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FEATURING THE BEN ALLEN BAND Saturday Night - 8:30pm

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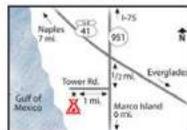
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6pm - Bands start
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- * VENDORS *
- * BREAKFAST *
- * FOOD - DRINKS *
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- * OPEN MIC *
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* No Attitudes
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PUBLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions is at the Chapter Meeting or if submitting by e-mail, no later than the 6:00pm on Tuesday following the Meeting. All Members are asked to submit anything they have that would be of interest to their fellow Members such as stories and/or pictures.

GATOR ALLEY MEETINGS

Board Meeting
March 12, 2015
April 16, 2015
7PM

Chapter Meeting
March 22, 2015
April 26, 2015
11 am

GOALS & PURPOSE

To fight for the freedom of the road and the freedom of choice for the motorcycle riders of Florida.

To become a powerful and viable political force in Florida by encouraging riders to register to vote and to communicate with their Legislators.

To promote safe riding habits and to promote driver awareness without infringing on the rights of the individual.

To work toward educating our Legislators on motorcycle issues so they are able to make the right decisions regarding Florida's motorcycle riders.

To publish a newsletter to keep members of ABATE of Florida, Inc. **Informed.**

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WEBMASTER (appointed):

President



Hello Everyone Hope everyone is starting to warm up after the brutal winter we've had. Thanks to everyone for stepping up to help out at the Swamp Buggy Event, this next one is going to be a night race. Sounds like fun so come on out and see, and lend a helping hand to make it a good one. The State has put together a great event in October the 2nd thru 4th. The city of Avon Park has offered up there town to Abate Of Florida, for what will be as we hope the event of the year for all riders. Volunteers will be greatly needed and our chapter has already stepped up to run the bar, after all we built it, we should run it. Lets not forget we have our own event coming in May 1st-2nd and we need the support from all our members in helping to obtain vendors and sponsors. We also need volunteers for the two days of the event as well as setup and take down help so please make this the one time you through in with those who always step up to the call. I want to thank the two Sheriffs Officers, Officer Thomas and Officer Snyder for coming out to speak to us at our last chapter meeting. I found it to be rather informative and very human, hearing and seeing that they to feel the same about our rights and freedom on the road, after all they are bikers just like us while on duty or off. Thank you gentleman for your time. Check your newsletter calendar for more information on the up coming events and dates.

Ride Long, Ride Hard Ride Safe Dave

GOD'S PLAN

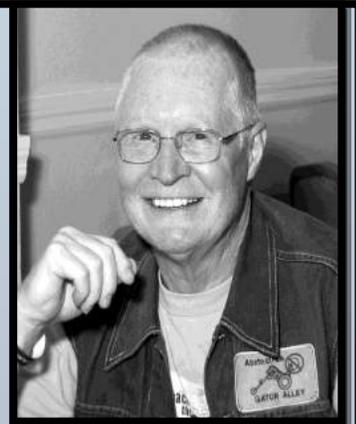
God has a plan for each of us. Good things or bad things don't just happen by coincidence. They are part of God's plan. "I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand." Psalm 40: 1&2. Good gifts come from God because He loves us. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." James 1:17

Think of all the great gifts you have received from God. First and most important is our salvation, which is something we can't earn and don't deserve. Yet we get to spend eternity in God's presence.

We also have good families, friends, employment, and more than most of the world can fathom. We also may have accidents, unemployment, sickness, and other bad things going on in our lives. Perhaps this is God's way of getting us to turn to Him and trust in Him if we have drifted away. The first thing we do when there is trouble is to turn to Him in prayer.

Jesus came to save the lost. "For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost." Luke 19:10. This means that He will find you if you go astray. We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God so we must daily seek Him and ask for His guidance.

Jerry Mason, Chaplain
Gator Alley ABATE





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GATOR ALLEY CHAPTER

CASINO RUN

Sunday, April 12, 2015

\$10.00 per hand

Start: Sawgrass Grill 9:00am

11865 Collier Blvd, Naples, FL. 34116 239-354-0855

Breakfast Available

First Bike out: 10:00am

Last Bike in: 4:00pm

Event ends: 5:00pm

2nd Stop: Seminole Casino
3rd Stop: North Naples CC
4th Stop: Weekend Willies



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Margo Fuoco
239-404-1279
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Scott Hughes
239-250-0453

5th and Final Stop:
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Last Run before
MASH BASH
All monies raised
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biggest event of
the year!

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January/February Sunshine Report

Bill Ratcliff, a Get Well card for his procedure to have a stint put in on Wednesday, Jan. 7th. All went well and reports have it that he is doing fine, just a bit tired.

Thomas "Fly" Pletcher, a Get Well card for his scare that sent him to the ER the day of the Swamp to the City Run. Heart attack like symptoms that stem from acid reflux were the cause, but we should never ignore the signs and always error on the side of caution.

