



ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Peace River Chapter

**ABATE: American Bikers Aimed Toward
Education**

**ABATE: American Brotherhood Against
Totalitarian Enactments**

February 2026 Newsletter



**Join us! Peace River Chapter Meetings are at 11 am on the
4th Sunday of every month (except 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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Peace River ABATE Brothers and Sisters,

Our next **Chapter meeting** is this **Sunday, February 22, 2026.**

Our next **State meeting** is **Sunday, February 8, 2026**
in Tallahassee.

We will ride to the **State Capitol** on **February 9** and then **February 10** we will have a **Legislative Meet and Greet** at the Capitol. Everyone is welcome to ride along.

Also in February, we will be having a Membership/Safety booth at the Annual **Thunder by The Bay** event in Sarasota. The event will be happening on **February 13-15, 2026.** We could use volunteers for the event.

Call Me (941)286-2201 or
Bill Bird (941)249-1276 if you'd like to help out.

I predict.... February is going to be a great month for riding!!

Okay, that's all
Peace out
- No Gas



PEACE RIVER CHAPTER ABATE MEETING
Sunday, January 25, 2026 at American Legion, Post 110, Port Charlotte
Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/25/2026

Meeting called to order: 11:00 am

Pledge: Ed

Prayer

Presidents Report: Dan said that he hoped that everyone had happy holidays He also said, that the I Spy Convergence Run, unfortunately, had a dismal turnout. Dan went on to say that the High Noon Ride was a great success. Then he mentioned that our Tallahassee ride is happening soon, so we need all riders to join us!

V. Presidents Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Bill said our P.O. Box was paid. He read out the account balance.

Secretary Report: Robb. Call for corrections of last Meeting Minutes in Newsletter, A Motion to accept was made by Victor...seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

Safety: Robb: waiting on MSAP schedule for Charlotte High School. Robb asked the group to remember the 3 main things needed to do in order to Ride a Motorcycle in Florida. 1. Get Endorsed 2. Learn to Ride. 3. Know the Motorcycle laws

Sgt At Arms: Ed Reminded members to bring friends that ride motorcycles to our monthly meetings so we can try to get them to join us.

Legislative: Bill There's a HANDSFREE CELL PHONE piece of legislation moving through the committees. He said, it probably won't go to much further. The current Hands-free law has a \$35 fine attached to it and the current Bill that is out there is trying to increase that. Bill also mentioned that our Tallahassee ride will span four days this year with the intent to use the extra day to have a meet 'n greet with Legislators.

Membership: Dan: Anniversaries were read out loud by Dan, along with current Members Rolls.

Chapter Rep: Nothing to report

Products: Nothing to report

Newsletter/Facebook: Nothing to report

PR/Web Page: Dan will be going over our Web and Facebook material to make sure that they all reflect the membership dues changes.

Old Business: Call for Thunder by The Bay Volunteers to help man our Membership/Safety table on during the 3-day event.

New Business: The April State meeting will be held in Ft. McCoy on the 2nd week in April. The State is requesting that all chapters to put together a poker runs that starts in their community and ends at the Ft. McCoy Meeting location.

Good of the Order: New Chapter Business Cards are being ordered

50/50: No winner, the pot continues to grow.

Congratulations to RJ - he won State Raffle Grill.

Meeting ended: 12:00 pm

February 2026 - Membership Report

As of November 2025 – We have 220 total members

February Annual-Member Anniversaries

Debi Chesebro, James Clair, Debra Goldstein, Richard King

Linda McDonald, Bruce Williams

February Annual-Member Anniversaries

Joan Albritton	20.0
Daina Bird	26.0
Walt Fuller	26.0
Danny Hoop	16.0
James Hoy	18.0
William Hutmacher	31.0
Roger Jones	19.0
Darrell LaCourse	20.0
Susan Lucas	26.0
Mary Lou Murray	19.0
Marina Ortel	26.0
Timothy Ruppert	16.0
Pat Russell	28.0
Allen Sakacsi	26.0
Larry Shorter	18.0
Sydney Vickers	17.0
Betty Weirbach	20.0
Mike Weirbach	20.0
Brian Willette	29.0
Jason Willette	26.0
Dan Wright	17.0

We had no New Members in January 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, 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!






February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3	4 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	5	6	7
8 State Mtg. 8 Monitcello, FL-Details Pg. 11	9 29 th Annual Freedom Ride Tallahassee See Pgs. 11-12	10	11 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	12	13	14 
15	16 	17	18 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	19	20	21
22 Chapter Mtg. 11 am / Details Pg. 1	23	24	25 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	26	27	28



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	5 Dayton Beach Bike Week Dtls. Pg. 13	6 Dayton Beach Bike Week Dtls. Pg. 13	7 Dayton Beach Bike Week Dtls. Pg. 13
8 	9	10	11 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	12	13	14
15	16	17 	18 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	19	20 Happy First Day of Spring 	21
22 Chapter Mtg. 11 am / Details Pg. 1	23	24	25 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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:

peacriverabate.newsletter@gmail.com

Please mail this completed form with your payment to:

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Murdock, FL 33938-0415



29th ANNUAL FREEDOM RIDE TO THE FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Kickstands up at 9:00am Behind the Super 8 in Monticello

"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." ~ Thomas Jefferson

State Meeting Sunday February 8, 2026, American
Legion 100 Water St. Monticello Florida 32344
Board Meeting 10am Delegates Meeting 12PM

POC Abate of Florida Inc. State Office (386)943-9610

Days Inn of Monticello Mr Patel 904-874-2045 can leave voice mail and text if no answer
I-10 exit 22544 Woodworth Dr. Lamont, Florida 32336

Super 8 Inn Phone: 866-833-5286 44 Woodworth Drive Lamont, Florida 32336



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SAFETY MATTERS



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TO THE FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL

MONDAY

February 9, 2026



*** Registration 8am KSU 9am sharp**

to

**140 Pafford Rd, Lamont, Fl. Behind the Super 8 in Monticello
Florida State Capitol 400 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee Florida**

Event ends at 1 pm

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**VISIT THE FLORIDA MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM AND ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
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Safety First

DAYTONA BEACH BIKE WEEK 2026



FLORIDA
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM



THURSDAY - SATURDAY
MARCH 5-7

Daytona International Speedway
1801 W. International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach

Visit the Florida Motorcycle Safety Program tent for motorcycle safety resources and tools!

The Florida Motorcycle Safety Program aims to significantly reduce the number of motorcycle crashes and fatalities on Florida roads. To learn more, fl-msp.com.

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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

Check Twice
<http://lake.abateofl.com>
For Motorcycles
ABATE of FL, Inc - Lake Co Chapter

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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