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Hello Peace River ABATE Brothers and Sisters!

September 22 is the first day of Fall, and with that comes some of our best riding weather of the year!

The "Birdman" and I have been communicating with a friend of Bill's that is involved with the Sport Bike community. We were invited to speak to a group of them a while back, about what ABATE of Florida does for the Motorcycle community as a whole. As a result of that meeting a dozen, or so, of them joined us on our "School Supply Run". I was contacted by a leader of one of the groups, ABUAT, and we were invited to ride with them to the Vietnam Memorial Wall, in Punta Gorda, on September 11th to pay respects, help maintain the wall and put out flags. We are meeting at the Port Charlotte WaWa. KSU is 7p. I have sent out invites by email, so I hope we get a lot of Peace River members to join us. They are asking that we wear a red T-shirt or shirt to show support for the troops, but if you don't have any, or want to wear ABATE stuff, that's okay too!

I want to welcome and thank our brand new (to us), and highly experienced web designer, Rick "Rickster" Gleason. This is the Rickster's first of many newsletter issues for Peace River ABATE. We are super lucky to have him working with us, not only as web designer but our Public Relations representative, and Facebook maintainer, as well.

Our Wednesday night "Therapy" rides are going really well, lately. We have been having about 12-15 riders showing up, which is really good this time of year. So, come on out and join us. We meet at the RaceTrac at 776 and Toledoblade Blvd. KSU is 7p.

Don't forget to:

check out ABATE of Florida's YouTube page:

https://youtu.be/Hn_Lnv2_yNI

MINUTES—July

July 26, 2020

Peace River Chapter Meeting

Call to order by Dan Wright At 11:00am

Honorary President: Billy Neal

Vice President: Dan Wright

Went over scheduling for upcoming events.

I want to thank Susan Hurst our Website Master, who came to give help to our new elected Website Master, Rick Gleason that will be taking over. Susan has supported Peace River for many years and will continue to support us. We appreciate everything she has done for many years.

Treasurer: Bill Bird

Gave amount in treasury.

Secretary: Kim Hollan

Motion to accept minutes as written and printed, Motion made, seconded and all in favor.

Membership: Dan Wright

Gave total members, renewals, and life member anniversaries.

Sargent At Arms: Neil Stephenson

Nothing to report

Products: Kim Hollan

We are still cutting prices to move old inventory. State Products has new patches. They are "20 Anniversary", "Giving Riders the Right to Choose" Helmet Law. Cost for the patches are \$10.00ea.

Legislation: Bill Bird

We have sponsors in the house and senate for our Vulnerable Road Users Bill for the 2021 session.

Old Business:

Of course, everyone is aware that burger flipping has been canceled and any other events we had scheduled were canceled.

Final Nominations were taken by our election supervisor, Bruce Waltd. All nominees were running unopposed and a motion was approved to accept the new board.

Pres: Dan Wright, VP: Kim Hollan, Sec: Neil Stephenson, Treas: Bill Bird, SAA: Neil Stephenson, Memb: Dan Wright, PR/ Web/ Newsletter: Rick Gleason, Products: Kim Hollan, Safety: Bill Bird, Chapt Reps: Dan Wright & Kim Hollan

New Business:

We do have exciting news, this years School Supply Run is scheduled for Aug 23. It will start from the American Legion Post 110, after our meeting.

- Toy Run scheduled for November 8th 2020. Will be leaving from Justice Center and ending at the American Legion

- Canned food drive is scheduled for November 22, 2020. It will be going to Community Life Center.

Meeting adjourned: 11:46a

MINUTES—August

Peace River Chapter August Meeting

Meeting called to order on 23 August at 11:02am.

Pledge of Allegiance and prayer said.

President: Introduced the new board.

Gave info on the school supply run taking place today.

Gave date of November 8 for our toy run.

Talked about state facebook page and the new blogs being done.

VP: Talked about idea of doing silent auction at the meetings as a fund raiser. Also mentioned possibly doing yard sale as fund raiser.

Treasurer: Gave amount in bank account.

Secretary: Asked for motion to accept minutes from the June meeting. Passed

Sgt at Arms: Nothing to report at this time.

Safety: Went over problems with people not understanding how to enter traffic circles.

Legislative: Talked about upcoming session. Sponsors for our Vulnerable Road Users Bill and Safety Money.

Membership: 257 members. Read the names of Life anniversary and those coming up for renewal.

Newsletter/PR/Web: Went over plans for updating website and use of Facebook page. Mentioned he had contacted his state rep about the upcoming session and our Vulnerable Road Users Bill.

Member mentioned confusion on ad rates for newsletter. We will review them.

Product: Went over sale items and new state products.

Old Business: Discussed gun drawing tickets and life member tickets.

