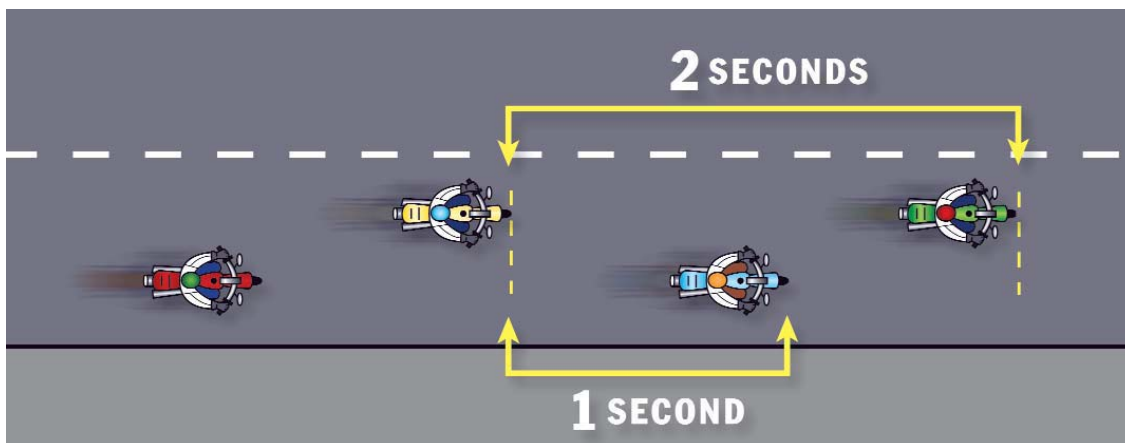
react to hazards. The leader rides in the left third of the lane, while the next rider stays at least one second behind in the right third of the lane; the rest of the group follows the same pattern. A single-file formation is preferred on a curvy road, under conditions of poor visibility or poor road surfaces, entering/leaving highways, or other situations where an increased space cushion or maneuvering room is needed.

Avoid side-by-side formations, as they reduce the space cushion. If you suddenly needed to swerve to avoid a hazard, you would not have room to do so. You don't want handlebars to get entangled.

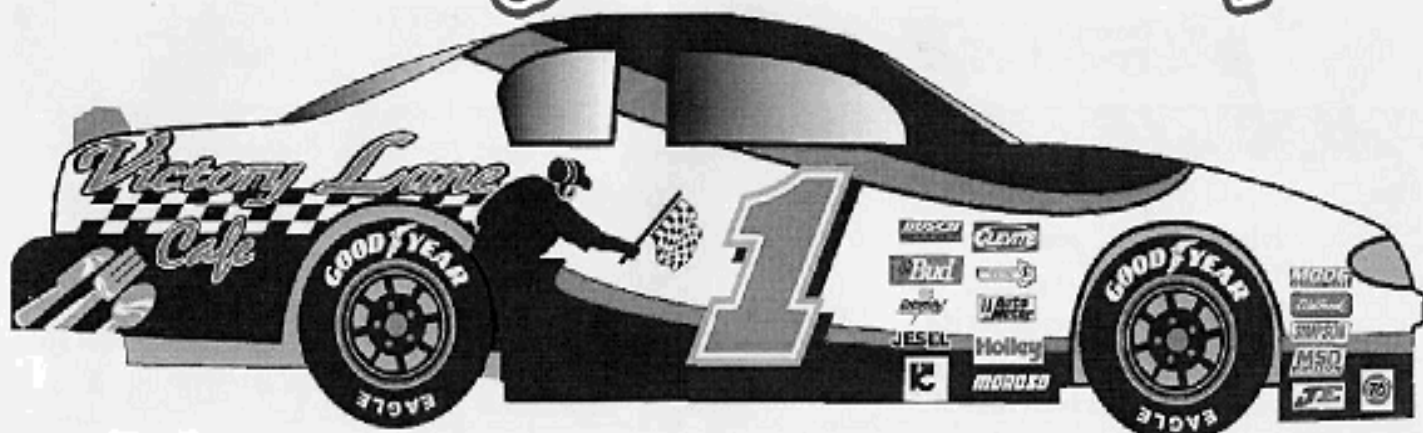
Periodically check the riders following in your rear view mirror. If you see a rider falling behind, slow down so they may catch up. If all the riders in the group use this technique, the group should be able to maintain a fairly steady speed without pressure to ride too fast to catch up.

If you're separated from the group, don't panic. Your group should have a pre-planned procedure in place to regroup. Don't break the law or ride beyond your skills to catch up.

For mechanical or medical problems, use a cell phone to call for assistance as the situation warrants.



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Hey Y'all,

Greetings from the Great Sandy South...

