



ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Peace River Chapter

**ABATE: American Bikers Aimed Toward
Education**

**ABATE: American Brotherhood Against
Totalitarian Enactments**

January 2026 Newsletter



**Join us! Peace River Chapter Meetings are at 11 am on the
4th Sunday of every month (except December 2025)
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,

Well, we had no meeting in December, as usual. During that time, I rode my motorcycle up to Tallahassee and hung out with my daughter for the week of Christmas. Then I rode back home, jumped on a plane to my hometown of Michigan City, Indiana, and hung out with my mom and other friends and family for the week of New Years. Then, one hour into my flight back to Florida I started coming down with the flu... I ended up missing that whole next week of work! As far as my health and status quo go, I am actually back to about 98% of where I should be. That is why this newsletter is just finally coming out. Sorry Heidi!!

I was not here for the "High Noon Ride" this year, but I heard it was awesome! Thank you, Ed McDonald, for taking care of and leading the ride for us. Ed even got his new Indian motorcycle blessed!

Now, I was not here for this either, but I heard that the "I Spy Run" was a flop! Sorry Bill! Bill Bird was the only Peace River member to show up for the event. It was a Three-Chapter event and I heard that the other two chapters were just as poorly represented. Well, you never know if you don't try. I'm guessing, like me, people just didn't know what an "I Spy" event was all about.

Our next Chapter meeting is this Sunday January 25 2026.

Our next State meeting is February 8th 2026 in Tallahassee during that trip we will ride to the Capitol on February 9th and then February 10 we will have a Legislative Meet and Greet at the Capitol. Everyone is welcome to ride along.

Okay, that's all
Peace out
- No Gas

January 2026 - Membership Report

As of November 2025 – We have 220 total members

January Annual-Member Anniversaries

Roger Behrens, John Hagopian

January Life Anniversaries

Calvin James	26
George Johnson	25
Gary Lytle	25
Holly McCulley	21
Susan Postal	24
Mike Richey	25
Ken Sugden	22
Greg Wolfis	30

We had TWO New Members for November 2025

Please Welcome Wayne Taylor and Darla Mini!

None in December

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

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 \$20.00: _____ Lifemembership \$600.00: _____

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

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: _____ 2024

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!



January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 "High Noon" Ride / Details Pg. 10	2	3
4	5	6	7 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	8	9	10 "I Spy" a Convergence Run/Details Pg. 11
11	12	13	14 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	15	16	17
18	19 	20	21 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	22	23	24
25 Chapter Mtg. 11 am / Details Pg. 1	26	27	28 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	29	30	31



February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 	3	4 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	5	6	7
8 State Mtg. Monitcello, FL-Details Pg. 12	9 29 th Annual Freedom Ride Tallahassee See Pgs. 12-13	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

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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Start the year off right!
Come ride the
12th Annual "HIGH NOON" Ride
January 1, 2026

In Remembrance of
Chaplain Paul Pawlicki and Nick Stamis

Meet at Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson
2224 El Jobean Rd., SR776, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
Kickstands are up at... High Noon!

Come Early For The Bike Blessing!!

Questions? Call Ed McDonald 954.324.6037 Or "No Gas" - 941.286.2201

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MI SPY

A Convergence Run



Join us on Jan. 10th, 2026

Register @ Any One of the following Locations between @ 10-11am

1st Bikes out @ 11am. Last Bike in @ 2pm.

Estero River: Leaving the Corkscrew Country Store @ 19990 Corkscrew Rd, Estero, FL 33928

Gator Alley: Leaving the VFW @ 800 Neffs Way, Naples FL 34119

Peace River: Leaving Charlie's Pub @ 3496 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL 33952

All chapter destination is to Mango Rita's @ 16440 S Tamiami Trl #11, Fort Myers, FL 33908

Safety
&
Membership
Info Available

Join Us for a Fun time!!!
\$15 per bike and/or car
\$5 per passenger and/or extra card



Contact Tara Ricci @ 239-398-0133 Or your local Chapter President for any questions

Mango Rita's will have a band playing if you want to stay after the event

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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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To Learn more, visit <https://fl-msp.com/>.

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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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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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