New Business: Toy Run 11/8/2020. There will be a food drive 11/22/2020.

We will be hosting the December 2021 State Meeting.

Good of the Order: Reminder about school supply run today.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

MEMBERSHIP Report

Membership Report – Dan Wright

Total Members as of July 2020 – 258

September Expirations

Shawn Wonderlie

October Expirations

Christopher Camp

Ed McDonald

John Concannon

Linda McDonald

Kim Hollan

September Life Anniversaries

JOHN ANDREOLI	9
KELLY BENNETT	22
RANDY BOOTH	30
ALLAN CHILDERS	7
GREG EVANS	22
JIM GERBENSKY	24
MARION HAMPSON	8
SUSAN HURST	12
BOB KIEKENAPP	14

DOUG LASSWELL	6
DENNIS MASON	23
TODD NICHOLS	22
JOHN PIANO	24
GREG SASSER	16
DONALD SJOSTEDT	14
KAREN SMITH	14
BRIAN SNYDER	12

OctoberLife Anniversaries

BOB BERRY	17
MARK COFFMAN	13
JOE CORRELL	11
KIM EISS	18
RON EVANS	25
DOUG FLUTY	19
JOE GALATI	27
DENISE GONZALES	25

JIM KIEFER	4
KEITH McCONNELL	21
ED THOMAS	5
GARY VOGEL	10
BRUCE WALDT	22
JOE WALSH	5
KATHERYN WELDON	4

New Members - 4 Transfers from ABATE of Florida - West Coast Chapter

A warm welcome to: Sam Stallard David York Dennis Vessel and Bryan Pullman

If your membership is coming due, and you would like to renew it, please print out the Membership Form located in this newsletter. Bring it, along with your payment of \$20.00, to our next meeting on the 4th Sunday of the month (except December) at:

American Legion - 3152 Harbor Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

If you can't make the meeting, please send your payment to:

Abate of Florida, Inc., Peace River Chapter, P.O. Box 380415, Murdock, FL 33938

School Supplies Ride —August

ABATE of Florida-Peace River Chapter called upon it's members to help local schools stock up with supplies.

Members were asked to bring the donated supplies to the August meeting and immediately afterwards, everyone saddled up and rode to the drop-off location and delivered the donated supplies.

All-In-All, Peace River Chapter Riders came through to help the local community and deserve a pat on the back.



Annual Food Drive



Sunday, November 22, 12:00

HOLIDAY



**Please bring non-perishable food items
Cash donations and grocery store gift cards
also appreciated!**

Leaving at noon from the American Legion

3152 Harbor Blvd, Pt. Charlotte

and riding to:

Community Life Center

19408 Edgewater Drive, Pt. Charlotte

For More Information, call Dan Wright: 941-286-2201

ABATE of Florida, Inc. Peace River Chapter



Christmas Toy Run

Sunday, November 8

1:00-3:00pm



ABATE Safety and Membership Available



The Salvation Army will be on hand at the
American Legion, Post 110 in Pt. Charlotte,
to accept your unwrapped toys!!

Event Info:
Dan Wright
(941) 286-2201



We will be leaving the
Charlotte County Justice
Center in Punta Gorda
(350 E. Marion Ave)
promptly at 1:00pm.

We will ride to the
American Legion in Pt.
Charlotte, located on
3152 Harbor Blvd.



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Goals and Purposes of ABATE

- * To print a newsletter keeping all bikers informed in regards to legislative actions and events around our state and throughout our country
- * To become a powerful and viable force in legislative matters concerning motorcyclist rights
- * To promote voter registration and motivate members to write to their legislators
- * To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual's rights
- * To provide for a lobbyist



Our monthly meetings are held every 4th Sunday of the month!

We meet at the Pt. Charlotte American Legion - Post 110

11:00am - 12:00 noon

3152 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte





Peace River ABATE of Florida

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness. **We ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.** We fund our work through toy runs, poker runs, camp-outs, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.

- **OUR GOALS:** To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.
- To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.
- To motivate the bikers to write letters to their legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.
- To furnish our members with a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.





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Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Registered Voter? (circle one) Yes No

Voter District State: _____ State House: _____

Senate: _____

US Congressional District: _____

Circle One: New Membership Renewal of Membership*

Fees for Membership: **\$20 New and Renewal Membership Fee**

\$600 Life Membership Fee

Your Signature: _____

Date: _____

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***Upon Review and Acceptance**

Ride Therapy

Ahhh... It's a Wednesday. You come home after a brutal day at work. You say out loud to yourself, "Hmmm, today is Wednesday. I think I need to get some Ride Therapy in tonight!"

With that in mind, you change your clothes, hop on your bike, and with a huge smile on your face, you head out to the Race Trac gas station on Toledo Blade Blvd (corner of El Jobean Road - SR 776).

