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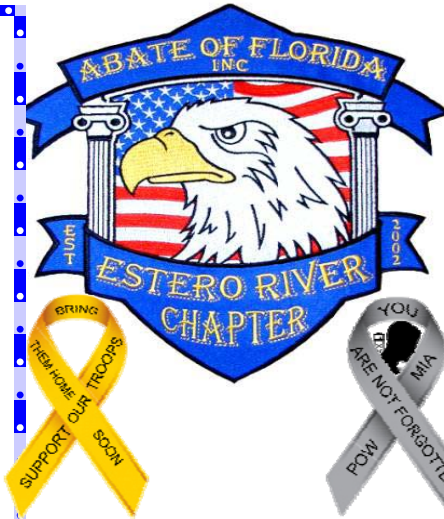
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Next State Meeting

Oct 9, 10 & 11

Spooks N Scoots

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Coming Up Estero Rivers Scavenger Hunt

Sept. 12
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BE THERE!

Throttle Ween Oct 31

Bert & Ernie say join us October 31st for Throttleween Flyer in next months newsletter



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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.

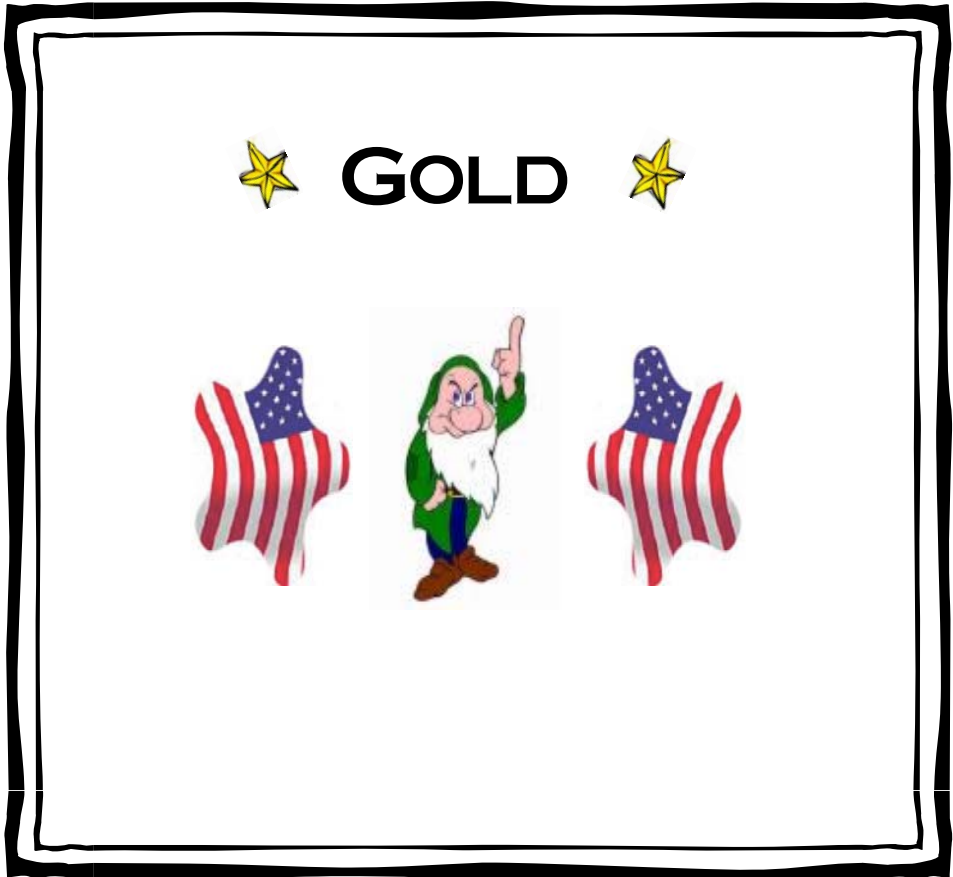
ABATE of Florida, Inc. serves on the advisory board for the Motorcycle Riders Training Program. This is the program that oversees the training sites for motorcyclists. These sites are funded only by the motorcyclists, through monies collected by the motorcycle endorsement on your drivers license and 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

GRUMPY

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

Numerous A-holes Simultaneously Circling Around Rednecks



Ask how you can reach this level!