FYI - May is MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH!

The 15th Annual Freedom Rights Rally is now history. Representing Southwest Chapter were Birdy and Smokey Clark, Richie Mocny, CJ, Frankie Kennedy and Eileen Horan.

Todd and Liz Peterson were able to stop by to say hi for a few hours, as they were on the road truckin'.

The ride to the Capital was really nice. Mudder rang the bell for each downed member from ABATE and each person lost at the Oklahoma City bombing, which had its anniversary on the same day. This was our first time to go to the capital and we really enjoyed it. I hope everyone will be able to witness the ceremony some day soon.

The Chapters' safety instructors are going to teach MSAP classes on Sanibel/Captiva on Wednesday, April 28th and Thursday April 29th, at the Island Water Association.

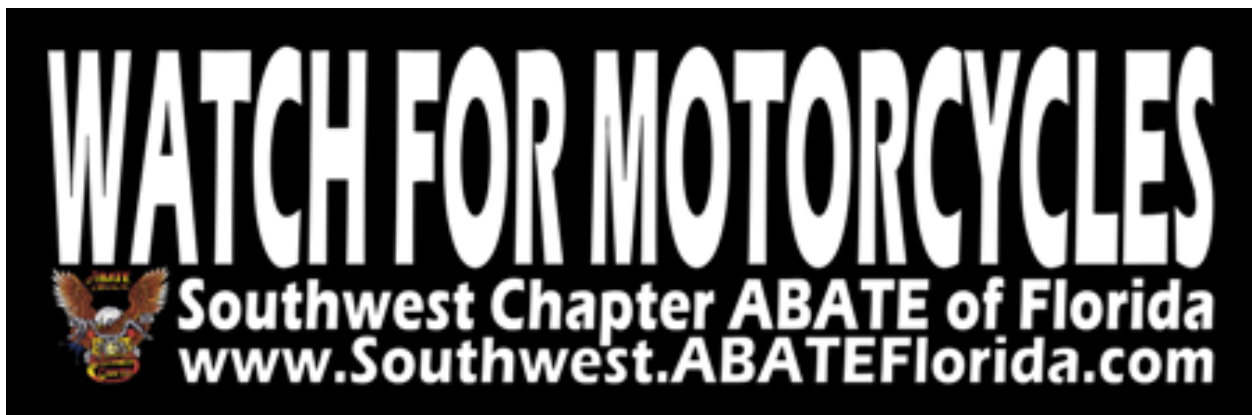
We will also be setting up a safety booth at the Downtown Fort Myers Bike Night on Saturday, May 8th.

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PRACTICE WHAT WE TEACH!!

Nuthin' but Love,

Bridie Clark
Safety Director





Will We Be Riding our Motorcycles After We Pass From this Life?

Lord Jesus, will Himself, defeat Israel's enemies.

The defeat of the Antichrist will set up a thousand-year reign of which there will be peace upon the earth. The saints of God will help the Lord administer the earth.

It is entirely possible that we could be riding our motorcycles during that one thousand years. And, riding conditions could be absolutely perfect with no cagers to cut us off or run us over! Maybe the Lord will have His bikers ride behind Him on his horse, into the defeating battle of God's enemies?

At some time, there will be the creation of the new Heaven and the new earth! We are told the streets of Heaven are paved with gold!

There is only one way to find out if there will be motorcycle riding after the first part of our existence and/or if we will ride on streets made of gold.

Place your future in God's hands by praying, "Dear God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, my heavenly Father, I confess that I am a sinner and have been separated from You. I ask forgiveness of my sins. I repent and accept this gift of repentance and I wish to be free in you. I confess with my mouth that your son Jesus is my savior and died for me. I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus into my heart and ask Him to become the center of my life. I ask, in the Name of Jesus. Amen."

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Please call us and let us know of your decision for Him.

Blessings,

Tom (Estero River and Southwest ABATE Life Member and SW Chapter Chaplain) and Kathy (SW ABATE Life Member)

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Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

We firmly believe, that if one knows the Lord Jesus as his/her personal savior, the best part of our existence is yet to come. This could include some serious riding!

The scriptures/ Bible, God's word, tells us that in the not so distant future and perhaps in our lifetime, God will remove from the earth all those who know Him and his Son. Most biblical scholars believe this will happen immediately before a period known as the Great Tribulation. The Great Tribulation will be both a period of peace and then a period of turmoil, such the world has never seen.

