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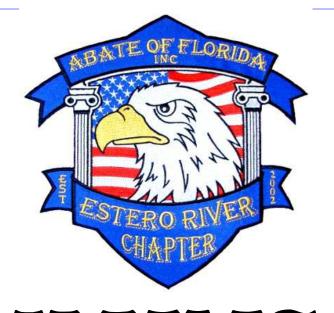
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ABATE of Florida, Inc ~ Estero River Chapter

#### WHAT WE DO



## WE ARE

#### **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 motorcycle safety, legislation affecting 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 motorcycle ists rights

\*\* To promote voter registration, to educate and motivate members to become active in the legislative process

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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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Hugh Galyon	Open trailer	Ft Myers/Naples	239-253-2447
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Officer Reports - Monday following Chapter meetings.
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#### First Our State President

Since the last Masterlink Abate has been very busy. We've had Bike Week, April State Meeting and the run to the Capitol. I want to thank everyone who participated in these events. I know it takes time out of your lives to support your rights but it's worth it. If you have been reading or listening to the news lately you know that now not only Bikers but our Veterans are under fire. It is a sad case when the government you have fought and shed blood for decides you are a right wing extremist because you don't agree with their policies.

The run to the Capitol was an absolute success despite being on Easter weekend. Our members saw legislators and their aides in a show of support that will go a long way in getting some new laws passed and old ones either removed or revamped. I want to let everyone know that we do not put anyone's name on bills that we do. So many people have died by being struck by driver's not paying attention that we do not martyr one; we fight for all we have lost. When we go to the Capitol we are fighting for everyone's rights no matter how pathetic another group may be. To see out people have information and know what they are talking about goes a long way in getting things done. Abate has learned the system and how it works, but you will still have the ill informed and hear them make ridiculous statements in the Capitol. The lawmakers know us and we have their ear so we will still fight for everyone in the state of Florida no matter what. We still have bills alive in the legislature and with time running out we think some of them will still get heard. I want to thank "Mudder" and Sharon for their donation of the bell to ring for our departed members. It is nice to see someone really care about the ceremony and not about them selves. This is the devotion of two real members and Bikers; they are true Americans and Floridians at heart and understand the American way.

This summer will be long and hot and everyone must keep on their toes and watch out for people driving irresponsibly. You do not want to become a statistic. With Abate of Florida, Inc.'s Safety program in full force we can say we have had at least some small part in the deaths not increasing in this state. You have all worked hard to help bring these deaths and accidents statistics down and the legislature knows it. We need more people to take positions of Assistant Safety Director, people who believe in saving the lives of motorcyclists. The concept is to save lives not have a position for the title, you must care about the people that is what the program is all about.

The next state meeting will be in June hosted by Lake County and I hope you can all attend.

Until then Ride Safe and Free!!!



ABATE of Florida, Inc ~ Estero River Chapter

Greeting Brothers and Sisters,

I want to start off by thanking everyone who helped out, attended, sponsored, and or donated to the Legendary Party. It was a huge success and we could not have done it without each and every one of you. As with any large event it did not go without it share of drama but we move on and learn from each thing that did not go right and that will make next year's event even better and bigger. If you missed the party you missed some of the best music and games ever. I want to congratulate of newest member Brandon for taking the overall bike game trophy. He and his fiancé Karrisa kicked everyone's butts with their style of riding that won all the games except for the slow race which went to B who not only was riding my bike but he had to beat Kevin twice in the finals. Congrats to all of you.

Tallahassee Freedom Rights Rally weekend was a terrific time. There were not many of us from Estero River this year but I want to thank Al Trone and Rowan and Wayne for being there. I also want to thank Gator Alley and Tom Hoffman for the company and friendship shared while up there. As always the Rally and the ride to the capital were the highlights of the weekend. Please try and make it next year. You will not regret it.

It has not been an easy month for this organization. WE have lost two very incredible men and members. Gary Price was a founding member of Estero River along with being the past owner of The San Carlos Country Club. He was always there for our chapter with anything as well as for us each individually. He helped out so many people over the years and he truly will be missed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our sister chapter Gator Alley and to Sue Nickerson for the e lose of our dear brother Curt. He fought a hard and courageous battle against brain cancer and unfortunely he lost that battle on April 25<sup>th</sup> at home surrounded by his family. Both of you will be forever in our hearts. Keep us safe while you are our angles on the road.

Don't forget May is Motorcycle Awareness month so do something to promote this. Pass out a bumper sticker, tell a friend to watch out for a biker, join up a new member, whatever just do something to celebrate this and promote it.