It's just about 6:45 pm and you start hearing and seeing other riders rolling in. That smile still hasn't left your face as you greet other riders at the Race Trac! Ah yes! Wednesday night Ride Therapy! (Or in some cases, "Wind Therapy!") It's time to ride off to a destination unknown!

What: Wednesday Night Ride Therapy

Where: Meet at the Race Trac Gas Station, corner of Toledo Blade and SR 776

When: Every Wednesday, kick stands up at 7:00pm

Why: Because you can...



Indian Gary



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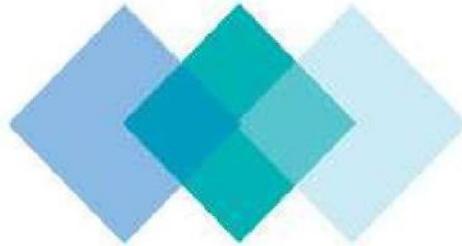
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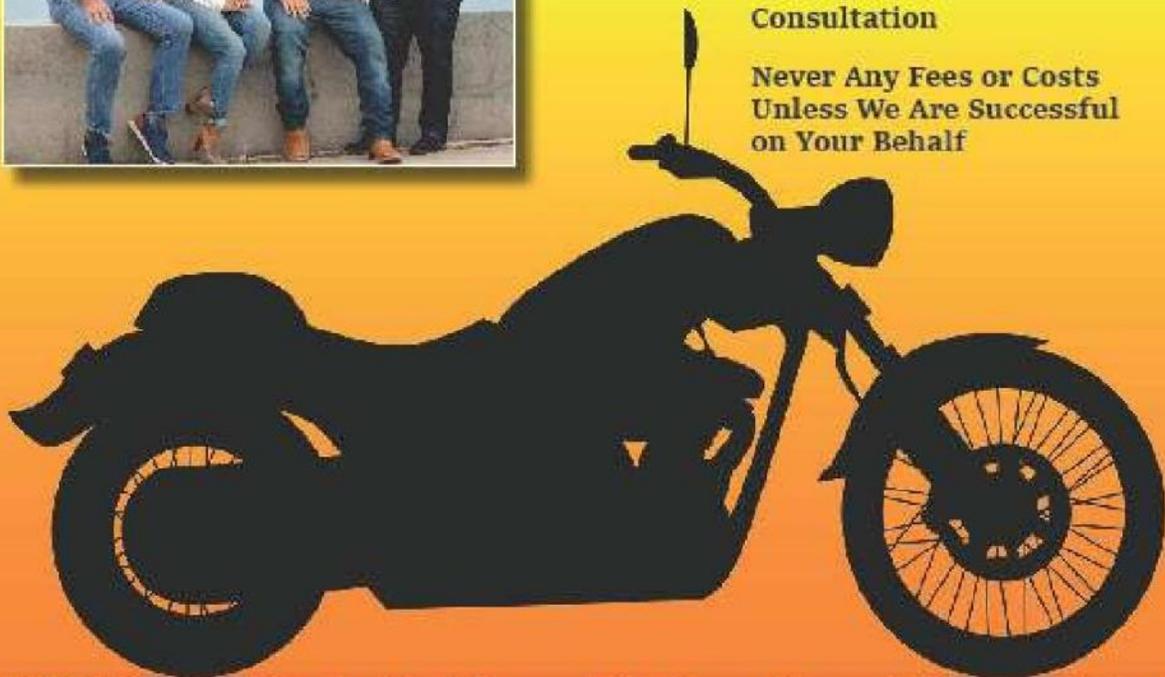
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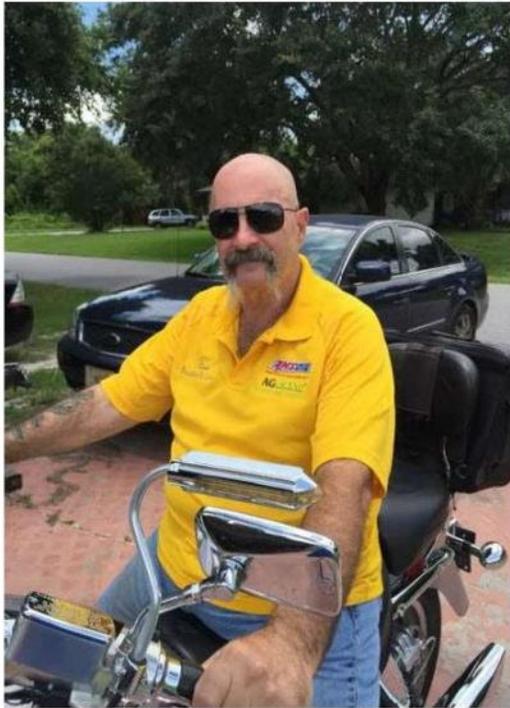
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Safety First - Nick Stamis



First, THANK YOU ALL for the support over my time as Safety Director! This will be my last article in this position as I'm not running this year. Life gets in the way sometimes and I need to dedicate more time to my health. I will still participate where I can and teach the M.S.A.P. classes as time permits.