At the end of this time, a great battle will take place in the mid-east at Armageddon. When all hope seems lost and it appears the enemies of Israel, led by the Antichrist will prevail, the Lord will empty out the heavens of all the saints (those who have died knowing the Lord and those who were taken up from the earth by the Lord before the Great Tribulation began) and all the angels. The saints, the angels, and Jesus will make up the mighty army of God. The Lord will lead this army on a white horse. But, the



**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC STATE MEETING
HOSTED BY THE GULF COAST CHAPTER
JUNE 12, 2010**

Friday, June 11th there will be a "Meet and Greet" at the Comfort Inn on Pensacola Beach 6 pm until ?

Saturday, June 12th at 12 pm is the State Board Meeting at "Our Lady of Assumption" Catholic Church (Hunt Hall) 920 Via DeLuna Way on Pensacola Beach

State Delegate Meeting 2 pm until ? – all are welcome with lunch being provided by the Gulf Coast Chapter

Come celebrate the Gulf Coast Chapter's 15th birthday with a party after the meeting – 7 pm until ? – Sandshaker Lounge and Grill next door to the Comfort Inn

Lots of restaurant choices within walking distance on Pensacola Beach

Comfort Inn, 40 Pickens Road, Pensacola Beach has a block of rooms reduced well below summer rates to ABATE of Florida, Inc for \$99 plus tax per night. Features a swimming pool and private beach area with free continental breakfast from 6:30 am to 9:30 am daily. Call (850) 934-5400 for reservations and ask for ABATE rates.

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Any questions or more information contact Satch (850) 324-7529 or email at gcabatepres@bellsouth.net.

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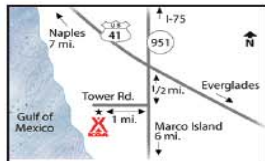
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MEETING MINUTES



Secretary's Report

Southwest Chapter of ABATE of Florida, inc.

Location: Victory Lane Café

Date: April 25th, 2010

Called to order: 10:20 am

18 members, 1 guest

Vote of confidence to except CJ to fill-in for Liz Van Hemme.

Pledge Allegiance and moment of silence

President: Freedom Rights Rally, 8 members represented Southwest Chapter- Frankie, Eileen, Birdie, Smokey, Rich, Todd, Liz and CJ. State meeting notes see new letter for report.

Frank Kennedy nominated for State President.

Swampfest is one day only this year. May 23rd at Shell Factory. Birdie and Smokey will set up Motorcycle awareness and Safety booth. We will be doing bears for bears so bring a teddy bear with you to donate. Kelly is selling bears to raise monies for cystic fibrosis. She will be at Wednesday bike nights at Victory Lane.

MASH BASH - Gator Alley

Safety Collaboration with Caloosahatchee was a great success. We were a united front for all local Chapters.

CJ and Wayne are to head products.

FIVE STAR - please part take in the festivities.

Let's win that Trophy.

We would like to see more Chapter participation at our Wednesday Bike Nights at Victory Lane.

Ray Walters stepped up to assist with planning/participation.

June 11th-13th Board State Meeting being hosted by Gulf Coast Chapter of ABATE in Pensacola, FL.

July 10th- 11th Training Seminars, need to raise money to help support our board members on this trip.

Bids for holding State Meetings need to be in by

June.

Vice President: is absent and excused.

Treasurer: is absent and excused. Report submitted by Frankie, motioned to accept by Trudy, second by Wayne.

Safety: Two days of classes on Sanibel/Captiva for the Island Water Association.

The first three months of 2010 ... Abate of Florida, Inc has supported the effort to inform 471 students about ABATE and Safety. Of those 471 students, Southwest Chapter taught 471 students.

Membership Trustee: We have 3 new members and 1 renew. Life members 39 and 1 new life member, Biffle Davis.

Products Trustee: Patches and pins are now being sold at Wednesday Bike Night at Victory Lane. Inventory of all supplies in storage have been taken. New supplies for safety training classes have arrived. Contact Wayne Cerra with any questions.

New Nominations: Trudy nominated CJ for Secretary and Wayne seconded.

Nominations will be re-opened at the May meeting and elections will be held at the June chapter meeting on June 23rd.

Motion to adjourn the meeting 11:30 am Trudy 1st and 2nd Babs.

Ride Safe and free,

With respect,

CJ



Frankie Kennedy & Frenchie Mooreland ARE RUNNING FOR STATE BOARD SEATS PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR YOUR VOICE TO BE HEARD, YOU MUST ATTEND THE MAY CHAPTER MEETING ON MAY 23RD.

Posted at <http://boltusa.org/node/156> - comments allowed.

