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No Flyer



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And The Winners Are President's Award for 2008 Ed Fowler



Granny Lee
1st Place
Membership Drive
Lifetime Membership



Kevin Brickley
Slow Race
Gets to hold trophy
until defeated

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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

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G R U M P Y

The official Newsletter picker upper of
~~NASCAR~~ Estero River



Ask how you can reach this level!

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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If you cannot get help here (you probably will) Please use our advertiser,
Motorcycle ResQ on page 53. 239-877-6988

*** DEADLINES ***

Advertising - 15th of each month

Officer Reports - Monday following Chapter meetings.

All other Submissions 20th of each month

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First Our President

Happy New Year,

As I sit here writing this report I am reflecting on the last year. It has been an excellent year for the chapter and you all deserve many thanks for helping this chapter grow and succeed as we have. It has been an honor to lead you all to this New Year. I know we will be just as successful and keep growing and getting our word out there.

I hope all had a good holiday season with your friends and families. I know that I did. The thing is there are so many families out there hurting with the economy I hope if you were able you helped out at least one family. Our special family was overjoyed with what we did for them and I am sure when they are able they will pay it forward. The Girls are such a delight and it was an honor to give them the Christmas that they deserve. Thank you all for helping us to help them.

The next few months are going to be very busy. The Arm Chair Quarterback run has been changed to Jan. 17th due to some technical difficulties. I hope you all come out and have some football fun and with Jay Frost and 3 Below playing we will have the best music around. Then comes BIKEWEEK. Please come up to the campground and work 1 shift. I promise you will have a blast. Then Legendary Party is right around the corner the end of March. Let's make up for the rain last year and have the biggest baddest party we have ever thrown. Then Tallahassee in April. If you do one road trip this New Year this is it. We have such a fight on our hands in Tallahassee this year we need the biggest showing ever. Besides if there are 2000 people there our state vice president Danny Fish will ride to the capitol dressed up as the Easter Bunny. It's worth the trip just for that.

On a sadder note: December brought with it the loss of two dear friends. Todd Conklin was killed while riding his bike and Life member of Gator Alley Everett Brocka died of lung complications. These two men will be greatly missed by all who knew them. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends. That's all for now. See ya at the Armchair Quarterback Run.

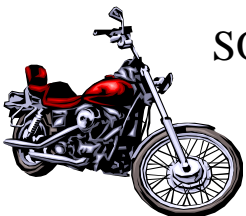
Till next time
RIDE SAFE
RIDE FREE
RIDE HAPPY

Tammy Brickley



Now Our Vice President

Hi everyone hope Santa was good to everyone. Missed everyone in December's chapter meeting it was canceled for the holidays. I wrote this before we delivered the presents to our special family I will let you know how that went and post pictures on the web. Many things going on in January check your newsletter for things going on. The Armchair Quarterback run is on Saturday January 17th 2009 starts at the San Carlos Country Club at 10:00 hope to see everyone out there. Don't forget Motorcycle safety is our main goal and also motorcycle awareness the state is working hard for us keeping a eye on our legislators'. Our membership is 328 and counting. Don't forget to check the newsletter and website for information. You can print out flyers from the website for the events and find out the bike nights if you need something to do.



SO KEEP YOUR HAIR IN THE AIR "MOOCH"

◀ ABATE of Florida, Inc ~ ESTERO RIVER Chapter ▶





Santa Visited Our Special Family (above). As you can see what a beautiful Family. For those that were on the run knows that beauty is just strong on the inside. God Bless You All



Santa (On the left) paid a surprise visit to Sunshine's to give these neighborhood children a gift. I stayed behind for this one but have it on good sources that this was just as rewarding in our hearts as the first run. Thank you to all that donated time, money or both. I am looking forward to Next Year as it seems our Chapters events get more successful each year. **Estero River Rocks!!!**

MORE LEGENDARY WINNERS



Diane Trippany
2nd Place
Membership Drive
\$50 in Products



Tammy Brickley
3rd Place
Membership Drive
Annual Membership



Collette Hackworth
BREAKFAST QUEEN
Apron Saying So



Kenny & Michelle Wiggins
SUPER SECRET SHOPPERS
\$25 Publix Gift Certificate

**Congratulations To all
Ten of you.
Special Thanks To Dan-
ielle Parr For Wrapping
The Gifts This Year. As
Bear would say GREAT
JOB
You all do your Chapter
Proud.**

WE LOVE YOU



**Lynn Dillard
Exceptional Volunteer**



**Harold Hoffman
Exceptional Volunteer**



**Sandy Lawton
Exceptional Volunteer**

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC
DELAGATES MEETING December 13, 2008
Buckingham

CALLED TO ORDER AT : 2:00 PM

PRESIDENT: "DOC" REICHENBACH

1. Ridge Manor closed.
2. New Posters for Tally.
3. New Chapter; Treasure Coast with 114 members.
4. Safety Council "Watch for Motorcycle's" on amber alert signs.
5. Possible 800 # to call for dubrie on Hiways.
6. Boot's "Cancer back" back in hospital. See Tammy for address if you want to send a card.

