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ABATE of Florida Peace River Chapter March/April 2021 NEWLETTER





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Hello Peace River ABATE Brothers and Sisters,

Last year I was talking about how Spring is right around the corner, and that we still have plenty of perfect riding weather ahead of us. That is still true! So come on out and ride with us every Wednesday night. We meet at the RaceTrac at the corner of 776 and Toledo Blade Blvd, where we gas up and head out for one of our awesome SW Florida restaurants. KSU is at 7:00p sharp.



We also gather at the same RaceTrac every 4th Saturday of the month, at 5:00p. On that afternoon/evening we do a little longer Dinner Ride. It's always a great time!

So, last year I went on to tell you how our annual "Ride to the Capitol" went... well, that was canceled this year, and I'll bet you can guess why. We were not going to be allowed to ride in, park in the courtyard, and visit our Representatives, because of the virus. So we ended up having one of our standard State Meetings, that was graciously



hosted by our Brothers and Sisters in the Forest Chapter (Ocala area). A big thanks to them for stepping up to help out with that one!

Don't forget that we have our Chapter Officer nominations coming up, with the first round of nominations being at our April meeting, followed by a second round of nomination at the May meeting, and then the Election at the June meeting. Please talk with your Brothers and Sisters and try to find anyone interested in running for a board position. There are several positions to be considered:

President, Vice President, Treasure, Secretary Sgt. at Arms, Membership, Safety, PR/Newsletter/Web.

No residing officer or trustee will feel offended if their position is challenged. Most of them have been doing one thing or another for a very long time. Just remember to be at the

meeting to accept the nomination, if you would like to run.

The State will also be having their nominations. But, I am unsure of their schedule this year, due to the interruptions that the virus has caused. Regardless, If you, or someone you know, would like to run for a State level position you/they will have to come to the meeting of the first round of nominations, one of our delegates will nominate you, and you will need to accept the nomination. As soon as I find out their schedule, I will email it out to you.

Anyway... that's it.

Peace Out – No Gas

Legislative UPDATE

The Florida Legislative Session began operations March 2, 2021

The Florida House will largely stick with existing COVID-19 restrictions for the 2021 legislative session, according to protocols released Friday by Speaker Chris Sprowls' office. Under the House pandemic procedures, lobbyists and other visitors must register online at least three hours before committee meetings, show identification and pick up passes to gain access to meeting rooms. Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, initiated the process before committee meetings began in January.

THEREFORE: The Annual Peace River Abate Lobbying Motorcycle Ride has been cancelled due to the Florida State COVID-19 restrictions



SB-278 "Vulnerable Road User Bill"

12/16/2020—Filed

1/11/2021—Referred to Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

1/12/2021— Original reference(s)- removed: Regulated Industries
References corrected to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations -SJ 57
Now in Transportation

HB-2489—"Motorcycle Safety Money Bill"

3/17/2021—On Agenda for Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

3/17/2021—Favorable (Final Action)

LET'S PASS A BILL

"What do we have to do now?"

Florida House of Representatives

HOW AN IDEA BECOMES A LAW



Idea

A citizen, group, or legislator has an idea for a new law. A Representative then decides that the idea should be a bill.



House Bill Drafted

The Representative (also called a member) contacts House Bill Drafting Services and requests a bill to be drafted. The member may provide very detailed instructions or just the general idea. A staff member, called a "bill drafter," will work with the member and his or her staff until the member is satisfied and a final draft is approved. Once approved, the idea receives a bill number (odd numbers only in the House) and is called a bill for the first time.



1st Reading is by Publication in the House Journal

In accordance with Article III of the Florida Constitution, all bills must be read three times before being voted on. The 1st Reading is by publication of the bill number, its sponsor, and a short one paragraph description of the bill, called a title, in the House Journal. The Speaker will also refer the bill to one or more committees or subcommittees in the House. Committees and subcommittees are groups of members appointed to review specific areas of government such as education, criminal justice, and agriculture, to name a few.



House Committee or Subcommittee Meeting

Once a bill is referred to a committee or subcommittee, it is reviewed for inclusion on an agenda. The Chair of the committee or subcommittee will decide which bills should be heard. In 2010, of the 843 general bills filed, 488 "died" in a council or committee, never being heard. Once a bill has been heard and voted favorably by all of its committees or subcommittees, it is placed on a House Calendar signifying that it is available for 2nd Reading.



2nd Reading on the Floor is by consideration of the Special Order Calendar

Once a bill is on the House Calendar, that does not mean that the bill will be heard on the floor. The House has a special committee called the Rules & Calendar Committee that will determine when and if a bill will be sent to the floor for 2nd Reading. These bills are placed on a recommended Special Order Calendar. Each Special Order Calendar is voted on prior to the House considering those bills on a specific legislative day. Once a bill has been introduced and read on the Special Order Calendar, it is explained, questions are answered about the bill, and amendments are considered. This constitutes a bill's 2nd Reading.



