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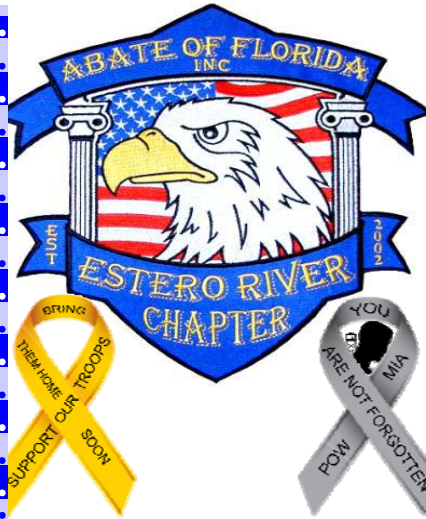
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ABATE of Florida, Inc



WORKING TO KEEP YOU RIDING SAFE AND FREE

- * To publish a newsletter to keep members of ABATE of Florida informed in regards to events concerning motorcycle safety, legislation affecting motorcyclists as well as any other motorcycle news around our state and throughout our country
- * To become a powerful & viable political force in legislative matters concerning motorcycles, motorcycle safety and all motorcyclists' rights
- * To promote voter registration, to educate and motivate members to become active in the legislative process
- * To promote safe motorcycle habits without infringing on the rights of other individuals
- * To educate the public about motorcycle awareness and promote safe driving habits while sharing the road with motorcyclists
- * To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national levels

ABATE of Florida, Inc. has developed and copyrighted the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program (MSAP). It is a course that is given to non-motorcyclists to educate them on how to safely share the road with motorcyclists. It is taught in local schools and civic organizations at no charge in the hope of reducing motorcycle accidents through education not legislation

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a statewide, non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. Our members are carpenters, electricians students, doctors, lawyers, auto mechanics, retirees, teachers and businessmen and women. We promote motorcycle safety, training and awareness. **WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.** We fund our work through toy and poker runs, fun rides, camping and other motorcycle related activities. We are your neighbors, co-workers and friends. We work, we pay mortgages and taxes and we are involved with our community. We serve 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. was the driving force behind the changes in Florida's helmet law. Florida motorcyclists can now choose whether or not they want to wear a helmet.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. serves on the advisory board for the Motorcycle Riders Training Program. This is the program that oversees the training sites for motorcyclists. These sites are funded only by the motorcyclists, through monies collected by the motorcycle endorsement on your drivers license and the fees collected at the training sites. ABATE is the organization that got the monies returned to that program, when the state of Florida saw fit to use it for non motorcycling purposes. Also put in legislation that effectively keeps the state from seizing the funds in the future. ABATE acts as your watchdog by monitoring how that money is spent and makes suggestions that can improve the Motorcycle Riders Training Program for all motorcyclists.

Any individual 18 or older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education, regardless of race, sex or club affiliation. It doesn't matter what or even if you ride, joining ABATE ensures your opinion on motorcycle laws are being heard

EMERGENCY TEAM

Thanks to these individuals who have stepped up to volunteer to become part of the chapter's emergency team. These members and friends will come to you and assist you in transporting your motorcycle, if it breaks down in the area. They have trailers to accommodate you in an emergency situation. If you are interested in volunteering please call the Michelle (239-440-7258) or email erjournal@embarqmail.com, so we can add you to the list. Thank you for your support.

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Advertising - 15th of each month
 Officer Reports - By the Chapter meetings.
 All other Submissions -10th of each month

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I hope everyone who attended Spooks and Scoots had a good time. I want to speak about the economy for a moment. Across our country jobs are being lost and because of that many motorcycle events are suffering from lack of attendance. Florida is not the only state having a problem with riders showing at events and if this economy turns around we all will be better off.

Texas has had a drop in motorcycle deaths just like Florida has. It seems two of the states with the most registered motorcycles and no helmet laws have decreased the death rate. The government will still try and find a way to turn it around but facts are facts and the legislatures of both states should see that. Our safety program is getting great results across the state. All the safety people are doing a fantastic job and are to be commended.

ABATE of Florida has over thirty chapters in this organization that are working together for the common cause. I read a quote where I make the speech about the cause too much. This organization was formed for the cause and only that reason. Yes we do support charities and have a safety program but the cause is about motorcycle rights. Anything else is secondary to what this State Motorcycle Rights Organization is about. ABATE of Florida must come first or laws will be passed that not only hinder our lifestyle but could eventually destroy it. Do you want to be the one who causes this to happen? It is time for petty differences to be set aside and work for the common goal of motorcycle rights. If people cannot do that then there are many organizations out there that do charities, or will let you be an internet cowboy. We should have learned two years ago when someone threatened a legislator instead of working the system the way ABATE of Florida has done. This year is an election year; every Executive office in the state is wide open as well as the entire house of representative and part of the senate. Now is the time to get involved with the people who support us and get them elected. We need to get more pro motorcyclists in the state and federal governments. Remember, the ride to the Capitol is April 19, 2010. Make your plans now to be there and fight for your rights. The next state meeting will be hosted by Black Creek Chapter and candidates for Governor and Attorney General have been invited.

