



ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Peace River Chapter

ABATE: American Bikers Aimed Toward
Education

ABATE: American Brotherhood Against
Totalitarian Enactments

April 2026 Newsletter



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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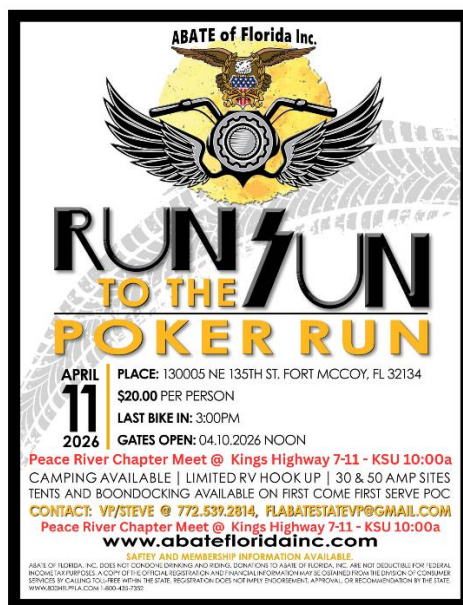
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Peace River ABATE Brothers and Sisters,

April Showers? Well, I guess we have had a few but not nearly enough! Anyway, it's still great riding weather out there!

I took a ride up to Daytona to meet my daughter and her friends from Tallahassee Harley Davidson, during the last weekend of Bike Week. Then I rode with her back over to Tally so she didn't have to ride by herself, then I hopped on the interstate and shot back down to Charlotte County. I put about 1200 miles on the ol' Road Glide That long weekend! Ha! Ha!

We have that "Run to the Sun Poker Run" coming up the second weekend of April, so come join us for \$20.00 a person (See Flyer Pg. 11). There is no prize or anything. We're just raising money for the State Office so they can continue to pay the bills for us. We will leave that Saturday morning from the Kings Highway 7-1. KSU is 10:00

Call Me If you want to ride along (941-286-2201)

Okay, that's all
Peace out
- No Gas



PEACE RIVER CHAPTER ABATE MEETING
Sunday, March 22, 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

April 2026 - Membership Report

As of January 2026 – We have 220 total members

(Have not received data for Feb. 2026 yet)

April Annual-Member Anniversaries

Michel Bellerose, Harold Crouse, William Eefland

Randy Wells

April Life-Member Anniversaries

Bill Bird	29
Ronald Deering	19
Warren Hessler	35
David Kaler	37
Harold May	16
Dave Miller	21
Heidi Moser	11
David Nahl	34
Gail Romano	16

We had one new member in March 2026

(Welcome Back Shawn Wonderlie!)

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, FL33938 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

Mail to State office: ABATE of Florida, Inc. Po Box 614 Cantonment, FL 32533-0614

Phone: (386)943-9610

ABATE of Florida, Inc Members Information

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

Ride Therapy



Come on out, any Wednesday night, and you can ride with us to any one of SW Florida's magnificent waterfront or hideaway restaurants!

We meet every **Wednesday evening** at the RaceTrac gas station on the corner of El JoBean Rd., and Toledo Blade Blvd.

1520 El Jobean Rd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33948
KSU at 7:00 p.m.

Come early and get tanked up... With Gas That Is!



April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 April Fool's Day (There will be a Dinner Ride) Not Kidding! Details Pg. 8	2 Discovery of Florida 1513 by Juan Ponce de León	3 	4 Bert's Arcadia Bikefest Details Pg. 11
5 	6	7	8 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	9	10	11 Run to the Sun Poker Run – Details Pg. 12
12 State Mtg. Ft. McCoy Details Pg. 13	13	14	15 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8 TAX DAY	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 	23 Leesburg Bike Rally Details Pg.14	24 Leesburg Bike Rally Details Pg.14	25 Leesburg Bike Rally Details Pg.14
26 Chpt. Mtg. 11 am–See Pg. 1 Leesburg Bike Rally Details Pg. 14	27	28	29	30		



May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Motorcycle Awareness Month					1	2 JDC's 14 th Annual Charity Bike Run Details Pg. 15
3	4	5 	6 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	7	8	9 Skills on Wheels Motorcycle Rodeo Details Pg. 16
10 	11	12	13 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	21	22	23
24 Chpt. Mtg. 11 am–See Pg. 1 31	25 	26	27 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	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 _____

Half Page Ad: \$110.00 _____

Full Page Ad: \$200.00 _____

Rates are in effect for a 12-month period.
All Half & Full Page Ads include a write-up profile of your business and events.