Well that's all I got this month except for we are in the election process and we really need people to step up and run for a position on the BOD.

Till next time, RIDE SAFE

RIDE FREE

RIDE HAPPY

Tammy Brickley

Hi everyone

May is here going to get hot. First thing I'd like to thank the City of Bonita Springs for making May Motorcycle awareness month makes me proud to live in Bonita Springs. Couple of things Gator Alleys Mash Bash on May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> also Peace Rivers Run a Muck May 15<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> if you get a chance go out and support the other chapters in our area.

So many things happening to list if you can go to Abate of Florida's Website and go to chapters and check out what they are doing while you are there check out the States Legislative page lots of things happing in the Capital. In addition our Newsletter has all the events and thing happing in our area.

Don't forget Motorcycle Safety and Motorcycle awareness is our main goal. I'm not going to run for Vice President this year I need to take some time off. I'd like to thank everyone who supported me it was great working with a group so dedicated to motorcycle safety and our motorcycle rights.



#### SO KEEP YOUR HAIR IN THE AIR "MOOCH"



Shift your eyes to see the results of the first round of elections. If you are interested in one of the positions, please step up. Have someone nominate you if you don't want to nominate yourself. If you are not interested in one of those positions, we have a few appointed positions, they are:

Assistant Sergeant at Arms
Assistant Quartermaster
Historian
Advertising Director
Sunshine Person
Webmaster

Please contact Tammy to volunteer, She will appoint these positions ALL positions are needed to make this chapter run. Two thing I would like to see, 1– a real election for every position, 2– Every position filled

#### ROUND 1 NOMINATIONS

POSITION	NOMINEE	STATUS
PRESIDENT	Tammy Brickley Michael Shaffer	Accepted Declined
VICE PRESIDENT	Ed Fowler Michael Shaffer	Undecided Undecided
SECRETARY	Jerilyn Walker	Accepted
TREASURER	Sheila Bear	Accepted
SERGEANT AT ARMS	Kurt Bear Harold Hoffman Ed Fowler Teddy Simmons Sandy Lawton Karl Bartling	Declined Declined Declined Undecided Declined Accepted
SPECIAL EVENTS	Renee Kunkel	Undecided
PR/COMMUNICATIONS	Melody Simmons Leona Rendziniak Pam Cooke	Undecided Declined Undecided
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Michelle Beaken	Undecided/Accept
MEMBERSHIP	Michelle Beaken	Undecided/Accept
LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE	Ana Amaro	Accepted
STATE DELEGATE (2)	Larry Peterson Kinsey Winstead	Accepted Accepted
ALERNATE STATE DELEGATE (2)	Michael Shaffer Lee Fitzsimmons	Undecided Undecided
SAFETY DIRECTOR	Tammy Brickley Teddy Simmons	Accepted Undecided
PRODUCTS	Lynn Dillard Shelly Ries	Accepted Declined
QUARTERMASTER	John Ries Sandy Lawton Dave Rimes	Undecided Undecided Accept

This is also your absentee ballot. If you can not make the meetings please circle your choice or write one in and send it to

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PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PUT ELECTIONS CHAIR ONLY ON THE ENVELOPE!

#### CHAPTER MINUTES

#### ABATE MOF FLORIDA, INC. ESTERO RIVER CHAPTER CHAPTER MEETING

Date: 4/26/09 Called to Order @ 10:08a.m. Location: S.C.C.C.

President: Tammy Brickley
1. New Secretary: Passed

Legendary Discussion: Thank You to everyone best ever.

Vice President: Robert Shaffer "Moochie"

1. New Members

Secretary: Jerilyn Walker

1. Motion to except the minutes as printed in newsletter. 1st Bobby Jackson 2nd Neck

Treasurer: Sheila Bear

Motion to except Treasures report: Great report 1st Bobby Jackson 2nd NECK

Sgt. @ Arms: Kurt Bear

1.Thank You

Quartermaster: John Reis

1. Fun moving on

State Delegates: Larry Peterson "redneck" & Kinsey Winstead "neck"

1. Tallahassee: See Larry's Report

Alternate State Delegates: Ed Fowler & Lee Fitzsimmons

1.

PR Communications: Open

1.

