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GATOR ALLEY MEETINGS

VFW: 800 Neffs Way, Naples, FL

Board Meetings	Chapter Meetings
May 26, 2019	May 26, 2019
June 23, 2019	June 23, 2019
10 am	11 am

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The deadline for all submissions is the **15th** of the month prior to publication, including Advertising. Board and official reports are due no later than the 6:00 pm on Tuesday following the meeting prior to publication. All members are asked to submit anything they have that would be of interest to their fellow members such as stories and/or pictures.

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

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

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2019 GATOR ALLEY EVENTS

MONTH	EVENT	DATE	CHAIRPERSON
January 2019	Swamp to the City	Jan 6	LauraJo Smith
June 2019	***Elections***	***June Meeting***	***Roger Janes***
July 2019	Preservation Run	July 21	Cari Lamontagne & Jim Kalvin
September 2019	Birthday Party	September 21	Denise & Margo
October 2019	Memorial Tribute	TBD	CAN YOU HELP?
November 2019	Run and Gobble	TBD	TRY SOMETHING NEW!
December 2019	Heritage House Event	TBD	HELP US OUT??
ABATE OF FLORIDA EVENTS 2019			
February 2019	State Meeting	Feb 9	Forest
April 2019	State Meeting in Tallahassee	April 14	ABATE of Florida, Inc.
April 2019	Ride to the Capitol!	April 15	ABATE of Florida, Inc.
June 2019	***5 Star Party***	***June 1***	***Multiple Chapters***
June 2019	***State Meeting***	***June 8***	***Vintage***
July 2019	Leadership Seminars	July 13 & 14	ABATE of Florida, Inc.
August 2019	State Meeting	Aug 10	Southeast
October 2019	State Meeting	October 14	Gulf Coast
December 2019	State Meeting	December 17	ABATE of Florida, Inc.-Ocala
NON ABATE EVENTS 2019			
March 2019	Swamp Buggy Races	TBD	LauraJo Smith
May 2019	***NCOM –Orlando***	***May 9-12***	***NCOM***
November 2019	Swamp Buggy Races	TBD	LauraJo Smith

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President's Report

From the President of Gator Alley....

Can't believe all the transport trucks I see leaving full of cars. With all the traffic from this season, it's great to drive on the open streets again. For those of us who drive for a living, it's such a relief. Plus, it gives us on 2 wheels a big relief as well. Next, we must now deal with bugs, heat and rain. Always reasons to be a careful driver. Be safe!

I've challenged our members who were at the April meeting to contact missing members for our next meeting. If you get a call, please join us. It's the 2nd round of nominations, plus we will have a special guest as well. We miss you at the meetings.

Legislations will be finalizing the first week of May. Requested monies for ABATE of Florida, Inc. for safety and legislation will be on Gov. DeSantis desk. We have a better chance this year to receive it than in previous years. Don't forget to contact the Governor to encourage him to sign this legislation. Think of what good things for the safety of motorcyclist could be done with this money. Remember all motorcyclist put money into this fund. Let's use it for our greater good.

Speaking of elections, is it your turn? We need several positions filled. Some of us are taking a break this year. So please don't make others fill several positions at once. Remember that we MUST have the E-Board. President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please consider which position you would be most suited for.

I want to thank Frizz, Rusty, Joe, Roger, Deb, and Scott for joining me at Tallahassee this year. (Also, Darrin and Amadeo). Love being with my GA family.

That's it for now, please be safe and I hope to see you at the next meeting if not before.

Lynn Corr
Honored President
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Vice President & Products too!

Hey All!

I just want to say it has been a pleasure serving as your Vice President for the past 3 years and Products guy for the last 2. I have enjoyed serving on the board, but it is time for some new blood, new ideas. We still have 2 months of nominations for the new board, so please consider trying one of these positions. I will still be available to help you, so you won't be on your own!

I would LOVE to see all of our rides for this year have a chair before the new board takes over in June, give them one less thing to worry about. We need someone to step up for the Memorial Tribute, the Run and Gobble, and the Heritage Event. Let me know if you're interested and I will help you.