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ABATE of Florida, Inc

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.

Tom Provenzano	Open trailer	Ft Myers area	239-267-8641
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Ed Davidson	Enclosed trailer	(100 mi radius)	239-287-5657
Bryce Ronk	Open trailer	Bonita Springs	239-287-9454
Kirk Richards	Open (holds 3)	Bonita & San Carlos	239-495-3317
David Banks	Open trailer	Ft Myers area	239-200-3771
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BIG BEND CHAPTER (Crawfordville Area)			
Charlie Friz	Open Trailer	H-850-926-5122	C-850-933-3828

Preacher 904-838-2806 to the emergency response team for Duval, Clay and NE Florida up into Georgia.

***** DEADLINES *****

Advertising - 15th of each month
 Officer Reports - By the Chapter meetings.
 All other Submissions 20th of each month

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FIRST OUR STATE PRESIDENT

The summer is drawing to a close and fall is almost upon us. It won't be long and the holidays will be here and it will be a time for family and friends to get together and celebrate. The reason I bring this up is I am personally worried that maybe there won't be these happy times in the future if the new health care package is passed by Congress. I urge everyone to read this bill and decide if it is good for you and your families.

On the Florida front the motorcyclists in this state will be fighting a huge battle in the legislature this year. With the passing of the mandatory seat belt law that states now law enforcement can stop you if they think your seat belt is not fastened we are going to have our own problems caused by this law. There is a law that states you must wear your seat belt but now it is a primary offence. I have seen numerous news articles and people stating if they have to wear a seat belt then we should have to wear a helmet. If these same people would stand up and be counted then this law would never have passed.

There will other items that will concern motorcyclists including insurance and stiffer penalties for the people who hit and injure or kill motorcyclists. We must be vigilant in these matters and present the true facts in what really happens when we are hit and in cases killed.

The state will be electing all new members of the state cabinet in 2010. All house seats are up for election and part of the state senate. On the Congressional front we will have all members of the House of Representatives up for election and one Senate seat. Throughout the next months we must learn as much as we can about the candidates and then decide who we will support in the primaries and general election. Senator Martinez has resigned his senate seat and the Governor will be picking someone to replace him for the final year of his term.

The next state meeting will be held at “*Spooks and Scoots*” in October and I hope everyone will attend. The state party will be September 5-7 at the Sertoma Youth Ranch please try and attend it is your event.

Until then “*Ride Safe and Free*”!!! **DOC**

NEXT OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT 7

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a busy month for the chapter and a great one too. Congratulations to all the members that went to Caloosahatchee's Birthday Party and brought home the trophy for the games. DUCKY'S to you all. You made the chapter proud.

We have the All Out Scavenger Hunt coming up on September 12th. I hope you all come out to support the chapter and our advertisers. It is going to be a great time. You can work in teams of up to 4 people and the cost is only \$20.00 per team. We are hoping to have a prize for every player so come out and have a great time. Flyer is in the newsletter so check it for more details.

At this time the BOD is taking names for our Special Family. We need submissions by our next BOD meeting so we can pick our family. We are looking for an ABATE family with children that may have special needs and the family is struggling. I know right now that there are many of you that are having hard times so if you think that you might qualify for this you can send your name in anonymously. Please contact any board officer and they will make sure that the names get submitted.

As most of you know we take care of a special family over the holidays and provide everything that we can so the family can concentrate on paying the bills and not have to worry how they are going to buy gifts and stocking stuffers and holiday meal for their family. It is our way of giving back for all that you do every day. We also do a canned food drive for the Innerfaith Care Givers here in San Carlos Park. Every year we have donated over 500 pound of canned and non perishable foods to the local community. Let's make it 600 pounds this year. Make sure to mark your calendars for Nov.22nd. That is the day we will be having our Pilgrim's Pride/Special Family Run.

We have Bike tickets that need to be sold for the drawing at bike week. The person from our chapter that sells the most tickets will win a Life membership to our chapter or if you are already a life member you will get \$100 in chapter products so call me to sign out your tickets. Also if you have sold tickets that need to be turned in please call me ASAP so I can get you more. Let's sell the most for the whole state this year. We have done it before. If we do we get a cabin at Tallahassee in April. Well that's all for now Till next time Ride Safe Ride Happy Ride Free

Tammy "Patches" Brickley

FAILURE IS ONLY THE OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN AGAIN, MORE INTELLIGENTLY!!