Legislative Representative: Ana Amaro "Cha Cha"

Reported see report

Safety Director: Robyn Hall "Alaska

1. Bonita Proclamation: Passed

**May Motor Cycle Month** 

**Advertising: Lynn Dillard** 

Two new advertisers this month

**Products: Lynn Dillard** 

1. Sold all 3dallor t-shirts

**Great job at Legendary** 

Newsletter Editor: Michelle Beaken absent

Membership: Michelle Beaken Absent

Webmaster: Robert Shaffer "Moochie"

**Special Events: Renee Kunkel** 

1. Red White and Blue: On website

**Chapter Historian: Diane Trippany** 

1. Memorial Tent Outside

Sunshine Lady: Cindy Fowler- excused

1.Update: Cards sent to Gary's family, Ty, Teddy, Curt and Sue

**Legendary Party** 

**Committee for 2010** 

**Elections** 

1. First Round Nomination: See Kevin's Report

**Old Business:** 

1. 5 Star date change: July 18th

Yard Sale: May 9th Granny Lee's

**New Business:** 

1. Gary's Memorial

**Good of The Order:** 

1. Relay for Life: May 1st

2. Mash Bash:

3. Run a Muck: May 15th and 16th

#### CHAPTER MINUTES

**Next Board Meeting: 5/15/09 at Tammy's House** 

Next Chapter Meeting: 5/24/09 at 10:00a.m.

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Bobby Jackson 2nd Neck

50/50 T-Shirt

**Drew: Donated to Gary** 

Submitted by: Jerilyn Walker

#### STATE MINUTES

## ABATE Of FLORIDA, INC. DELEGATES MEETING April 12, 2009 State Office hosting at Tallahassee

Called to order at PM 2.25 pm

#### President's report: "Doc" Reichenbach

- 1. Thanked the board members for taking care of things in his absents.
- 2. Guest: Jesse Medugal from Georgia donate a license plate, "USS FLORIDA"
- 3. Guest: Boston Bob, State Coordinator for Abate of Tennessee

#### Vice President's Report: Doc Fish

- 1. Thanked everyone for coming
- 2. Please take the time to teach people in chap. what the we do

#### Secretary's Report: Bob Alexander

- 1. Please get flyers in early, put on app. how and where you want notification sent
- 2. No corrections submitted for min.

#### Treasurer's Report: Patti Nasrallah

- 1. Treasurer's report. Accepted
- 2. Had surgery, doing good

#### Seargeant-at-Arms Report: Mudder

- 1. Thanked all volunteers that helped at bike week
- 2. Thanked Independence chapter for tear down and clean up.

#### State Office: No One Yet

- 1. Boot's Relapsed
- 2. Darrin Brooks (Gator Alley Ch.) voted in as State Legislative Rep.

#### Membership Report: Val Loper

- 1. Membership update, membership and voters down
- 2. Awards presented to Treasure Coast, First Coast and Seminole for % growth-mem.
- 3. Life cards distributed

#### Masterlink Report: Bob von Bulow

1. Please get flyers in early

#### PR/Communications: BG

- 1. E-mail BG advertizing 4 months prior to event
- 2. Advise of chapter events

#### **Safety Director: Tom Nugent**

- 1. Distributed Inst. patches
- 2. Disappointed in response regarding Safety Awareness Proclamations (8.5 x11)
- 3. Turn in all safety events completed, when, where, how many sessions and number of attendees
- 4. Plan early, request safety products 2-3 months ahead of time
- 5. Please submit suggestions on how to spend future safety monies

#### **Products Trustee: Steve Knee**

1. Nothing new

#### **Legislative Report: Darrin Brooks**

1. Would like chapters to have stronger ties to Legislative Rep's

#### Lobbyist: Doc

- 1. HB 1161 & 968 where heard and passed to committee
- 2. Press release sent out for Tallahassee Freedom Rights Rally
- 3. HB 1043 and SB 2282 (has to do with counties charging individual for responding to an Accident!

#### **Legal Council: Larry Crow**

- 1. Still involved with a four year old lawsuit involving an accident on a ABATE sponsored ride
- 2. ABATE event Ins does not cover participants under 18. Parents can not sign away a child's rights

#### N.C.O.M.

- 1. Reno this Year
- 2. Next year (2010) will be held at Orlando Airport Marriot (mothers day weekend)

#### MRF & AMA

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#### State Party: 2009

1. Contract with campground signed. 2 bands and still need more venders

#### Bike Week: 2009

- 1. Did not sell over 1000 bike tickets. Challenged every member to buy one next year.
- 2. Thank chapters and individuals for the hours worked
- 3. Thanked to chapters for the most bike tickets sold

#### Tallahassee: 2009

1. Mudder donated a Bell in memory of his cousin

#### Old Business:

- 1. Life membership bylaw "failed to pass"
- 2. Supporting member bylaw "failed to pass", Doc would like other suggestion on how to bring in revenue for the state MASTERLINK letter.