VICE PRESIDENT: DOC FISH

1. Hello to everyone.
2. Bike tickets

SECRETARY: BOB ALEXANDER

1. No corrections submitted.

TREASURER: PATTI NASRALLAH

1. Treasurer's report in detail.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS: "FRENCH" MORLAND

1. Volunteers needed for Jan.19 2009 to clean campground.

STATE OFFICE:

1. Future safety equipment.
2. Looking for someone to fill position.

MEMBERSHIP: VAL LOPER

1. Membership update. Brevard most new members.
2. Awards of % growth given to Duval.
3. Membership to Patty Nastrallah (Treasurer)
4. Interstate most renewals.

MASTERLINK REPORT: BOB von BULOW

1. Thanks for input's.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: BG

1. Website(s)
2. Credit cards accepted online.
3. Ideas for promoting membership at large events.
4. Package for chapter to use for promoting themselves.

SAFETY DIRECTOR: LANA LANG

1. Would like for each chapter to put together a portfolio to set up in the Rotunda in Tallahassee in April. Can be no bigger than a poster board or you can put together a booklet with the accomplishment of the MSAP program: be it booth or classroom presentations. Submit by email (abatesafety@bellsouth.net) or by mail: PO Box 721122 Orlando, Fl. 33872-1122. Need submissions no later than Feb. State Meeting.
2. Status of Safety items in storage.
3. Sign up to work the front gate during bike week.
4. Certificates.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE: STEVE KNEE

1. Nothing at this time.

LEGISLATIVE: MIKE PRICE

1. Sign up on website for email. Log on and click links for all.

LOBBYIST: DOC

1. Vertical Plate amendment.

LEGAL COUNCIL: LARRY CROW

1. Nothing at this time.

N.C.O.M.

1. Reno Nev. May 8, 9 & 10.

MRF & AMA:

- 1.

STATE PARTY 2009:

1. Sept. 4, 5 & 6, Labor day weekend @ Sertoma Youth Ranch

BIKE WEEK 2009: (March)

1. (BG) Volunteers for kitchen.
2. (BG) promoting this through chapters and the state.

TALLAHASSEE 2009: April 13

1. (BG) Promoting this through chapters and the radio stations in your area.
2. (BG) The board volunteering to help if needed from Chapters putting on large events.
3. (BG) Package of hand outs that I will give the board as well as the chapters.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. BYLAW PROPSAL for position of Director of Safety Education. Can appoint now will elect next election.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Suggest each chapter include bike ticket in each event entry, raise their entrance fee if necessary.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- 1.

Time of adjournment: 5:30 pm

Next meeting Feb. Valentine weekend. Birthday party also.

Submitted By: Larry Peterson

YARD SALE

SATURDAY JANUARY 10TH 2009

8 AM to 5 PM
8410 Blackberry Rd
San Carlos Park

SPREAD THE WORD

BLOOD BANK

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

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Watch Newsletter for ABATE Blood Drives

LEGENDARY PARTY

COMING LAST WEEKEND IN IN MARCH

WATCH YOUR NEWSLETTER FOR FLYERS

Do you like deciding for yourself whether to wear a lid or not? 13



Do You want to see "Hit a Biker ~ Go to Jail"?



Would you like to see our roads safer?

Would you like to help Git er done?

If you answered yes to any of these questions

WE NEED YOU! YOU NEED US!

ABATE of Florida, Inc is a non profit organization promoting motorcycle safety and Awareness and fighting for the rights of motorcyclists. We would like you to join the 7000 plus members statewide, fighting for the cause. We come from all walks of lives and join together for you. You don't need to own a bike or even ride to join.

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From Our Safety Director

At the State Meeting @ Gulf Coast. We received supplies from the State such as, magnetic signs, T Shirts, Bumper Stickers, Key Chains. Pens and bags. Tammy and I distributed the supplies out to the different chapters and then our chapter.

We were also told that the State created a Deputy Director for the safety program to work under Lana Lang. We were also told that the president has other things they want Lana to do. How this affects our regional and chapter safety directors we don't know yet. We will update you as soon as we know.

The vote to have Safety Directors be an elective position has been approved, so in June you will elect a Safety Director for your Chapter.

As for the MSAP Program, there's nothing new to report, due to the Holidays. Once the New Year begins we will be kicking into high gear.

Remember to ride safe and have a Happy New Year.



Dear Friends,

Here it is! Please, put this on your new 2009 calendar and pass it on. This year, we have a local biker family who really needs our help and encouragement. Every penny of your donated registration fee will be given to them.

We will have the Slow Race Championship of the Universe for male and female divisions, with runner-up trophies for both. Former and current Slow Race Champions will be there to entertain and challenge you. We will also have open class bike judging for the top three entries. A couple of trike games are also planned. All for a donation of only \$5.00 per person... A variety of excellent foods will be available for purchase (at very reasonable prices) on site, from Ken at Mixer's Grille.

A great time for all...Many blessings,

Tom, Kathy, and all Messiah's Messengers [239-267-8641](tel:239-267-8641)

Products

We have '07 Legendary T's for \$3, 08 Legendary T's for \$5. . We got plenty of T's for \$12 and long sleeve T's for \$15. One chapter cooler left for \$30.

Advertising

Thank you for the leads. We have new advertiser, Time 2 Fly half page.