Thank you to everyone that went on the ride to Tallahassee. I would have loved to have seen more participate, but understand that life gets in the way sometimes. We took a great "accidental" ride on the way back to the hotel, sometimes the best ride is the one when we take a wrong turn . . .

Remember: http://www.abateflorida.com/mission_statement.php

don't forget

Scott out...

Scott Pignatiello, Vice President, Products Trustee, Gator Alley Chapter,

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Chapter Minutes - March

DATE:3-24-2019

GATOR ALLEY CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES **Called to order at 11:00 a.m. @VFW**

WELCOME – PLEDGE – MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESIDENT - LYNN CORR - Excused

VICE PRESIDENT/SPECIAL EVENTS - SCOTT PIGNATIELLO - Scott and Deb attended the Estero River Chapter meeting. He said only about 8 members showed up for the meeting but they had their chapter party the night before. Scott reviewed the Tallahassee Ride. He also mentioned the NCOM is coming up in May. Scott and Fred plan to attend.

SECRETARY - CARI LAMONTAGNE – Jude Stevens and Brad Pedigo approved last minutes in the newsletter.

TREASURER – DENISE RUSSO – Checkbook is in balance. She has gun tickets for anyone that would like to sell them for the drawing in December. Swamp Buggy was a success. She reminded everyone that it is very important to volunteer. She also mentioned Estero River is willing to help us for future Swamp Buggy events. Jude Stevens mentioned how it is fun to volunteer.

SARGENT AT ARMS – BRAD PEDIGO – Everyone is signed in

LEGISLATIVE – RUSTY CRANS – See his report.

DELEGATES – FRIZZ STEVENS AND DENISE RUSSO – No meeting this past month. Nothing to really report. Looking forward to going to Tallahassee

MEMBERSHIP – TRUDI STEEL – Excused **-** see report in newsletter.

NEWSLETTER/WEBMASTER – Deb Pignatiello – Deb has extra copies of the newsletter. She also had a copy of Estero Rivers newsletter. She thanked Cathy and Jenny for delivering newsletters to our advertisers. Please don't leave your reports in the mailbox. Frizz's was scattered all over the ground.
Deb still has not received the ad for North Naples Country Club. We received the money we just need the ad.

FACEBOOK UPDATES – LAURA JO SMITH- not present

SAFETY – FRED CORR - Excused

PR COMMUNICATIONS/ADVERTISING – TONY BIGICA- not present, unexcused

QUARTERMASTER – NORMAN HANSEN – Everything is accounted for

PRODUCTS – SCOTT PIGNATIELLO - Black shirts for $25, large and extra-large. We have been having issues with our products vendor. Scott is looking into getting the big Gator Alley patch.

SUNSHINE – MARGO PEDIGO – see report in newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS – Frizz went to Five Star Meeting. The party is at the Corkscrew Country Store on June 1st and starts at noon and goes until 11 p.m. Bands, games, camping is primitive, no running water, $25 vendor fee, no entrance fee. Country store will be having a food/drinks available. Scott and Lynn are thinking about doing a poker

run to the event.

Preservation Run – Still waiting to hear when state will be holding their Leadership Training. So far, it looks like it will be July 21st. Cari is open to ideas for the run.

Birthday Party – September 22, 2019, the meeting will be the next day. It will be at KOA.

NEW BUSINESS - None

GOOD OF THE ORDER – NCOM- Frizz needs some more volunteers to do the shuttle. Frizz will be going up on the May 10, 11, and 12th. It will be at the Doubletree Hotel.
Cadillac - mentioned he has a motorcycle for sale – shovel head
Bill Ratcliffe – mentioned Marie want to sell her bike/trike
Jerry Mason – mentioned he will be taking a collection next month for the Christian Motorcycle Association Run for the Son
Rick Loy – mentioned the Faith Life Run on April 6th.
50/50 Winner: Brad Pedigo won and donated his proceeds back to the chapter
Motion to adjourn by Rusty and seconded by Roger, time: 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Cari Lamontagne

Chapter Minutes - April

DATE: 4/28/2019

GATOR ALLEY CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES **Called to order at 11:00 a.m. @VFW**

WELCOME – PLEDGE – MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRESIDENT - LYNN CORR – Thank you to everyone that went to the Tallahassee Run that includes: Frizz, Joe, Rusty, Roger, Deb and Scott. Darrin was also there. We were able to go to the offices. Lynn reviewed old times of going to Tallahassee. Lynn also has the updated by-laws for Abate of Florida, she also has the Gator Alley by-laws if anyone would like to review them.