3rd Reading on the House Floor by consideration of the Third Reading Calendar

After a bill has been read a second time on the Special Order Calendar, it is taken up on 3rd Reading, generally, on a subsequent legislative day. This is the final reading of the bill prior to being voted on. Once a bill's title has been read a third time, it is explained again, questions are again permitted, and amendments may be offered; at this point, amendments may only be considered by a 2/3 vote. The final action is for debate on the bill prior to the sponsor making a closing statement. The bill is then voted on by the members of the House. Any bill not receiving a favorable vote "dies" on the floor.



Senate Consideration

Once the bill is passed by the House, it is sent to the Senate with a "message." The Senate's process varies slightly from the House's process. The Senate may vote to pass the bill without amendments and return the bill to the House, refer the bill to a committee for consideration, or defeat the bill on the Senate floor. The Senate may decide to further amend the bill and pass it. If this happens, the bill is returned to the House.



Return to the House

If the House has received a House bill having been passed by the Senate without amendments, it puts the bill in its final form called an "enrolled" version. The enrolled version of the bill is then sent to the Governor for consideration. If the Senate has further amended the House bill, it is returned to the House for consideration of the Senate amendments. This "back and forth" consideration of the bill is an attempt to perfect the bill's language by working out the differences, but generally ends after several exchanges by each side. At any time, either the Senate or the House may decide to abandon the effort of reaching a compromise and the bill dies. If the issue is important enough, however, the House and Senate may agree to appoint a conference committee comprised of Representatives and Senators to work out the details of the bill.



Consideration by the Governor

Generally, if the Legislature is in session and has sent the Governor a bill, he/she has seven days to consider the bill while the Legislature remains in session. If the bill is received after the Legislature has adjourned "sine die" (the 60-day session has ended), the Governor has 15 days to consider the bill. The Governor may take one of three actions: sign the bill into law, allow the bill to become law without his/her signature, or veto the bill. If the Governor vetoes the bill, the Legislature may override his/her veto by a 2/3 vote of the Legislature during the next Session.

KEY POINT...

At any point of consideration, the bill may "die" for that legislative session, which means it will no longer be considered.



ABATE of Florida's Vulnerable Road Users Bill SB 278

The Senate version of our Vulnerable Road Users bill has been filed. It is SB 278 by Senator Baxley.

SB 278 Traffic Offenses

General Bill by Senator Baxley:

Traffic Offenses: Creating the “*Vulnerable Road User Act*”; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person who commits the moving violation pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person's driver license for a minimum specified period, etc.

HOW CAN YOU HELP Pass this Bill?

Join us and visit at an upcoming meeting.
Strength in Numbers help get Bills passed.



Secretary MINUTES—January

Peace River Chapter January Meeting

Chapter Meeting 24 Jan 2021

Meeting called to order at 11:00am. Pledge of Allegiance said followed by prayer.

President: Welcomed everyone back after the holidays. Good to see a large turn out of attendees.

VP: Talked about our support for Polk County Run and SW Chapter Vet Run

Treasurer: Gave amount in treasury.

Secretary: Asked for motion to accept the minutes as recorded in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Sgt at Arms: Nothing at this time.

Legislative: Went over our 2 bills and their status.

Safety: Went over current accidents and safe riding procedures.

Products: Went over sale items.

Old Business: Gun drawing will be in January. Life membership drawing will be in February. Last time to get tickets for Life Membership drawing tickets is today.

New Business: Possible that we may not go to Tally this year due to Covid procedures at Capitol.

Good of the order: Anyone interested in going to lunch, meet in parking lot in 15 min.

Motion to adjourn at 11:45am

Secretary MINUTES—February

Peace River Chapter February Meeting

Peace River Chapter February 2021 Meeting

Meeting called to order on Feb 28 at 11:05am

Pledge of Allegiance and prayer said.

President: Good to see so many members attending again. Tally run canceled. Moved state meeting to Ocala.

VP: Went over silent auction items and how it works.

Treasurer: Gave amount in bank account. Gave chapter the info on winners of state gun drawing and life member drawing.

Secretary: motion to accept minutes.

Sgt at Arms: Nothing to report.

Safety: Went over accidents and how to ride in a group.

Legislative: Went over status of SB 278, Vulnerable road users and HB 2489 Safety money.

Membership: Read names of renewals and life anniversaries. Introduced 2 new members.

Newsletter/ PR/Web: Check out web page and facebook for latest info.

Products: Went over sale items.

Old Business: None.

New Business: New gun drawing starting April. Different prizes this year. We will be helping Estero River Chapt with bike games 20 March at their Legendary Party.