ABATE of Florida *On April 28, 2010, Rogue issued a statement endorsing Frankie Kennedy to become president of ABATE of Florida.*

Rogue is one of the most highly regarded figures in the biker rights movement, and a well-known biker who frequently rides across America, making this endorsement very significant. Here are some excerpts from the endorsement:

Frankie Kennedy for President of ABATE of Florida

Frankie Kennedy is currently the president of the South West Chapter of ABATE of Florida. To find out more about him you may want to check out the chapter web site at <http://southwest.abateflorida.com/>

Frankie Kennedy attended the monthly meeting of the Independence Chapter of ABATE of Florida on (4/27/10) in Melbourne Florida. This is my home chapter, and I was present. I had some questions for him when he finished his presentation. He answered them to my satisfaction. I also had a private discussion with him at the end of the meeting. I have decided to endorse him for president of ABATE of Florida, and will do what I can to help him win this position. I suggest others contact him and ask any questions they may have of him. There is contact information on the web site.

It is no secret that many people in the organization are unhappy with how things are now being run and members continue to drop out at a very high rate. I feel that the current president of ABATE of Florida is not doing a good job of representing the motorcyclists of the state. ABATE of Florida is a bad word among many of the people and organizations that fight for motorcycle rights. Here is a chance to change all that and make ABATE of Florida once again a organization that people can be proud to belong to. In my opinion he has been in office to long and continues to serve his own interests above the motorcyclists of Florida. There is sure to be a fight for this position. I suspect the current president will continue to use the many stories he has through the years, and also continue to blame others for his many failures.

I am requesting that everyone in ABATE of Florida take this election of your future leadership serious, listen to what candidates say, and then decide who you want to lead this organization into the future.

ENDORSED BY MIKE SCOTT, LEE COUNTY SHERRIFF .. LONG TIME SW CHAPTER MEMBER

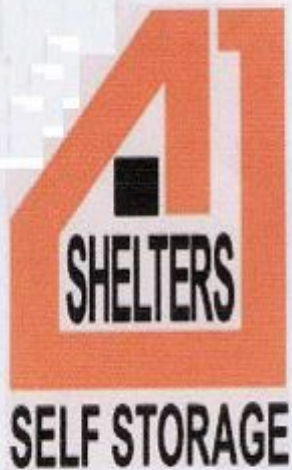
Frankie:

Anything at all that I can do to assist...I am a phone call away!

Good luck,

Mike Scott, Lee County Sherriff, South West Chapter Member

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**FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE:**

ABATE of Florida, Inc. Welcomes May 2010 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month

Deland, FL, April 29, 2010 – ABATE of Florida, Inc., Florida's largest Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (MRO), is continually trying to educate the motoring public of motorcycles' presence on the thousands of miles making up Florida's roadways. Many of ABATE of Florida's 32 chapters will be conducting additional functions throughout May, stepping up their efforts during Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month; educating the public that motorcycles are on the same roads as other Florida motorists.

The most recent statistics released from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles show that as of 2008, there were 649,210 motorcycle registrations in FL, an increase of 124% since 2000. Luckily, Florida deaths per motorcycles registered have been on the decrease in recent years, but we ask that this fact does not minimize the attentiveness of those we share the road with.

We further ask that drivers of other vehicles please remember that motorcycles have the same rights as cars and trucks. Distracted driving has become a conversational topic across the nation lately, and Florida is no exception. Drivers paying extra attention when they see or hear a motorcycle may save a life.

Please offer motorcycles more following distance when driving nearby them, and never attempt to occupy the same lane of traffic as a motorcycle.

As in many years past, ABATE of Florida, Inc. has asked the Governor of Florida to declare May as the month dedicated to motorcyclists, in a combined effort to have motorcycle safety and awareness recognized nation-wide. Recognizing the seriousness, Governor Crist has signed a Proclamation stating May 2010 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month throughout Florida. Many of our chapters have followed suit with their local elected officials; the signed Proclamations are available on ABATE of Florida's website at www.ABATEFlorida.com.

With almost 8,000 members, ABATE of Florida, Inc. is Florida's largest Motorcyclists' Rights Organization, and the fourth largest nationwide. ABATE of Florida members consist of all types of motorcyclists. Our missions include educating the public about motorcycle awareness and continuing to fight in Tallahassee for the rights of every motorcyclist and the public in general. To aid in these ends, we have an exclusive lobbyist and have founded the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program, both with the intentions to help make the roads safer for everyone.

