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Basketcase

July & August 2019

**State meeting August 10th
Southeast Chapter**

***General Meetings
held the 4th Sunday of the month
10 am***

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The Presidents Page

I learned a lot going to the president meeting in Ocala. There is going to be a lot going on in the Capital next season and we need to be prepared and on the watch for things that concern motorcycle rights. Keep an eye out for legislation to do with mandatory motorcycle insurance and maybe another attempt to get a helmet law passed.

We are the only motorcycle rights organization in the state of Florida. We represent all motorcyclists in the state. There are other groups that call themselves MROs but we are the only one that represents bikers in the Capital with a paid lobbyist. This MRO has not only fought for our rights but we have helped write legislation in this state. And we have won more than we have lost. You are what makes it possible, and you have to work to keep it going.

Last but not least, Parker has stepped down from his PR position. I want to personally thank him for his hard work. He has done a great job and he will be missed.

Ride safe and free, RATT

June Chapter meeting minutes-

Meeting started at 10:05 at the American Legion post 186

The Pledge of allegiance, all stood and Roberta gave the prayer

Pres-Ratt welcomed all to the meeting. He asked for any nominations for office positions before the election. There were no nominations for any positions. No board members wanted to step down. Ratt nominated all board members to remain on board, Pat seconded the motion. All were in favor. Ralph Monaco officially elected to Safety person.. Our P.O. Box was paid for by Ratt as a donation to the Chapter. We also discussed the upcoming Bike Rally and how we can improve it when it starts back in September.

Vice P-Ron got a new rear tire.

Secretary- Roberta made a motion to accept May minutes and Rachel seconded it.

Sgt. At Arms- Bob motioned Ralph Monaco as assistant Sgt. At Arms, all were in favor and accepted Ralph as assistant.

Membership-Roberta stated there were 125 members with 1 new one Becky Morgan.

Pr/ Comm-Parker introduced Carl who owns a motorcycle towing business and who spoke about it and handed out cards to members who were interested. M/S run was canceled due to rain. Next run is scheduled for June 29th at Skinnys Bar and Grill in Hudson.

Newsletter- Pat requested Ron to delete old newsletters off of the website as it was confusing. Pat will check on professional. printing costs for future news letters.

Website- Ron is having issues posting pictures on the website. He will contact the State Webmaster for advice.

Facebook- Roberta stated our Facebook page continues to grow and any members are welcome to post on it.

Safety-Ratt to get safety info to Ralph

Legislative-Dan was excused. Ratt discussed the new cell phone texting ban that goes into effect July 1st. He also discussed Florida driver license changes that were in the newsletter.

Old Business-Upcoming State Meeting August 10th in Fort Lauderdale We need 2 delegates no one has volunteered up to now.

New Business-Brian Morgan discussed about possibly passing the hat to raise funds for the chapter due to low bank balance and the high cost of insurance. Discussed upcoming events at Scooter Haven and possibly setting up at the Burn victim run in October. We need more info on it and to see if the Flyer is ready to put on the website and facebook.

Motion to adjourn at 11:17 by Ratt and seconded by Ron. All were in favor.

Submitted by Roberta Oldread

July 29th Freedom Chapter minutes—

Meeting was called to order by Ratt at 10:05 at the American Legion post 186. All stood for the pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer.

Pres— Ratt handed out officers packages from the State leadership Conf. in Ocala Our PR/ Comm rep Parker has resigned. The position is open. We now have the flyer for the Oct. 5th Burn victim Run and we will post on Facebook, the website and the Newsletter.

Vp— Ron discussed texting law update. No citations will be issued till Jan. 1st. First offense \$30 second \$60. You can hold your phon but cant press buttons.

Sec.— Roberta was excused and Rachel stepped up. Motion made to accept June minutes approved.

Treasurer— Dan was excused.

Membership -Roberta was excused.

Sgt. At Arms— Bob was excused

Pr/comm.— open

Newsletter— Everything is due by Aug. 3rd for next newsletter.

