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All meetings are held at the VFW: 800 Neffs Way, Naples, FL 34119

Board Meetings	Chapter Meetings
January 12, 2017	January 22, 2017
February 16, 2017	February 26, 2017
7PM	11 am

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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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President & Legislative

Notes from the Legislative President, Lynn Corr

Merry Christmas everyone. Hope the holidays were filled with love and joy. As the NewYear, starts we already have Bills being filed that are a directed at us. The following is from State Legislation.

A motorcycle helmet bill has been filed in the Florida House by brand new Rep. Don Hahnfeldt a republican from District 33. District 33 is all of Sumter County, and parts of Lake and Marion Counties. HB 6009 Motorcycle Safety by Rep. Hahnfeldt, removes provisions authorizing certain persons over 21years of age to operate/ride motorcycle without wearing protective headgear; provides penalties. It will make riding without a helmet a noncriminal traffic 26 infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in 27 chapter 318.

So, the fight is on, but what makes this worse are the new rules the Speaker of the House has placed on lobbyists. The only way we can defeat this is if everyone of us calls and talks to our OWN Representative personally, that we are opposed to this bill. This is not something that just a few people can do, this is something that every single member of ABATE of Florida, Inc. needs to do. The Legislators are back home for the Holidays, so take time to reach out to them. Please get this out to all your members ASAP... we must act fast and stay in action. Please remind your members to not say or do anything stupid or aggressive to the Legislators. The last thing we need is someone getting pissed off and yelling or threatening someone.

We will fight this by giving facts and discussing CALMLY that this will not be the answer. The last DHSMV stats for 2015 show this about the motorcyclist deaths in Florida:

Killed wearing a helmet = 276
Killed without a helmet = 237
Killed with non-approved helmet = 20
Killed unknown helmet or not = 13

The time is now! I have updated our Legislative Directory with new people and their numbers. If you don't know who is your representative call me and we will figure it out. You can also check out this link at http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/myrepresentative.aspx . Most of us in Collier County have Kathleen Passidomo as State Senator. Also in January, we have the Swamp to the City Run on the 8th, and Swamp Buggy Races on the 28th and 29th. Please let LauraJo know if you are available on either or both of those days.

Chapter meeting is on the 22nd at the VFW 11am.

I don't want to forgot to thank my Board and everyone in the Chapter for your help and or encouragement this year. I couldn't ask for better people to work with and work for.

Thank you and God Bless You in this New Year.

Lynn Corr,
President of Gator Alley Chapter of ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Vice President

I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. The Run and Gobble poker run went great, a big thanks to Rusty and Havana Café. It was nice to see all those smiling faces at the Heritage House. Roger did a great job organizing that. State meeting went smooth, a big thanks to Frizz and Jude the food was great and more thanks to the Gator Alley girls for the serving and the center pieces on the tables. Laura Jo has the Swamp to the City ride all set up on January 8th. Starts at Oil Well park with the blessing of the bikes at 10:30am. February 12th a non Abate event is Bikes for Tykes leaving Cracklin' Jacks starts 9:30am. Cari is starting to organize Mash Bash, which is planned for May 13 & 14. SHE NEEDS OUR HELP! A planning meeting is scheduled for January 19th (SEE BELOW!). Please come and help brainstorm to make this a successful event. Just because you come to the meeting doesn't mean you will be stuck organizing anything, we just need a lot of brains coming together for ideas!!

Don't forget about April 9th and 10th Tallahasee….

http://www.abateflorida.com/mission_statement.php, don't forget
Scott out..

Scott Pignatiello
Vice President
Gator Alley Chapter
Abate of Florida, Inc.

MASH BASH PLANNIG MEETING!!

January 19, 7 PM at the VFW. Come and help Cari and the rest of Gator Alley plan this event. Cari cannot do it alone. This will be a brainstorming meeting to come up with fresh, new ideas to help make this a successful event. You will not be obligated to be at the event, just come with your ideas!! Dates for Mash Bash 2017 is May 13 & 14.

