



**A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments
American Bikers Aiming Toward Education**

Basketcase

January & February 2018

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***General Meetings
held the 4th Sunday of the month 10 am
The American Legion Post #186
12091 Cortez Blvd.
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All are welcome!***

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**Chapter Face-
book– Freedom
Chapter Abate**

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Ratt Report

I want to thank everyone who has stepped up to keep this chapter going. We have new people and old members coming in and taking over vacant positions that we desperately needed. A big thanks from me to Pat Herbert for resurrecting the news letter. If anyone has something to send in, by all means send it to Pat.

We have been fortunate enough to be working with the Hernando Growers Association at the bike rally for a while now, and I think it's been working out well. I would like to see us have a run of our own somewhere in the not to distant future, but we may have to find a sponsor to help us with the insurance. If anyone has any idea how to do this, please contact me or any of the board members or bring it to a meeting.

Well that's all for now, ride safe and free while you can.
RATT

Dec 2018 secretary minutes
Freedom Chapter of Abate Secretary report DEC 2018

Meetin starts @ 10:10 am

All stood for pledge of alligance & Roberta gave the opening prayer

President Ratt- Shoed the Christmas card our chapter recieved from American Legion where we hod our meetings.
He also mentioned that one of the bartenders ay the Legion husband had passed away

VP Ron Payne- MEntions how cold it is outside and to dress warm when riding. Ron also mentioned the SandTrap ride several members went on to help suport their cause.

Secratary Roberta- Motion to except Nov 2018 minutes, Bob Olsen excepted all were in favor

Tresurer Dan Reid- Holding our own in bank account

Sargent at Arms Bob Olsen- Beaware of the new higher ethonal gas at gas pumps, this gas is not good in motorcycles

Membership Roberta Oldread- 114 currant members 5 Expired in Dec, 2 long term expred members

PR/ Communications Parker- reminded everyone of the upcoming Jan 20 2019 Brooksville biker rally which we will be setting up at
Looking for volunteers. Ratt soke in and mentioned he purchased a new tent that he's donating to the chapter

Newsletter- Vacant

Website Ron Payne- Everything is currant & up to date

Facebook Roberta Oldread- 507 like to our page, Christmas post 21 ppl seen it, Sand Trap toy drive post 100 ppl seen it,
Dec Brooksville biker rally post 43 ppl seen it

Safety Richie White- Absent

Products Tony Mingari- Absent Parker brought up that he has checked into long sleeve tshirts with 3 types of material available.

Legislative Dan Reid- Make contact with your State representatives & Senators

New Business- Ratt paid for the next 6 months for PO Box and New Canopy for the chapter and Roberta will get back her tent she donated to chapter

Dec 2018 secretary minutes

Old Business- Possible flea market set up in Inverness and or the Airport flea market in Spring Hill. No news from State office from last state meeting which our chapter was ecussed from attending.

Go to the Order- Ratt reminded everyone of the chapters Christmas party after the meeting. Its hosted at Steve & Rachels home in Brooksville, where the chapter is supplying the meats and beverages for it.

Ratt motions to call meeting to adjourn @ 10:56am, Dan Reid excepts the motion. All in favor

Jan 26, 2019 Freedom Chapter of Abate Secretary Minutes

Meeting starts @ 10:08am with 5 board members plus 6 other chapter members

All stood for Pledge of allegiance, Roberta gave opening prayer

President Ratt- Welcome new members Danne & Christy Farrell. Danne rides a 2014 Dyna Wideglide wearing a full face helmet. Christy a new rider but had been riding on back since 3 years old with her dad, she rides a 2014 883 Hugger. Ratt thanks all members who came out to set up and man our tent during the Brooksville Biker rally on Jan 20th.

VP Ron Payne- Send him anything bike related to put on the website.

Secretary Roberta- Motion to except Dec 2018 minutes, Bob Olsen 2nd it all were in favor to except

Treasurer Dan- Account is up todate and finally balnced after he took over in June 2018. All reports sent into State Office

Sargent at Arms Bob- Its a Quiet month, Florida has passed 2 new laws pertaing to motorcycles.

Motorcyclists can now ride side by side and if a motorcycle comes to a light and light doesnt change while making a left hand turn the rider must wait 120 seconds after stopping and then can proceed with caution if theres no on coming traffic.

Membership Roberta- 114 current members & 4 expired. Roberta was asked by Bob if she sends out renewal notifications, Roberta responds that she has been sending out monthly reminders to members whos membership will be expiring

PR/Communications Parker- Reminder of the upcoming meeting with the Hernando county Growers assc & other members and businesses

in our community Monday Jan 28 at 6pm @ Rising Sun Bistro. Ratt, Ron Roberta Parker and Bob will be attending. Oct 5 Burn Run is

in the works which our chapter will be a sponcer and setting up our tent. More info to come.

Newsletter Pat- Will have our 1st newsletter ready as soon as this report is sent to him. It then will be put on our website and copy sent to State Office with a handful printed up to hand out.

Facebook Roberta- 505 people like & follow our page. Down 2 from last month. Roberta lets everyone know they can post any motorcycle related post to our page. New member Christy asks if she can help with page. Roberta spook with her after the meeting about it and Chrisy was added by Roberta Sunday evening as an Adminastor to our facebook page.