Estero River Chapter

8 FINALLY OUR VICE PRESIDENT

Hi Gang,

at the chapter meeting Sunday we were discussing HR45 and other legislative issues that will be bought up this year for those of you that weren't there I asked for show of hands for registered voters. Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ people raised their hands as registered voters now is the time to act there trying to take our guns because we're not responsible enough to handle them so the next time a cager hits the accelerator instead of brakes let's put them on a bus or make them walk democratic or republican exercise your right to vote or to speak. Go to <http://lic.abateflorida.com/Letters/samples.html> to find a sample letter you can write, as well as tips on writing. Then go to <http://esteroriver.abateflorida.com/SenateHouseReps.htm> for the addresses to send them to.

Voice your opinion! Thomas Jefferson said "When the government fears the people, it's a democracy, when the people fear government its Tierney. If these people we have elected cannot adhere to the majority of voters instead of a select few, we should all throw them out and start over. So on behalf of our forefathers I urge you to exercise your rights. If you need to have your right to vote be reinstated see me, Tammy or Ana. ride safe. Love ya ...mean it

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If you have any questions or gripes about anything I write, feel free to contact me. My expressed opinions are not necessarily that of ABATE of Florida, Inc , this chapter or the editor of this newsletter

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CHAPTER MINUTES

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. ESTERO RIVER CHAPTER CHAPTER MEETING

Date: August 23, 2009

Called to Order @ 10:07am

Location: S.C.C.C.

President: Tammy Brickley

1. Bike Tickets person who sell the most will get lifetime membership or \$100 dollars in products. The chapter who sells most gets cabin in Tallahassee for weekend.
2. Introduced Leah McCann from Law Firm Czaia and Gallagher who are now our chapter sponsors.
3. Awards: Trophy from Birthday Party and The most ducks.

Vice President: Kinsey Winstead

1. New Members or guests- Welcome everyone looking forward to a great year.

Secretary: Jerilyn Walker

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

Treasurer: Sheila Bear

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

Sgt. @ Arms: Karl Bartling

1. Introductions of The Asst. Sgt @ Arms: Little Karl

Quartermaster: John Reis

1. 1. Need chairs folding or plastic stackables

Asst. Qtr Master: Dave Rimes

1. Nothing at this time

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

1. See Report in newsletter
2. Next Meeting Oct 10th at Spooks and Scoots

Alternate State Delegates: Ed Fowler & Steve Wyatt

1. All good

PR Communications: Geoff Henry

1. New press release for up coming events. Watch for Wink news Newpress, Bonita Banner with info on Scavanger hunt.

Legislative Representative: Ana Amaro “Cha Cha”

1. Gun Bill HR 45 See her report in news letter or on web site.

Safety Director: Tammy Brickley

1. Will be in every Lee County Drivers Ed Classes
2. Want to get more chapter members certified if interested **see** Tammy.

Advertising: Open

1. Looking for someone
2. New advertiser Fat Willies and Czaia & Gallagher P.A..

Products: Lynn Dillard

1. 5Star pens only 8 left Ledgendary tshirts 7dallors
2. Calanders only \$2.00
3. Looking for Koozie holders both can and bottle

Newsletter Editor: Michelle Beacken:

1. Mandatory reports and deadlines all due day of meeting.
2. Found assistants.

Membership: Michelle Beaken:

1. Members 13 new and 5 renewals
2. See Michelle Report

Webmaster: Robin Hall:

1. Up and running check it out over 90 hits in 5 days.
2. Lots of important information.

Special Events: Shelly Ries

Shelly resigned need someone to step up if interested please see Tammy.

Scavanger hunt September 12th one day event 4ppl teams \$20.00 registration at S.C.C.C. from 10am till 12 End at Mollock Creek

Chapter Historian: Diane Trippany

1. Great pictures.
2. History for web site
3. Trivia question on web site and in news letter.

Sunshine Lady: Cindy Fowler- excused

1. Full report of those who were in need of sunshine see her report

Legendary Party

1. Forming Committee Neck is chairing Legendary is 4th weekend in March.
2. Wants new ideas for things to do.

Old Business:

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New Business:

1. NCOM convention May 2010 we will have Hospitality Suite in Orlando.
2. Recycle fundraiser Newspapers, Magazines, junk mail and paper.
3. Halloween Party/ Renee will chair Oct 31st Here.
4. Pilgrims pride/Special Family Nov 22nd in a family by Sept 25th present delivered Dec 12th.
5. Birthday Party Dec 5th Country Store.
6. Tallahassee April 19th.