SUNSHINE REPORT — November

The family and friends of Don "Byrdman" Byrd, a Sympathy card for the tragic accident that took yet another fine Brother to the big Highway in the Sky. Byrdman was on his way to work early one morning when a negligent driver broad sided him claiming she did not see him. He was killed instantly. His family had a gathering on Ft. Myers Beach to meet Byrdman's friends while they were in town, and they appreciated the duel showing of both Gator Alley and Estero River Chapters. Byrdman was a LIFE member of Gator Alley, held several positions on the BOD, and was a tremendous part of this brotherhood before his work schedule kept him busy. He was an avid writer and wrote two notes back in 2007 that his girlfriend, Casey found. One was a goodbye note to his friends telling them to party on and know that he loved us, and the other to his parents thanking them for the life he was privileged to have due to their support. He must have written them knowing one day we would be saying goodbye, just not knowing when. Fly high, Brydman, and save us all a seat at the bar. XOXO Celebration of Life run will be held Sunday, December 11th going to all of Byrdman's favorite spots.

Larry Forari, Dad to our beloved Miss Trudi, a Get Well card as he is dealing with multiple health issues, but is managing to give "thumbs up" when Trudi sends him pictures and phone calls. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.

Doug White, a Sympathy card for the loss of his brother in law, Marty to a brain tumor. We had the pleasure of meeting him once when he came to town and joined us for our Heritage Run luncheon a few years back. He was very kind and told us he really enjoyed our event. He and Doug's sister dealt with this disease as long as they could, but it was time for him to move onto the next life without pain or suffering. Please keep Doug in your prayers as well.

SPECIAL MENTION:

Patti Farrell, long time member and Gator Alley supporter, our sympathies for the loss of her 14 year old American Bulldog, Max. They shared a lot of ups and downs together, and Big Max was there for her when she needed him most. Luckily, as they saying goes, they rescued each other. May God bless all our Critter Moms and Dads out there as losing a pet is a heart wrenching reality. We are blessed with fur babies for only a short time, but I know that Max had a life of genuine joy and comfort.

Eddie Couture Sr. and Jenn Houck, our condolences for the loss of their fur baby, Blazer. He was only four and got a hold of a corn cob which could not be digested and lodged in his intestines. We can't always catch what our dogs get into so this unintentional and unsettling travesty just makes it harder to comprehend. His time with Eddie and Jenn was cut short, but he did live a dog's life to the max and had much love from his people.

Mike Marks is still experiencing setbacks from his fall a while back. Still receiving therapy and unfortunately has developed other issues.

SUNSHINE REPORT — December

Please keep him and Jeannie in your prayers.

Bill Ratcliff has been diagnosed with kidney cancer and will be undergoing surgery at the end of the month. He and Marie are going on a cruise and then he will need our hopeful, healing prayers to bring him back from this unfortunate diagnosis. May the doctors and medical people take the utmost tender care of our good friend and Brother.

Dee Clark and Friends of Eli Sterling, our deepest condolences for his sudden passing. May he rest in peace and know that he was loved. He spent many evenings with us at MASH BASH and always supported our biker efforts.

What do you call a broke Santa?
St. NICKEL-LESS.

May your Christmas spirit last all year long.

Respectfully submitted by:
Margo Fuoco Pedigo

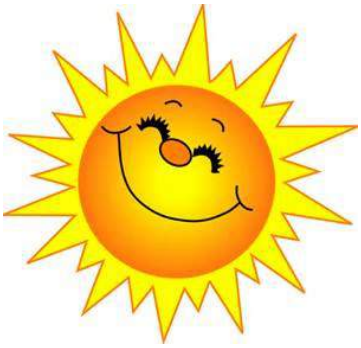
December Sunshine Report

Trudi Steel, a Sympathy card for the loss of her Dad. He and the family struggled with health issues for some time, and they all came together to help each other over each hurdle. Larry has good kids, and our GA family is lucky enough to have Trudi as our chosen sister. God Bless the Forari Family.

Ken Keller, a Get Well card for his heart related issues. We hope to see him and his lovely wife Cheryl back out on the blue trike soon. We love you two crazy kids. :-)

The Board of Directors and Staff at the Swamp Buggy Races, a Thank You card for inviting our hard working volunteers to their very lovely Christmas party. The attendees had a wonderful time and look forward to our upcoming shifts at this year's races.

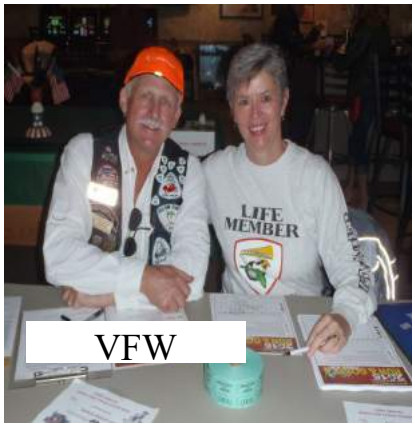
To All Our Members and Sister Chapters: May we all have a Blessed Christmas, a most happy New Year and may 2017 bring pride, respect and integrity back to this country. God Bless our Military, past, present and future.