Denise (Treasurer) was in the hospital. She had Pneumonia and is still recovering. Just a reminder that she is very susceptible to infections.

Reminder when you become a member that you do receive a free $4,000 Accidental and Dismemberment Life Insurance Policy. Don't forget to complete your beneficiary card. When something does happen to a member Doc will approve the claim after the member has been confirmed as an active member. Also, Lynn suggested that you do review different policies with this insurance company. She stated they are very reasonable.

VICE PRESIDENT/SPECIAL EVENTS - SCOTT PIGNATIELLO - Preservation Run will be chaired by Cari Lamontagne and Jim Kalvin.

SECRETARY - CARI LAMONTAGNE – No information to discuss

TREASURER – DENISE RUSSO – Excused – Lynn reviewed checkbook is in balance

SARGENT AT ARMS – BRAD PEDIGO – Everyone is signed in

Chapter Minutes - April (continued from pg. 11)

LEGISLATIVE – RUSTY CRANS – see report in newsletter.

DELEGATES – FRIZZ STEVENS AND DENISE RUSSO – see report in newsletter. Joe Belanger filled in for Denise.
Cadillac questioned how many members does Abate of Florida currently have. Lynn said Trudi may have that information or we can find out from state.

MEMBERSHIP – TRUDI STEEL – We currently have 286 members. see report in newsletter.

NEWSLETTER/WEBMASTER – Deb Pignatiello – Renewals for Gator Crossroads, Moose and Jim Kalvin have been received**.**

FACEBOOK UPDATES – LAURA JO SMITH- not present

SAFETY – FRED CORR - see report in newsletter

PR COMMUNICATIONS/ADVERTISING – TONY BIGICA – board voted Tony off PR Communications due to his work schedule

QUARTERMASTER – NORMAN HANSEN – It has been discovered the President's plaque is missing and has been missing for at least three years. Lynn did get a hand scanner so we can get the pictures saved on the computer

PRODUCTS – SCOTT PIGNATIELLO - Hats from state are $15. Scott mentioned the large patches (Gator on the bike) to see how many people would want them. He is also looking into getting better shirts that the decals don't fall off. He suggested you do not put them in the dryer.

SUNSHINE – MARGO PEDIGO – see report in newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS – Tallahassee was a great trip.
Birthday Party – planning in process
Five Star – June 1st, Country Store on Corkscrew Road, this is the last event at the store as it has been sold. It starts at noon to 11 pm. See flyer in newsletter and Facebook
NEW BUSINESS
Preservation Run – July 21st - Cari Lamontagne and Jim Kalvin will be chairing the event. This will be a riddle run**.** You will have to put your thinking caps on**.**
GOOD OF THE ORDER – Chris Thomas from Collier County Sheriff's office should be attending our next meeting.
Jerry Mason mentioned the National Day of Prayer – Cambier Park, May 2nd at 7 pm and a reminder for the Run for the Son. Lynn did a vote to give them a $100 donation.
NCOM – Frizz needs one more volunteer. Rambo volunteered

Elections – see Roger's report

50/50 Winner: Rusty
Motion to adjourn by Rusty and seconded by Tammie, time: 12:08 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by
Cari Lamontagne

SUNSHINE REPORT — March/April

Steve Sherman, Bikes for Tykes Director and band member to Lynn and Fred in Mannix Drive, a Get-Well card as he is dealing with pancreatic issues. We wish the best for a favorable outcome.

Patti Bennet, a Get-Well card for her extended stay in the hospital waiting on a lung transplant. She was a very active member years ago, and we wish her the best as she copes with her health issues.