The next major event will be Bike Week where ABATE of Florida will have their campground. Help is always appreciated and where else can you stay and save money to spend on other things. ABATE would appreciate all chapters getting the word out and supporting the campground.

Until we see each other on the road be safe and *“Ride Free”*

● *DOC* ●

Estero River Chapter

Hi everyone,

Hope this finds you all doing well.

This month has been a difficult one. We lost a member due to a motor-cycle accident and it has affected many members of our chapter. Lenny Audet passed away on October 11th. Lenny has been a member for some time now and his son Paul and daughter in law Lolly have been members for years. Our sympathies go out to them and to Lenny's wife Joy. Also a get well wish goes out Joe Lawler who was riding with Paul and Lenny before Lenny's accident. Joe went down earlier and after assisting Joe Lenny was on his way home when his accident occurred. Needless to say it was a bad day all around. Folks, please out there and be extra careful when in construction zones as both of these accidents happened where road a ramp work was going on.

The chapter needs all of you this month. We have our Pilgrim's Pride Run and we need everyone to come out and participate. This is the run we raise money to take care our needy kids at Christmas. We cannot do it if our members don't come out and help. Also needed is Thanksgiving side dish's for the meal we serve to everyone who goes on the run. Also needed is turkeys and oil for frying them. Call me if you can donate. We also have our canned food drive going on so make sure to drop some donations at one of the donation spots. They are Mullock Creek, Marv's Pak n Ship, Tuffy's, Hurricane Cycle, and the San Carlos Country Club. All these donations go to feed hungry people in San Carlos, Estero, and S. Fort Myers.

The Birthday Party is on Dec. 5th and this party is for you guys. All members get in free and the first 100 get a gift. Michelle and her crew have been working hard to bring you a great time so come on out to the Country Store, bring a chair, and bring your friends and families.

I would like to thank Ana "Cha-Cha" Amaro for all the work she has given this chapter over the last couple years as our Legislative Officer. Ana has resigned because she has moved to Orlando. Cha-Cha you will be missed. I would like to thank Pam Cooke for stepping up. At the next chapter meeting we will be taking a vote of confidence for her which I am sure she will get. Pam has always stepped up to the plate when needed. Thanks Pam.

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That's all the time I have since my report is already late and Michelle is waiting on me so see ya all at the November meeting and the Pilgrims Pride run right after.

Till next time

RIDE SAFE RIDE HAPPY RIDE FREE

Tammy Brickley

Taps

Written Union General Dan Butterfield

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
God keep.
On the land or the deep,
Safe in sleep.

Fading light, dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.

Thanks and praise, for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, neath the sky;
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

Sun has set, shadows come,
Time has fled, Scouts must go to their beds
Always true to the promise that they made.
While the light fades from sight,
And the stars gleaming rays softly send,
To thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.

AUGUST STATE MINUTES

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC
DELAGATES MEETING October 10,2009
Hillsborough Chapter Hosting at San Antonio, FL

CALLED TO ORDER AT : 2:09 PM,

PRESIDENT: “DOC” Reichenbach
Announced B.G. resigned as Pr/communications representative

VICE PRESIDENT: DOC Fish
Asked if anyone had extra bike tickets and asked if everone could buy one ticket.

SECRETARY: Bob Alexander
Minutes as posted in the Masterlink

TREASURER: Patti Nasrallah
1. Treasurers report
An assistant was requested to help out

SARGENT-AT-ARMS: Mudder
Needs chapter inventories by the Dec state meeting

STATE OFFICE:
1. Flyer approval & Insurance is from the state office.
Death Benefits, please update next of kin or beneficiary information with the state. The policy is for **ACCIDENTAL** death or dismemberment

MEMBERSHIP: Val Loper
1. Handed out new life member cards
Requested Dec and Jan event flyers

MASTERLINK REPORT: Bob von Bulow
1. The Masterlink is now on the web site
Will be adding past issues to the archives soon

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: BG & Lockdown
1. There are new event Insurance forms online
PR: state events like bike week are in the Full Throttle and Easy Rider magazines

AUGUST STATE MINUTES

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SAFETY DIRECTOR: Tom Nugent

1. Instructor patches for Lisa Powell (Lake Co.) & Karl Bartling (Estero River)

Trying to get monies in ABATE of Florida's name instead of state of Florida
Safety for safety products

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE: Steve Knee

New shirts are in. really bright green florecent

LEGISLATIVE: Darrin "Scribe" Brooks

1. Submit email addresses if you want to be on the email list and receive updates.

2. New SB244 & HB41 are about cell phone use while driving

Try to schedule legislators to visit chapter meetings

LOBBYIST: DOC

1. New Noise bill is being presented

New stiffer penalties bill will be presented

LEGAL COUNCIL: Larry Crow

N.C.O.M.