Emily Loy, Get well for car accident involving her future husband and family caused by a blown tire on 75 and the SUV rolled. One teen was ejected from the vehical, but is thankfully recovered and all are doing well.

Signed NDN Obit for **Robert Colantonio**, the new rider that was tragically killed in a inconceivable hit and run on the on ramp of 75. This gentleman was a pillar of strength and leadership in the community and this loss effected many. The senselessness of any hit and run (which are becoming common place this season) is what we fight against every day and we hope and pray that justice will prevail for his family and for our cause.

Michele Huscher Spratlin and Pam Spratlin, Everglades Cycle, sympathy card for the loss of their dog. If anyone knows Michele, you know she has quite the farm and is attached to each and every critter they have. On a happier note, Michele and Pam were able to solidify their marriage legally in a ceremony on Sunday, February 15th. Congratulations Ladies, and many happy years of blessings to you!

Christine Hughes and Dad, Thinking of You/Get Well wishes for his recovery of a stroke. Last report was that he was holding his own. Christine and Scott will be knee deep in settling in their new digs for a while, and we wish them well as they lock their roots back in Naples once again!

Tom Hoffman, Get Well for his hip replacement surgery. He was able to attend this month's meeting and his hoping to be back on his bike in 3-4 weeks. If you ask him, he'll show ya his scar! Happy Walking Again, Tom!

Jake Poster, Tracy Condeluci's Mom, Encouragement card as she has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently under-going treatment. We wish her and the family strength and courage to cope with what lies ahead.

Jennifer Seybold, Get Well card for her heart attack scare and short stay in the hospital. Unfortunately, doctors weren't able to give her any substantial answers as to what her possible health issues are, but she is taking all the necessary precautions and actions to be well and stay well. Love ya, Girlie!!

The Loy Family, Congratulations on arrival of their grandbaby girl, Clara Elizabeth, in IN. They risked weather and travel issues to get there, but they made it and are giving this little miracle all the love n' snuggles she can stand. We send our congratulations to Mamma Ashley and Daddy Josh and look forward to all of the joy she will bring this beautiful family.

Dan "Woody" Holman, a Glad You're Ok card after hearing of him going down on his bike on a trip back from Orlando. His bike hit a rock and he lost control of the bike, banged up his head and wrist, but is still with us and able to replace the bike. The sad part is that he was doing good deeds for the BACA group (Bikers Against Child Abuse) and it just goes to show us how quickly even the best of circumstances can change. He will be up and riding after the cast comes off and his new bike arrives so we wish him well on all of his future rides with us and with BACA. As the two motorcycle officers who spoke at our meeting said, "It's not if you go down, it's when." Be safe out there. XO

SPECIAL MENTION:

Just want to thank of of those who were able to be in attendance to escort the Vietnam wall from Fort Myers to Marco. It was a tremendous showing, and we appreciate your representation. Special thanks to **Cari Lamontange, Kenny Smith and John "Frizz" Stevens** for speaking so eloquently when interviewed by our local news and portraying such heartfelt respect for the men and women who sacrificed so much...those who came home and those who did not. We hope and pray that the honor of this tradition continues and the importance of our military history is available to future generations.

Do pediatricians go miniature golfing on Wednesdays?

Respectfully Submitted by:

Margo Fuoco

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February 24, 2015

TO: Sheriff Kevin Rambosk
3319 Tamiami Trail East, Building "J"
Naples, FL 34112

RE: Corporal C Thomas, Corporal JJ Snyder

Sheriff Rambosk,

I would like to commend the two officers above for their presentation they gave to our members on Feb. 22, 2015. They were very informative and personable. They made a great connection between the biker community and the Officers that ride motorcycles. They are a great asset to your staff and our community.

Respectfully,

Lynn Corr

Legislative Trustee

Gator Alley.

Cc: President of Gator Alley, Dave Lindsay

Robert Butcher

Newsletter of Gator Alley, Pam Miller



Chapter Minutes

CHAPTER MEETING AGENDA January 25, 2015 VFW

WELCOME - PLEDGE – MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESIDENT (Dave) Excused, Working at the Swamp Buggy Races

VICE PRESIDENT (Scott) – No New Members or Guest. Most are working at Swamp Buggy.

SECRETARY (LYNN) – Bill Ratcliff sitting in. No changes to the minutes . Accept the minutes as written in the Newsletter. Motion made by Paul, Seconded by Tom.

TREASURER (CARI) – Discussed Finances. Mash Bash is being funded. State Tickets are in and accounted for

SARGENT AT ARMS (BRAD) – Nothing to Report

LEGISLATIVE (LYNN CORR) – Excused

DELEGATES REPORT(Friss/Jude) – State Meeting in Cape Coral on Feb 14th. A ride together is being considered.

