



ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Peace River Chapter

**ABATE: American Bikers Aimed Toward
Education**

**ABATE: American Brotherhood Against
Totalitarian Enactments**

May 2026 Newsletter

Key Tips for Drivers to Share the Road

- **Look Twice:** Motorcyclists are smaller and easily hidden in blind spots or behind other vehicles.
- **Check Intersections:** Always check mirrors and blind spots carefully before turning or switching lanes, as motorcycles are often misjudged in speed and distance.
- **Keep Distance:** Allow more following distance—about 3 to 4 seconds—because motorcycles may slow down without activating brake lights.
- **Respect Lane Usage:** Give motorcyclists the full lane width; never try to share a lane with them.
- **Signal Intentions:** Use turn signals well in advance to allow motorcyclists time to react.

Join us! Peace River Chapter Meetings are at 11 am on the
4th Sunday of every month (No Meeting in December)
at the American Legion, Post 110, 3152 Harbor Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

ABATE of Florida Accomplishments

- ABATE was the driving force behind the changes in Florida's Helmet Law. Florida Motorcyclists, over the age of 21 and who carry at least \$10,000 medical insurance coverage now enjoy the Freedom to Choose whether to wear a helmet or not.
- ABATE has developed & copyrighted "The Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Program" (MSAP). The program is presented to non-motorcyclists to educate them on how to safely share the road with motorcycles. It is taught in local schools & to civil organizations at no charge in the hope of reducing motorcycle accidents and deaths through education, not legislation.
- ABATE has gained a positive and respected position in Tallahassee. Because of our Lobbyist and Legislative efforts, State Representatives are aware of ABATE members and our vigilant quest.
- ABATE reminds travelers every day to "Look Twice Save a Life, Motorcycles are everywhere" through our safety campaign.

Our Mission Statement

ABATE is 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 GANG. We fund our work through toy runs, poker runs, campouts and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors and 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.

ABATE of Florida Objectives

- Keep all bikers informed on legislative actions and events that affect their safety and rights.
- Be a powerful political force in legislation that affects Motorcycle safety and rights.
- Provide a lobbyist that will represent ABATE's interests at State and National levels.
- Promote voter registration and to motivate members to speak up for their rights.
- Promote safety without infringing on individual rights and freedoms.
- Educate the public and Motorcycle Awareness and Safety Issues.



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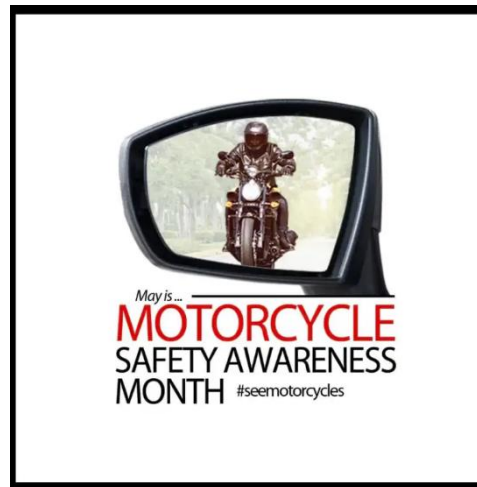
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Peace River ABATE Brothers and Sisters,

Among other things, May is designated as Motorcycle Safety Month, and that's the message we want to get out. Most organizations focus on educating the riders on safe riding techniques and wearing the proper safety gear. Which is a good thing! **But, as members of ABATE of Florida Inc., our focus is on educating drivers about how to safely share the roads with motorcycle riders.**

On the cover of this newsletter, I listed five key ways to do that.

Help get the word out!

Enjoy your ride, but stay alert and aware of what's happening around you.

Okay, that's all
Peace out
- No Gas



PEACE RIVER CHAPTER ABATE MEETING
Sunday, April 26, 2026 at American Legion, Post 110, Port Charlotte
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 11:00 a.m.

Benediction: RJ

Pres. Report: Dan: The President welcomed everyone, thanked everyone for coming. He also offered thanks to all the came and helped at our booth at the Thunder by the Bay Event in Sarasota, FL. He went on to say that our April State Meeting will involve the "Run to the Sun Poker Run" up to Ft. McCoy, FL. on Saturday April 11. All chapters will start a poker run in their home location and have two stops along the way.

V.Pres Report: John: Excused Absent

Secretary Report: Robb: No Corrections or Omissions noted. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Randy, seconded by Glen, and passed.

Safety: Robb: Hoping to get two more MSAP Classes held at Charlotte High sometime between August and October. Mike Keiffer was Side-Swiped earlier this month on US 27. He suffered some serious issues from the crash, and still has doctors' appointments pending.

Sgt-at-Arms: Ed: Excused Absent

Legislative: Bill: Bill mentioned that the session has ended. There will be upcoming special session since there's still no budget passed. There was not much action on our ABATE Bills.

Membership: Dan: Read out the Annual and Life Anniversaries, and stated that we have 220 members total.

Chapter Rep: Dan & Bill: Both Bill & Dan will be attending the April State meeting.

Products: Bill. Nothing to report.

Newsletter: Heidi cannot continue to be our newsletter person. Dan said he will take it back.

P.R.: Bill & Dan: Nothing to report.

Old Business: At our last meeting, Dan asked for new Ideas for fund raising that might appeal to younger people. We re-addressed that, and no ideas came out of it.

Dan has redesigned our Chapter Business Cards to remove the \$20.00 Membership price, and increased the font size of our website address to make it more noticeable. He ordered 500 cards to start us off with.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order: None.