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**ABATE of FLORIDA, INC.
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER
MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION**

Noon-5PM, Sunday, May 30th, 2010

at CAFE 27

4048 US27, Sunshine Ranches 33512
954-658-9867 • 1/4 mi north of Galleo Rd

Service with Honor Guard

\$9/person
\$15/couple

Live Music

Vendors

**Safety
&
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Booth**

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**You'll
Have a
Great
Time!**

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Contests**

**Tons of
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Welcome**

Rain or Shine

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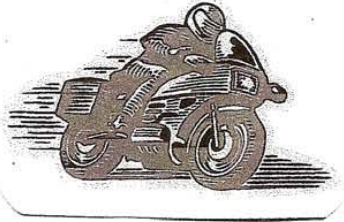


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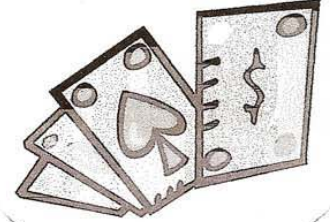


954-477-3643 or 954-345-1714 for more info.

LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE



ABATE of FLORIDA, INC.
INDIAN RIVER CHAPTER



2nd ANNUAL POKER RUN for HOMELESS FAMILY CENTER

WISH LIST

- Sheets
- Pillows
- Towels & Face Cloths
- Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
- Trash Bags (13 gal & 30 gal size)
- Sandwich Bags/Zip Lock Bags
- Soaps (Hand/Dishwashing)
- Laundry Detergents
- School Supplies
- Office Supplies

ENTRANCE FEE:

- Driver: \$ 10:00
- Passenger: \$ 5:00 &
- Item from the Wish List.

DATE: SUNDAY-MAY 23, 2010

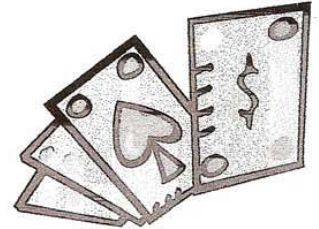
LINE UP TIME: 10:30 A.M.

KICK STANDS UP: 11:30 A.M.

LAST BIKE IN at 2:P.M.

RUN ENDS AT 4:00 P.M.

**PLACE: MOOSE LODGE # 1822
226 43RD AVENUE
VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**



**END PLACE : Moose Lodge # 1822, 226 43rd Avenue
REST OF STOPS WILL BE GIVING OUT AT BEGINNING OF RUN!!!**

ENTAINMENT PROVIDED BY:

KADILLAC KARAOKE

**FOOD & BEVERAGES
AVAILABLE AT MOOSE LODGE**

BEST HAND AND WORST HAND

50/50 DRAWING

BEST MOTORCYCLE CONTEST:

ENTRANCE FEE: \$5:00 PER BIKE

**TOP THREE (3) BIKES WINS
TROPHY FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD
PLACE. TO VOTE COST IS \$3.00
PER BALLOT TO VOTE.
(CAN'T VOTE FOR OWN BIKE!)**

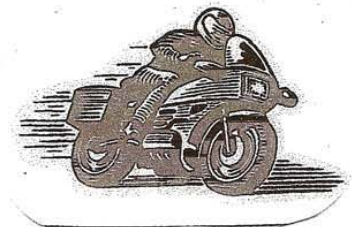
THIS IS A BLIND CARD POKER RUN!!

EVERYBODY IS WELCOMED TO ATTEND!!!

For more information Contact: Vice President Sharon Pelfrey @ (772) 664-6144

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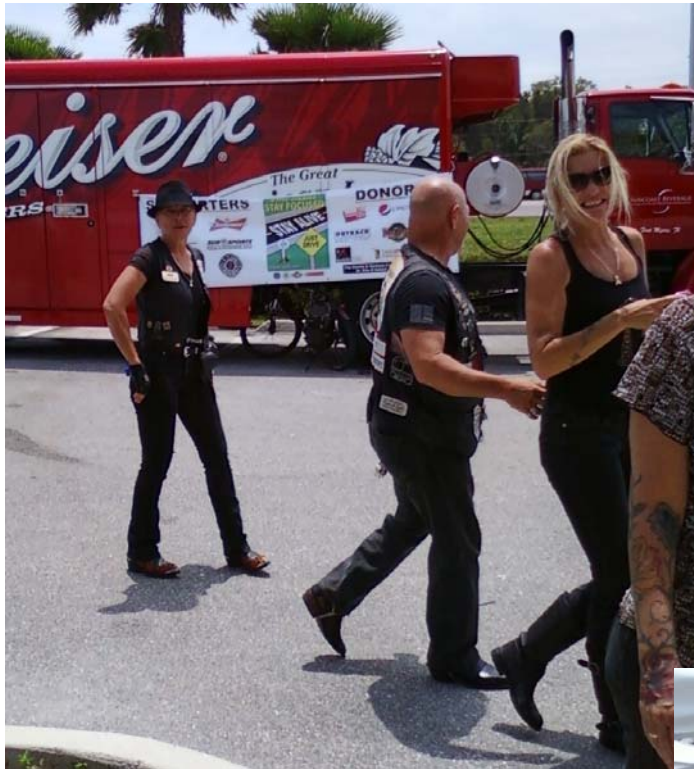
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Stay Alive Just Drive Safety Event

SunSports Cycle and Watercraft hosted their Public Safety Rib Cook-Off on Sunday April 25th. Cracker Blues Band played and BBQ experts judged the Ribs. A handful of our Chapter members came out to enjoy the afternoon.