MEMBERSHIP – (Trudi) 351 members, pins handed out.

NEWSLETTER (Pam) – Pam has accepted the position.

SAFETY (RIFFRAFF) –Excused

PR COMMUNICATION/ADVERTISING/SPECIAL EVENTS (LAURAJO

SMITH) – Work is being done for the Proclamation with the City and County. Old advertisers are back. Swamp to the City attendance was 117. Casino Run on April 12th.

QUARTERMASTER (ROGER) – Excused

PRODUCTS - Need recommendations for new products

SUNSHINE REPORT – (MARGO) Excused

OLD BUSINESS – Mash Bash: First meeting held last Thursday. Need help with vendors. Pick up any vendors card and give to Scarlett or Marie. Will announce the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing

GOOD TO THE ORDER – Cadillac: Chris Thomas gave a presentation a few years and will be coming back again. Please give questions to forward to him concerning motorcycle/bike rules in place.

Motion to Adjourn: Paul, Seconded by Tom 50/50 Richard Weber

Submitted by Bill Ratcliff

CHAPTER MEETING AGENDA February 22, 2015 VFW 11:07AM

WELCOME - PLEDGE – MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESIDENT (Dave) I have attended the Insurance Meeting before the State Meeting and was glad to know that we are in compliance with State. But we need to make sure that any insurance request goes the E Board and then through the Secretary. Plus if a rider doesn't sign our insurance sheet, they may not ride with the group ride. Our Mash Bash flyer has been approved and we are able to distribute. We have been named in an incident at Swamp Buggy concerning allowing undocumented Service Dogs or Companion Dog. We are employees of The Swamp Buggy Organization and we will follow their rules. When it comes to our gate at Mash Bash, this will be discussed at the Mash Bash meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT (Scott) – Excused

SECRETARY (LYNN) – No Newsletter this month. Please read the next month to verify minutes. Thank you to Bill Ratcliff for his assistance last month with the minutes.

TREASURER (CARI) – We have some money left.

SARGENT AT ARMS (BRAD) – Verifying all have signed in.

LEGISLATIVE (LYNN CORR) – See Report

DELEGATES REPORT (Frizz/Jude) – See Report

MEMBERSHIP – (Trudi) handed out pins. Please see report.

NEWSLETTER (PAM) – Excused (Please have all reports in by 6pm on Tuesday)

SAFETY (RIFFRAFF) – Thank you to Capt. Rusty for the AED/CPA class. Another will be scheduled. New assistant safety director, Chris Taylor. Thank you Chris for your help.

SPECIAL GUEST – Officer Thomas, Office Snyder spoke to us to remind us about safety issues during this busy Season. Also, gave tips to avoid unnecessary aggravations.

PR COMMUNICATION/ADVERTISING/SPECIAL EVENTS (LAURAJO SMITH) – Excused

QUARTERMASTER (ROGER) – All Quartered and Mastered

PRODUCTS – Rusty asked that someone take the merchandise and he will take over the position.

SUNSHINE REPORT – (MARGO) Please See her Report

OLD BUSINESS – Casino Run on 4/12 all is ready. See Flyer in Newsletter. Mash Bash meeting this Thursday 2/26 at the VFW. We are in need of Vendors and Sponsors. Especially a leather vendor who can sew on patches. Gator Alley is sponsoring the State Meeting in Dec. The State Board is happy for nice weather for Dec meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – None

GOOD TO THE ORDER – Cadillac – Thank you to all that attended the Ride to the Wall. Big Thank you to Roger for his help organizing. Rolling Thunder Meeting 3/9 at 7 at Old Chicago Pizzeria. New Hope Ministries is having a Motorcycle Rally on March 28th from 9-2. A Custom Harley will be given away.

Motion to Adjourn: 12:56 Motion made by Frizz, Seconded by Scarlett, 50/50 donated to Gator Alley

Respectfully Submitted by Lynn Corr



ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. GATOR ALLEY CHAPTER

STATE MEETING

February 2015

President. Abate is in financial trouble. Please make no donations outside of Abate. Money needs to stay in the Corporation.

The 501C3 corporation has been formed. Abate of FL E-Board is also E-Board for new corporation. New corporation is called Abate Of Florida Safety and Education Inc.

Any donations to the tax deductible corporation must be paid to Abate of Florida Safety and Education Inc., not to individual chapters. The corporation will give grants.

Avon Park contracts have been signed. They have given us the town for the event. Event will be called Abate of Florida Safety and Education presents Avon Park Bike Fest. We already have sponsors. 2,3,4, October. Richard Lester – Larry Crow and partners matched Mr. Lester. I (Friz) volunteered our chapter to man the liquor bar. Contact Mudder for more information. Billy Bird is chairing vendor and music. E-Mail: FLSUNBUM@JUNO.COM. There are ads on the radio already.