Dennis Parsons, a Sympathy card for the passing of his son who took his own life in Ohio. Due to estranged relationships with other family members, he is not able to attend services which just makes losing a child even harder. Please keep Dennis and Patti in your prayers.

Denise Russo, A Get-Well card as she was in the hospital with pneumonia. She is very weak, but is expected to recover with time, rest and lots of careful attention. As much as we are huggers and kissers in this group, we must remember that Denise is very susceptible to any and all germs. We need to give her air kisses n' hugs, but still with all the great love! Get Better Soon, Denise! XO

Dave Nocera, A Get-Well card as he is in the hospital (ICU) with an upper respiratory problem. On further investigation, they found he had irregular heartbeat, bad valves running on about 15%, blood clots on his lungs and fluid around the heart. They were monitoring him very closely when I received the news. As of today, he is still in ICU at NCH on Immokalee. *Just got word from his Facebook post that he is feeling positive and on the upside of his recovery. He is being prepped to be released soon. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

Trudi and Roy Steel, BIG CONGRATULATIONS on their newest grandbaby addition to their already loving family. As they say, being a parent is ok, but being a GRANDPARENT is the best feeling in the world! XO

Tommy Byers, a Thinking of You card as he is back in the hospital with his original surgeon to correct some heart issues he is dealing with. We love our Tommy and know that he has been through some hard health times, but we hope this time is the right combination of fixin'!! XO

Russ Ueeck, a Thank you card for his continuous support and monetary donations for our runs even though he is miles away. We appreciate all that you do and have done for us, Russ. Stay safe and alert on those long highways and give tummy and ear scratches to the girls! XO

Barbara Grassl, a Healthy Healing card as she underwent a total knee replacement and kept it on the down low. She is recovering each day and making enough progress to ride again. It's a slow but freeing process to be able to get new parts to keep up with your active lifestyle! May the dance continue!!

SPECIAL MENTION:
Joan Colosomo, A Get Well wish via Facebook to her and her boyfriend Allen who went down on their bike in Ft. Myers after Bike Night. The tire went flat and caused them to lose control. Joan was banged up on her face and a severely bruised foot injury while Allen suffered a possible broken collar bone and dislocated shoulder. We wish them the best as they heal. **Also, her dog Coal will be heading over The Rainbow Bridge as tumors have made his life difficult and painful. She is making sure that he has the best transition possible and knows that he is and always will be loved. #petsarefamily*

Margie Grimes, A Sympathy wish via Facebook for the loss of her Dad. Treasure the time you have with your parents. May the best of them stay with you forever. We are so sorry for your loss, Miss Margie. XO

Christine Hughes, Congratulations on her son, Terry, getting married to his long time and Mom Approved Girlfriend. Best Wishes, Young People!!

Why did the dude go fishin' with magnets?
He wanted to catch steel head.
Respectfully Submitted by:
Margo Pedigo
PS: Joke by Brad

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EXP 5/20

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Delegate's Report

ABATE OF FLA, INC
Delegate meeting Tallahassee, FL Called to order – 2:00 pm

President's Report: Doc – FL collects $1.5 million each year on motorcycle tags. Approximately $400K goes to motorcycle safety and awareness. We need to change this. This money was slated for motorcycle safety. We are trying to get driver's ed back in the schools. Paid for by traffic tickets. There will be no profiling bill until it can be proven. If you are pulled over for breaking the law, you cannot call it profiling.
Vice President's Report: Darrin – need names for bell ringing at the capital.
Secretary's Report: Shelly – minutes approved from last meeting.
Treasurer's Report: Debbie – financial reports are in packet.
Sargent@Arms Report: Marcus –see him after the meeting or at the beginning of the ride—needs help on the ride to the capital and flag ceremony.
State Office: Brandy– no report
Membership: Laurie – Most new members: Jan – Lake Co., Feb – SE. Highest % growth: Jan – Lake Co., Feb - Forest
Safety: Victor – no report
Masterlink: Critter - excused
PR/Communications: Magnito – excused
Website: no report
Products: Shane – has lots of old pins
Lobbyist: Doc - no report
Legislative: Darrin – when at the capital, go see the aids and tell them who you are and what you represent.
NCom: Doc –May 9 – 12, 2019 in Orlando, still need 3 people for registration.
MRF/AMA – no report
Old Business – working on an Abate cruise, need ideas
New Business - none
Good of the Order – none

Submitted by John Stevens and Joe Belanger.