Meeting ended at: 11:30p

May 2026 - Membership Report

As of March 2026 – We have 222 total members

(Have not received data for April. 2026 yet)

May Annual-Member Anniversaries

Suzie Branch, Michael "Woody" Burke, George Ellison, David York, Kelvin Yow

May Annual-Member Anniversaries

Sondra Becraft	28
Warren "Corky" Bucher	29
David Butterfield	15
Randy Dryer	13
Andy Dulay	40
Leigh Elliot	40
Michael Empey	18
Brian Hagerty	20
Dennis Peck	21
Bobby Prince	10
Kathy Prince	10
Peter Quartuccio	30
Dean Roby	21
Andy Romano	20
Patsy Ruth	23
David Saunders	10
Walter Schmid	27
Dan Sheeran	17

We had no New Members in April 2026

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 \$30.00, 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

ABATE of Florida, Inc. Membership Application

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Chapter: _____

Are you a registered voter: Yes ☐ No ☐

Voting Districts FL House: _____ FL Senate: _____ Us Congress Dist.: _____

Membership Options Annual New/Renew Member \$30.00: _____ Life membership \$450.00: _____

Member Transfer to New Chapter: _____ From old Chapter: _____

Change of address: _____ Name Change: _____ Home Chapter: **Peace River Chapter**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL. Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older. All members receive a membership card and voting privileges in their home chapter, Personal involvement in statewide Legislative actions and their freedom to ride. Mail to Po Box 380415 Murdock, FL 33938 Questions: (____) _____

Membership Use Paid By Cash: _____ Check: _____ Zelle: _____ QR Code: _____
Verified By: _____ Date paid: _____ **Do Not mail Cash**



ABATE of Florida, Inc has partnered with American Income Life to provide all members with a \$4000.00 AD&D Policy Please fill out the card below

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Physical Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Beneficiary Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Physical Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ 2026

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Motorcycle Awareness Month					1	2 JDC's 14 th Annual Charity Bike Run Details Pg. 11
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10 Happy  <i>Mother's</i> Day	11	12	13 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	21	22	23
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June 2026

	1	2	3 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	11	12 State Meeting 5316 US-19, New Port Richey, FL See Pg. 10	13
14 Flag Day & Army Birthday	15	16	17 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	18	19 Juneteenth National Independence Day	20
21 Father's Day & Summer Solstice	22	23	24 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	25	26	27
28	29	30				

ADVERTISING RATES



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your Annual Advertisement will appear on our Peace River ABATE Web Site,
in our Newsletter, which is published twelve times a year,
and our Peace River ABATE Facebook Page.

CHECK THE OPTION YOU WANT

Business Card Ad: \$60.00 _____

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peaceriverabate.newsletter@gmail.com

Please mail this completed form with your payment to:

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ABATE

STATE MEETING

JUNE 13TH, 2026

Friday June 12th · Saturday June 13th

BOARD MEETING
10 AM — Saturday June 13th

DELEGATES MEETING
12 PM — Saturday June 13th

ABOUT THE EVENT

The Boneyard Chapter is proud to host the June ABATE State Meetings! Saturday meetings are held in the hall on the Second Floor of the hotel.

Lunch provided by Fran Haasch Motorcycle Attorney.

HOTEL CHECK-IN PERKS

Arrive Friday & check in at the front desk to receive:

- Free Drink Chip — valid Friday night
 - Wristband for Free Breakfast Buffet — Saturday
- Enjoy Taco Tequila Restaurant + Live Music Friday!

■ FRIDAY NIGHT — JUNE 12TH

Enjoy the Taco Tequila Restaurant on-site, then party with the band playing your favorite hits — Food, Drinks, and Live Music all night!

■ SATURDAY — JUNE 13TH

Free breakfast buffet (wristband req'd), then Board Meeting 10 AM → Delegates Meeting 12 PM. Lunch by Fran Haasch. All meetings on 2nd floor.

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JACD'S 14th Annual CHARITY BIKE RUN

MAY 2, 2026

**Kickstands Up at 10am
Port Charlotte Walmart
375 Kings Highway**



**Join Us at
The Twisted Fork
at 12pm**



Music from The Champ Jaxon Band and Hunter Creek



We work closely with other agencies and foundations to end childhood drowning. We believe in prevention through education and awareness. Whether it's at a public educational event, or supplying pool fencing or swim lessons for families in need, WE HOPE TO SPREAD AWARENESS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY!

EVENT IS RAIN OR SHINE



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
JUSTAGAINSTCHILDRENDROWNING.COM**

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.  Polk County Chapter

PRESENTS OUR

16TH SKILLS ON WHEELS MOTORCYCLE RODEO

Event starts
at 1pm and
ends at 4pm

MAY 9, 2026

Sign ups are from
11am - 1pm

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\$5.00 Donation Covers Entrance & Participation Fee:

Do Overs \$5.00

**\$100
OVERALL
RODEO PRIZE**

**\$100
SLOW RACE**

COME SHOW US YOUR SKILLS

Clothesline

Plank _____

_____ **Balloon Toss**

Cone Ball _____

_____ **5 Second Ball**

Beanbag Toss _____

_____ **Joust**

Slow Race _____

Wienie Bite

ON TWO WHEELS

**Separate Award
for Wienie Bite
& Slow race**

**Vendors
Food
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**ALL ARE
WELCOME**

For more information call

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