We have these advertisers that need to renew in January:

The Surf Club, Estero 41 Storage, CheeburgerCheeburger, Wicked Wings & Things,
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Beef O Brady's, Sew What, Ray Lepar Printing, Hurricane Cycle, Custom Grooming,
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Women Ride too

In February:

San Carlos Country Club & Peters Sports Bar

Michelle will have invoices sent out to these people, but if you are there and can remind them personally, That would be great. If they pay you just call me or Michelle. They can send a check to our address also. If they tell you they don't want to renew, please let one of us know that too.

We are always looking for leads, but if you are somewhere that you think would make a good advertiser, get there info and or money, who knows there may be another advertising contest soon and January will count. This Newsletter cost a lot, even with the volunteer time, the expense of

printing and postage is astronomical. The advertisers help pay for that. If you don't want to get advertisers, how about becoming a Newsletter Partner. See Michelle's report for that info.

Thank you all for your Support. Now people let's go support them and remember to save your receipts and turn them in for next drawing in March.

Lynn Dillard

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OBAMA TO NAME TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY

Reports have begun to surface in the media that President-elect Barack Obama will give the nod to Republican Ray LaHood to head the United States Department of Transportation. Although no official word has come from the Obama transition team or from the LaHood camp, speculators believe that a formal announcement will come forth in the coming days.

Ray LaHood, a seven term member of the United State House of Representatives from Peoria, IL has always been a strong supporter of ABATE of Illinois and has been named a MRF Champion of Motorcyclists' Rights & Safety in the past.

After being elected to Congress in 1994, LaHood earned a well respected reputation for his stern style and his centrist voting record. Last summer, the veteran Congressman announced that he would not seek re-election and retire at the end of the 110th United States Congress.

By appointing LaHood as Transportation Secretary, Obama will fulfill his pledge to form a bi-partisan cabinet. Precedent for naming a member of the opposite party as the Secretary of Transportation was set in 2000 when George W. Bush appointed Democrat Norm Mineta to the post.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation will keep you informed on the LaHood nomination process as more details come forward

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The American Cancer Society and Estero River Relay for LIFE

Hi everyone,

As some of you may know, Estero River Chapter is doing the "Relay for Life" in Bonita Springs, on Friday, May 1st, 2009. We are doing a lap around the track at the opening ceremonies. We need volunteers to ride. We are going to meet at the Riverside Park in Bonita Springs, and ride to the YMCA, and then do a lap. I also need volunteers to walk. It is an all night event and walking is in 1 hour intervals. You can get a sponsor for your walk if you want.

I also need anyone who offered to be on the team to register online at the site. Click on the link below and find Estero River Riders on the right side of the page. You can also donate here. Please contact me with any questions. There will be more at the meeting in January. Also, if you are a survivor or caregiver, please register online or call me. You can walk, ride, be a survivor or caregiver or all the above. If you are interested in being on the team, call me. Please help in any way you can Michelle

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Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

Resolution or Repentance ? No. 2

It's that time of year, again. Right?

A few years ago, we wrote you about receiving an email from a person who said that they were going to change some things for the New Year. We usually call the resolve to change things, **resolutions**. The online Encarta Dictionary includes the following definitions within its description: ***a firm decision to do something; firmness of mind or purpose or, an answer to a problem.*** With resolutions, we usually want to correct something that is wrong, not good for us, or make an improvement in our lives or situation.

The problem with a resolution is found within its definition, "to do something." It basically implies it is something that will be done in the future. If you plan to do something in the future then, some of that "firmness of mind or purpose" can easily be worn off by the time that you had planned to take action. Then, sometimes for the very few that ever act on a resolution, they find that alleged, "answer to a problem" may not really solve the problem or they just go back to their old ways.

So, this New Year, may we suggest **repentance**?

To us, repentance is something that comes deeper from the heart than a resolution. The meaning of repentance is to have a change of mind or a change of purpose (this sounds a little like a ***resolution***). In order to begin the process, we are told in Psalms 51:3, that before God, we must acknowledge our transgressions. We must acknowledge that these transgressions have been against God. In 2 Corinthians 7:9 and 10, we are told that we must have a godly sorrow for sin. In Luke 18:13, Jesus gives us a picture of the publican and repentance, ***"But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'"***

John the Baptist was a forerunner of Jesus. If he was here today, we could definitely call him a **Messiah's Messenger!** He came to prepare the nation of Israel for their Messiah. In Matthew 3:1 and 2, ***"In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea (while possibly standing on top of his dirt bike/trike) and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.'"*** As it was then, it is still necessary today that in order to make some lifesaving changes, one must repent. In Acts 11:18; the scriptures tell us that repentance itself is a **gift** of God. Today, God is offering that gift to you, so that you can have repentance unto everlasting life. There are too many in this world that say, "I can live my life for self and the world and then, I can repent and turn to God when I decide." The problem with that is you could get so deep into sin that you may think you're not able to get out. And, the devil tricks you into saying to yourself that it's too late. Of course, one of the obvious problems that I'm sure everyone reading this will agree upon; there is no guarantee that when you get on your motorcycle or get in your car to go places today, that you will make it alive. Jesus could return at any moment. There is no guarantee that you will be alive two minutes from now. With every minute that passes by, you are one minute closer to eternity. The Lord could come back for **you**. At that point, the only thing that will make a difference as to how you will spend eternity (and eternity means ***forever***) is if you had accepted the gift that God has offered. 2 Peter 3: 9 says, ***"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."***

A resolution cannot offer you a change that will help you into eternity. However, **repentance** offers an inner change that can help you now and usher you into eternity to be with our Heavenly Father. If you wish to repent and accept what God has for you, will you repeat this prayer? Repentance is **now**, not like a resolution that will be acted upon in the future. If you pray for this, you will have made a total commitment to God. He does not promise that all bad situations in your life will instantly change. Some things may change, at once, with your change of heart, with God living within you. Other things may take time. But, isn't it better to have God with you to face things, rather than to have to face things alone? He wants to partner with you. He wants to be at the center of your life. Now, invite Him in.