Pictured are Birdie, Frankie, and Eileen and the miscellaneous Paramedics/Emts and Firefighters promoting awareness about distracted driving and in the mean time cooking up awesome ribs for competition.





SOUTHWEST CHAPTER
OF ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

For more information on the following please refer to www.splittinthebreeze.com

Sat., 5-1
9-11 Police Aid Foundation Bike Show
FFSF Poker Run
HD Dealer Ride to Old Town
MASH BASH Continues

Sun., 5-2
Adopt a Troop Scavenger Hunt
Operation Open Arms Car and Motorcycle Show

Wed., 5-5
Hog-g-Mayo

Thurs. 5-6
National Coalition of Motorcycles Convention

Sat., 5-8
Downtown Fort Myers Bike Night
Gang Free Okeechobee Bike Fest

Sun., 5-9
Punta Gorda Bike Night

Sun., 5-16
Run a Muck

Sat., 5-22
For the Love of our Soldiers
Freedom isn't Free Poker Run
First Annual Tiki Time Golf Tourney

Sun., 5-23
Motorcycle Safety Awareness Day

Mon., 5-31
Freedom Eagles Memorial Day Ride

6-4 FM Harley Davidson Bike Night

May 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
For more detailed information on the following please refer to www.splittinthebreeze.com						
2 RUN FOR THE STATUE	3	4	5 BIKE NIGHT VICTORY LANE	6 NCOM National Coalition Of Motorcycle	7	8 FORT MYERS BIKE NIGHT
9 PUNTA GORDA BIKE NIGHT	10	11	12 BIKE NIGHT VICTORY LANE	13	14 HD NAPLES BIKE NIGHT	15 POWMIA VETERANS DANCE
16 PACE CENTER RUN RUN A MUCK	17	18	19 BIKE NIGHT VICTORY LANE	20	21	22 FOR THE LOVE OF OUR SOLDIERS
23 MOTOR-CYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS	24	25	26 BIKE NIGHT VICTORY LANE	27	28	29
30 SW CHAPTER MEETING	31					

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WEEKLY BIKE NIGHTS:

TUESDAY

BEACON BOWL
PORKY'S LAST STAND
PELICAN LARRYS

WEDNESDAY

VICTORY LANE CAFÉ
ARIZONA PIZZA
ALVINO'S
IRON RHINO
TIKI TIME

THURSDAY

HOOTERS (PORT CHARLOTTE)
ZOOKIES
SOUTH SIDE BAR AND GRILL
THE CAFFEINATOR
THE HOT SPOT
MEMORIES BAR & RESTAURANT
THE SPOT

FRIDAY

PARADISE TIKI HUT
IRON RHINO

SATURDAY

SALT WATER COWBOYS



June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	
6 BIKERS AND BOOBS POKER RUN	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 NATIONAL RIDE TO WORK DAY	22	23	24	25	26
27 State and Chapter Elections	28	29	30	RED WHITE AND BLUE BASH	JULY 4TH PRESERVA- TION RIDE	

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. SOUTHERNMOST CHAPTER

invites you to join us on our

MEMORIAL DAY RIDE

When riding in a group,
remember to be aware
of the riders in front of
and behind you.



Do not pass or change
lanes. Follow the
directions of your
Road Guards.

**Sunday, May 30, 2010 starting
at the IHOP at 9 am**

3420 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, FL 33040

Starting at the IHOP in Key West, we will ride to the Big Coppitt Cemetery (33040). After the ceremony at the cemetery, the ride will continue up to Coconut's in Big Pine Key (33043). From there we will ride to the north end of the 7-mile bridge at MM 47 (5190 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050) for the final ceremony from 11 am to 12 noon.

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Chapter do not condone drinking and
driving or riding



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deductible for tax purposes

New member sign-up and a safety presentation will be available at this event.
For further information, please contact Martina at 305-289-5442 or hx10h@hotmail.com

ABATE of Florida, Inc Gator Alley Chapter



Presents the
10th Annual

PRESERVATION RUN

Join us as we bring back an old tradition by riding around
LAKE OKEECHOBEE... *"Let those who RIDE... DECIDE"*

Start:	V.F.W.	800 Neffs Way Naples, FL 34119
Registration:	8:00am	Receives Run Info
Participant*:	\$5.00	Each (includes poker hand)
Kickstands Up:	9:00am	
Last Bike In:	1:00pm	Refreshments
Ends:	Rick Loy	6696 Hwy 441 SE Okeechobee, FL 34974
Event Over:	2:00pm	

* Prize for best hand...