1. At the Marriott Hotel in Orlando

5-Star chapters to organize a hospitality suite at the hotel.

MRF & AMA:

STATE PARTY 2009:

No state party for 2010, Doc Fish thank all for the support

BIKE WEEK 2010:

1. Contract is signed

2. Need support during the event

Will have a beer tent this year (to see how it goes)

TALLAHASSEE 2009:

April 19 2010, ride to the capital to talk with congressmen about all topics of concern

STATE MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS:

By-law commity Email is bylawssuggestions@abate.com

NEW BUSINESS:

New chapter formed, Orange County

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

NEXT BOD MEETING: December 12, 2009, Black Creek chapter, Middleburg FL

Submitted by Larry "Redneck" Peterson

CHAPTER MINUTES

Date: October 25, 2009 Called to Order @ 10:06am.

Location: S.C.C.C.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

President: Tammy Brickley

Bike Tickets : Have tickets need to sell more most sold gets lifetime membership or 100 dollars in product

Lenny Audet: Past on Oct. 11 in a motor cycle accident died of a broken neck.

Accident insurance: Every member get 4 thousand dollars worth of insurance make sure someone in your family knows about this.

Renegades T-Shirts: the Renegades have asked that no one wears there shirt at this time.

Vice President: Kinsey Winstead-excused

1. Guests and new members: we had 4 new members at the meeting today and 1 guest.

Secretary: Jerilyn Walker

1. Motion to except the minutes as printed in newsletter. 1st Alaska 2nd Ed

Treasurer: Sheila Bear:

1. Motion to except Treasures report. 1st Pete 2nd Alaska

Sgt. @ Arms: Karl Bartling-excused-Bear and Ed filling in

1. Needs security for B-Day Party: Needs ppl 2 hour shifts 2-8 p.m.

2. Halloween all set

Quartermaster: John Reis

1.Quarter to Master

State Delegates: Larry Peterson “redneck” & Kinsey Winstead “neck”

1. Spooks-n-Scoots Oct. State Meeting report – see report all went well

Alternate State Delegates: Ed Fowler & Steve Wyatt

1. Nothing at this time

PR Communications: Geoff Henry

1. Flyer 4 Pilgrim Pride / Media release for Christmas Party for Kids

Legislative Representative: Ana Amaro “Cha Cha”

1. Anna has resigned. Moved to Orlando. Need someone to step up

2. See Report

Safety Director: Tammy Brickley

1. Report on schools/Steve W.(B) and big Carl got certified, Also Pete Lugo is certified

2. Traffic Crash Statistics: See Report

3. Big Karl Certified got his certificate at board meeting Friday night>

Advertising: Open

Products: Lynn Dillard

1. Legendary t-shirts five dollars can Koozies four dollars calendars two dollars

Newsletter Editor: Michelle Beacken

1. Deadline for reports and submissions is today except for J

Membership: Michelle Beaken

1. Handed out new member packets and pins.

2. Updates three hundred and ten members

Webmaster: Robin Hall

1. Web page update see report need stuff for classified

Special Events: OPEN

1. Throttleween. Need food. Signup sheet going around five dollars at door to get in

2. Pilgrim's Pride. Need food. Signup sheet going around. Need volunteers for food set up and clean up and to work stops.

3. Birthday Party. Dec 5th 2-8 pm all members free 5dollors for all non members at Country Store

4. Special Families Christmas Party need all names by Nov. 19th Dec 12th at Estero Park 4 hour party with Santa will be doing crafts with the kids and lots of treats for the kid Sunshine is heading up this event if you need more information.

Chapter Historian: Diane Trippany

1. Nothing at this time will be taking pictures at Halloween Party.

Sunshine Lady: Cindy Fowler-

1. See her report lots of cards went out.

Legendary Party-Neck

1. Committee is formed

2. Deb and Charlie doing food

Old Business:

1. Newspaper recycles Fundraiser

New Business:

1. Biker for Hire Mitch and Neck are getting with the state pr so this will be a state wide our chapter and Mitch and Neck will get all credit for this.