Please pray this prayer: **"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. 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."**

If you have prayed this prayer and it came from the heart, then we can truly say, HAPPY NEW YEAR and a HAPPY NEW LIFE! For 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,

Tom (Estero River and Southwest ABATE Life Member and SW Chapter Chaplain) and Kathy (SW ABATE Life Member)- www.messiahsmessengers.org – tprovenz@comcast.net - 239-267-8641

PS. The next Biker Bible Café is set for February 6th, 7:45 PM in our home. Be there!

Please Read

Please take some time and fill out the application on the back cover, it's the first of the year and I would like to update the database. Some of you moved and though I have your address an update is helpful should I need to go back into hard copies. If you know some one who is not getting any mail or email that they should be, have them send in an update. You can send it in to me at PO Box 366760, Bonita Springs FL 34136-6760, fax it to 239-948-6782, email it to erjournal@embargmail.com or bring it to me at a meeting or event. I also will be passing them out at the meeting, so you can do it there to. I ask for your birthday for the calendar and the newsletter.

Please include your anniversary if you would like that. Even if I have your info, please fill out all. Again a hard copy is needed for future membership trustees.

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A card was sent to Cindi Crowley, we all love you and are praying for you.

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I want to personally thank Santa and his Elf, also known as Randy and his daughter Heather, who made their way to my house to make a few more kids happy this past weekend. It really meant alot to the kids, and me too!! THANK-YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!But, also I want to thank everyone else who rode with Santa and his Elf and for making this happen, THANK-YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!I hope that everyone has a nice Christmas and Happy New Year!!PLEASE.....Be safe!!!

Everybody have a nice day and keep smiling, it will make you feel good!....

Cindy Fowler



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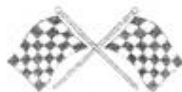


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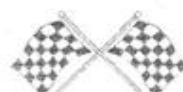
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Biker Bible Café

February 6th - Friday evening - 7:45 PM

- *Starts promptly at 7:45PM — Ends in one hour or less — we promise!*
- *A short and open discussion from the Bible w/illustration(s) related to motorcycling*
- *Prayer for your specific physical, emotional, and spiritual needs*
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- *Informal setting – all colors/patches welcome*
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As your constituent, I look forward to working with you and wish success as you take on these important responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Your Name

In lieu of no Legislative reports I have taken this letter, the page to the left and the picture of the future motorcycle from the legislative info section of our State web site.

Carbon Copy Your Correspondence

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Thanks to Russ/Forest Chapter for good reminder on an important tip...

Get more bang from your buck when you are communicating with committee members who are not your elected officials.

At the end of your letter, cc your Florida (Tallahassee) House Rep and your Senator and send them each a copy of the letter.

You want your elected officials to always know how you feel because they are there to represent YOU.

As members of a grassroots legislative organization, this is what we do not take for granted. We know our officials cannot represent US unless WE tell them how we feel.

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.....and you never know when your elected official might see you're your letter that as cc'd on the same day they have lunch or are in another meeting with the actual committee member

The same thing could apply on the federal level if you are communicating with committee members, other agencies of officials – i.e. copy your US Senator and your US House member

-----Original Message-----

From: Russell Fascenda

Sent: Saturday, March 15, 2008 8:26 AM

.....Usually if I do a letter or e-mail writing to legislators from other districts, I'll copy my own representative, just like I copied to you since I mention ABATE in the message.

-R-

Thank you Russ, for sharing this. It is great idea. I copied this from the state website. If you haven't been there yet go there and click on Legislative info. It is great and you might just learn something.