Good of The Order:

1. Bikers for Babies Halloween Weekend.
2. Flash Backs Labor day weekend.
3. Gator Alleys Birthday Party September 26th.
4. Relay for Life need 15 people April 9th and 10th walk around the track.

Next Board Meeting : September 25,2009 at Alaska 7:00pm

Next Chapter Meeting: September 27, 2009 at S.C.C.C. at 10:00am

50/50 Henry

T-Shirt Garrette

Motion to Adjourn 1st Alaska 2nd Neck

Submitted by: J. Walker

DON'T THROW AWAY THOSE INK CARTRIDGES!

Please bring them to me at the meetings. They will help pay for some office supplies, If you aren't going to make it to a meeting, give them to someone to bring to me.

Not only will it help the chapter it will help keep the earth green.



Well summer is almost over and so far we have had a pretty quiet summer with very few accidents and no hurricanes.

Let's hope that it stays that way for a very long time.

With schools starting back up so do the drivers ed class's which means I will be needing people to step up and get certified to become MSAP instructors. Thank you to those of you who have spoken to me about getting certified. I will be hosting a training session at my home very soon so if you are interested please call me asap and I will let you know when that will be.

We not only have to be ever cautious of car drivers we need to be cautious of our own riding and riding skills. If you don't use your skills often enough you will lose them. I do suggest that if you have not been riding a lot to take a refresher course. There are also advance rider courses available to hone what skills you do have.

If you are a new rider and want to ride more but don't have a buddy to go riding with; call me. I or one of our other more seasoned riders will go out with you and help you to work on areas that you are still uncomfortable with. I know when I first started riding it helped me.

Well that's all for now.

Ride safe
Ride happy
Ride free

Tammy "Patches" Brickley



Hi, Everyone,

Sadly, on July 30, 2009, Bruce Rossmeier, the world's largest Harley-Davidson dealer, died while riding in Wyoming with a group of friends on his annual trip to Sturgis Rally.

Ironically, Officers escorting his funeral collide. The officers, from various agencies, were riding along with the funeral party when the lead rider slowed down. The others behind him did not and that caused a chain reaction crash involving six motorcycles at the corners of North Halifax Drive and Granada Boulevard. They represented the police and fire departments of Daytona Beach, as well as the Ormond Beach and Port Orange police departments.

The officers were wearing their helmets and sustained minor injuries. Two of the officers were hurt, though not seriously and they damaged their motorcycle. Rossmeier was not wearing his helmet when he died.

In 2000, when Florida decided to repeal its mandatory helmet law, there were 933 motorcyclists killed in the state. After that time, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that motorcycle deaths tripled.

It's going to be a busy year.

We need to be on the look out. The Helmet Law will be reintroduced, coming up on it's 10 year anniversary, we need to be vigilant.....with articles such as this, it's only a matter of when.

HR 45 - BLAIR HOLT'S FIREARM LICENSING AND RECORD OF SALE ACT OF 2009

http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h45ih.txt.pdf

GUN OWNERS BEWARE!!!!!! THEY WANT YOU AND YOUR MEANS OF PROTECTION!!!!

This bill entitles our government to not only discriminate based on the fact that they want to have access to your past medical history to determine if you are capable of owning a handgun, but must submit to their intrusion into your own home, for them to determine whether or not you have secured and properly made it inaccessible to minor children (PS: under 18 years old). With penalties that include revocation, meaning they will take the gun and you away, with a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison.

I could go on, but please read it for yourself. THEN go to: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111_cong_bills&docid=f:h45ih.txt.pdf

See who introduced the bill, who supports it and who is against it. **PLEASE WRITE TO THEM ALL!**

THIS IS THE YEAR WE NEED TO SPEAK OUT AND LET LEGISLATORS/SENATORS/CONGRESSMEN, etc.....KNOW THAT WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Ride GOOD, Stay SAFE!

Ana Amaro
Legislative Rep.