Good of the Order:

1. Biker in Need Bike Wash donation from Ed and Renee 215 dollars for the bin fund

2. Cheyenne Benefit Jan 3 Starts at Tuffy's and ends at Hurricane Cycles

3. Relay for Life April 9 & 10

4. Ride to Big Carl's All out Cycles Grand Opening

Next BOD Meeting Nov. 20, 2009 at Big Karl's at 7:00pm

Next Chapter Meeting: Nov. 22, 2009 at S.C.C.C. at 10:00 am

Motion to Adjourn: 11:09 a.m. 1st Alaska 2nd John

50/50 Pam

T-Shirt Dave Rimes

Submitted by: J.Walker

Watch Newsletter for ABATE Blood Drives

ABATE OF FLORIDA now has a blood bank. Our account is ABATE of Florida #1138. Please remember this, so when you donate blood, you can put it our account. Or if you need blood or someone in your immediate family tell them this account number. Put it in your head, I already have it memorized. THIS

NUMBER COULDS SAVE YOUR LIFE OR THE LIFE OF SOMEONE ELSE! Say it with me 1138. If you have any questions call any Board member. If they don't know the answer, they will get it for you. Numbers are listed on the inside front cover of your newsletter. I have listed the three Blood Centers for Lee County:

Florida's Blood Centers-Cape Coral
601 N Del Prado Blvd Unit 6
Cape Coral FL 33990

239-574-3170 ~ Fax 239-574-6955

Hours: Mon Wed Fri 9:00 AM-5:00 PM ~ Tue Thu 11:00 AM-7:00 PM

Florida's Blood Centers-Ft. Myers
3714 Evans Avenue
Ft Myers FL 33901

239-939-1811 ~ Fax 239-936-8654

Hours: Mon Wed Fri 9:00 AM-5:00 PM ~ Tue Thu 11:00 AM-7:00 PM

Florida's Blood Centers-Ft. Myers
South Town Center

16327 S. Tamiami Trail Unit #7
Ft. Myers FL 33908

239-433-5595 ~ Fax 239-433-5329

Hours: Mon Wed 9:00 AM-5:00 PM ~ Thu 11:00 AM-7:00 PM





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"BIKER'S GUIDE TO CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR."

The Legislative Voice this month is going back to the basics of communicating with our legislators. The most common responses I get to "Have you talked to your Legislator?" is... "I don't know how." or "I am not very good at writing / talking / or I might say something wrong." Those are all very legitimate concerns, but I hope that this edition will remove all those doubts and show you how quick, easy and painless it can be.

DARRIN "SCRIBE" BROOKS, *State Legislative Trustee*, ABATE of Florida, Inc.

DO NOT READ THIS IF YOU ARE JUST AN ABATE WANNABE!

I mean it! If you are just a wannabe or as my teenage daughter calls them "posers", I do not want you to waste your time reading this article. I want the attention of the true ABATE members, those who joined your Chapter of ABATE of Florida, Inc. because of a desire to protect our rights as motorcyclist by being ACTIVE in the legislative process.

I spoke with Jeff Banda (our State Legislative Trustee a few years ago) at the last State Delegates' Meeting. I asked him for an estimate on how many of the ABATE members actually step up when there is a call to action. He inclined his head and thought for a while, then said "It is hard to tell, but I do know that the previous year was a bad year for member action." That disheartened me very much. Even though I had only been a member of Gator Alley for two years at the time, I have developed a powerful respect for those "Old-timers" and the fight they endured to help preserve the rights that we cherish or for some take for granted.

I have a confession to make, the first year I was a member of ABATE, I came to the

monthly Chapter meetings and sat in the back of the room. I heard the Legislative trustee and the State Delegates talk about a call to action, the need for us to write, e-mail, or call our legislators. I had every intention of embracing their call to action, but instead I only managed to embrace inaction. I had every good intention to act, but life happens and I let those calls for help go unanswered. --- My daughter would have called me a poser or a wannabe. Then one day all those "good intentions" that I had cluttering up my insides caught fire, just like kindling when a hot ember settles on it. From that fire burst a legislative warrior ready to take his place next to his Brothers and Sisters as a part of ABATE's continuing mission for motorcycle rights.

I know that there are others out there that have the same "good intentions" that I had, but they do not know how to take that first step. Well, the long winded point of this article is to nudge you into taking that first step. Now is the perfect time to reach out for your first time. All it takes is a very brief e-mail that says something like,

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"Fear makes the wolf bigger than it is." ~

German Proverb.

To many of us, there is a fear of taking that first step of reaching out to our legislators. After all they are important people with fancy suits, going to meetings, and have the gift of gab (as my father would say). Furthermore, we are just common everyday people wearing jeans and a t-shirt (that we would gladly give to a brother or sister in need). Our speech at times may be crude, but our word is our word, and you can still take that to the bank. Do not be worried that you will say the wrong thing, have less than perfect grammar, or show up at their office in dirty jeans because you had to fix your ride that morning. They will understand, their office staff will understand and will always be professional and courteous. If they do have a problem with our appearance, words, or just that we are bikers... well then, let's VOTE THEM OUT!!



FROM OUR STATE LEGISLATIVE REP 15

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"I look forward to working with you and your staff to help protect the rights of all motorcyclists. I am a member of (your Chapter) Chapter of ABATE of Florida, Inc. and I am a registered voter and I do vote in each and every election. Thank you for your time."

John Doe,
Sumter County Chapter,
ABATE of Florida, Inc.