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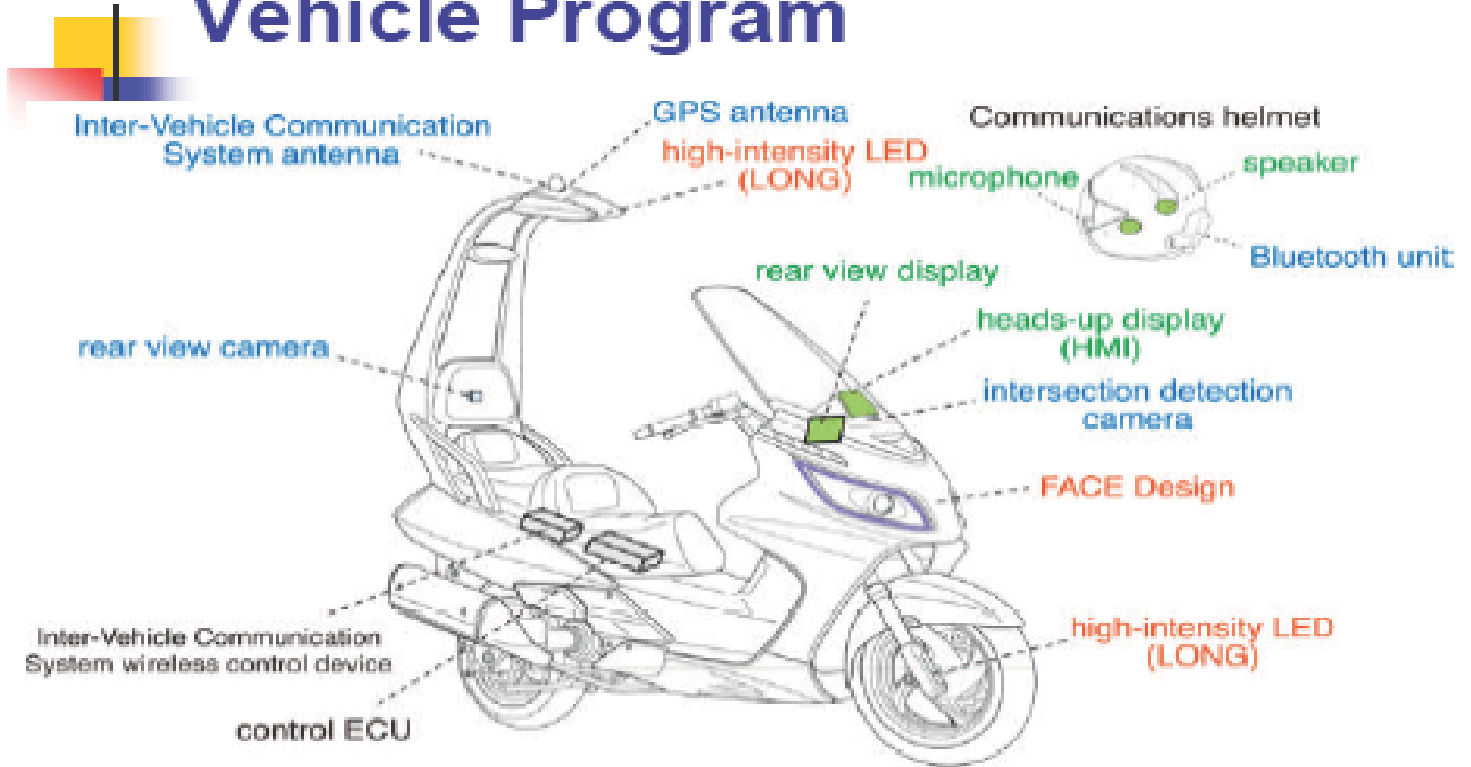
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You have the Right to choose your elected officials no matter what anyone else says. It is your right to mark your ballot as you see fit. You are guaranteed the right to question your government and to take action if deemed necessary. In the Declaration of Independence you are guaranteed the right of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness". Do not take these rights lightly, many people have died to protect these rights and it is time for all of us to stand up and show they have not died in vain. If you need convincing go to Arlington National Cemetery and see the graves of our fallen heroes, go to the War Memorials and finally stand in front of the United States Capitol Building where all the members of the legislative branches meet and swear you will fight to protect your rights and the rights of our Brothers and Sisters and not let our fallen heroes down because they gave the ultimate sacrifice. If we don't protect these rights they will disappear into a mist lost forever with no footnote in history

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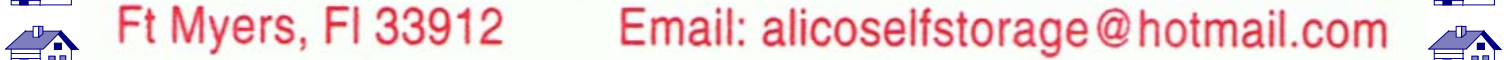
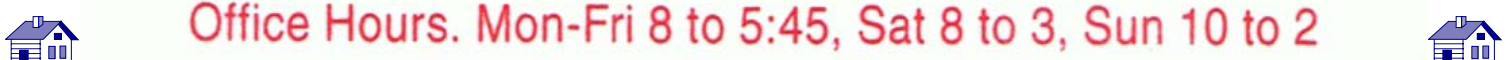
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January 2009

News & Notes is a monthly publication compiled and edited by the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) Government Relations Department. Designed to inform motorcyclists of 'rights'-related issues and events around the world, News and Notes welcomes your input. Suggestions and contributions can be sent to Sheila Andrews, AMA Legislative Assistant, by e-mail at sandrews@ama-cycle.org.

The AMA is proud to announce Stan Simpson as the 2008 AMA Motorcyclist of the Year. Simpson, who is the current AMA Board of Directors Chairman, was honored with the inaugural AMA Motorcyclist of the Year distinction in conjunction with the quarterly meeting of the AMA Board of Directors in Irvine, California in December.

The AMA Motorcyclist of the Year is the person who has had the most profound impact on motorcycling in a single calendar year. Under Simpson's leadership, many of the AMA's professional racing properties were sold to an organization capable of elevating the sport, the menu of member benefits was expanded, the American Motorcyclist magazine was redesigned, the Association's Government Relations Department was expanded and the AMA's fiscal house was put in order. Visit <http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/2008/StanSimpsonNominated.asp> for the complete announcement.

AMA protests possible 100 percent tariffs on certain European motorcycles. The AMA recently announced that it has written to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative opposing a plan that could double the cost of some on- and off-road European motorcycles imported into the United States. To read the full text of the letter the AMA submitted to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, go to <http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/2008/amatariffight.asp>.