What goes OH, OH, OH this time of year?
Santa walking backwards.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Margo Fuoco Pedigo

RUN & GOBBLE



VFW

St. Matthew's House

Gators' Crossroads

OOPS! Wrong Door!

TWISTED SPOKE

RUN & GOBBLE

*A big THANK YOU to **Havana Café** for sponsoring our ride and offering an awesome spread for lunch!*

SAND BAR

HAVANA CAFE

Lucky Lefty, WINNER of best hand!

Congrats to Gary . . . Biggest loser!

Bill with the "bills" from the 50/50!

Chaplain

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Our ancestors came to this country for freedom of religion, not freedom from religion as some ill advised people in our government seem to think. In England the people were under the thumb of The Church of England and weren't allowed to worship as they pleased. They came to worship God, not Mohammed, Buda, or any other idols. The Muslims now want to come here, not for religious freedom, but to cram their religion, thoughts, beliefs, and customs down our throats. Our missionaries have gone to many countries to introduce the inhabitants to God, but not tell them they will be killed if they don't believe. Instead, they are told they will attain eternal life if they accept Jesus as their Savior. With Muslims, we aren't given a choice.

The Muslims come here not only forcing their religion on us, but for all the freebees that are provided by our government. Many are on welfare, food stamps, assisted housing, or other government assistance, but want to change America to their archaic ways. They want to be demeaning to our women, force sharia law on us, and turn our cities to slums like where they lived. France, England, and Germany have been overrun by them and their cities are ruined and living in fear. Germany is now sorry they let them in. Meanwhile, our administration and the democratic party want to allow one hundred thousand more into the United States. Right now, Obama wants to accept 6,000 that are on an island off the Australian coast that Australia won't accept. Their main reason is to garner votes for the democratic party in the same manner they have with millions of Mexicans. The Mexicans at least believe in God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

The Muslims do not believe in Jesus, but say we must accept Mohammed or die. They should study the Bible. In Isaiah 41:27 we're told, "I gave Jerusalem a messenger of good tidings". Perhaps that is where they get the idea that Jesus was only a prophet or messenger. They evidently haven't looked in the New Testament. As Paul is writing to the Philippians about Jesus he writes, "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father". Phil. 2:9-11

During the Christmas season we celebrate the grand night God visited earth as a baby. God, the Creator of all, took on the unimpressive body of a human being to endure a confining life and grisly death on a cross for our sins. Joy "through God" to the world.

Jerry Mason, Chaplain
Gator Alley, ABATE

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2017 GATOR ALLEY EVENTS

MONTH	EVENT	DATE	CHAIRPERSON
January	***Swamp to the City***	***January 8***	***LauraJo Smith***
January	***Swamp Buggy Races***	***January 28 & 29***	***LauraJo Smith***
March	Swamp Buggy Races	March 25 & 26	LauraJo Smith
April	Casino Run	TBD	Dave Lindsay & Rambo
May	Mash Bash	May 13 & 14	Cari Lamontagne
June	Elections	June Chapter Meeting	Margo Fuoco Pedigo
August	Preservation Run	TBD	CAN YOU HELP?
September	Birthday Party	TBD	Margo Fuoco Pedigo
October	Memorial Tribute	TBD	YOUR NAME HERE!
November	Swamp Buggy Races	TBD	LauraJo Smith
November	Run and Gobble	TBD	CAN YOU HELP?
December	Heritage House Event	TBD	YOUR NAME HERE!
NON-GATOR ALLEY EVENTS 2017			
February 2017	***State Meeting***	***February 11***	***ABATE of Florida, Inc.***
April 2017	Tallahassee Run	April 9-10	State Meeting 4/9, **Ride to Capitol 4/10**
June 2017	State Meeting	June 10	Vintage Chapter
July 2017	Leadership Seminars	TBD	Abate of Florida
August 2017	State Meeting	August 12	Lake County
October 2017	State Meeting	October 14	Peace River (tentative)
December 2017	State Meeting	December 9	Treasure Coast

Riff Raff's Ramblings

Well, here we go into 2017. I hope all had a joyous Christmas and a happy new year. On a more serious note, this time of year brings challenges to motorcycling here in paradise. Remember, motorcycling and safety go hand in hand. The role of a consummate rider is constant vigilance and proactive mindset. Here in southwest Florida, often other motor vehicle operators are not year-round residents. Losing familiar landmarks, changes in traffic patterns and road construction play roles in confusing even experienced drivers. So, that being established, our safety can be compromised simply by lack of situational awareness. Safety is a responsibility for all, but being aware is always an advantage.