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#### STATE MINUTES

#### **New Business:**

1. Tallahassee Freedom Right Rally

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- 1. Leesburg Bike Rally April 25-26
- 2. Mash Bash May 1-3
- 3. Run A Muck May 15-16
- 4. 5 Star Event Saturday July 18

Time of Adjournment: 7:40 pm

Next State Meeting June 13, Lake County
State board meeting 12pm, Delegates meeting 2pm

#### SAFETY

Hello all,

This month's report will be short and bittersweet...

Our Legendary Party was a great time and it was nice to see a lot of old friends I haven't seen in a while. Thanks to those of you who stopped by our Safety booth to say and look at what we had there.

We finally received our Proclamation from the Mayor of Bonita Springs. He signed our Proclamation to make the month of May "Motorcycle Safety Awareness" month. We have the Proclamation on display at the San Carlos Country Club Bar & Grill.

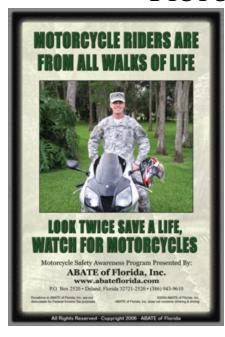
We presented Karl Bartling with his MSAP Instructors patch at our Membership meeting. Congratulations Karl!

And now for some unexpected news...

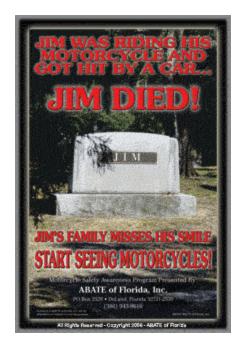
I will be stepping down as Safety Director after completing my term. This means we will need someone to step up to the plate and take over. If this sounds like something you would like to be part of, contact myself or Tammy for more information about what the job entails. It has been an honor serving as Estero River's Safety Director and I will continue to do so until the elections come about. Thanks so much.

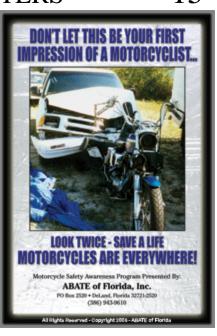
Robin "Alaska" Hall, Safety Director

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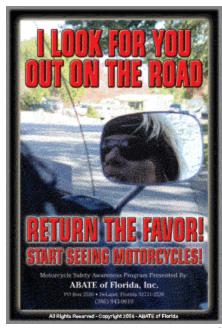


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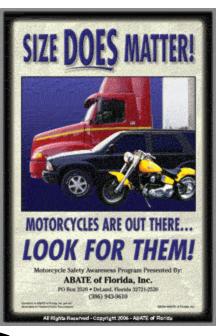




### Motorcycle Safety Awareness



## Month



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#### **OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY**

ABATE of Florida, Inc. and its' members have made a commitment to the motorcyclist of Florida to try and help make riding the roads of Florida less dangerous. For many years they have worked to make an impact by informing the non-riding public about motorcycle awareness and safe ways to share the road with motorcycles.

Members throughout the state are trained to become instructors in our MSAP program. They then visit schools, expos and other organizations spreading motorcycle awareness.

Abate of Florida, Inc. has held four workshops on Motorcycle Safety and has a fifth planned for May of 2008. At these seminars experts from all over the country speak on Motorcycle Safety. Presentations were given on Two Trauma 1st Responder, Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program, being properly insured, from the Eyes of the Law, and much more.

In 2006, ABATE of Florida, Inc., in cooperation with the Florida Department of Highways increased their efforts in motorcycle awareness with items such as billboards, public service announcements, posters, an additional Motorcycle Awareness video and various other items.

We work each year with the Governor to proclaim May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month.

With the increase of vehicles on our highways, motorcycle safety has become an even larger concern. Too many motorcyclists are being injured or killed due to the negligence of others.

Not only must we educate the non-riding public, we must educate the riding public about the laws of Florida and other states as well as federal laws so they can be safe when they ride. Safety begins the moment you get on a motorcycle or get behind the wheel of any four wheeled motor vehicle.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is working diligently to get the message, "WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES".