Safety Richie- Absent

Products Tony- Tony has stepped down from products due to health issues. Ratt has all products which he is inventoring to send that report into the State office.

Legislative Dan- New govenor, each out to your State representatives in office

Old Business- Party in the Pasture event in May which our Chapter has been invited to set up at NO COST, though chapter members

will have to pay \$10 gate fee which goes to our Veterans DD214 Foundation. Parker mentioned a Veterans run on Feb 9 that he'll be riding on since its the same day as the State meeting that Ratt Pat Bob and Ron will be attending.

New Business- Danne & Christy want to help with Facebook page and possible Instantgram account. Ratt will inquiring with Doc if we can have an Instantgram account. Feb 24 is the next Brooksville Biker Rally and weather permitting we will be holding our monthly

Abate meeting there since its the same day.

Go to the Order- NOTHING

11:20 Ratt makes motion to adjourn our meeting, Pat 2nds it all were in fav



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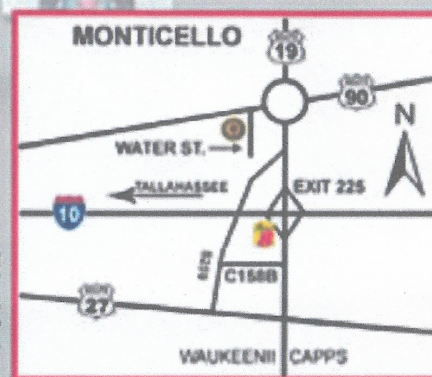
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Kickstands up at 9:00am - Behind the Super 8 in Monticello

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IF YOU'RE ARRESTED OR TAKEN TO A POLICE STATION

1. You have the right to remain silent and to talk to a lawyer before you talk to the police. Tell the police nothing except your name and address. Don't give any explanations, excuses or stories. You can make your defense later, in court, based on what you and your lawyer decide is best. 2. Ask to see a lawyer immediately. If you can't pay for a lawyer, you have a right to a free one, and should ask the police how the lawyer can be contacted. **Don't say anything without a lawyer**. 3. Within a reasonable time after your arrest, or booking, you have the right to make a local phone call: to a lawyer, bail bondsman, a relative or any other person. 4. Sometimes you can be released without bail, or have bail lowered. Have your lawyer ask the judge on the next court day after arrest. 5. Do not make any decisions in your case until you have talked with a lawyer.

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January 28, 2019 several members from Freedom chapter of Abate attended the Hernando County Growers Association meeting at the Rising Sun Bistro in downtown Brooksville. President Ratt and secretary/ membership Roberta were presented with a certificate of recognition for our Freedom chapters contribution to the Brooksville Biker rally and Cruise-Inn. Thank you Mike for all your hard work in everything you do for our community.



How does ABATE accomplish it's goals—

ABATE OF FLORIDA INC is a non-profit grassroots political corporation composed of local chapters that have been organized by motorcyclists to promote a positive image through local, civic, charitable and benevolent causes, pooling resources for the common benefit of the members and promoting political awareness. ABATE exists to monitor legislation and testifies in your behalf during Senate and House hearings. ABATE collects, processes and exchanges information that may concern you or substantiate our views and places it in your hands through a newsletter or by other means of communication.

Who can Join ABATE and why?

Any individual 18 years or older interested in motorcycle rights, regardless of race sex or club affiliations. It doesn't matter what you ride or if you ride. To join ABATE ensures YOUR opinion on motorcycle laws will be heard.

Membership Benefits

As a member of ABATE you may receive discounts on products such as:

1. Motorcycle parts and accessories (from participating Dealers)
2. ABATE runs, events and functions.
3. Motorcycle safety school for endorsements on your Florida license.
4. You also receive a State and Chapter newsletter.
5. A \$4,000.00 Accidental Death and dismemberment Insurance Policy.

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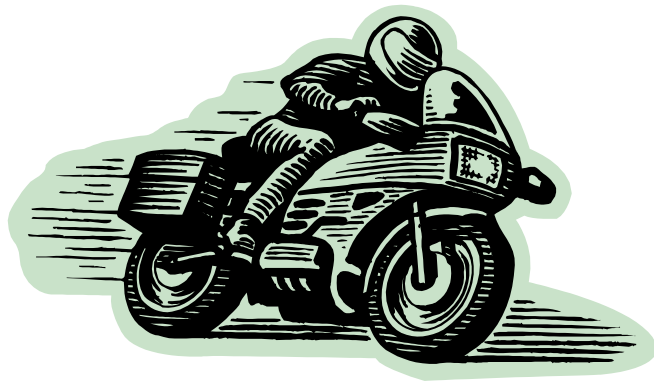


Need a reason to Ride!

January & February 2018

Brooksville Bike Rally February 24th

Abate State Meeting in Ocala February 9th



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The Goals & Purposes of ABATE—

- To Print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the State and Country—**
- To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights—**
- To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. on the State and national level—**
- To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators—**
- To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individuals rights—**
- To educate the public about motorcycle awareness—**

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