V.P. Will need all chapters 100% efforts to make this work well. Need to make all new members feel welcome at All levels.

Secretary. Accepted minutes.

Treasurer. Report in packet. Suggest raising membership fees to \$30.00 per year and \$300.00 life.

Sgt at Arms. Riff Raff inventory.

State Office

PR Communications: Laura Jo contact P.R. please.

Membership: Names need to be sent for bell ringing. Highest % Growth, Nov – Lighthouse. Most new members – Nov., Palm Beach. Dec. highest % Growth – Brevard. Most new members Dec – Brevard.

Safety Director: Trying to get Drivers Ed back in schools.

Products

Legislative: House Bill 231 by Rep Passidomo vulnerable road users bill that focuses more on bicycles and does include most of our last years bill language.

Lobbyist: Doc is asking for \$300,000.00 for Safety. If we get it, it will go into 501C3 corporation.

Legal: Claim in Brevard accident has not been filed, but is expected to be.

NCOM: Convention is in Denver on 8,9,10 May.

Bike Week: Ticket drawing is March 14, Sat, Noon at the State office.

Tallahassee: State meeting 4/19/15, Sunday. Ride to Capital 4/20/15.

SUBMITTED BY: FRIZ

ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. GATOR ALLEY CHAPTER

Events 2015

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>
JANUARY	SWAMPIN TO THE CITY	JANUARY 4, 2015	Laura Jo Smith
FEBRUARY	PRE-TALLY (NON-ABATE)	TBD	Rusty Crans RiffRaff
APRIL	CASINO RUN	APRIL 12, 2015	Margo Fucco
	TALLAHASSEE RIDE (NON-ABATE)	APRIL 20, 2015	Riff Raff
MAY	MASH BASH	MAY 1-2, 2015	Scarlett Leeper Marie Ratcliff
JUNE	ELECTIONS	JUNE 28, 2015	Margo Fucco
JULY	PERSERVATION RUN	TBD	NEED CHAIR
	5 STAR	TBD	NEED CHAIR
	STATE LEADERSHIP SEMINARS	TBD	ALL ELECTED NEED TO BE THERE
AUGUST	PLAN YOUR OWN RUN!	TBD	GOT AN IDEA? LETS US KNOW
SEPTEMBER	BIRTHDAY PARTY	TBD	Margo Fucco
OCTOBER	MEMORIAL RUN	TBD	NEW CHAIR
NOVEMBER	RUN AND GOBBLE	TBD	NEED CHAIR
DECEMBER	HERITAGE RUN	DECEMBER 5, 2015	NEED CHAIR

NON-GATOR ALLEY EVENTS

JANUARY 18, 2015	ABATE Southeast Chapter— Pompanno	Motorcyclists Rights Rally	www.abateflorida.com/events
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FEBRUARY 15, 2015	ABATE SOUTERNMOST CHAPTER-TAVERNIER	SCAVENGER HUNT	www.abateflorida.com/events
FEBRUARY 15, 2015	ABATE PEACE RIVER SHAPTER-VENICE	PRE-DAYTONA BIKER BASH	www.abateflorida.com/events
APRIL 23-26, 2015	ABATE LAKE COUNTY CHAPTER	LEESBURG BIKE BEST	www.abateflorida.com/events
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT by Lynn Corr, Legislative Trustee for Gator Alley Chapter of Florida.

What a busy month! So much going on in Tallahassee and in Collier County. Committees have been meeting since January and session starts March 3rd. Let's hope much is done in a way to preserve our rights as motorcyclist. Here's the scope from Darrin our State Legislative Trustee.

First and foremost - Get the word out to your members to contact their US Representatives in Washington DC to urge them to support and sign on as co-sponsor of HR 1861.

The MRF has made it very easy to email your Representative by just following these easy steps.

1. clicking on the link <http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>
2. enter your zip + 4
3. click on the little envelope icon that should be next to the picture of your Rep.
4. complete the simple form, giving your name, address, etc...
5. under the "Subject" section write "**Please support HR 1861**"
6. In the text body section just say "Please support and co-sponsor Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) HR 1861"
7. Put your name and that you are a member of ABATE of Florida, Inc. Chapter _____
8. Hit send...

We need everyone to take five minutes and help end the Motorcycle Only Checkpoints... Spread this to everyone you can... Put it in your Chapter websites and Face book pages.