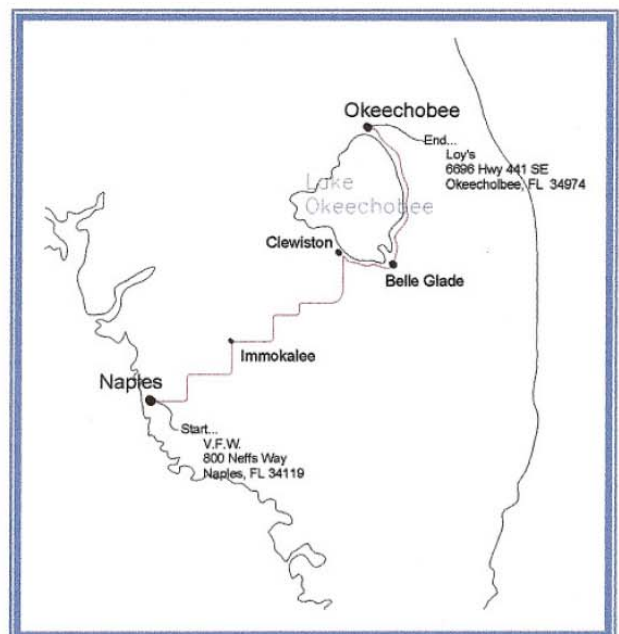
for more information
contact
Denise Russo, Chairperson
239.596.3925
membership@gatoralley.net

Tina Loy, Co-Chairperson
239.825.2490
specialevents@gatoralley.net

Membership and Safety Information Available

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www.gatoralley.net

**Saturday
July 17, 2010**



Motorcycle Related Bills
filed for the 2010 Session as of 4-1-10
ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Updates are in Italics

CS/HB 41 **Use of an Electronic Wireless Communications Device While Driving** Prohibits operation of moving motor vehicle while reading, manually writing or typing, or sending message on electronic wireless communications device; provides exceptions & penalties.
Last Event: Now in Finance & Tax Council on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 2:24 PM

HB 71 **Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles** Decreases fees & charges for reinstatement of driver license, certificates of title, registration of motor vehicle, license plates, validation decals, & mobile home stickers, initial registration application for certain vehicles, driver's license examinations, services & documents, driver's licenses, return of license suspended, & DUI program enrollment; removes fee & service charge for publication & delivery of notice given by certain licensed dealers, lists of motor vehicle & vessel records, & hearing on or review of certain actions; decreases annual license taxes for operation of certain vehicles.
Last Event: 1st Reading on Tuesday, March 02, 2010 10:50 PM

HB 97 **Street Racing** Creates "Luis Rivera Ortega Street Racing Act"; revises penalties for violating provisions prohibiting certain speed competitions & exhibitions.
Last Event: Added to Second Reading Calendar on Tuesday, April 06, 2010 4:47 PM

HB 99 **Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles**
Same as HB 71
Last Event: 1st Reading on Tuesday, March 02, 2010 10:50 PM

HB 137 **Motor Vehicles** Revises penalties for unlawful operation of soundmaking device in motor vehicle; provides that such operation is moving violation which includes assessment of points against driver's license; provides increased penalties for repeat violations within certain time period.
Last Event: 1st Reading on Tuesday, March 02, 2010 10:50 PM

HB 247 **Driving or Boating Under the Influence** Authorizes law enforcement officer to arrest person

without warrant when there is probable cause to believe person has committed any of specified driving or boating under influence violations.

Last Event: February 03, 2010 – Withdrawn prior to introduction.

CS/HB
297

Vehicle Crashes Involving Death Requires that defendant arrested for leaving scene of crash involving death must be held in custody until brought before judge for admittance to bail.

Last Event: Now in Criminal & Civil Justice Policy Council on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 5:42 PM

SB 298

Motor Vehicles/Sound making Devices Revises penalties for unlawful operation of a sound making device in a motor vehicle. Provides that such operation is a moving violation, which includes the assessment of points against the driver's license. Provides increased penalties for repeat violations within a certain time period.

Last Event: Introduced, referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means -SJ 00030 on Monday, March 01, 2010 7:29 PM

SB 324

Motor Vehicle Operators/Text Messaging Prohibits a person from writing or sending a text message on an electronic communications device while operating a motor vehicle. Provides for enforcement. Provides exceptions. Provides penalties.