Be safe. Riff Raff Safety Director, Gator Alley

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NON-ABATE EVENT

Chapter Minutes - November

WELCOME – PLEDGE – MOMENT OF SILENCE VFW—Called to order 11:00 am

PRESIDENT - LYNN CORR First item of business, we must vote on a new Treasurer. Denise Russo said she would like to do the job, so we must vote. Can I see a show of hands who would like to have Denise as Treasurer. The count was made and it was unanimous. Denise will take over at the December board meeting as our Treasurer as Cari must step down due to a conflict with her work.

VICE PRESIDENT - SCOTT PIGNATIELLO - Run and Gobble turned out great, thanks Rusty for chairing this run. We had 65 riders. We have the Heritage House, State Meeting, Swamp to the City and Swamp Buggy Races all coming up. Please volunteer to assist any of the Chairpersons for these events. See Flyers in the newsletter for more information and our website.

SECRETARY - SCARLETT LEEPER - Does anyone wish to entertain a motion to except the minutes as printed in the newsletter this month. Riff Raff motioned Debbie 2nd, motion passed.

TREASURER – CARI LAMONTAGNE – Read the treasurers report, we need to make some money. All is balanced, if anyone would like to know details see Cari. State drawing tickets are in.

SARGENT AT ARMS – SCOTT HUGHES - Thanks to everyone who worked safety at that Run and Gobble. We have the State Meeting next, we always need volunteers please call me if you can help or see me after the meeting.

LEGISLATIVE – LYNN CORR – Showing her helmet, Lynn advised that she brought it in to remind you that they are trying to put the helmet back on your head. We need to keep it Our Choice. We are sending out thank you cards to our commissioners and congratulating them for their win. Remind them we are Gator Alley and look forward to working with them. The House is going in Dec 5th to 9th to form their committees and Senate goes in 12th to the 16th. Contact these elected civil servants and let them know we care about our right. See the legislative report for more details. Sessions start March 7th.

DELEGATES – FRED CORR/DAVE LINDSEY – Please read their report all is quiet until next meeting Dave. Fred reminded all next State Meeting is here in Naples at the Comfort Inn corner of Davis and CR 951. Come out and see how your State Board works.

MEMEMBERSHIP – TRUDI STEEL – We have cards to carry in your wallet to give to prospective members. Stop by the membership table and pick some up. See her report to make sure your membership isn't lapsed.

NEWSLETTER – DEB PIGNATIELLO – Newsletter deadline for this month is the 20th of December for anything you want in the newsletter. Everyone please get out there and get us some Advertisers, we still don't have a regular Advertise Executive. See Deb's report or more infor-

Chapter Minutes - November

mation.

SAFETY – WILL "RIFF RAFF" BREEN - Watch the traffic tourist are here. Anyone interested in Crowd Control or CPR classes see Riff Raff, read his report for more information.

PR COMMUNICATIONS/ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE - We need someone to step up and fill these positions.

QUARTERMASTER – ROGER JANES – All is quartered and mastered.

PRODUCTS – RUSTY CRANS - Going to try and get some state products in. If you are interested in anything let Rusty know.

SUNSHINE REPORT – MARGO PEDIGO – Card went out to several people. See Margo's report for details.

OLD BUSINESS
Memorial Event went very well, thanks to all for coming out. Run and Gobble was a great turn out and St. Mathews House was grateful for the food we brought. Heritage Event, December 4th, be there at 10:45 at Heritage House, decorate your bike. Bring socks for the residents. The Loys are going to be Mr. and Mrs. Claus. The Rifflets will be our Elves. State Meeting, December 10th need volunteers, Jude is cooking. Swamp to the City January 8th starts at Oil Well Park on CR29, will have blessing of the bikes.

NEW BUSINESS
Mash Bash, Cari volunteered to Chair. First meeting will be January 19th at 7pm at the VFW. Dates to be May 5th, 6th and 7th if we can get the location for those dates.