10 BIG ISSUES TO WATCH DURING THE 2015 SESSION

(By JIM SAUNDERS THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, February 23, 2015.....Florida lawmakers will gather March 3 in the Capitol for the pomp-filled start of the 2015 legislative session. Then the real work begins. For 60 days, the House and Senate will grapple with hot-button issues ranging from standardized testing in public schools to reforming the troubled prison system. And that doesn't even touch on the one must-pass bill of the session: a roughly \$77 billion state budget. Here are 10 big issues to watch during the upcoming session: **BUDGET:** Banking on a nearly \$1 billion surplus, Gov. Rick Scott offered a budget proposal in January that included record per-student spending in public schools and \$673 million in tax cuts. But a major question looms for the Republican-dominated Legislature as it prepares to negotiate a final spending plan this spring. A program that has funneled about \$1 billion a year to hospitals and other health providers is set to expire June 30, and it is unclear whether state and federal officials can agree on an extension. If they can't agree, that would leave a huge hole in the budget. The program, known as the Low Income Pool, helps subsidize care for low-income and uninsured Floridians. **CHILD WELFARE:** After a series of child deaths, lawmakers last year passed a wide-ranging law to try to reform the Florida Department of Children and Families. But lawmakers and the agency are struggling with renewed questions heading into this year's session, in part because of the high-profile death of a 5-year-old girl who was dropped off a bridge into Tampa Bay. A 50-page report issued in late January by a new institute at Florida State University called for state leaders to go far beyond their previous efforts to fix the child-welfare system. **GAMBLING:** Lawmakers have toyed the past few years with revamping the state's gambling laws, but they have ended up scuttling proposals such as allowing resort casinos in South Florida. This spring, however, Scott and the Legislature are confronted with a decision about whether to extend part of a gambling deal with the Seminole Tribe of Florida that brings in more than \$100 million a year for the state. If the Seminole deal goes before the Legislature, odds are that lobbyists will use it as a springboard to seek other changes in the gambling industry.

GUNS: When Florida State University graduate Myron May opened fire at the campus library in November, he wounded three people before he was shot to death by police. The incident stunned the university. But it also reopened a debate about whether the Legislature should start allowing people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on college campuses. Supporters of the change say it would help students and other people on campus defend themselves. But critics contend that the proposal could make campuses more dangerous.

HEALTH CARE: The noisiest health-care issue during the upcoming session likely will focus on whether the state should accept tens of billions of dollars in federal money to expand Medicaid or to provide coverage through a similar private health-insurance program. But like the past two years, the idea appears dead on arrival in the Florida House. Health-care lobbyists, however, are working on a variety of other issues, including proposals to bolster the use of telemedicine in the state. The House and Senate could not reach agreement on a telemedicine bill last year but appear to be close to a compromise heading into this spring's session.

LAND AND WATER: Voters sent a strong message in November when they overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment requiring the state to set aside hundreds of millions of dollars a year for land and water projects. But one of the most closely watched issues of the session will be how the Legislature carries that out. House Speaker Steve Crisafulli, R-Merritt Island, and Senate President Andy Gardiner, R-Orlando, have made clear that water issues will be a priority of their two years leading the Legislature. But at least part of the debate will focus on how to divvy up money between proposed water projects, which range from cleaning up natural springs and the Everglades to helping with local-government stormwater systems.

PRISONS: The Florida Department of Corrections is getting hit from all sides. Among other things, it faces investigations into inmate deaths, allegations of cover-ups, complaints about low staffing levels and questions about health care provided to prisoners. Senators have started moving aggressively to try to make changes in the agency, which has long had problems. Among the proposals under discussion: creating new penalties for guards who abuse prisoners and establishing a new commission to oversee the prison system.

STADIUMS: Lawmakers last year approved a plan to try to bring some order to lobbying scums about whether the state should spend sales-tax dollars to help pay for building or renovating sports stadiums. The plan led to four stadium projects --- involving EverBank Field in Jacksonville, Daytona International Speedway, Sun Life Stadium in Miami-Dade County and an Orlando soccer stadium --- submitting voluminous applications and undergoing reviews. But then the process became messy, at least in part because the state Department of Economic Opportunity did not rank the projects. And now, lawmakers find themselves once again getting lobbied heavily as they try to decide whether the state should subsidize stadium projects.

TAX CUTS: The question isn't whether lawmakers will approve tax cuts. The question is how big the number will be and which taxes will get cut. Scott's proposed \$673 million in tax cuts focus heavily on what is known as the communications-services tax, which is collected on such things as cell-phone bills and cable television. The governor wants to cut that tax by about \$470 million, arguing such a cut would directly help families. It is unclear whether lawmakers will go along with such a large cut in that tax. But they are looking at several additional possibilities, including cutting a tax on real-estate leases, increasing deductions on corporate-income taxes and offering sales-tax holidays.

TESTING: Democrats and teachers unions howled for years about Florida high-stakes testing system, which was largely ushered in by former Gov. Jeb Bush and backed by Republican legislative leaders. But with many conservative voters now also objecting to the system, Scott and the Legislature appear to be looking for ways to scale back the focus on standardized testing. Education Commissioner Pam Stewart, with the support of Scott, has already called for eliminating at least one statewide test. A key for Republican lawmakers could be trying to find a balance between reduced testing and still having accountability measures for schools.