See what the NRA
has to say go to
page 49 – 51 and
read member emails
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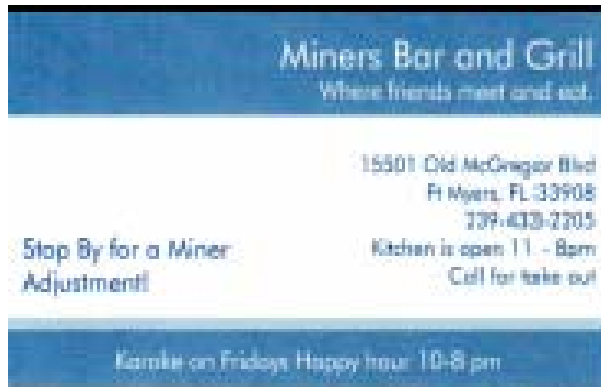
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Watch Newsletter for ABATE Blood Drives

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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

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HAPPY HOUR All Day Every Day

Monday	Ladies Night-Cindy Crawley
Tuesday	ABATE Appreciation Night
Wednesday	Dart Tournament 7:30 PM
Thursday	Pool Tournament
Friday	Live Music 7-11 PM
Saturday	Free Jukebox 6PM-Close
Sunday	Jam Session 3-7 PM
We serve Breakfast 7AM-10AM	

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CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

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Call 239-243-3811.

Do you want to ride and cannot find a run to go on, or you just want to ride? This newsletter will start a list of people that want to ride just for fun, But I need names to put here, so call or email me and I will put your name on the list. Also I would like some help coming up with a name for this section

FROM OUR HISTORIAN

1. The first motorcycle was created by?

- A Gottlieb Daimler in 1885
- B Thomas Edison in 1881
- C Michel Eugene Werner in 1897
- D Leonardo Da Vinci in 1503

2. What kind of motorcycle did Arnold Schwarzenegger ride in the move Terminator 2?

- A Kawasaki Ninja
- B Honda Valkyrie
- C Harley Davidson Fat Boy
- D Ducati Monster

Find answers on the calendar

GUESS THE MEMBER

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chance you
will guess
this
member

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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. For more information contact one of the chapters below:

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ESTERO RIVER CHAPTER

President: Tammy Brickley 239-289-2647

Naples Area

GATOR ALLEY CHAPTER

President: Russ Ueeck 239-353-4308

North Ft Myers Area

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

President: Frankie Kennedy 239-849-9065

Cape Coral Area

CALOOSAHATCHEE CHAPTER

President: Chuck Long 239-994-2186

Port Charlotte Area

PEACE RIVER CHAPTER

President: Larry Smith 941-497-1630



Hi everyone!



A card was sent to Robert 'Boston Bob' Gleason, wanted to let you know we're thinking of you and hope you are feeling better.

A card was sent to Karen Hughes, who had to have an electrophisologic ablation, everything went okay.

A card was sent to Sally Nihiser, who lives in Tn., she's had some problems, we want to let you know that we're thinking of you.

A card was sent to Michelle 'Beautiful' Beaken, her Mommy passed away. Our hearts, hugs, and prayers are with you. We love you!!!!

I was GOING to send a card to my husband, Ed 'Hyway' Fowler, who had to have his arm "rearranged" due to a "something on his arm that just wasn't healin' right" ,but I decided that he could look at what card he wanted and that would be that.... OKAY....Don't get me wrong, I love my husband, but anyone who knows my husband knows... it's okay!!!

By the way,

Has anyone checked out the new website yet? It's awesome!!!! My hat is off to "Alaska", our new webmaster.