GOOD OF THE ORDER
Jenny advised that she has Tony Nager patches and said that there was a good turn out from the Moose Riders to our Memorial Event.
January Swamp Buggy Races, we will need lots of volunteers contact Laura Jo Smith, if you can help. We will have Safety Booth and Membership there.
George Smith spoke about the Helmet Laws and what it has changed in other states. We need to fight this. If you see someone riding without a helmet, you need to tell them to join ABATE, unless they don't care about that law. Let Those that Ride Decide.
Thunder By the Bay from Sarasota sent us a flyer in the mail. If you're interested check it on the net or come up now and see the flyer.
50/50 was won by Scott Pignatiello, donated it back.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Hughes, second by Jenny. Time 12:18
Respectfully submitted by Scarlett Leeper

Heritage Healthcare

Santa on a scoot!. Doesn't get any better than that!

Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Clause (Loy), Robbie, and the Riffletts for helping out with this event! You are all awesome!

Aren't Fred and Lynn the cutest elves you've ever seen??

Holiday Celebration!

Lefty got a VERY close 2nd place!

Norm and Tammie (again!) win the best dressed bike! Congrats!

Prettiest bike goes to Margo!!

JANUARY 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		3	4 *Sneaky Pete's Happy Hour 3—7 7 Days a Week*	5	6	7 ***Bill's Café Biker Morning 9-1 EVERY Saturday!***
8 ***SWAMP TO THE CITY (see flier)***	9	10	11	12 **Board Meeting 7 PM**	13	14
15	16	17 ***Tomorrow is Winnie the Pooh Day!***		19 **MASH BASH Planning Meeting VFW 7 PM**	20	21 ***Bill's Café Biker Morning 9-1 EVERY Saturday!***
22 ***Chapter Meeting 11 am***	23	24 *Beer Can Appreciation Day!*	25 *Sneaky Pete's Happy Hour 3—7 7 Days a Week*	26	27	28 ***SWAMP BUGGY WEEKEND!***
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5 Star Chapter Meetings:
West Coast—3rd Sunday
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FEBRUARY 2017

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1		3	4 ***Bill's Café Biker Morning 9-1 EVERY Saturday!***
5	6	7	8		10 *Blood Drive at EMC tomorrow! (see flier)*	11 **State Meeting sponsored by Abate of Florida, Inc. (SEE FLIER)**
12 ***Bikes for Tykes (non-abate event)***	13		15 *Sneaky Pete's Happy Hour 3—7 7 Days a Week*	16 **Board Meeting 7 PM**	17	18 ***Bill's Café Biker Morning 9-1 EVERY Saturday!***
19	20		22	23		25
26 ***Chapter Meeting 11 am***	27	28	***MARK YOUR CALENDARS! APRIL 10—RIDE TO THE CAPITOL!!***			