That said, this time since our last meeting has still been deadly! I'm aware of 5 Motorcycle deaths one at 41 & Edgewater.

I still see too many debris issues all around town so we as a group need to be even more vigilant!

1. If you're tired, DON'T RIDE!
2. If you're not feeling well, DON'T RIDE!
3. If you've been drinking, DON'T RIDE!
4. If your friend is not 100%, DON'T LET THEM

RIDE!

5. When was the last time you checked the AIR in your TIRES?

6. When was the last time you looked at the TREAD and SIDEWALLS for WEAR OR DRY ROT?

7. Please stay HYDRATED, drinking plenty of WATER, NOT BEER OR ALCOHOL, to stay hydrated, especially during the summer, as the evaporation rate is much higher and beer and alcohol are actually diuretics and will make things worse much faster. Heat stroke is no joke!

8. POLARIZED SUNGLASSES are very important, as they will prevent the heat waves coming off the hot pavement from looking like a puddle of water.

9. DO NOT RIDE FASTER THAN YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL CAN FLY!

10. IF YOU SEE SOMEONE OUT AND ABOUT THAT IS IMPAIRED IN ANY MANNER, YOU SHOULD INTERVENE. YES, IT CAN GET UGLY, BUT DEATH IS NOT REVERSIBLE; IT MIGHT BE SOMEONE ELSE YOU SAVE AND NOT THAT PERSON.

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PLEASE NO DRINKING & DRIVING!!

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9:30 AM COFFEE, SNACKS, AND FELLOWSHIP

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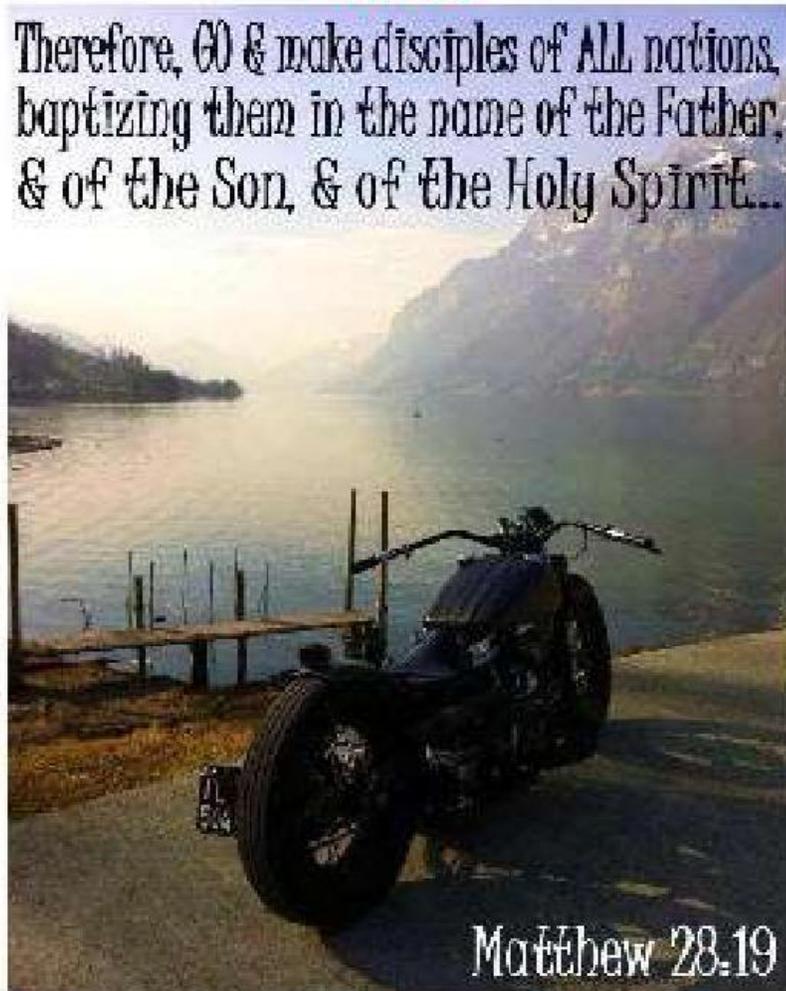
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WE DO!

Therefore, GO & make disciples of ALL nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
& of the Son, & of the Holy Spirit...



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