Good of the Order: Need volunteers to help with bike games at Estero.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

Membership Report – Dan Wright
Total Members as of Jan 2021 – 252 (Down 10 from last year)

March Anniversaries

Dusty Herrmann
Fred Liddell

John Taratino
Jae Williams
Diana Wilson

April Expirations

Mary Bartoshuk
Jason Cotte

Gregory Kane
Marshall Sayad

March Life Anniversaries

Frank Alfonso	19
Doug Becraft	23
Emmett Bower	25
Jon Burson	5
Gary Dougherty	16
Vicky Fox	18
Jim Gallagher	17

William Groom	17
Michael LaMarca	8
Anthony Lanzetta	25
William Pallman	20
Gary Robinson	24
Nancy St. Pierre-Fuller	18
Bonnie Stevens	23

April Life Anniversaries

Bill Bird	24
Ronald Deering	14
Warren Hessler	30
David Kaler	32
Harold May	11

Ray McVay	25
Dave Miller	16
David Nahl	29
Gail Romano	11

January (3) New Members

Kevin Guizar
Melinda Guizar

Michael "Woody" Burke

February (4) New Members

Ed McDonald
Linda McDonald

Randy Wells
Jesse Garcia

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

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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NEW / RENEWAL ABATE MEMBERSHIP FORM PEACE RIVER CHAPTER

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City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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Email Address: _____

Registered Voter? (Circle One) Yes No

Circle One: New Membership Renewal of Membership

Fees for Membership: \$20/year for New or Renewal or \$600/Life Membership

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Our meetings are on the 4th Sunday of the month at:
American Legion - 3152 Harbor Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33952
(There is no meeting in December)

Bring cash – or - Make check/money order to:
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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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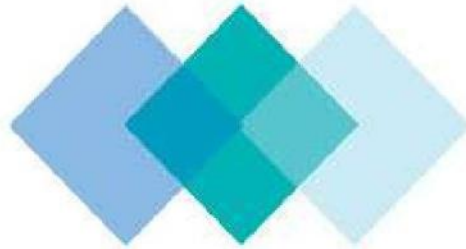


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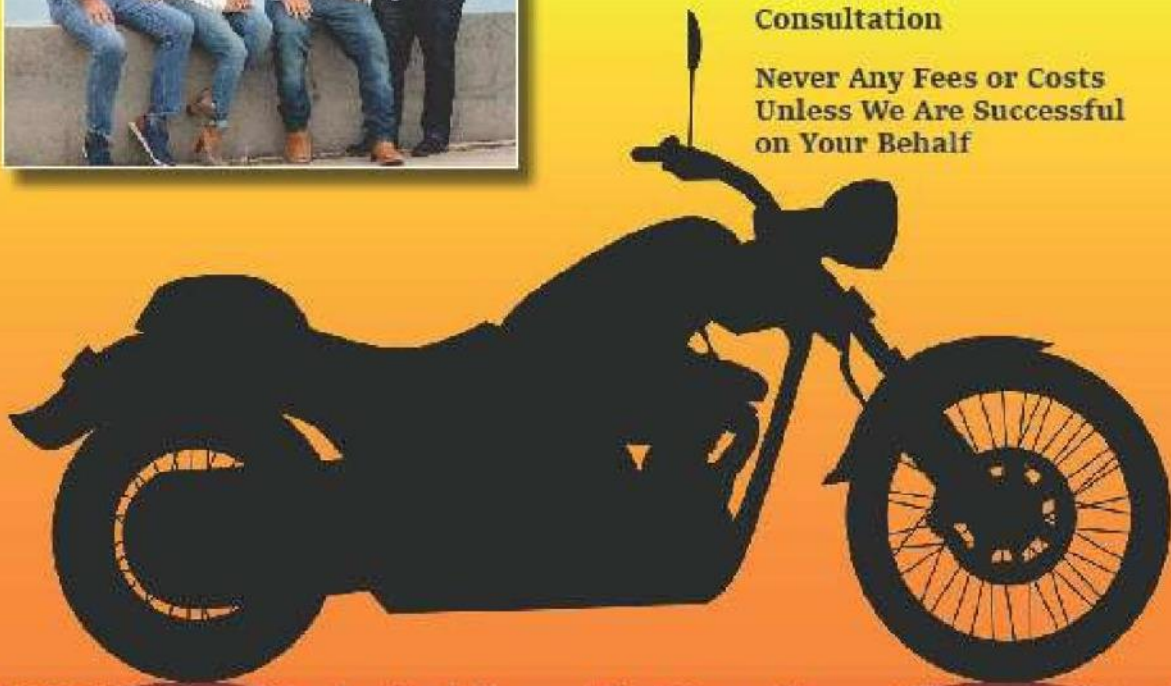
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