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1984 – 86	Jerry Fuson	2001 – 02	Kevin Brickley
1986 – 87	Larry Young	2004 – 06	Wayne Coester
1987 - 88	Doug Riddle	2006 – 07	Jim Kalvin
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1992 – 94	Bryan Scott	2010 – 11	Roger Janes
1995 – 96	Ethel Labin	2011 – 13	Ruth Kalvin
1996 – 97	Jeff Avery	2013 – 14	Jon “Rambo” Reinbold
1997 – 98	Smitty Smith	2014 – 15	Dave Lindsay
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1999 – 2000	Susan (Red) Huttman	2016 – 17	Lynn Corr
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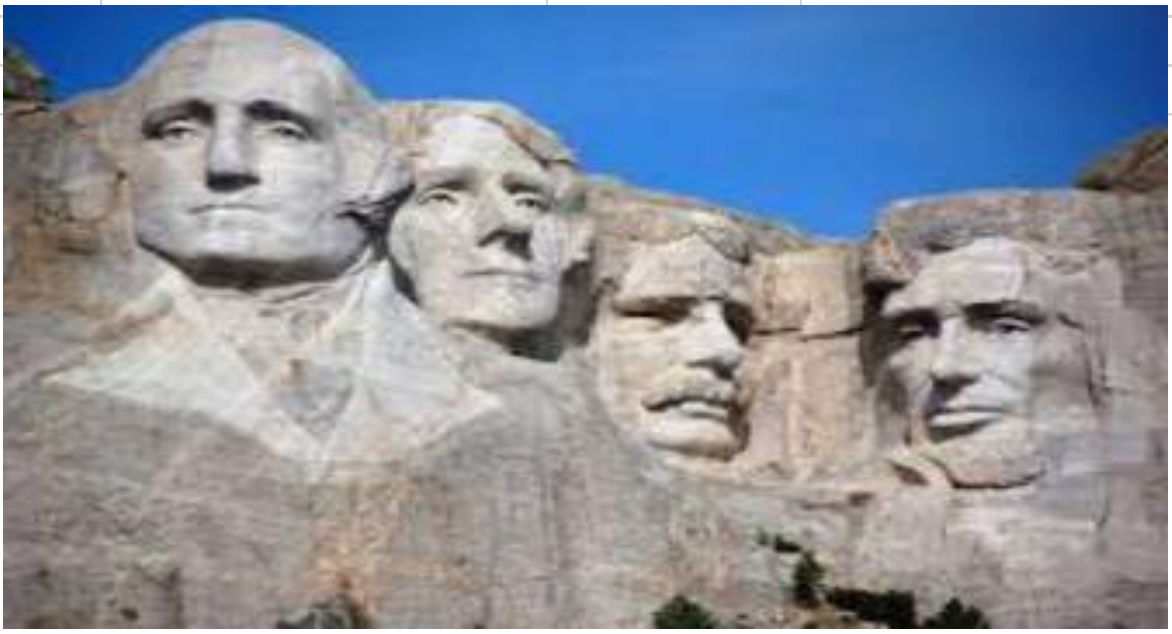

Delegate's Report

State Delegate Board Meeting Called to order 2:13 PM

President Doc
1) State Party to be hosted by the same 5 chapters again. Should the meeting times be changed so more of the board and delegates can participate in the events (8:00am State 10:00 Delegates) and or the date/month be changed due to other events taking place during our present time?
2) Use of a hot line for emergency updates. Phone APP in the works, and updating the 800# with AIM.
3) No personal checks to the state.
4) Next State Meeting has been moved to Ocala.
5) First Coast Chapter has closed.

Vice President Darrin: Still visiting chapters and encouraging others to do the same, get out and meet other members.

Treasurer Patty: We need to find a way to generate more money.

Sergeant at Arms Marcus: Inventories needed, get them in.

State Office Boots: 1) Get all paper work in at one time. 2) Need to know how many for a run? And how far? A good way to estimate, look back at old records from those events.

Safety Director Victor: M.S.A.P. classes Fort Myers High, January 19-20 7:00 and North Fort Myers High, January 13th 7:00. Working on more to come.

Legislative Darrin: Getting good feedback on the chapters post cards sent to legislators. This year will focus on each chapter having increased communication with their legislators who respond better to their own constituents. The post cards and letters mean so much more. SB66 by Senator Clemens VRU Bill left out term Motorcycles. Contact your Rep. and tell them you want the term replaced.

Lobbyist Doc: Has asked all chapters to tell him what they want to do in Tallahassee i.e. Discuss Helmet law, Safety Moneys. Only SW has contacted him. Pushing to bring back Drivers Education will need to find funding
Talked with Senator to talk with House members to bring up the 300K in safety moneys we are due. Tallahassee 2017: Tentative date for the ride is Monday April 10, 2017, State meeting changed to Sunday April 9, 2017. We need all that can make it, to be there to show our strength and support for our cause.

Products Steve: T-shirt with Bikers Lives Matter will be redone to make the lettering bolder (Doc himself pledged $100 to have this done.)

Old Business: Gun ticket drawing (you did not win). Henry Rifle Kimberly Wisdom Peace River
Shot Gun David Browning ?

New Business: Would like to do another Gun raffle for 2017? Once a year, or twice a year? December same rifle and shot gun. Would also like to do a commemorative Hennery Rifle for 2018 and is asking the chapters to submit design ideas

Good of the Order: The next State meeting will be in Ocala, February 2017, hosted by Abate of Florida, Inc.