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Any donation under \$200 the person's name or business name will be put on the T-shirts if they wish.

Please contact any of the people listed below for more information:

Scarlett Leeper, Mash Bash Chair 239-784-9661; Marie Ratcliff, Co-chair 239-564-4953; Pres.t Dave Lindsay, 239-825-4590, V. P. Scott Hughes, 239-250-0453, Sec. Lynne Corr, 239-348-7119, Treasurer Cari Lamontagne, 603-490-7425 or any member of the Gator Alley Chapter you know will assist you.



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April 19 - 20, 2015

State Meeting Sunday April 19th at 2:00 pm

State Board Meeting Sunday April 19th at Noon

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There are other campgrounds and hotels in the area. The map below offers directions to ABATE. Please make reservations early.

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ABATE of Florida, Inc., Gator Alley Chapter sends Greetings and our Hope for a prosperous New Year.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the longest running Biker Party in South Florida – “MASH BASH 2015”. With a theme styled after the TV series MASH, our members go all out once a year in May, to insure that we have the financial strength to maintain our professional lobbying efforts on behalf of all Motorcycle enthusiasts in Florida and throughout America.

MASH BASH will be May 1st to the 3rd, at the KOA Campground, located at the corner of Barefoot Williams Road and Tower Road just south of US 41 from Collier Blvd. We traditionally have great food and Cold drinks, diverse vendors, bike games, people games, a bike show, 50/50 drawings, camping, kid’s activities, live music and a lot of fellowship.

Who is ABATE and how can we help each other?

The name, ABATE of Florida, Inc. and locally Gator Alley Chapter have become very well known in both the motorcycling and political communities in southwest Florida. ABATE, is Florida’s largest Motorcycle Rights Organization (7500+) members. We are not a club nor are we a gang. We are an organization that brings people from all walks of life together for a common cause. Gator Alley Chapters’ membership encompasses the whole spectrum of southwest Florida. Your sponsorship will impact many members of your target consumer base. Your sponsorship will also give your business exposure to a group of loyal, hardworking, and hard playing people that will appreciate your support. Gator Alley Chapter, ABATE of Florida, Inc. fight daily to protect the freedoms and increase the Safety of ALL motorcyclist. Your sponsorship will not only help improve your market share in southwest Florida, but will also help save lives and protect hard fought freedom. Please stand with us, you will make a difference.

How Can You Participate?

The attached form lists a variety of different ways to help out. As you can imagine funding is a main concern for any grass-roots organization. There are several levels of participation for cash support. **Note that donations made to ABATE of Florida, Inc. are not tax deductible for income tax purposes.** Our aim is to put a sponsor support team together that can help us bring in class entertainment, provide a relaxed and fun environment for all attendees, boost attendance, and continue to promote “MASH BASH” as THE DESTINATION in southwest Florida for a traditional biker event.

By participating, your business will be exposed to thousands of potential clients in the weeks leading up to the event, during the event and after the event has ended through T-shirts,

newsletters, magazines, website postings, direct correspondence with other chapters around south Florida, and the banter that comes from a good old fashioned fun party.

What if I can't spare the cash?

One of the ways that sponsors have helped in the past has been through the donation of goods and services. We are in need of lights, generators, shade tents, ice, dumpsters, signage, banners and printing promotional items, a sound stage, sound and lighting equipment, publicity for the event, t-shirts, door prizes and raffle items and man-power.

How do I sign up?

Just fill out the enclosed form and call one of the names listed. You will get a prompt response. We will need a "camera ready" (".jpeg") rendering of your company or business logo. We thank you in advance for taking the time to read this note and hope we can look forward to working with you on "Mash Bash 2015".

Sincerely,

Scarlett Leeper Marie Ratcliff 239-784-
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ABATE of Florida, Inc, Gator Alley Chapter Cash Receipt

Received from _____ this ____ day of _____, 2015. Thank you for your donation to our event.

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The Wall That Heals



Mash Bash News:

Hello Everyone,

If you are interested in a cabin, please see me. As of March 1st, we have 5 cabins, 1 lodge and the 5th wheel left. We are asking that you pay in cash or else write a check for cash. Had a couple of problems with checks being out so long.

Below you will see what prices are.

Lynn Corr

ABATE RATES FOR 2015 **May 1st & May 2nd 2015**

Cabins	\$ 40.00 + tax = \$44.00
Water/Electric	\$ 30.00 + tax = \$33.00
Tent w/water	\$ 25.00 + tax = \$27.50
Lodge 1 & 2	\$ 95.00 + tax = \$104.50
Lodge 3	\$100.00 + tax = \$109.95
30 Amp Full	\$ 35.00 + tax = \$38.50
50 Amp Full	\$ 45.00 + tax = \$49.50
5th Wheel	\$ 90.00 + tax = \$99.00
Studio Lodges	\$ 75.00 + tax = \$82.50

We have 2 lodges and 2 studios that are pet friendly, but we do require a \$20.00 non-refundable pet fee on these units. The cabins are pet friendly with a \$10.00 non-refundable pet fee.