I recommend strongly that you introduce yourself and always mention you are a registered voter and a member of your Chapter of ABATE of Florida, Inc. The point is to have a "relationship" with your legislator, let them know you are out there and you have a voice. I write my legislators regularly, I praise them for past votes and encourage them on current and up-coming bills. I write to them on many issues, not just motorcycle related issues, and I always state that I am a member of my local Chapter of ABATE of Florida, Inc.

I hope that this will motivate at least 10 people to take up the call to action and become legislative warriors. Just think what would happen if every member of ABATE became more active in legislative arena. On that day ABATE of Florida, Inc. would become a very powerful force that no politician can overlook. That day, my Brothers and Sisters, WE will be the 1000 pound Gorilla in the room that no one can ignore anymore.



E-mail them with ease.

What is easier than e-mail? It is quick, free, and available 24 hour a day. First you need to get their e-mail address. If it is not in your Chapter newsletter just Google them and you will get it. Second, keep it simple,

Dear Rep. Hudson,

I would like you to support HB 21.

Thank you,

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks,

Gator Alley Chapter of ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Third, tell them your name, Chapter name and ABATE of Florida. They may not recognize your name at this point, but they should recognize your Chapter name, and they will recognize ABATE of Florida's name.

Phone it in...

Want to try a more personal approach, but only have three minutes? Pick up your phone and call your legislator's district office. One of the legislative aides will answer and you need to tell them your name and that you are with your local Chapter of ABATE of Florida. Ask to speak with the Legislator, but do not be disappointed if they are not available. Remember that our best allies are the Legislative Aides, build a friendly relationship with them because they can help you very much. Briefly tell the Aide why you are calling and then ask them if they are familiar with your local Chapter and ABATE? If they are not, give a 30 second plug.

It can go something like this...

"Hello, this is Darrin Brooks with Gator Alley Chapter of ABATE of Florida, Is Senator Richter available?" "... (No, but would you like to leave a message?) "Yes, Please ask him vote NO on SB 312. Because we feel it will infringe upon the rights of motorcyclist. By the way are you familiar with Gator Alley and ABATE? (Yes, we are.) "Great, thank you for your time, Goodbye."

Most office keep track of their constituents

support or opposition on current Bills. The aide will also pass your request on to the Legislator.

When you care enough to send the very best... Go in person!

Do you really want to make an impression? Go visit them in person, they don't bite... trust me! If you are able to make an appointment, congratulations! Arrive a few minutes early, introduce yourself to the legislative aides. I always ask to take one of their cards so that I always have their contact information for the future. When you meet the Legislator be aware of their tight schedule and be to the point. If you can, take a talking points paper that you can leave with them. When you are done, always invite them to come and speak at a Chapter meeting. If you have Chapter business cards hand them out to the everyone. I usually follow the visit up with a "thank you" e-mail the next day.

If you find yourself in the neighborhood of the office and have a few minutes, feel free to drop by and just say hello to the legislative aides. Introduce yourself again, telling them who you are with, and that you appreciate all that they do. Be brief and friendly, before long they will know who you are and that your voice represents many others.



LEGISLATOR'S CORNER

In this month's "Legislative Corner", I went straight to the people you will speak to most often, the Executive Secretary and Legislative Aide. I spoke with Rep. Tom Grady's Staff, Denise Rakich and Jacob Pawitt. I wanted you to get their thoughts on how we can best work with them. I can not express enough how valuable the Legislator's staff are to ABATE. They will do everything that they can to help you, but you just have to talk to them. They are all extremely professional in their service and for the most part they won't bite.



Rep. Tom Grady (R - Naples)

LV: *What advice do you have for someone who wants to contact a Legislator for the first time and does not know what to say or how to say it?*

DR/JP: The first thing a person should do is to go to the website of the branch of government under which that legislator serves to determine their legislator. For example, the Florida House of Representatives has a tab on its home page entitled "Find Your Representative." It is important to determine your ZIP+4 because legislators' districts often intersect the same ZIP.

If you have an issue with a state agency (i.e., unemployment benefits,), you can make a phone call and speak with the aide who will take down your information and then contact the legislative affairs department of that state agency to see if it can be resolved. Typically, a matter can be resolved very quickly this way. Or, you may choose to call, email or write in support of, or in opposition to, legislation that has been introduced. Very simply say what you feel, why you feel that way and how it affects you. These letters and emails are reviewed and replied to in a timely fashion.

LV: *How often do Legislative Aides communicate with the Legislator?*

DR/JP: Legislative aides communicate with their legislator regularly.

LV: *As Legislative Aides, you have seen both successful and unsuccessful attempts with establishing a relationship with the Legislator and their district office. What advice do you have so that we can create and maintain a good relationship?*

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(answers on Novembers calendar.