Meeting Adjournment 5:42

Respectfully submitted by David “The Glue” Lindsay

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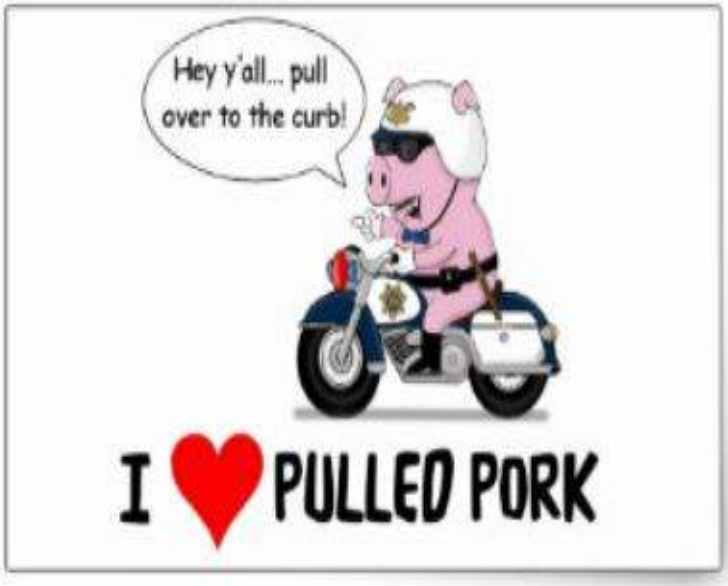

Memorial Tribute

October 30, 2016

MEMBERSHIP

Hi all! Please join me in welcoming the following new members, Joe Belanger and Robin Belanger. Thanks to Tom Foster for renewing. It's still not too late for those that were due to renew in November and December.

January Renewals
Lori Erwin
Barb Grassl
Kelly Hart
Tom Howes
George Lenhard
James Monroe
Ron Taylor
Vito Trupiano

February Renewals
Ron Jefferson
Richard Robinson
Roy Steel
Roger Tobey

See you at January's meeting! Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Trudi

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Amedea has been in Sing-Sing State Prison (you will have to ask her about that story). Other than shanking people who don't repay their "loans", she is a born shopper, I am talking marathon shopper. She was active in greyhound rescue / foster care. Not to mention being Italian, she loves to cook and adds garlic to EVERYTHING!

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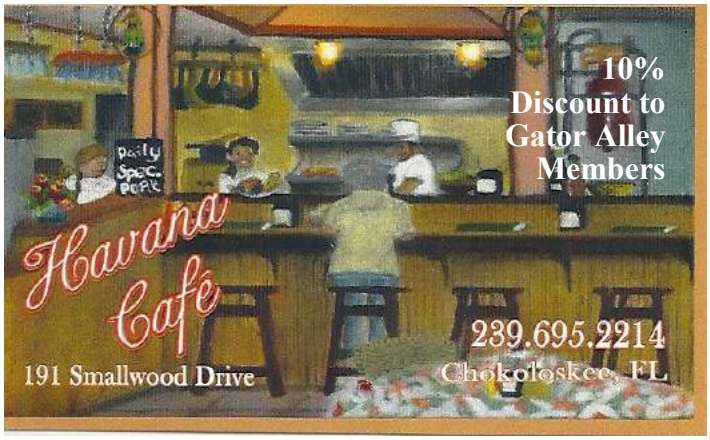

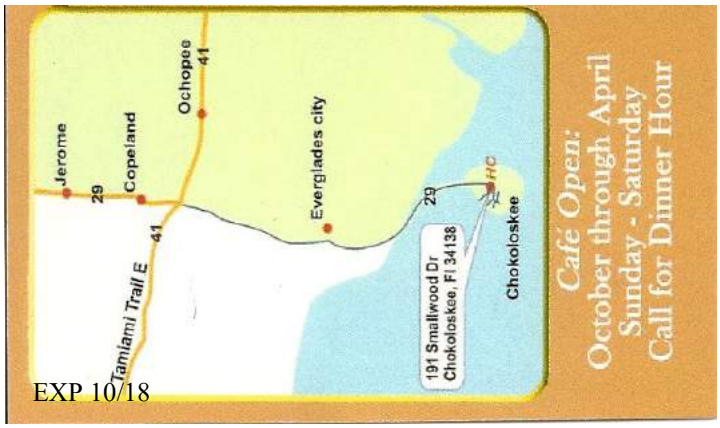

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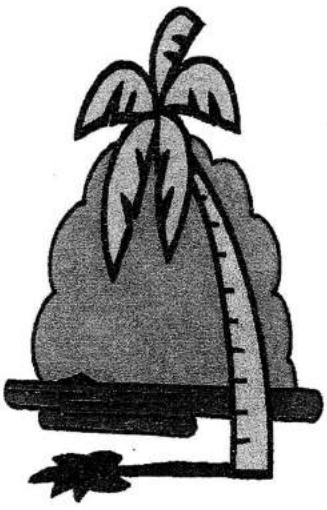