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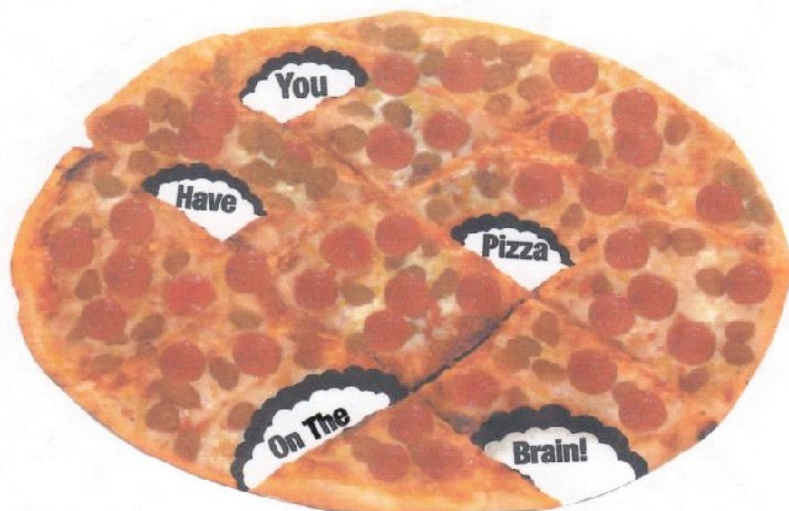
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Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

The Problems of Sometimes Following the Pack

Just say, "NO!"

Some time ago, we heard a fellow biker tell us, "I was only following the pack" when the biker was pulled over by an officer and received a citation for speeding. The biker was riding at the end of the pack and the easiest for the officer to "nab." We think you will agree the fact that the biker was just doing what all the others were doing, didn't excuse one from rules of the road and/or obeying the law. Sometimes, we find ourselves in a similar situation when the leader and/or road captain does not follow the rules and puts us jeopardy of the law and/or our safety. More than once, we have left the pack and have "...done our own ride."

The Book of Judges, in the Old Testament, gives us similar illustrations.

Judges tells us about a period of time, where a very tough, hard fighting, and apparently disciplined nation of Israelites, who originally entered Canaan (the Promised Land), had probably died off. Now, we have the next generations; the offspring who had it much easier, living in the land of plenty. Instead of following God, the offspring, "... everyone did what was right in his own eyes" – Judges 21:25. At that time there was no king in Israel. God's laws were supposed to be followed. Instead, the new generations of Israelites worshiped false idols. As a result, God allowed enemies to come against His people. Then, because of the stress, the people would turn to God for deliverance. God would answer their prayers by sending a strong leader (called a Judge) to help them rid the land of their oppressors. They prospered. However, as soon as things smoothed out, the people would again turn from God and again do what was right in their own eyes. They followed each other into destruction. They figured, "If someone else is doing it, then it must be okay for me, too." Then, they lost their prosperity. This became a pattern.

We believe that God is looking for people who will stand up to the world's ways and just say, "NO!" Just as the biker at the beginning of this story should not have followed the pack, we need not follow others who will eventually lead us to our spiritual destruction.

As God sent the Judges to lead His people out from under trouble and the oppressors, God has sent His Son, Jesus to lead us out from judgment for our sins, if we can accept what was done for us on the cross and receive Jesus into our hearts. Can you just say, “No” to the world and “Yes” to Jesus? Can we look ourselves in the mirror and say that we will no longer do what is right in our own eyes? Can we say to ourselves that we will no longer follow the pack when it could take us to the road of destruction and eternal damnation? Can you make a declaration that you will do what is right in the eyes of God?

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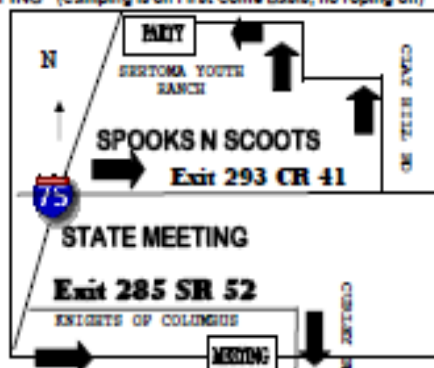
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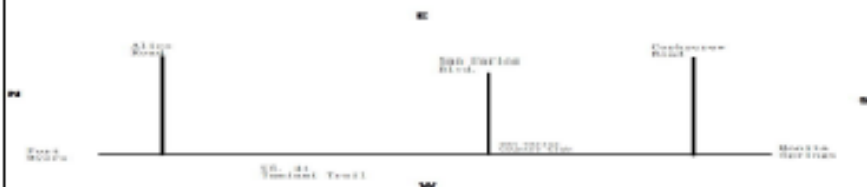
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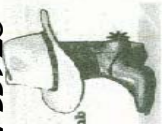