Website-Ron stated the website is up to date and the Burn Camp Flyer and 9/11 Rememberance rides will be posted. Steve Schaefer from the Smoke Divers MC will be escorting the Traveling wall on Sept. 7th.

Facebook— Roberta was excused.

Safety— Ralph was given the safety package from the Ocala meeting and he will get with the Lake county Safety Rep. to get certified.

Products— Terry was given the package from the Ocala Meeting. Continued on next page—

Legislative Dan - excused absence. Ratt talks about July meeting. \$2.50 for each tag was supposed to go to motorcycle safety and awareness but we have not received funds from the last Governor and is been voted down by this governor. it has been suggested or proposed a class action suit be filed to get our funds back. If filed now when next session meets in April they may propose mandatory liability insurance for motorcycles and reintroduce helmet law. legislative lobbyist will go back 5 years to see where the money's went which were supposed to go to motorcycle and safety awareness. chapters to decide if we want to wait to pursue class action suit probably to be decided by October 2019. It was discussed that last safety products provided to Abate were very undesirable junk however those products were picked up by state of Florida not abate. Abate would like to see more billboards tv ads magnetic signs to promote safety awareness. Motorcycle endorsement courses, regulate them so fees and all courses are the same as they vary greatly now who is really being correctly taught and who is just being passed. Proposed mandatory driver's Ed course in school. Watch for websites example bikers lives matter putting out incorrect information about Abate. Voter registration cards, Abate chapters can hand them out such as like at the bike rally we cannot collect them but people can be directed where to send them. motorcycle clubs will probably be supporting Abate as they want our legislative support and help with a profiling bill. It was asked by Freedom chapter members if the state Abate office is still open. No, everything is in a storage unit and office is run by individuals.

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Old Business– Childrens Burn Camp Flyers will be picked up and we will get them out to public places.

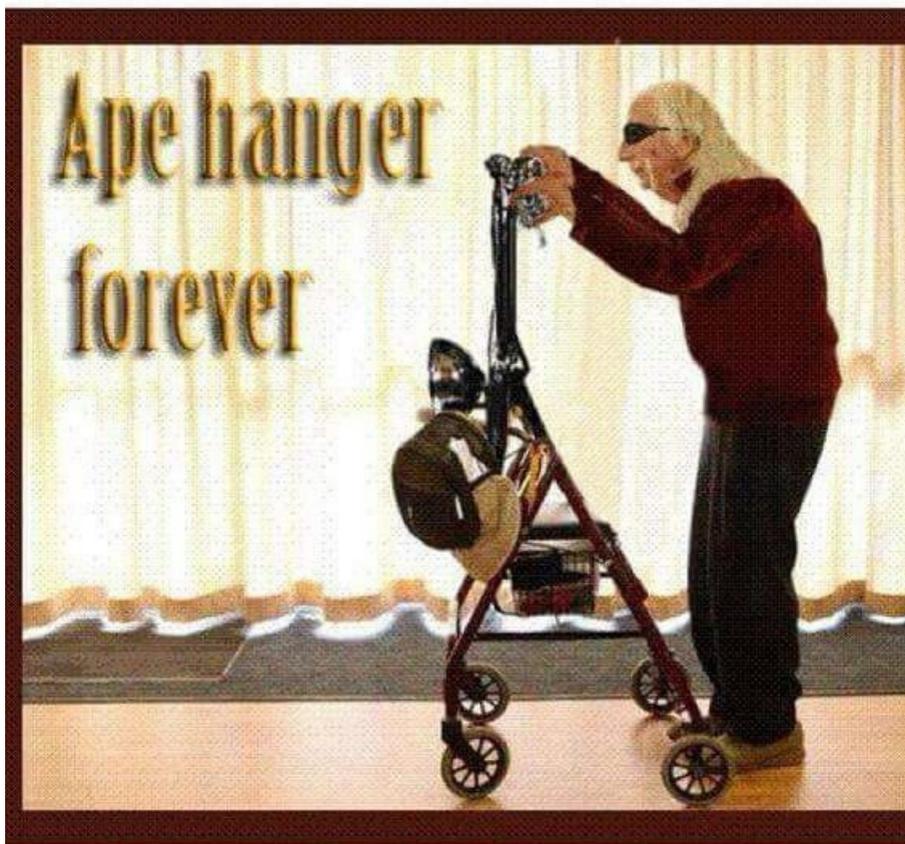
New Business-Upcoming Sept. Biker Rally We will have a silent auction. We already have some items donated, we need to request more from business owners and members.