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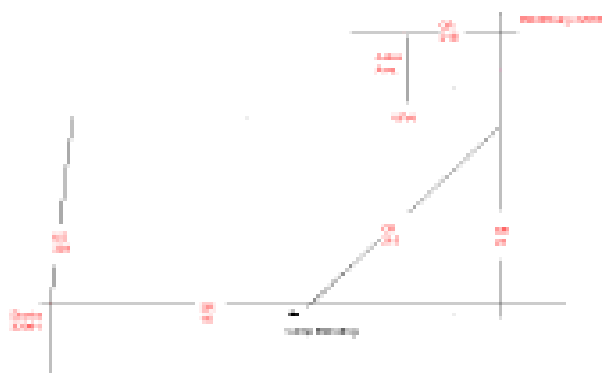
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Our sympathies go out to the family of Lenni Audet, who passed away. Our prayers are with you Joy,(Lenni's wife), and Paul and Lolly Audet,(Lenni's son and daughter in law). Our sympathy goes out to Randy Brock, who's Mother passed away.



A get well card was sent to Joseph Lawler, who got hurt in a motorcycle accident. We hope all is well with you and you heal quickly.

A get well card was sent to Marc Jones, who was also in a motorcycle accident, we hope you are getting better. Marc is one of our advertisers from Aurillio's Pizza, why don't you stop in and see how he's doing, I hear they have great pizza and good atmosphere!

Please everyone, especially with the holidays coming up quick, be careful and take care of yourselves.

I would like to remind everyone to PLEASE submit..... names, ages, girl or boy,& something special they might want, to any board member for our " INVITATION ONLY " Christmas Party for our families BEFORE Nov. 19th.

We will also need addresses to get our invitations to these children for this special party. You can give names anonymously if you prefer, but, PLEASE, don't let a child go without because you wouldn't speak up!! Everybody knows times are tough right now, we are asking you to help us help a child. We will be holding this at Estero Park, not Three Oaks., on Sat. Dec. 12th, 2009, from 1-4pm.

Everybody have a nice day and keep smiling, it'll make you feel good.....Cindy "Sunshine" Fowler

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- ◆ Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of accidental death in children in Florida. The Bonita YMCA provided swimming lessons to over 600 children in the community, with 150 of those children participating during our free Splash Week.

If you don't want to join but still want to help feel free to contact us at the phone number on this flyer.

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DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9 Bike Nite Tiki Time BS	10	11	12 ST Mtg Christmas Party
13	14	15	16 Bike Nite Tiki Time BS	17	18 BOD TBA	19
20	21	22	23 Bike Nite Tiki Time BS	24	25	26
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Dear Fellow ABATE Members:

December 21, 2012, Armageddon, Motorcycle Crashes, and other
Doomsdays or

Do You Actually Have Control Over Your Ultimate Future?

The latest doomsday phenomenon is the prediction that the end of the world, as we know it, will take place on 12/21/12.

On that date, the Mesoamerican Long Count Calendar which was in use by the Mayan civilization, comes to an end. And, some theorists believe this indicates the world, in some shape, form, or fashion, will end. A movie capitalizing on this idea is due to be released in November of this year and the History Channel has already aired several "documentaries" with many of the pseudo-science theories of doomsday expounded upon. There are other predictions and prophecies that the world, as we know it, will soon come to an end. Consider the evidence, recently presented, that the great caldera located in Yellowstone National Park is due to erupt at any time. It is theorized the eruption will cause catastrophic changes, covering three-fourths of the United States; with some effects being global. The Bible predicts that there will be a time of Great Tribulation; covering a period of seven years. The first three and one-half will be a time of peace and the second three and one half years will be a time of war, none like ever seen before, including the Battle of Armageddon. How about global warming? What about the next financial meltdown? Weapons of Mass Destruction? Some of us have already experienced our own personal doomsdays.

It is natural and human to feel some fear and panic. A certain amount of fear and panic is necessary for us to exercise caution and survive some of our living experiences. We should know that there are some things that will be beyond our control. What about hurricanes? What about cagers seemingly coming out of "nowhere" crashing into us/our motorcycles and there was absolutely nothing we could have done to avoid it? What about sickness? What about a terrorist attack? Someone breaking into our home...?

In Matthew 6:34, Jesus is cautioning us not to overreact with fear and panic about the future. He said, *"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."* We think that God knows if you panic and "freak out" about future, you will not have the presence of mind to take care of what is needed for today.

He tells us in verse 33, *"But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right)..."*

Right now, you do have the ability to control your ultimate future and avoid the ultimate doomsday. The ultimate future is how and where you will spend eternity. It's a matter of exercising your free will in believing that there is God; the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God... Believing that Jesus was sent by His Father to pay the price of death on the cross for our sins... Asking God for forgiveness of sins... Repenting of those sins... Taking Jesus into your heart as your Lord and Savior...

It is very possible that we could experience one or more of those aforementioned doomsdays before we take our last breath, during this lifetime. Wouldn't you rather go through it with Him, than without Him?

