



ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Peace River Chapter

**ABATE: American Bikers Aimed Toward
Education**

**ABATE: American Brotherhood Against
Totalitarian Enactments**

March 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,

Well, it's March... and we still have a lot of nice riding weather ahead of us!

We had a good turnout for our February chapter meeting. Thanks to everyone that came out. Also, a big thanks to everyone that came out and help at our **Thunder by The Bay** motorcycle safety and membership booth! A good time was had by all!

Our next Chapter meeting will be **Sunday, March 22, 2026** and,
Our next State meeting is **Sunday, April 12, 2026**. But, on **Saturday April 11, 2026**, we will the **“Run to the Sun Poker Run”** from Charlotte County to the **Veteran's Village in Fort McCoy, FL** which is the site for the state meeting on the following day.

There is an **ABATE of Florida Motorcycle Safety Program tent** at the **Daytona Bike Week event**, so if you are in the area, stop by and show your support!

Okay, that's all
Peace out
- No Gas



PEACE RIVER CHAPTER ABATE MEETING
Sunday, February 22, 2026 at American Legion, Post 110, Port Charlotte
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 11:00 a.m.

Benediction: RJ

Pres. Report: Dan welcomed everyone, and mentioned that we had the Tally Run State Meeting this month. The state meeting was held on Sunday, the ride to Tally was took place on Monday, where they honored the flag, held the ringing of the bell ceremony for our fallen members and visited our Representatives/staffers. He also thanked everyone that came out and helped at our membership/safety tent at the Thunder By The Bay event that took place this month.

V.Pres Report: John: Nothing to report

Treasury: Bill Bird was excused absent so President read account status.

Secretary Report: Robb: Question was made for corrections or omissions of last Month Meeting Minutes in Newsletter; There were none so Motion to accept was Requested? Jason made Motion, Seconded by Randy Motion Passed.

Safety: Robb: MSAP only had one Driver's Ed class so far this year at Lemon Bay with Bill Bird presenting.

Sgt-at-Arms: Ed: Reminded everyone that Board Nominations start next month & asked for Members to consider stepping up.

Legislative: Dan: E-Bikes issues were discussed.

Membership: Dan: Read out the names of our annual and life member anniversaries, and the number of total members (220) as of December 2025.

Chapter Rep: Dan: State Board opened Nominations to Delegates

Nominations for Sate Board were:

President - William "Griz" Deaver, Steve Kliemisch (current VP), Dennis "Kickstand" Kalkbrenner

V.P – Bill Bird (Peace River), Alfred Fyock (Daytona), J "BigBone 1%er" Mack (Boneyard)

Secretary – Lynn Corr (Current)

Treasury – No One

Membership – Tara Ricci (Current)

Sgt At Arms – Tate Hehl (Current), Frenchy

Legislative: Darren Brookes (Gator Alley)

Safety Director – Lana Lang

MasterLink - Tate Hehl

PR/Communications - Rick Loy

Website – Chris "Caretaker"

Products – Shane Hanley (Current)

Products: Bill: Absent

Newsletter: Heidi: Dan Advise that do to changes at her job, Heidi will not be able to continue putting together our newsletter. Dan will resume the duty for now.

PR: Bill: Absent

Old Business: Dan: April State Meeting will be held in Ft. McCoy on the 11th. All chapters are to do a Poker Run starting at their Home Base and terminating at state meeting location with a minimum of two stops in between.

New Business: Dan requested ideas for new events to attract younger Riders.

Good of the Order: Nothing reported.

Meeting adjourned: 11:50am

March 2026 - Membership Report

As of December 2025 – We have 220 total members

(Have not received data for Jan. or Feb. 2026 yet)

March Annual-Member Anniversaries

Ed McDonald, Diana Wilson

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Frank Alfonso	24
Doug Becraft	28
Emmett Bower	30
Jon Burson	10
Gary Dougherty	21
Vicky Fox	23
Jim Gallagher	22
William Groom	22
Michael LaMarca	13
Anthony Lanzetta	30
William Pallman	25
Gary Robinson	29
Nancy St. Pierre-Fuller	23
Bonnie Stevens	28

We had no New Members in February 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

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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!



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. 11	6 Dayton Beach Bike Week Dtls. Pg. 11	7 Dayton Beach Bike Week Dtls. Pg. 11
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				



April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	2	3 	4
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 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8 	23 Leesburg Bike Rally Details Pg. 14	24 Leesburg Bike Rally Details Pg. 14	25 Leesburg Bike Rally Details Pg. 14
Chpt. Mtg. 26 11 am–See Pg. 1 Leesburg Bike Rally Details Pg. 14	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 _____
Half Page Ad: \$110.00 _____
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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.

FLHSMV

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RUN TO THE SUN

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

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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
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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

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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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JACD'S 14th Annual CHARITY BIKE RUN

MAY 2, 2026

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375 Kings Highway**



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at 12pm**



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