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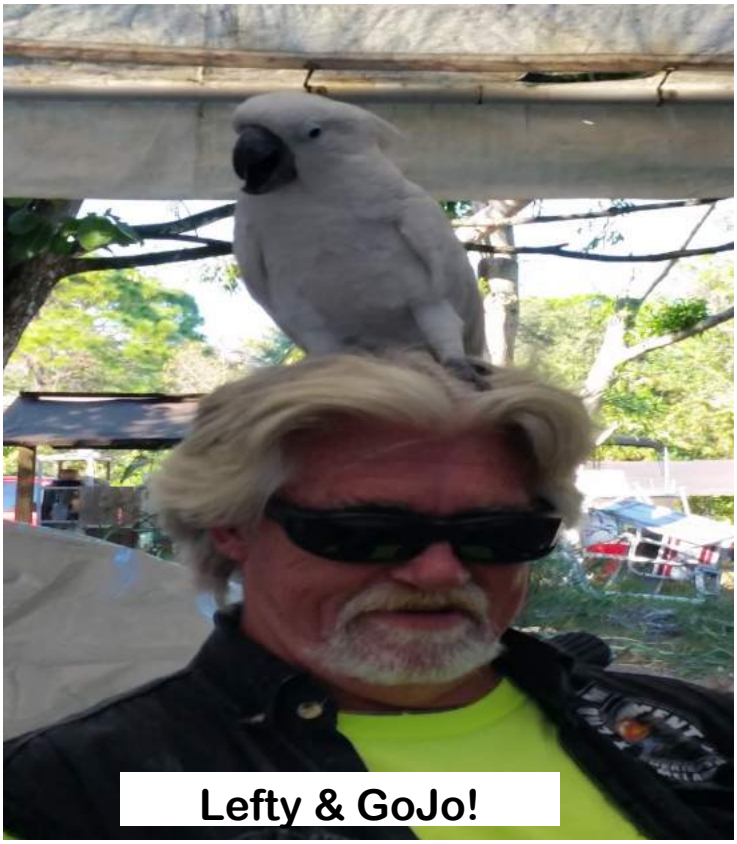

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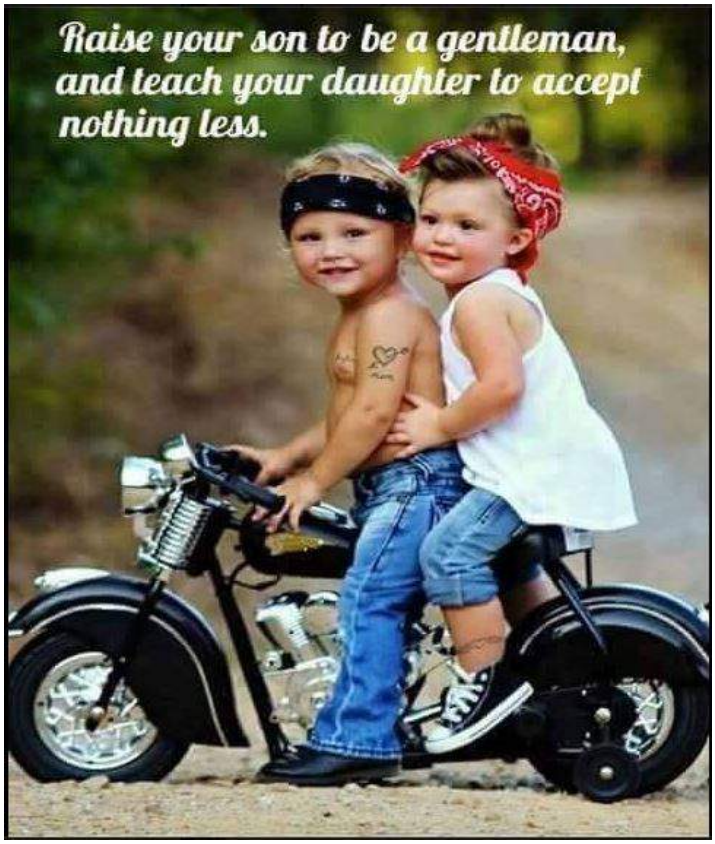

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