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

Blessings,

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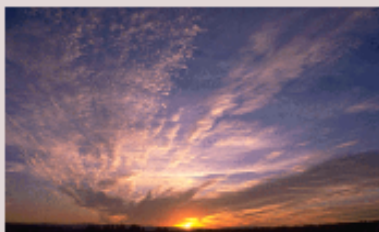
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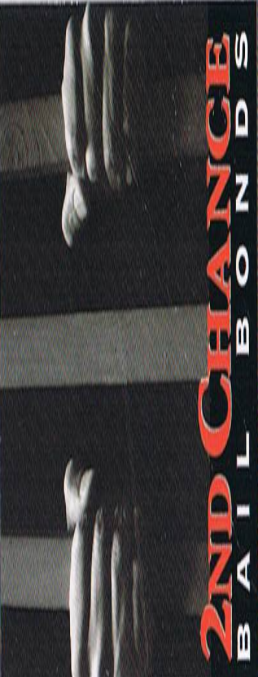
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I have done updates to the following pages:

Events - I have gone through and updated each event along with attaching a link to their perspective flyers if available.

Homepage - I added comments from our President there, please take the time and read what she has to say.

Photos/4th of July 2009 Album - We have new photos courtesy of Our Miss Sunshine, Cindy Fowler. Thanks bunches Cindy. Please, if you have photos of current or past events and would like to share them, please send them to me via email, cd, or the photo itself. Don't change or edit the photo as I will do that so as to get the best quality from the images.

Legislative - We have the latest news on current and new bills with a brief description of each along with links to the State Legislative web site which goes into further detail.

I will be updating the web in the next couple of days which will include our Memorial page, Events page and our Homepage. Hopefully with your help I'll be updating the Classifieds page.

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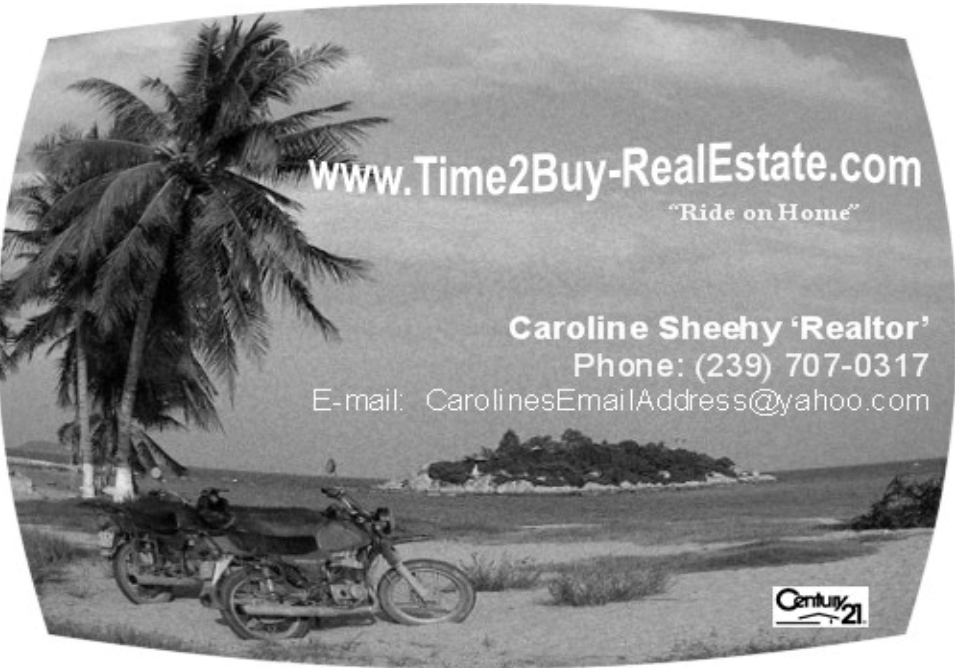
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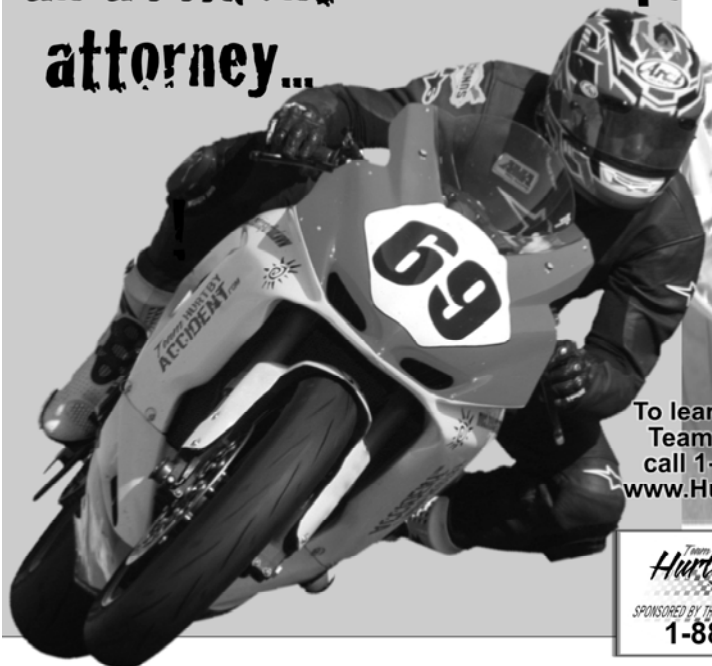
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Hey everyone,

I just added the following two Bills to our watch list:

HB 247 - Driving or Boating Under the Influence by Rep. Weinstein

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.