Adjourned: 4:30 pm

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

STATE MEETING

Hosted by: VINTAGE CHAPTER

SATURDAY, JUNE 08, 2019

BOARD MEETING AT 12:00 NOON

DELEGATE'S MEETING AT 2:00 PM

State Meeting will be held at:

Willie Galimore Community Center

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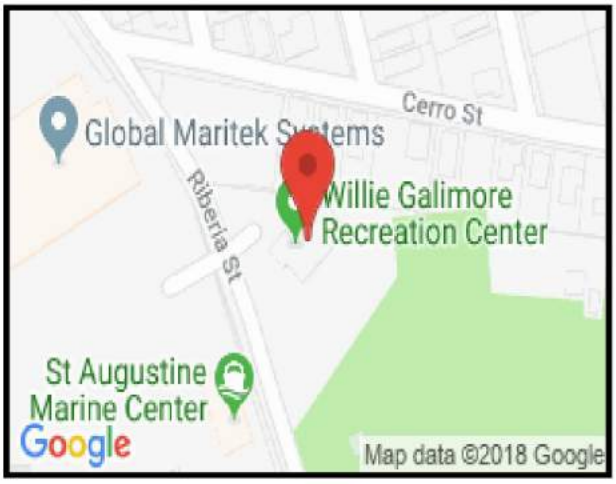

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SAFETY REPORT

Abate of Fla is all about Legislation and Safety. The desire to keep ourselves safe inspired the founders of ABATE to get involved in legislation that affects riders everywhere. Keeping with that theme of safety, I would once again like to share some tips from a very experienced rider who had some great info to help you stay safe out there. Courtesy of author Tim Jenne.

1. Parking – sounds simple, Right?
Let me ask you if you have ever pulled into a restaurant parking lot or a bike night event and seen a rider on a large bike having their spouse or friend help push their bike in or out of the parking space?

Don't be that guy or gal!

2. Upon entering any parking lot, one of the first things to take note of is the slope of the asphalt. If you pay attention to the grade, you can always have reverse. It is as simple as keeping your front tire uphill, allowing you to roll backwards as needed to maneuver while parking. If the parking places run uphill to the restaurant, pull straight in. When it is time to leave, you can slowly allow your bike to roll back down the incline basically "backing out" of the parking place. Conversely, if the parking places run downhill to the restaurant, ride just past where you want to park and stop. Then slowly let your bike roll backwards into the space. When its time to leave you can ride right out. No pushing, no pulling up and back multiple times, no embarrassment!

3. Of course here in Florida it may be a little different, but I will share more concerning parking in the next newsletter. Thanks for supporting Abate of Fla especially Abate Gator Alley.

Respectfully submitted by Fred Corr
Safety Director, Gator Alley Chapter

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New advertisers: No new advertisers this issue. Let's get out there and see who we can ask to help support Gator Alley and Abate of Florida!

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Thank you to Lynn Corr for updating the Legislative Directory. I appreciate the help!

Keep the shiny side up! Deb "Mrs. Piggs" Pignatiello

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Please welcome the following new members:

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Thanks to the following for renewals: Richard Robinson, Ruth McDermott, Robert Fogel, Tammie Hansen, Richard Wedge, Ron Jefferson, Roy Steel.