A recently released U.S. Forest Service study shows that fewer Americans are using their National Forests as a venue for recreation. Forest Service officials seemed surprised by this news and uncertain as to why this is the case. The statistics are indeed troubling.

The Forest Service began conducting the National Visitor Use Monitoring (NVUM) program in 2000. The statistically rigorous surveys of visitation levels use a five-year rotation schedule. The NVUM program found 204.8 million visitors annually in the period 2000-2003 and 178.6 million for 2003-2007, a decline of 13 percent. When compared to the ever-increasing U.S. population, the proportion of Americans visiting our national forests is falling even faster.

Every national forest is slated to collect visitor use information again from October 2004 through September 2009. The entire survey can be accessed at http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/nvum/nvum_national_summary_fy2007.pdf.

Johnson Valley, CA - The Department of the Navy is in the initial stages of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for acquisition of lands contiguous to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California. This EIS will consider a range of reasonable alternatives for the proposed action sufficient to meet Marine Expeditionary Brigade training requirements.

For more information visit <http://www.29palms.usmc.mil/> (click on land acquisition study). Written comments may be submitted to: 29Palms Training Land/Airspace Acquisition Project, MAGTFTC, MCAGCC, Bldg. 1554, Box 788104, Twentynine Palms, CA 92278-8104 or via e-mail to SMBPLMSWEB-PAO@usmc.mil. Comments must be received by Jan 31, 2009 for consideration in the Draft EIS.

Eagle, ID - The Eagle police department has decided to test electric scooters on a trial basis. The department recently took possession of one scooter and the mayor will be using another. They are on loan from High Desert Harley-Davidson which hopes to raise public awareness and promote the use of these vehicles. The scooters have a 35-55 mile range on a single charge and use a standard 110/220-volt power outlet.

Source: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/165/story/592711.html>

Myrtle Beach, SC - Although a request for an immediate injunction against the city's recently-enacted helmet and noise ordinances has failed a local couple's lawsuit will be allowed to proceed. The state's current helmet law allows anyone 21 years of age or older to choose whether to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle, while the city law requires anyone riding within city limits to wear a helmet. In a related matter, a new city law requiring an EPA label on exhaust systems is said to be in conflict with the state law and therefore may be unconstitutional.

Source: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/story/695402.html>

Austin, TX - The Texas Department of Transportation has launched a new web site that provides an opportunity for motorcyclists to notify department officials of a road hazard. The web site also lists the response that the motorcyclist should expect from such a notification. To visit, go to <http://www.txdot.gov/>; click on "Safety", then "Traffic Safety Tips", then "Motorcycles".

The Tahoe National Forest is currently proposing the closure of over 2,400 miles of existing forest roads & trails, which are vital for recreation as well as access for management to promote forest health. These trails lead to vistas, scenic byways, secluded lakes, creeks and primitive camping. None of these trails have been proven to affect water quality, habitats, or plants.

This campaign is supported by Save The Trails, Friends of Forest Hills OHV Trails, Friends of Tahoe Forest Access, Nevada County Woods Riders, Friends of the High Lakes, The Rubicon Trail Foundation, California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA), the California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (Cal4WD) and others. Visit their letter generator at <http://www.savethetrails.us/Default.aspx?PetitionID=22> to make your voice heard.

Five new miles of single-track trails have just been opened on the Buffalo Mountain Trail System, with another 15 miles slated for completion by the end of the year. These additions bring the total trail mileage of Buffalo Mountain to more than 70 miles. It also means that Buffalo Mountain now has the most single-track trail mileage in the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System. The trail system also played host to the first annual Fisher's ATV Reunion.

Canada - Motorcyclists across Canada are outraged to learn of Private Members Bill 117 that would amend the Ontario Highway Traffic Act to make it illegal for anyone to operate a motorcycle with a passenger who is under 14 years of age. The bill was introduced by Helena Jaczek, a Member of the Provincial Parliament (MPP), who feels that there is enough risk to merit such a law, but others disagree.

The Canada Safety Council, a national, charitable organization that promotes safety in all areas of Canadian life, and sponsors more motorcycle rider training than any other Canadian organization, says that there is simply no information to warrant such a ban. Go to <http://www.motorcycling.ca/> for more information on this proposal.

Brussels - ACEM (Association des Constructeurs Européens de Motocycles), the motorcycle industry in Europe, recently presented its strategy to shape the future of motorcycling. On the occasion of its 5th Annual Conference, ACEM outlined an extensive set of measures ensuring that the motorcycles and scooters of tomorrow will be both cleaner and safer.

The European motorcycle and moped market has been growing constantly over the last six years, mainly pushed by an increased mobility demand in European cities. In spite of the looming economic recession, which is expected to also affect the motorcycle and scooter market, ACEM members believe the time is right to commit to new environmental objectives, to maximize the market opportunities and further promoting the motorcycle with authorities as a mobility alternative, in particular in the urban context.

A new organization has been formed by the major manufacturers and distributors of recreational off-highway vehicles (ROVs) to promote their safe and responsible use. The Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) received American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accreditation on November 3, 2008 to develop a standard for the equipment, configuration and performance requirements of ROVs. In addition, ROHVA has published Safety Rules for these increasingly popular off-highway vehicles.