All JPG Graphic files **MUST** be High Resolution. Please E-Mail your file to:

peaceriverabate.newsletter@gmail.com

Please mail this completed form with your payment to:

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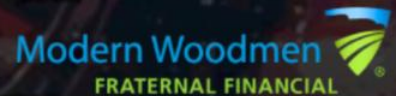
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APR 4TH 2026 FROM 10-5PM
Historic Downtown Arcadia, Fl



FOR ONE DAY ONLY
★ LIVE MUSIC BY **JACK'D up** FROM 12 TO 4PM
★ VENDORS ★ MOTORCYCLES
★ FULL THROTTLE BIKE SHOW & MORE!



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RUN ^{TO THE} RUN

POKER RUN

APRIL
11
2026

PLACE: 130005 NE 135TH ST. FORT MCCOY, FL 32134

\$20.00 PER PERSON

LAST BIKE IN: 3:00PM

GATES OPEN: 04.10.2026 NOON

Peace River Chapter Meet @ Kings Highway 7-11 - KSU 10:00a

CAMPING AVAILABLE | LIMITED RV HOOK UP | 30 & 50 AMP SITES
TENTS AND BOONDOCKING AVAILABLE ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVE POC

CONTACT: VP/STEVE @ 772.539.2814, FLABATESTATEVP@GMAIL.COM

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Abate of Florida Inc.

State Meeting

SUNDAY April 12, 2026

**Board Meeting @ 10:00 AM
Delegates Meeting @ 12:00 PM**

**VFW Veterans Village Pavilion
130005 NE 135th St, Ft McCoy Fl 32134**



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ABATE Of Florida, Inc - - Lake County Chapter's Campground Celebrating 24 years of camping



Open to the Public Leesburg Bike Rally



Campground is off of Hwy 27 & CR 48 --6 miles S from downtown LSBG. Coming from N on 27 pass CR 33 & Turn Right- onto CR 48. at gas station, by light. Traveling north on 27, turn left at the light onto CR48, look for signs.

RVs Welcome \$20 & Trailers \$10 – One Time Fee
Trailers 20' & Up -\$20 One-Time Fee
NO hook ups- NO Reservations- Cash Only

*Live Bands-
Thur Fri & Sat
*Food available
@ Eagles Aerie
* Tiki Bar
*50/50 & Prizes
*Poker Run Sat

DATES: April 23- 24- 25-26, 2026
WHERE: 27150 Haywood Worm Farms Rd
Okahumpka 34762 **Eagles Aerie # 4273**
TIME: Gates open Thurs-Fri-Sat-Sun 7 am
NO Early arrivals
Gates close Thurs-Fri-Sat- at 11:50pm -Sun at noon.
COST: \$20. pp, per nite -Includes Tax
ADULTS Only

*24 Hr Security
*BLOOD Mobile
*Hot Showers
***NO PETS**
***NO Weapons**
***NO Attitudes**
***No Site Fires**

ABATE OF FLORIDA, Inc. Lake County Chapter and its affiliates of the Leesburg Bike Rally ABATE campground will not be held responsible financially or otherwise for any adverse weather conditions that may affect, delay or cancel any scheduled performance event described herein this promotional flier. Join ABATE of FL Inc & receive \$4,000 accidental death INS. Our rights as motorcyclists are constantly being challenged at an alarming rate; every motorcycle enthusiast should belong to a Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO). Check us out on FB for updated information

 ABATE of Florida - Lake County Chapter



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Vendors, contact Jessie 352-227-7214 or Vera 352-516-4240
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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:
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16TH SKILLS ON WHEELS MOTORCYCLE RODEO

Event starts
at 1pm and
ends at 4pm

MAY 9, 2026

Sign ups are from
11am - 1pm

RED TOP PIT STOP

12160 US HWY 98 NORTH LAKELAND, FL 33809

\$5.00 Donation Covers Entrance & Participation Fee:

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\$100
OVERALL
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\$100
SLOW RACE

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Clothesline _____
Plank _____
Balloon Toss _____
Cone Ball _____
5 Second Ball _____
Beanbag Toss _____
Joust _____
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Wienie Bite _____

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for Wienie Bite
& Slow race

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