Good of the Order– We will send a Thank you card to former PR rep Parker who has resigned but did a great job for us.

Motion to adjourn at 11:50 by Ratt seconded by Ron.

Submitted by Roberta Oldread

Secretary —Freedom chapter of ABATE



9/11



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The New Rider in Your Group

by Stacey "Ax" Axmaker

Riding with others is great fun. Having new or beginning riders join your group or club is also fun. Sharing the joy of the open road is one of the things that make us a community of bikers. Let's give some thought to that new rider – how can we best help them have a comfortable, fun, and safe time while they get used to riding with the group.

What does the new rider need? Well, if they managed to get to the start point, they have at least some basic skills. What they need is practice/experience with plenty of space and without pressure. If they need more work on the basics, you can encourage them to take a Basic or Experienced STAR class.

“Ride your own ride:”

We've all heard this – most of us have said this. But what does it mean when we are with a new rider? Never push them to “keep up” – as soon as a rider is pushing beyond their comfort level, physical skills become less smooth and mental attention is diverted away from what's going on around them. The stress of wanting to keep up with the rest of the group takes over and judgment suffers. The peer pressure can be very strong.

Consider what happens if and when they fall behind and they have been encouraged to keep up. Not only do they have to ride as fast and hard as the rest of the group, but if they are behind, they actually have to ride faster and harder than the group in order to catch up. This is a recipe for disaster.

Here is how to create a successful and fun experience for everyone. With newer riders, plan shorter rides with frequent stops. Check-in with them frequently (how are they feeling, is the bike running right, are they comfortable, do they need to clean their goggles/helmet visor, are they getting tired/hungry/thirsty, etc.) Please don't make it an endurance contest or some kind of grueling “right of passage.”

They are looking to you – the experienced rider - for guidance and feedback. Help them to be successful. They are looking up to you; don't let them down.

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Spent a fun afternoon on Father's Day at Scooter Haven Country Club in Inglis. I haven't been there in probably 20 years and I sure have been missing out. What a great place for Bikers. Open area for parking and a couple of outdoor bars as well as an indoor bar. It is open 7 days a week. There is usually entertainment on the weekends as well as camping and trailers to rent. All the people I met were super friendly and the Barmaid Frannie couldn't have been more accommodating. Drinks are paid for with donations and you can be a guest or join like I and my friends did for \$5 for the year. They had tacos for lunch and only asked for tips for disabled vets. This is definitely old school Florida Biker Friendly as there are mementos and old Harley stuff everywhere. It is a nice ride from Brooksville, just past cr40 off of 19 about 2miles west of 19 on 193. Now that Sleepy Hollow is closed this is going to be one of my weekly rides!

Need a reason to Ride!

Biker Rally September 15th

9/11 Remembrance Run September 7th

10/5 Burn victim camp run



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1/4 Page.....40

Business Card..\$30

Harley Key Fob

I almost found out the hard way that the Harley anti theft device uses a Cr 2032 battery. My bike asked for a pin when I tried to start it, not remembering a pin, I was lucky to have the extra fob in my desk (lucky I was home). I looked up after this on how to set a pin. My bike is 3 years old so these batteries don't last that long. FYI



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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).
- We got the handlebar heights law modified.
- We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.
- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
- We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.
- Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.
- Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.
- We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcvclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.



Brooksville Biker Rally

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)
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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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