An ROV, sometimes broadly referred to as a “side-by-side” or “Utility Type Vehicle” (UTV), is a motorized off-highway vehicle designed to travel on four or more non-highway tires, with a steering wheel, non-straddle seating, seat belts, an occupant protective structure, and engine displacement up to 1,000cc.

For further details visit www.rohva.org.

O. L. “Leff” Moore has been posthumously awarded the 2008 Hulet Hornbeck Award by American Trails. Mr. Moore was the “father” of the Hatfield-McCoy Recreation Area. He was the co-organizer and energizer of the original development effort. No one has contributed more to the realization of the Hatfield-McCoy Recreation Area than Mr. Moore, who passed away in the spring of 2004.

The Hatfield-McCoy Trail System is a developing 2,000-mile motorized trail system (500+ miles presently developed) in southern West Virginia that generates more than 100,000 user days a year (as of 2007) and over \$800,000 in permit fees. Through the creation of an extensive public-private partnership, the public trails are located on the vast tracts of corporate-owned land in the nine-county project area. The trails are professionally designed and managed to provide a unique experience for off-highway motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle riders. In addition, equestrians, mountain bicyclists, hikers, and other trail users have also utilized the trail system. The Hatfield-McCoy Trail System has put southern West Virginia on the map as a highly desirable tourism destination, boosting the region's economy. The total economic impact of the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System in 2005 was an increase in output of \$7,776,116, an increase in income of \$2,789,036 and the generation of 146 new jobs.

Mr. Moore was a native West Virginian born in Putnam County. He was a graduate of Winfield High School and attended West Virginia State College. He was a well-respected advocate for the recreational vehicle industry and the safe operation of recreational vehicles, most notably ATV's, representing local, state and national interests in his role as executive director of the West Virginia Recreational Vehicle Association.

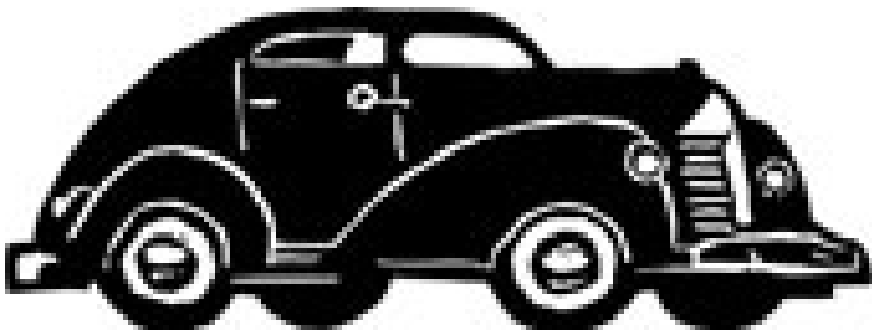
Chris McNeil, the statewide Trails Safety and Education Coordinator for the Wyoming State Trails Program, has been recognized as the 2008 State of the Art Technology Award winner by American Trails at their recent National Trails Symposium held in Little Rock, Arkansas.

McNeil received this award for his ATV Safety Simulator. The device hydraulically simulates angular movements of an ATV traveling uphill, downhill, transverse hills left and right, cornering, or a combination of movements, and has proven to be a popular tool with new riders. Along with riding skills, all elements of pre-riding safety (proper safety gear, weight vs. machine size, fit, hazards of riding double, etc.) are emphasized. Land use ethics training is also a big part of the materials presented. For the full press release, visit <http://www.AmericanTrails.org/>.

The 18th annual Ride to Work Day has been moved to June 15, 2009, the third Monday of the month. The Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) has endorsed this day, and is promoting the 'Third Monday in June' worldwide as the annual Ride to Work Day. For questions and further information, please visit <http://www.ridetowork.org>.

The AMA invites nominations for the prestigious AMA Road Rider of the Year award for 2008. The award embodies the spirit of AMA Road Riding through involvement in AMA clubs, leadership in road riding activities, community involvement, protecting motorcyclists' rights and supporting the Association as a whole. Nominations will be accepted through January 31, 2009. Nominees who may have been considered previously for this award are still eligible; however, they must be resubmitted each year. For more information, visit the AMA's website at www.amadirectlink.com or e-mail dhembroff@ama-cycle.org.