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Thanks Trudi

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19	20 *Sneaky Pete's Happy Hour M—F 3—7*	21	22	23	24	25 *Bill's Café Biker Morning 9-1 EVERY Saturday*
26 ***Board Meeting 10 am Chapter Meeting 11 am***	27 *MEMORIAL DAY*	28	29	30	31	

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16 *Father's Day*	17	18	19	20	21	22 *Bill's Café Biker Morning 9-1 EVERY Saturday*
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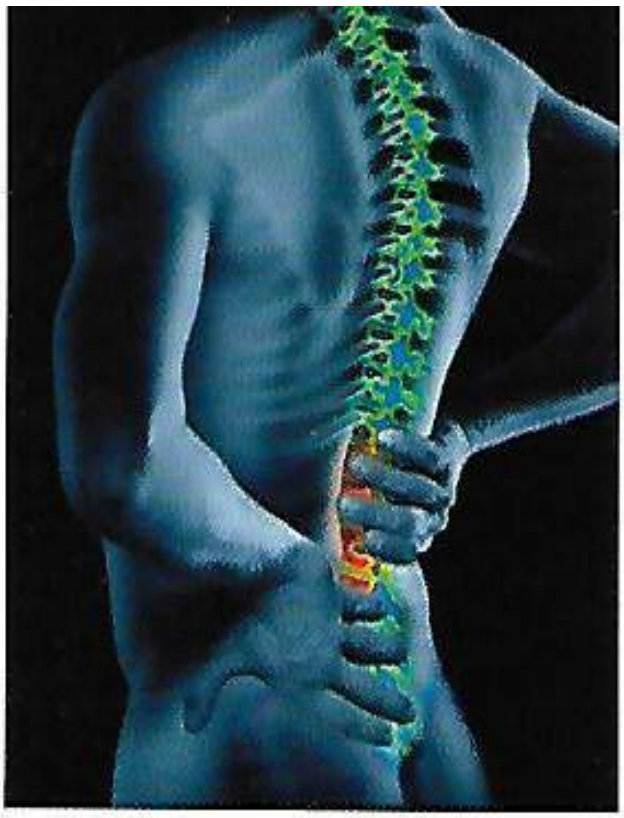

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How do we commit to God? We are to examine our faith and Christian life regularly, come to God daily in prayer for forgiveness and thanks for His provisions, study and learn from the Bible every day, and stay in fellowship with other believers. By doing this we can have a successful life, maybe not as quickly as you would like, but "in God's time".

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- Nominees must be present unless they have sent written word to the Chairperson that they wish to put their name on the ballot. You may not nominate someone who is not here, but you may nominate yourself.
- Nominees must be up to date with Chapter membership and cleared by State to be eligible.
- Nominees to the Executive Board cannot live in the same household.
- Chairperson and committee are ineligible for nominations. Do not nominate Cadillac, Jenny McCallion or Cathy Case Bradley or me.
- Do not nominate someone who has not expressed interest in a position.
- If you are interested in a position, please research the duties and be ready for a full year of commitment.
- If you are nominated, you will be asked if you Accept, Respectfully Decline or are Undecided.
- Once I have closed the floor to nominations, you will not be able to go back. You will have to wait until the next round next month.

There are 16 voting positions on the board as we voted to combine two positions a while back. VP will also be Special Events and PR will also be Webmaster. The Executive Board are your President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer and the only ones eligible to sign checks. There are also non-voting appointed positions that have been filled.

Those of you who were nominated last month will be asked where you stand for this round. Anyone who is not here and has not given me written consent to change their status will continue to the next round as is and will be on the actual ballot. Are there any questions before we begin the nomination process?

PRESIDENT:	Lynn Corr--- Decline
VICE PRESIDENT/SPECIAL EVENTS:	Scott Pignatiello---Decline Rusty Crans--Accept
SECRETARY:	Cari Lamontagne---Undecided
TREASURER:	Denise Russo---Accept
SGT. AT ARMS:	Brad Pedigo--- Accept
LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR:	Rusty Crans---Accept
STATE DELEGATES (2):	Frizz Stevens---Undecided Joe Belanger---Declined Fred Corr---Decline
ALTERNATE STATE DELEGATES (2)	Lynn Corr---Accept Fred Corr---Accept
MEMBERSHIP:	Trudi Steel---Accept
NEWSLETTER/AD EXECUTIVE:	Margo Pedigo---Decline
QUARTERMASTER:	Norm Hansen---Accept
PRODUCTS:	Scott Pignatiello---Decline
PR/WEBMASTER/FACEBOOK:	no nominations
SAFETY DIRECTOR:	Scott Pignatiello---Decline Fred Corr---Undecided