Last Event: Now in Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities -SJ 00344 on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 4:48 PM

SB 328

State Uniform Traffic Control/Texting Prohibited Prohibits the use of an electronic communication device to send or receive text-based communications while operating a motor vehicle. Defines the term "text-based communication." Provides exceptions and for enforcement.

Last Event: Introduced, referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations -SJ 00031 on Monday, March 01, 2010 7:29 PM

SB 374

State Uniform Traffic Control/Prohibits Texting Prohibits the use of electronic communication devices to send or receive text-based communications while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions. Provides a penalty.

Last Event: Introduced, referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations -SJ 00034 on Monday, March 01, 2010 7:29 PM

SB 482

Highway Safety Act [CPSC]: Provides legislative intent relating to road rage and aggressive careless driving. Requires an operator of a motor vehicle to yield the left lane when being overtaken on a multilane highway. Revises the number of specified acts necessary to qualify as an aggressive careless driver. Provides that a second or subsequent infraction as said driver requires attendance at a mandatory hearing, etc.

LAST EVENT: Now in Judiciary on Thursday, April 01, 2010 12:16 PM

HB 875

Traffic Offenses: Provides criminal penalties for person who commits moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes or contributes to death of, person operating or riding in motor vehicle or operating or riding on motorcycle; requires that person pay specified fine, serve minimum period of incarceration, & attend driver improvement course; requires court to revoke person's driver's license for specified period; provides that act does not prohibit person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law.

Last Event: Now in Public Safety & Domestic Security Policy Committee on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 1:45 PM

HB 1029 -

Motor Vehicle Crashes: Requires driver of vehicle involved in crash that results in serious bodily injury to stop & remain at scene until he or she has fulfilled specified requirements; directs court to order restitution; revises mandatory minimum term of imprisonment for person who was driving under influence & fails to stop & fulfill such requirements at scene of crash that results in death of any person; provides mandatory penalties for failing to stop & fulfill such requirements at scene of crash that results in injury, serious bodily injury, or death of any person; provides that person who commits such violation may be required to participation in victim impact panel session; provides for period of license revocation.

Last Event: Now in Criminal & Civil Justice Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 11:43 AM

SB 210

Leaving the Scene/Crash/Death or Personal Injuries [CPSC]: Requires a driver of any vehicle involved in a crash that results in serious bodily injury to any person to immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the crash, etc.

Last Event: Introduced, referred to Transportation; Criminal Justice; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations -SJ 00024 on Monday, March 01, 2010 7:29 PM

CS/HB 285

Parental Authority: Provides that motorsport liability release signed by minor is valid if release is also signed by minor's parent or guardian; authorizes natural guardians to waive & release, in advance, any claim or cause of action that would accrue to any of their minor children to same extent that any adult may do so on his or her own behalf; provides that such waiver & release shall not relieve party of liability for any acts of intentional misconduct committed against minor child; provides that such waiver & release shall not relieve party of liability for gross negligence against minor child; specifies circumstances under which employer, principal, corporation, or other legal entity may be liable for injuries sustained by minor child by conduct of employee or agent.

Last Event: Added to Second Reading Calendar on Thursday, March 25, 2010 8:46 PM

SB 1578

Parental Authority: Provides that a motorsport liability release signed by a minor is valid if the release is also signed by the minor's parent or guardian. Authorizes natural guardians to waive and release, in advance, any claim or cause of action that would accrue to any of their minor children to the same extent that any adult may do so on his or her own behalf, etc.

LAST EVENT: Introduced, referred to Judiciary; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means -SJ 00110 on Monday, March 01, 2010 7:29 PM

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks,
State Legislative Trustee
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ABATE of Florida, Inc.
Estero River Chapter
Proudly brings you
The 1st Annual
FAMILY FUN DAY
Sat. MAY 15TH, 2010
AT THE CORKSCREW COUNTRY STORE
19990 Corkscrew Road
Estero, florida 323928
11am-5pm



Its been a long year and we have all worked real hard for the cause but now it's time we got back to who we are and why we do what we do; for our families and our futures. Lets take a day to do just that and have some fun with our kids and grandkids. They are the future of this chapter. So grab a chair, your baseball glove and bat, a side dish to share (the chapter will provide hot dogs and hamburgers) your family and friends and head on out to the Country Store for a day of fun. Tons of activities for the kids and a softball game for the bigger kids (us), horseshoes, badminton, and croquet. Fun for all and free.

More info: Harold 239-415-6496 Tammy 239-289-2647
Membership and Motorcycle Safety Awareness info will be available.

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Southwest Chapter Meeting Schedule

May 23rd, 2010

@ 10 a.m. at

Victory Lane Café

Located at

4150 Hancock Bridge Pkwy.,

North Fort Myers, FL 33903

239.995.0340