The following links are provided for those who desire more information concerning Motorcycle Safety and Awareness

Homepage of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation <a href="http://www.msf-usa.org/">http://www.msf-usa.org/</a>

Home Page of the National Association of Motorcycle Safety Administrators (SMSA) http://www.smsa.org/

Home Page of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration <a href="http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/">http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/</a>

Home Page of the Florida Department of Transportation <a href="http://www.dot.state.fl.us/">http://www.dot.state.fl.us/</a>

## **MSAP Program**

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a state-wide non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We promote motorcycle safety awareness, encourage continuing rider training and political awareness. We fund our work through motorcycle related activities. We are your neighbors and friends, who work, pay taxes, serve our country and vote. We believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. acknowledges the growth of motorcyclist of all ages riding in the State of Florida whether it is for economic reasons or pleasure. We are dedicated to teach our Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program in our efforts to reduce injuries and fatalities in our beautiful State of Florida. Our program is a 45 minute presentation including two videos to help everyone driving on Florida's roads become more aware of motorcyclists. Sharing the road with respect and knowledge is just one of many focuses we have pertaining to Motorcycle Safety.

Please look at the other pages under Cycle Safety to see our continuing efforts on promoting Motorcycle Safety and Awareness.

If you are planning on visiting or live in our beautiful State of Florida whether you choose to ride or drive here are some facts to keep in mind:

- Obey all traffic laws, signs & signals
- Constantly check and expect to see motorcycles
- Motorcycles are smaller than cars or trucks and it can be more difficult to judge their approaching speed
- Look, look, & look again at traffic intersections before you turn or pull out
- Allow a three second "Space Cushion" when following a motorcycle
- There are 7 to 9 blind spots in an average vehicle
- Give Motorcycles the same respect and courtesy that you want for yourself and other motorists

For Laws pertaining to riding a motorcycle in the State of Florida please visit www.hsmv.state.fl.us/handbooks/Motorcycles/intro.html.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. goal is 0 injuries and 0 fatalities for the State of Florida.

Plain and simple: WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. DOES NOT CONDONE DRINKING AND DRIVING OR RIDING



#### CHARLIE CRIST GOVERNOR

#### MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, motorcycles are increasingly used as a regular means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an energy-efficient vehicle that reduces fuel consumption, traffic and parking congestion; and

WHEREAS. the motorcycle is an important form of transportation for commuting, touring and recreation; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of safety, it is necessary to develop appropriate driving habits to handle these vehicles on Florida roadways; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month raises public awareness of proper safety procedures for sharing the road with motorcyclists;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2009 as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year two thousand nine.





#### **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, for the last 28 years, May has been proclaimed Motorcycle Awareness Month in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are increasingly used as a regular means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an energy-efficient vehicle that reduces fuel consumption, traffic and parking congestion; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of safety, it is necessary to develop appropriate driving habits to handle these vehicles on Florida roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month raises public awareness of proper safety procedures for sharing the road with motorcyclists;

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Ben L. Nelson, Jr., Mayor of the City of Bonita Springs, FL, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2009 as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*.



CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Ben L. Nelson, Jr., Mayor

Date

Single File - ann and index finger extended straight up

Stop - arm extended straight down, palm facing back





Turn Signal On - open and close hand with fingers and thumb extended





Speed Up - arm extended straight out, palm facing up





Hazard in Roadway - on the right, point with right foot; on the left, point with left hand





Refreshment Stop - fingers closed, thumb to mouth



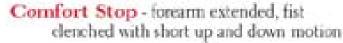
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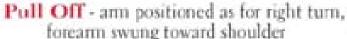






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A card was sent to Rick Morrow, his son died in a car crash. Our prayers are with you. A card was sent to Rebecca Nurse and her brother Anthony, their father passed away. I love you both and our prayers are with you both.

A card was sent to Ted Simmons who had pneumonia, hope you are feeling better. A card was sent to the family of Gary Price, who was the former owner of the San Carlos Country Club, a lot of us new him very well, he will be missed, our

prayers are with you all.

A card was sent to The Bear's, who have both been very sick, hope you both get better soon, You're just not the same Butthead!!!

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A card was sent to Patti Nasrallah, who had surgery, we hope all is well with you.

