



ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Peace River Chapter

ABATE: American Bikers Aimed Toward
Education

ABATE: American Brotherhood Against
Totalitarian Enactments

August 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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A Word From "No Gas"



Hello Peace River ABATE Brothers and Sisters,

I imagine it's pretty hot in SW Florida right now... but I really couldn't tell you 'cause I'm in NW Indiana right now!

I spoke to our President and he ask me to say that, he is working hard to make a deal with a new vendor to supply us with T-shirts to sell. He brought in a sample shirt to the July Chapter meeting, and Jason ended up buying it! Ha! Ha!

He also wanted to ask everyone to be extra careful when you're out on the road. Most importantly, school starts this month and lots of little kiddies will be out on the streets, but also he said that with all of the rain that you've been getting, the pot-holes are getting bigger and bigger.

Okay that's all
Peace Out
- No Gas



PEACE RIVER CHAPTER ABATE MEETING
Sunday, June 28, 2026 at American Legion, Post 110, Port Charlotte
Meeting Minutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 1 1:00

PLEDGE: JASON

BENEDICTION: FRENCHY

PRESIDENT: INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO MEMBERS. THEN BIG THANKS TO DAN NO GAS WRIGHT FOR ALL THE HELP IN TRANSFERRING EVERY THING OVER AND MOST IMPORTANT STAYING ON WITH ALL HIS OTHER JOBS WITH THE CHAPTER. HOPEFULLY DAN IS ENJOYING HIS RETIREMENT. ALSO REMEMBER SCHOOL IS STARTING SO BE EXTRA CAREFUL OUT THERE.

VP: JOHN WAS GLAD TO SEE EVERY ONE.

SECRETARY: A MOTION WAS PASSED TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER.

TREASURER: GAVE THE BALANCE.

SAFETY: BE CAREFUL DUE TO THE RAIN.

SARGENT OF ARMS: BE SAFE OUT THERE AND ALSO WATCH FOR CHILDREN.

LEGISLATIVE: STUDY YOUR REPRESENTATIVES DO YOUR HOME WORK.

MEMBERSHIP: WAS READ BY VICTOR. WELCOME BACK TO DAVE YORK AND WE HAVE ANOTHER MEMBER ON THE WAY - "ROBBIE JEFFERSON"!

CHAPTER REP: ON VACATION BUT STILL HARD AT WORK FOR US. NO GAS DAN!

NEWSLETTER: UP TO DATE.

OLD BUSINESS: THIS IS OLD AND NEW BUSINESS. SHIRTS, WE HAVE FOUND A SUPPLIER, NO MINIMUM ORDERS, WAITING ON PRICES, WE HAD AN EXAMPLE BUT JASON BOUGHT IT!

NEW BUSINESS: THE SHIRTS - AND AT OUR SEMINAR MEETING EMERALD CHAPTER MAYBE CLOSING. THEY HAVE UNTIL AUGUST MEETING TO RESOLVE THINGS. BILL BIRD BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF THE FOOD DRIVE. INSTEAD OF EVERY ONE PICKING UP SOMETHING, MAYBE HAVE A CASH DONATION AND BILL WILL GET WITH THE CHURCH AND BUY THE FOOD THEY ACTUALLY CAN USE.

MEETING ADJOURNED 1 1:50

August 2026 - Membership Report

As of June 2026 – We have 210 total members

(Have not received data for July 2026 yet)

August Annual-Member Anniversaries

Jason Cotte, Glen Pannebakker, Rusty Pannebakker, Robb Rabell

August Life Anniversaries

Bob Arcouett	26.0
Jay Billow	16.0
Janelle Crepeau	26.0
John DeVincenzo	21.0
R G Ewing	17.0
Scott Gregeorie	20.0
Patty Hamilton	12.0
James Hartwig	21.0
Tracy LaCourse	20.0
William Lewis	22.0
Victor MacDonald	20.0
Larry "Kermit" Smith	38.0

We had one New Member in June 2026

Please welcome back David York

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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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!



July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	9	10	11 Leadership Seminars See pg 11
12 Leadership Seminars See pg 11	13	14	15 Dinner Ride <u>Details Pg. 8</u>	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	23	24	25
26 Chpt. Mtg. 11 am-See Pg. 1	27	28	29 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	30	31	



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Dinner Ride <u>Details Pg. 8</u>	6	7	8 State Meeting Leesburg See pg. 12
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Address: _____

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in our Newsletter, which is published twelve times a year,
and our Peace River ABATE Facebook Page.

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Business Card Ad: \$60.00 _____
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Lake County Chapter State Meeting – August 8, 2026

State Board meets at 10:00-

Delegates Meeting at 12:00 (lunch will be served)

Meeting Hall: 27150 Haywood Worm Farms Rd
Okahumpka 34762 Eagles **Aerie #4273** (Apx 11 miles from hotel)



Contact for more info:
Prez: GRIZ 352-516-2982
VP: JOE 325-619-5144

HOTEL: Microtel Inn
9700 US 441, Leesburg, 34788

Call: 352-315-1234 & Mention

Code: LakeCtyAB

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**Friday nite pool side for a
Meet & Greet' with appetizers @ 6pm.**

Bike Blessing after delegates meeting by CMA - Jlm

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