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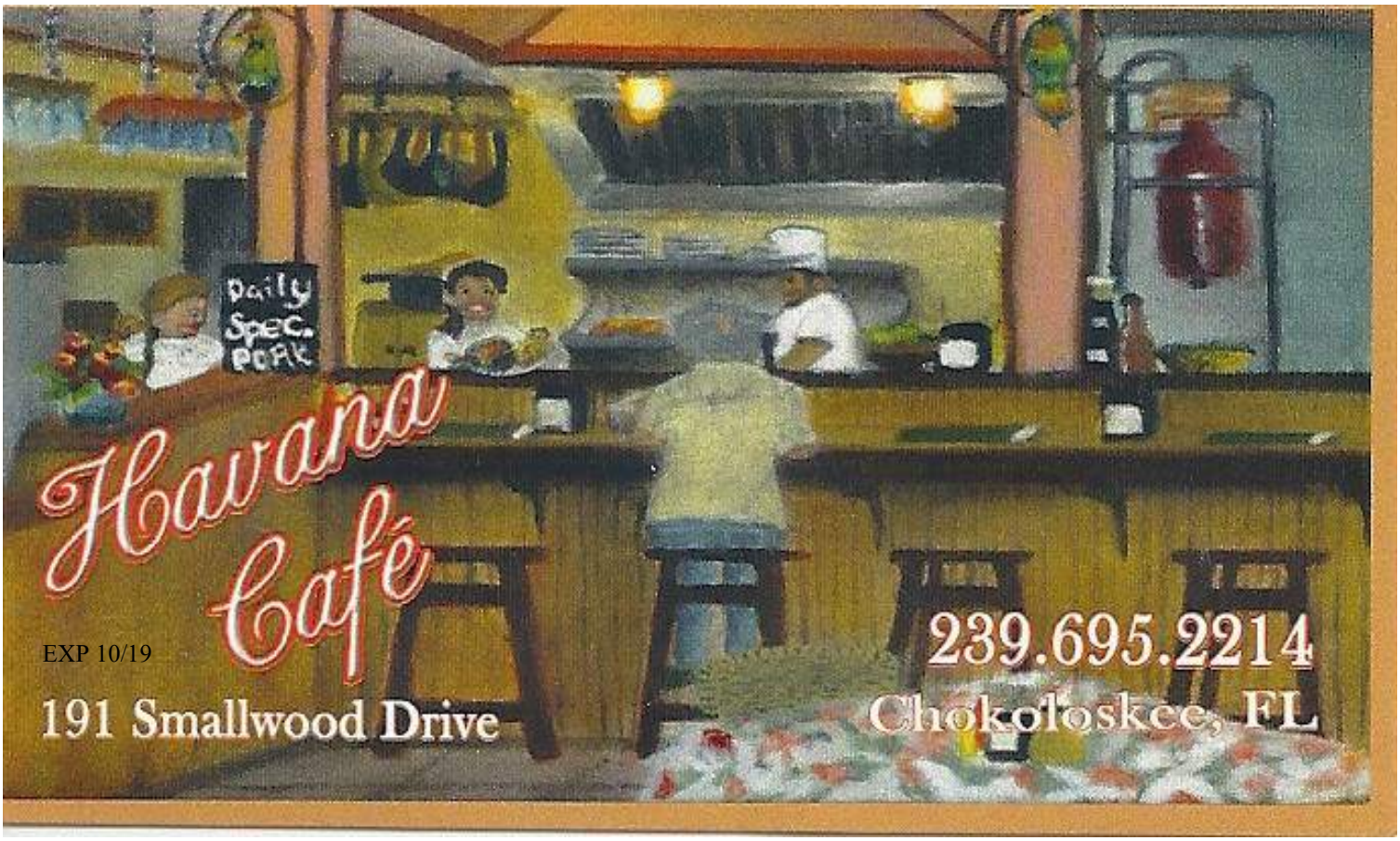

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At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the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

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