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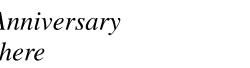
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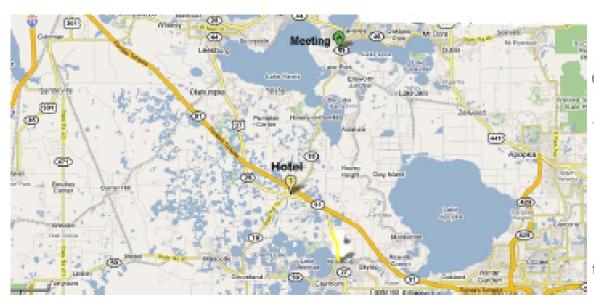


#### Lake County Chapter Is hosting the June State Meeting

June 12, 13, 14, 2009 \*\* Lake County FL State Board Meeting June 13th, Saturday \*\* starts at 12 noon Delegates Meeting at 2:00

LOCATION: University of FL Extension Office \*\* AG Center (map available at hotel)

1951 Woodlea Road, Tavares, FL 32778



State Meeting for June 2009. Lodging facilities in Clermont/Groveland near the 5 bound entrance of the FI. Tumpike off of Hwy 27, meeting in Tavares at the University of FL's Extension Office. Be sure to pick up info for other activities planned the front desk when you check in.

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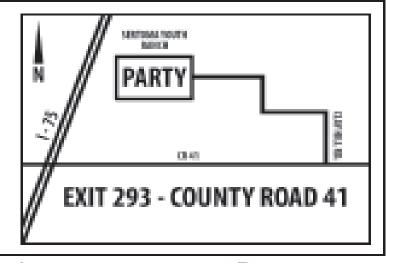
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- The YMCA Summer Camp served 1,055 children and provided \$35,808 in financial assistance for summer camp kids, representing 42% of the campers.
- In 2008, a total of 800 kids participated in youth sports. There were 896 practices, 336 games and over 110 volunteer coaches and referees.
- Drowning is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

We appreciate any and all the support we can get.

This is a very good thing for the most precious part of our Communities. The children. Call Sue for more information and all the Y has to offer.

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#### Messiah's Messengers

Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

What's in **Your** Pocket? Or What's in Your **Heart**?

A few weeks ago, a friend who is a member of a local motorcycle association came up to us and said, "You can always tell something about a person, when you see what's in their pockets." So, just to see what we had and to see if it related to what we could tell about each other, we emptied our pockets. The biker friend had some shinny stones and a cigarette lighter. Kathy had a comb, the directions for the run we were going on, and a cell phone. Tom had anointing oil and some emergency crisis guidelines with suggested prayer outlines.

We could only tell just a little about each other from the items presented. Or, could we? It is amazing the perceptions we have and the judgments we form when we only get glimpses of people without <u>really</u> knowing them. Could we assume our friend is a smoker? Or, does he use his lighter for some other function? What about the stones? We could only guess. As far as Kathy's comb; we know from experience she likes to look presentable and combs out the helmet hairdo whenever we stop. With the cell phone, she likes to stay in touch. Or, did she have her cell phone because she was on call for her job, that weekend?

We think you will agree that many times, looks and appearances are many times, deceiving. It is said that when we look at a person and hear them talk, we form our opinion of them within the first 20 seconds. Within that time, we don't see what's in their pockets. Just think of how many times we are looked at by cagers, while we are on the road on our motorcycles. What do they think or think they know about us, just because of appearances? How different would be their thinking if they saw <u>us</u> in a cage? What if we saw a gun in someone's pocket? Does it mean he/she is a criminal? A police officer? Someone who is being stalked by a person wishing harm to him/her?

How about, "What's in their <u>heart</u>?" We think that within those 20 seconds, we can tell a lot about a person because of what we perceive is in their heart.

Perhaps we are more concerned about how people will perceive <u>us</u>. Perhaps we are concerned how people perceive what is in our hearts. Perhaps there is something troubling us from the inside and it is affecting our relationships on the outside.

In reading the 51st Psalm, we think that David must have been having some relationship problems with others and God, along with others having a poor perception of him. The root of this problem is because his heart was troubled due to the illicit relationship he had with Bathsheba. He knew it was wrong and he had to get his heart back in a right relationship with God. There must have been feelings of guilt. When we are not in a right relationship and things are "out-of-sorts," we tend to act out, without being fully aware that we are putting out bad "vibes" which others will notice.

Carefully read and "listen" to what David had to say. Perhaps it may say something to you about what's in <u>your</u> heart. Psalm 51: 1-12. (Amplified Bible)

#### Messiah's Messengers

A Psalm of David; when Nathan the prophet came to him after he had sinned with Bathsheba.