There are 9 cabins, 3 lodges, 5 studios and a 5th wheel (no pets).

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Hi all!

The following are up for renewal for the month of March and April!

The following are LIFE Membership cards that I have that I'd like to give out. They are as follows : Elizabeth Appling, Robin Buckley, jr, Edie and Dale Canon, Vincent Carriero, Mike Cerneck, Joseph Davidson, Jimbo Creebo, Ronald Dixon, Marlene Miller-Foote, Jason Fechner and Alex Heron.

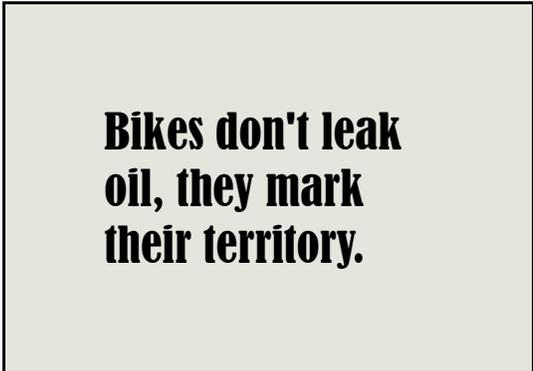
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- Keith Sherwood**
- Doug White**

April

- Ginny Brunson**
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- Jason Abidin**
- Pattie Moore**
- Denny Parsons**
- Brian Moschello**
- Denise Russo**
- Margaret Harris**

Thanks Trudi Steel



NEWSLETTER:

It's great be able to help out with the newsletter for now and I thank everyone for having faith in me!

Let me know if you would like to have anything put in the newsletter, from pictures to clips to articles. All will be under consideration and most will go in. You always get that one that can't, you know what I mean LOL. And as always, depends on available space.

Whatever it is, it's better in the wind..... Pam





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8 	9	10	11 North Naples CC Bike Night	12 Board Meeting	13 Hell Yeah Bike Night	14 Bill's Café Biker Morning 9-1
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 North Naples CC Bike Night	19	20 Estero Legendary Party	21 Estero Legendary Party
22 Chapter meeting	23	24	25 North Naples CC Bike Night	26	27 Hell Yeah Bike Night	28 Bill's Café Biker Morning 9-1
29 	30	31			MASH BASH - MAY 1ST AND 2ND !!!!!	
5 Star Chapter Meetings: West Coast—3rd Sunday Estero Rover—3rd Sunday Southwest—4th Sunday Peace River—4th Sunday		FIRST DAY OF SPRING 3/20			MAKE PLANS NOW !!!	

April 2015



Happy Easter

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 EASTER 	6	7	8 North Naples CC Bike Night Every Wednesday	9	10 Hell Yeah Bike Night Every Friday	11 Bill's Café Biker Morning 9-1
12 CASINO RUN—GATOR ALLEY	13	14	15 Tax Day 	16 Board Meeting	7 Hell Yeah Bike Night	18 Bill's Café Biker Morning 9-1
19 State Meeting Freedom Rights Rally Tallahassee	20 RIDE TO THE CAPITOL	21	22  Earth Day April 22	23 LEESBURG BIKE FEST 2/23-2/26	24 LEESBURG BIKE FEST 2/23-2/26	25 LEESBURG BIKE FEST 2/23-2/26
26 Chapter meeting	27	28	29	30	5/1 & 5/2 MASH BASH !!!!!	

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March 28th, 2015 - Swamp Buggy Nite Race (Work Gates)

April 12th, 2015 - Casino Run

May 1-2, 2015 - M'A'S'H B'A'S'H

July, 2015 - Preservation Run (Date to come)

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thanks, LauraJo



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If anybody has anything they'd like to contribute, let me know. Thanks, LauraJo



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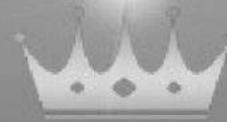