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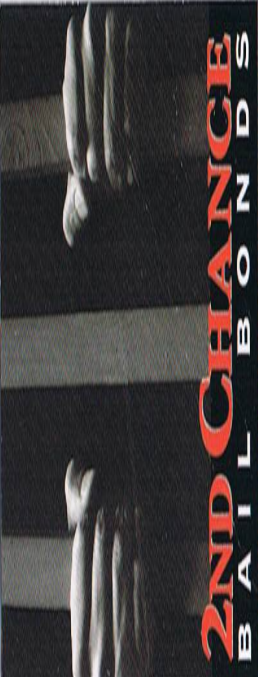
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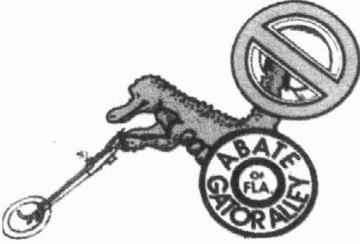


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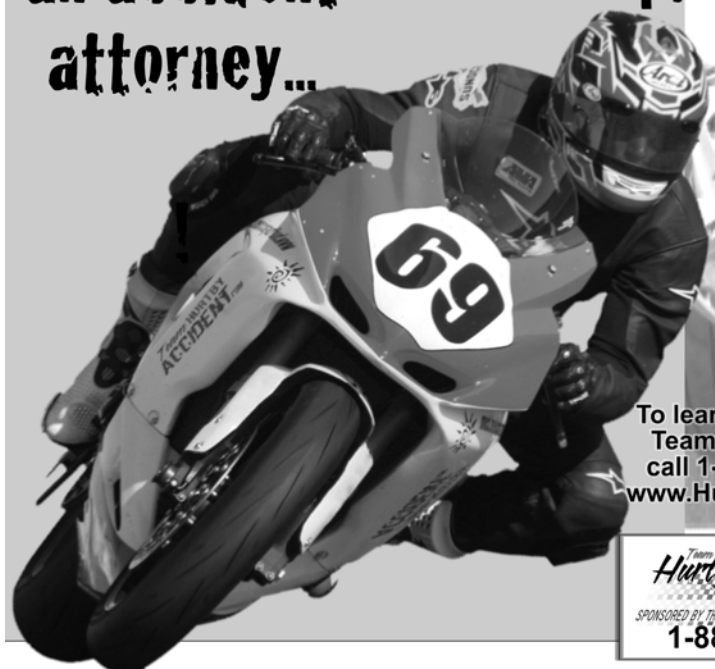
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24 ~ DIANE "DEE" TRIPPANY

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Relay for Life is April 9th and 10th this year. If you are interested in being a part of the relay team, please call me. I would also like to enlist a co-captain for the 2010 Relay, if you are interested please call me.

If you have a business, or if you think your workplace or a place you frequent would be interested in sponsoring us or putting a collection can up, please let me know. Also let's get some luminaries' bought so we can light up the track again this year. If you are a survivor there are special things for you so please let me know. I do realize some of you do not want to be recognized and I respect that choice, but if you can volunteer, please do so. I would like to have a team together by Oct 1st. I have 5 people volunteer do far, I need 10 more. Let's show SW Florida that Biker's care and Estero River Rocks! That's all for Relay for now, check your Newsletter for updates.

The next thing I want to bring up is Bike Tickets. I think everyone on the board has some, but if not call me and I will make sure you get to buy yours. At Bike Week we will give away a **2010 HD FXD Dyna Super Glide**. Motorcycle ready to ride, sales tax, federal withholding tax, tag & title all PAID. Second prize is a leather jacket and third prize is a Harley clock.

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----- Forwarded Message -----

From: ILA-Contact <ILA-Contact@nrahq.org>

To: with held

Sent: Thu, 27 Aug 2009 14:55:52 -0400 (EDT)

Subject: RE: Contact from NRAHQ web site: Legislative and Legal Action Information

Dear Mr. (name with held at members request),

Thank you for your inquiry regarding H.R. 45/S.B. 2099.

Over the past few months, NRA-ILA has received hundreds of e-mails warning us about "SB-2099," a bill that would supposedly require you to report all your guns on your income tax return every April 15.

Like many rumors, there's just a grain of truth to this one. Someone's recycling an old alert, which wasn't even very accurate when it was new.