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to the multitude of Your tender mercy and loving-kindness blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly [and repeatedly] from my iniquity and guilt and cleanse me and make me wholly pure from my sin! <sup>3</sup>For I am conscious of my transgressions and I acknowledge them; my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup>Against You, You only, have I sinned and done that which is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and faultless in Your judgment. <sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in [a state of] iniquity; my mother was sinful who conceived me [and I too am sinful]. <sup>6</sup>Behold, You desire truth in the inner being; make me therefore to know wisdom in my inmost heart. <sup>7</sup>Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean [ceremonially]; wash me, and I shall [in reality] be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Make me to hear joy and gladness and be satisfied; let the bones which You have broken rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my guilt and iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.

How are your relationships? How do you feel about yourself? How are you affecting friends, loved ones, and those you are are meeting for the first time?

May we suggest the following prayer before God?

Lord God, my heavenly Father, I wish to feel clean before you and all those I come in contact with. As the Psalmist said and is also my prayer, "Create in me a clean heart." As I confess my sins to You and receive Jesus into my heart, believing that He died for my sins and that He is your Son, please forgive me of my sins and blot out all my guilt and iniquities. Please give me the joy you gave to David and let me experience your salvation, fully. This I ask of You, through your Son. In Jesus name... 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!"

Blessings,

Tom (Estero River and Southwest ABATE Life Member and SW Chapter Chaplain) and Kathy (SW ABATE Life Member)- <a href="www.messiahsmessengers.org">www.messiahsmessengers.org</a> - <a href="mailto:tprovenz@comcast.net">tprovenz@comcast.net</a> - 239-267-8641 PS. The next Biker Bible Café is set for June 5th, 7:45 PM in our home. Please, be there!



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# Biker Bible Café

June 5th - 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
- · Bike blessing on request
- Informal setting all colors/patches welcome
- Refreshments and a variety of Desserts and Fellowship after the meeting
- Lots of parking (if our drive is full, there is a huge parking lot directly across the street)

Do you have at least one hour that you can give to the Lord? Join us at:

Pastor Tom (SW ABATE Chapter Chaplain) and Kathy's home:

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27 April 2009

Contact: Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations Email: jeff@mrf.org

THE MRF MEETS WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION RAY LAHOOD

On Thursday, April 23, 2009, Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Vice President of Government Relations Jeff Hennie, along with ABATE of Illinois Legislative Coordinator Bob Ward and ABATE of Illinois Board Member Rick Olsen, sat down with newly seated Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood to discuss the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and its role with the motorcycle community.

Secretary LaHood previously served in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he was a strong champion of motorcycling on many fronts. He is a past recipient of the MRF's highest congressional honor, the MRF Champion award. The award is given to members of the U.S. Congress who display extreme dedication to motorcyclists. So it comes as no surprise that he pledged to continue that role in his new position.

Discussion topics during the MRF and ABATE of Illinois' meeting with Secretary LaHood included the recent National Transportation Safety Board's activities lobbying state committees for helmet laws, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's quarterly meetings and 2010 funds, and the Federal Highway Administration's Motorcycle Advisory Council. The Secretary promised an open-door policy for motorcyclists and invited us to contact him with any issues with which he might be helpful.

We at the MRF look forward to working closely with Secretary LaHood, and wish him the very best as he takes on the challenging role of overseeing our nation's entire transportation system.

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HR 1253 - HIPAA Update

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is pleased to report that the U.S. House of Representatives has taken a major step toward repairing the loophole created when the regulations for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 were written. This loophole allows insurers to deny health care benefits to victims of motorcycle crashes simply because they were riding a motorcycle. This loophole also allows insurers to conceal this exclusion of benefits from the insured until a claim has been submitted.

On March 31, 2009 the U.S. House, by a vote of 422 to 3, passed HR 1253, the Health Insurance Restrictions and Clarifications Act of 2009. This bill will require the insurance provider to fully disclose, prior to sale of the plan and prior to participant's enrollment in the plan, all of the limitations and restrictions of the plan.

While this bill does not close the loophole, it does do two very important things; it formalizes the sense of the Congress that this issue needs to be corrected, and it will have the effect of fully disclosing the depth of this loophole with the participants.

"The most troubling aspect of this source of injury loophole has always been the unknown. Not knowing if you are covered or not by your health insurance in the wake of a tragedy is just unacceptable, and HR 1253 sheds light on the substantial coverage gaps that exist to-day," said Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations. He added, "The MRF remains committed to fully closing the loophole and making it illegal for any insurance provider not to cover motorcycle injuries."