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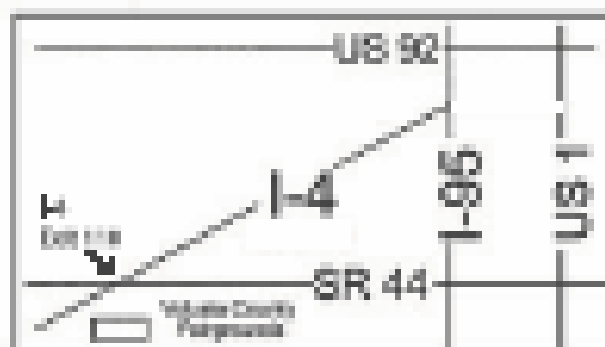
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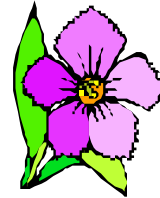
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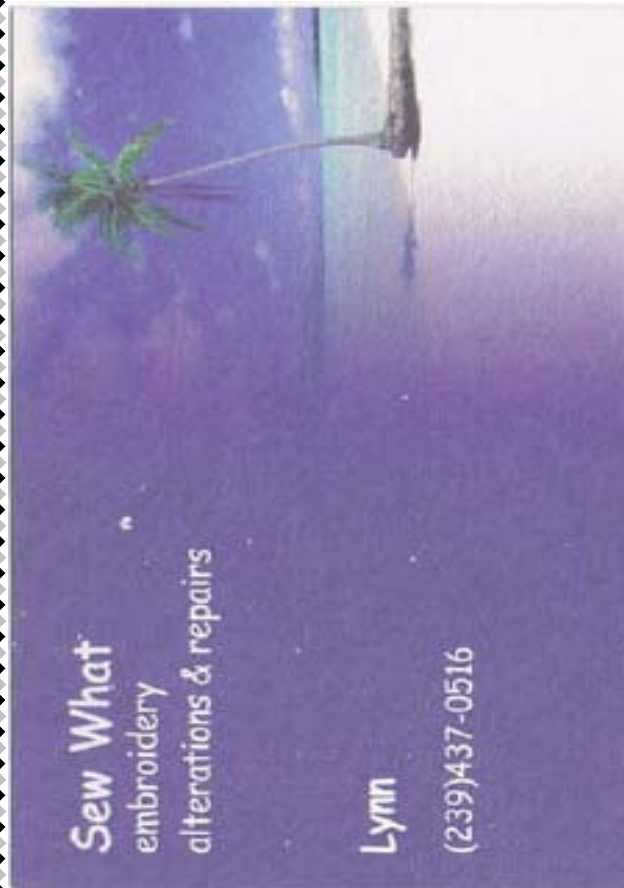


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I am also working on a plan for an advertising contest. More details next month, but if you bring me one before its official I will count it. Heck why not 2 or 3?

Renewals count. Even though we will take leads, they don't count. The idea is to save Lynn and me time. So you have to get em signed up and bring one of us the money or check. I have extra applications, just ask. You can also use the one on page 24.

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I also have it from a good source that our State President reads our newsletter and he likes it. Where else could he learn that Tammy was State President too, if only for a month? Thank you Doc for your kind words.

Don't forget about the Yard Sale on the 10th and the Armchair Quarterback on the 17th. Guess who

I am rooting for? I'll give ya 3 guesses! We are also going to the Church Crash after the meeting. Who will take the trophy this year? They are also helping out a local family in need. I know sometimes it seems like there is a lot of donations needed, but all we ask is you help when and if you can, even if its your time, which we know, is very valuable. I believe I speak for the whole board when I say We appreciate it.

Michelle Beaken



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Membership Drive Update 2009

members since this contest started 11

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Randy Gettinger-1, Rowan Thompson-4, Wayne Thompson-4, Dean Hinderman-1, Leon T Young-1,
Leonard A Audette-1, James Schworer-1, Dave King-1, Frank Trippany-1, Stanley Rigby-1
and Michael Fagin-1

**If you renewed early, your name will still appear italicized and underlined under expirations until your
renewal month, but rest assured you are renewed*

11 DECEMBER LIFE ANNIVERSARIES

Ruth Cleghorn-6, Lynn Dillard-5, Steve Dillard-5, John Omer Audette-3, Lee Fitzsimmons-5,
Ron Wiseman-6, Cherie Wolfe-6, Curtis Wolfe, Jr.-6, Heather "Five" Twilley-6, Tim Twilley-6
and Milton Knowlton-6

1 RECRUITER PIN

Mike "Moochie" Shaffer

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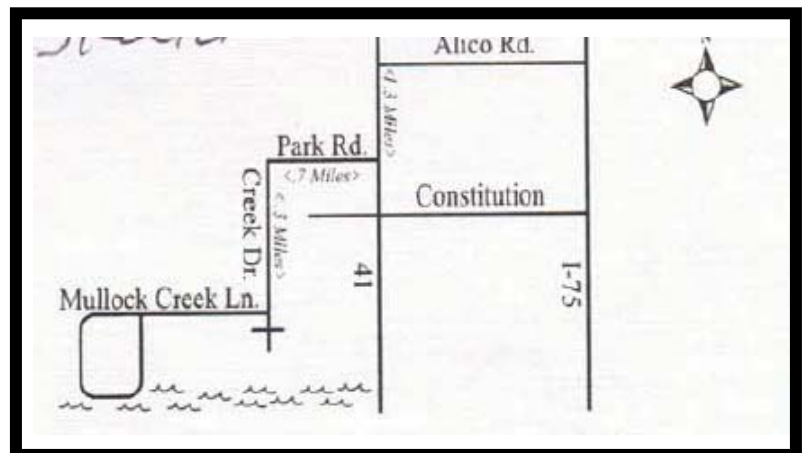
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HOW DID YOU HERE ABOUT OUR CHAPTER?: _____

IF YOU ARE ALSO A MEMBER OF ANOTHER ABATE OF FLORIDA CHAPTER, PLEASE
DECLARE YOUR HOME CHAPER HERE: _____

WILL OCCASIONALLY SERVE AS A CHAPTER VOLUNTEER?: _____

WHAT SPECIAL ABILITIES OR INTERESTS CAN YOU SHARE WITH YOUR CHAPTER?

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?: _____ House _____ Senate _____ Congress _____
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