There actually was a U.S. Senate bill with that number that would have taxed handguns -- nine years ago. Introduced by anti-gun Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.), the bill would have included handguns under the National Firearms Act's tax and registration scheme. This has nothing to do with anyone's Form 1040, of course. And, fortunately, S. 2099 disappeared without any action by the Senate, back when Bill Clinton was still in the White House. We reported about it back then, just as we report about new anti-gun bills every week. Now, it's time for gun owners to drop this old distraction and focus on the real threats at hand.

To be clear, there is no such bill in the current Congress, and the emails about SB 2099 being sent around are false and unnecessary distractions from real threats.

To read a story by NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox on this and other rumors, please click here: <http://www.nraila.org/Issues/Articles/Read.aspx?id=367&issue=047>

As for H.R. 45, in early January of this year, U.S. Representative Bobby Rush (D-Ill.) introduced H.R. 45, also known as "Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act." The bill is, at its core and as its name implies, a licensing and registration scheme.

The measure calls for all handgun owners to submit to the federal government an application that shall include, among many other things: a photo; an address; a thumbprint; a completed, written firearm safety test; private mental health records; and a fee. And those are only some of the requirements to be licensed!

The bill would further require the attorney general to establish a database of every handgun sale, transfer, and owner's address in America. Moreover, the bill would make it illegal to own or possess a "qualifying firearm" -- defined as "any handgun; or any semiautomatic firearm that can accept any detachable ammunition feeding device..." [emphasis added] without one of the proposed licenses.

Additionally, the bill would make it illegal to transfer ownership of a "qualifying firearm" to anyone who is not a licensed gun dealer or collector (with very few exceptions), and would require "qualifying firearm" owners to report all transfers to the attorney general's database. It would also be illegal for a licensed gun owner to fail to record a gun loss or theft within 72 hours, or fail to report a change of address within 60 days. Further, if a minor obtains a firearm and injures someone with it, the owner of the firearm may face a multiple-year jail sentence.

H.R. 45 is essentially a reintroduction of H.R. 2666, which Rush introduced in 2007. H.R. 2666 contained much of the same language as H.R. 45, and was co-sponsored by several well-known anti-gun legislators--including Barack Obama's chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel.

H.R. 45 currently has no co-sponsors. It is in a committee and is not up for a vote. However, this is an important bill because every element it contains--from regulation of all detachable-magazine semi-autos, to licensing and the elimination of private sales--is part of the agenda of major anti-gun groups.

Thank you again for contacting our office. Please rest assured that NRA-ILA will continue to monitor these bills closely, and will keep you informed, via our website (www.nraila.org) and magazines, of any developments if they materialize.

Best,
Miranda Bond
NRA-ILA Grassroots Division

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

From: NRA Auto Responder [<mailto:nra.auto-responder@nrahq.org>]

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 10:56 PM

To: ILA-Contact

Subject: Contact from NRAHQ web site: Legislative and Legal Action Information

Contact type: Legislative and Legal Action Information

Message: what have you heard about s2099 &hb45? The info I found is confusing. Is the government going to tax us annually to own a gun?
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(name withheld at members request)

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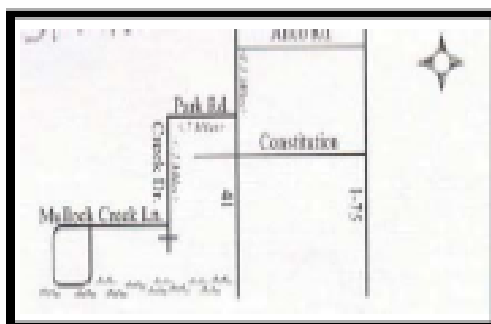
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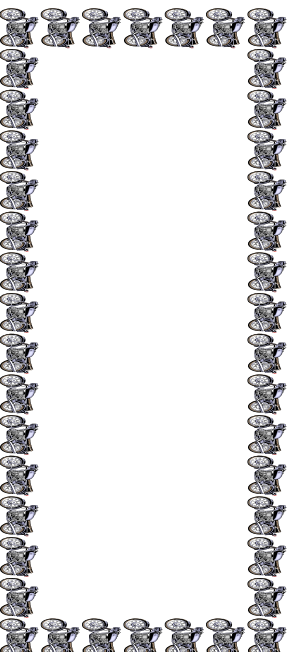
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