The bill is now awaiting action by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. The MRF encourages all motorcyclists to contact their U.S. Senators to encourage them to pass HR 1253.

23 April 2009

#### CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION UPDATE

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has learned that the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) voted last Friday, April 17, 2009, on the issue of banning sales of youth ATVs and motorcycles because of lead levels. The CPSC voted to keep the ban in place; however, they did issue a two-year stay of enforcement of the ban. This stay of enforcement will allow manufacturers and retailers of youth ATVs and motorcycles to continue building and selling these items. It also gives the industry two years to comply with the new law and if, for some reason, it is technologically infeasible to manufacture a certain part with less lead than allowed by law, the industry will have a chance to make an argument to the CSPC.

The two-member CPSC board decided unanimously. Both the acting Chairperson Nancy 43 Nord and Commissioner Thomas Moore voted to deny the petition from industry to completely overturn the ban; however, both cited safety as the reason for their votes to issue the two-year stay. Nord and Moore both claim, "A bigger safety concern than lead exposure is that the elimination of youth ATV sales will likely increase the number of adult ATVs purchased to be used by younger children, therefore increasing risk of injury and death." Industry has 45 days to apply for the stay.

You can read the decision letter of the CPSC here: <a href="http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/ballot/ballot09/atvexclusion.pdf">http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/ballot/ballot09/atvexclusion.pdf</a>

Legislation does currently exist that would force the CPSC to exempt all youth ATVs and motorcycles. Denny Rehberg (R-MT) has introduced HR 1587, and the bill has 35 co-sponsors to date. The MRF encourages you to ask your Member of the US House to co-sponsor this important legislation.

A Little 10-year-old girl was walking home, alone, from school one day, when a big man on a black motorcycle pulls up beside her.

After following along for a while, turns to her and asks, "Hey there little girl, do you want to go for a ride?" "NO!" says the little girl as she keeps on walking.

The motorcyclist again pulls up beside her and asks, "Hey little girl, I will give you \$10 if you hop on the back." "NO!" says the little girl again as she hurries down the street.

The motorcyclist pulls up beside the little girl again and says, "Okay kid, my last offer! I'll give you 20 Bucks "and" a Big Bag of Candy if you will just hop on the back of my bike and we will go for a ride."

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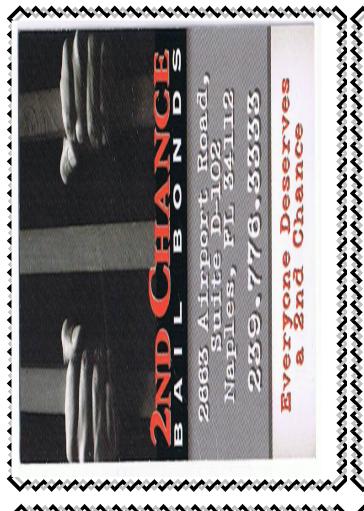
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#### ESTERO RIVER WELCOMES OUR 6 NEW MEMBERS

Matthew Martin, Pete Cavalier, Richard Medeiros, Adam Hogue. Ivan Figuerda, Nellie Figuerda

#### WE THANK THESE 5 MEMBERS FOR RENEWING

Danny Owen, Jim Ligenfelter, Bill Byrd, Bobby Kelly, Robin Hall

#### THESE MEMBERS ARE 11 DELINQUENT

Ana Amaro-1, Joseph Dubeck-1, Misti Caputo-1, Charles Friz-4, Sylvia Fullwiler-2, Andy Lawton, Jr. –1, "Indian" Deb Maloney-11, "Johnny Mack" McGivern-1, Jeff Uhler-1, Champ Walters-1, Maureen "Mo" Wyatt-2

\*If you know where these members are, please remind them they are about to be pulled and have them contact me

#### THESE 12 MEMBERS EXPIRE IN MAY

Melissa Busby-6, Terri English-10, Barry Ewalt-4, Donna Fisher-1, Henry Grosser-1, Mary Grosser-1, Heather Kelley-2, Mike Klassen-1, Kyle Landry-1, Adam Perlberg-1, Sherry Skroharcek-1, Wane Vogel-1

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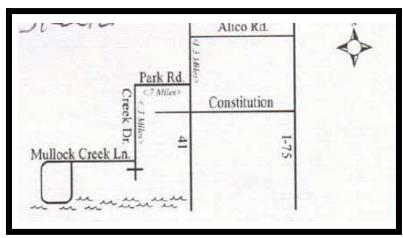
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