SB 482 - Highway Safety Act by Sen. Bennett

Highway Safety Act: 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.

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks,
State Legislative Trustee,
ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Legislatively Speaking

This information was sent to Tammy from our
State Legislative Officer Darrin "Scribe" Brookes

Federal government gives go-ahead on first major motorcycle crash causation study in 28 years. Supplemented by donations from AMA and six state safety programs, a significant new motorcycle crash causation study will soon get under way at Oklahoma State University (OSU). Formally announced by the Federal Highway Administration on Oct. 5, the study will give motorcyclists and others concerned with highway safety a fuller picture of how motorcycles fit into today's traffic mix, a better understanding of what causes motorcycle crashes, and insights into the best strategies to prevent these crashes. To read the announcement, visit: <http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/story.asp?id=1392>.

AMA drafts model on-highway motorcycle sound legislation. The AMA has developed new model legislation for use by cities seeking a simple, consistent and economical way to deal with sound complaints related to on-highway motorcycles within the larger context of excessive sound from all sources.

The model legislation offers an objective method for municipal jurisdictions to evaluate motorcycle sound through science-based measurement. It's based on the Society of Automotive Engineers' (SAE) new J2825 standard, "Measurement of Exhaust Sound Pressure Levels of Stationary On-Highway Motorcycles." The AMA produced similar model legislation for off-highway motorcycles several years ago. Source: <http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/story.asp?id=1366>

AMA unveils 'Think. Ride.' public service announcement campaign. The AMA announced a new public service announcement (PSA) campaign called "Think. Ride." that encourages both on-road and off-road motorcyclists and ATV riders to think before they ride. The responsible-use messages feature actor and AMA Board of Directors member Perry King. The first phase of "Think. Ride." is a series of short videos that encourages proper safety gear and safe, responsible riding practices, and discourages impaired riding and excessive exhaust sound. Another video tells car and truck drivers to watch out for motorcyclists on the road. The PSA videos are available online at <http://www.amadirectlink.com/legisltn/resources.asp>.

U.S. DOT Distracted Driving Summit held in Washington, DC.

Over 300 attendees listened to Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood open and close the two-day summit with warnings on the dangers of distracted driving, particularly texting while operating a motor vehicle. Six panel discussions focused on definitions and data, research, technology, legislation, regulation and enforcement, youth programs, and public awareness and education.

Included in the summit were presentations by several members of Congress. Archived versions of the entire web broadcasts and proceedings are available at

http://www.rita.dot.gov/distracted_driving_summit.



SAFETY

It was another good month for teaching students. This month "B" and I went to South Fort Myers High School and taught the Safety Awareness program. The students were very attentive and seemed to really enjoy us being there. Hopefully the roads will be much safer once they get their drivers licenses.

B also will be getting his certification from his time spent helping to educate these students. Big Karl received his patch and certification at the last state meeting. Congratulations to both of them. If you are interested in getting certified let me know. The snow birds are back so be x-tra careful out there.

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STEP 7
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By Kathy Jo McMillion Reilasmith
Legislative & VFW-PAC Director

20 YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 2014 21

Hello everyone,

As you can see we have a lot coming up and if you can help in anyway please step up. We will need food for the Pilgrims Pride run and the birthday party. Contact any Board member if you can help. Please keep reading your newsletter for updates and events. Don't forget the contest for membership, deadline for that is December 5th. Winners will be announced at the Birthday Party.

Please remember that all reports are due at the chapter meeting, except the chapter minutes and those should be turned in the next day. I am between a rock and hard place, I need some of these reports for the newsletter every month. When I have to wait for them, the newsletter is late. If I don't wait for them the newsletter is incomplete. So please get your reports to me on time.

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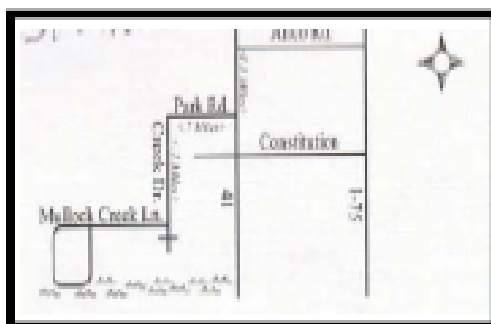
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