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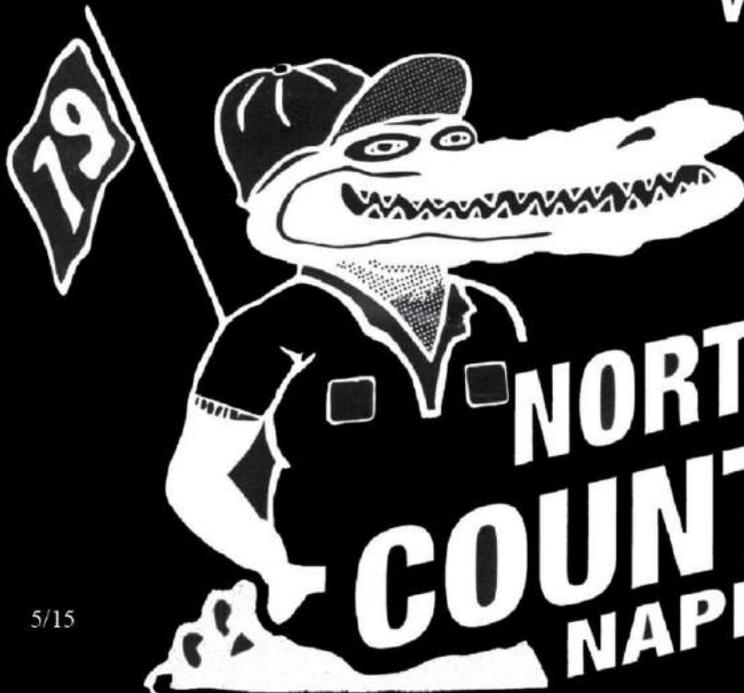
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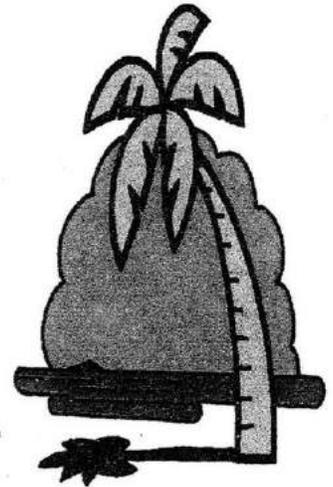
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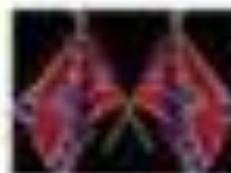
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Steering and Riding At Slow Speeds

Steering is the easy part right? Not always.

When driving above 15-20 mph, the motorcycle's wheels act like gyroscopes. These spinning masses of wheel and tire combine to create a gyroscopic force. How do you must overcome this force to get your bike to turn?

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When you attempt to push a spinning wheel to the right or the left, the wheel, and the rest of the bike attached to it, will lean in the opposite direction. This is called counter-steering. Turn the bars left, and lean right. It is the only way to steer a motorcycle when going over 15 mph.

This is not a technique to learn in a moment of panic, it only works if you practice it. Unless the action is second nature, you will return to your old habits during an emergency.

Riding at Slow Speeds

Riding fast is fun. Unfortunately to even get to where we can drive fast, we often have to sludge through traffic, urban areas or neighborhoods where slow riding is necessary.

Slow riding tricks include:

Proper posture

Sit comfortably on the bike and keep your knees against the tank. Try not to move around too much as this transfers weight around and provides steering input to the bike. And keep your feet on the footpegs.

Sighting

Failure to look ahead is one of the most common errors with slow speed riding. A good way to practice this is setting up cones about four yards apart and slaloming through them. Vary the distance between cones if your bike can't make it. As you are going between two cones, you should be looking at the path you want to take in the next gate, which should be about 3.0 to 5.0 ahead. Many riders look 3.0 to 5.0 feet ahead which causes them to be shaky. Looking the proper distance ahead gives your mind enough time to plan a route, so you don't have to make so many last-minute corrections. Force yourself to look far ahead.

The Front Brake

Under normal conditions, the front brake is an invaluable tool for keeping your bike under control. However, at very slow speeds while the front wheel is turned, the front brake can be too strong to provide a smooth stop. I tend not to use the front brake at very low speeds. The rear has more than enough power to stop you at these speeds, just be careful not to shift around to get your foot on the brake pedal (if it isn't already, as it should be), or you'll upset the bike's balance.

Clutch Slipping

Another major key to slow speed control is the clutch. Most motorcycles have wet clutches, which means that the friction plates are bathed in oil to keep them cool. This means that slipping a clutch is not a problem for a short time. When riding at a speed that is slower than your idle will let you go, control your speed by pulling in the clutch past the friction point to disengage the engine from the rear wheel. The friction point is the point that the clutch just starts to 'grab' and transfer power to the rear wheel. When you feel unsteady because you are going so slowly you feel you almost have to put your foot down, then let out the clutch a bit to speed up until you're steady. You can do this for quite some time without hurting the clutch.

*Slow Speed Riding Techniques shared with us courtesy of Mark Yaeger

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On the local level our members get out the vote and support candidates who are sympathetic to our issues. We have helped candidates across the state who in some cases faced formidable opponents, yet still won. We also will endeavor to lobby local governments whenever there are issues that need to be addressed, affecting local motorcycle use, ownership, and any discrimination that may result from said use of ownership.

At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support.

On the national level we are aligned with Motorcycle Riders Foundations (MRF), and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), along with several other international motorcycle rights organizations (MRO's).

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