



ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Peace River Chapter

**ABATE: American Bikers Aimed Toward
Education**

**ABATE: American Brotherhood Against
Totalitarian Enactments**

Sept 2026 Newsletter



Happy Labor Day!

**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,

Another Month has rolled by already. Now that I'm in retirement mode, it seems to be rolling even faster!

Hey just so you know, I spoke to our President recently and he asked me to let you know that he really appreciates everyone that came out for the August chapter meeting.

He said that he felt like he may have flooded you with a lot of information that had been coming down from the State, but he's hoping that if you come back to our September meeting, he will have more answers that questions...

He also asked me to let you know that your abundance of input at the last meeting was extremely helpful!

Okay that's all
Peace Out
- No Gas



PEACE RIVER CHAPTER ABATE MEETING
Sunday, August 23, 2026 at American Legion, Post 110, Port Charlotte
Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 11:05am

Pledge: Ed McDonald

Prayer: RJ

President's Report: Coming up in the meeting we will have a lot to discuss during old and new business

Vice President's Report: Nothing at this time.

Treasurer: Bill Bird Gave the current Treasury amount. Our VP asked why we maintain what he considered a large amount, Bill responded that we need to maintain a decent amount of capital to cover upcoming expenses like Poker Runs, P O Box, Trailer tags, and hotel rooms when they have to travel long distance.

Secretary: Excused Absence. Motion was made and last months minutes were excepted.

Safety: Peace River's MSAP Instructor will be teaching at the High School Drivers Ed. Classes this September.

Sgt-At-Arms: Be safe stay hydrated.

Legislative: Went over the six proposals the Legislative committee considered and their recommendations.

Membership: Dan was excused. Bill Bird read the membership report. We also got two new members and one transfer during the meeting.

Chapter Rep: Victor attended the State Meeting and said that they went over the State Party plan. They said that the State Sgt. Arms will need help with security.

Products: Victor is still working on getting a fair price for the T-shirts. He brought us a sample at the July meeting.

Newsletter / Facebook PR/Web Page: Dan is continuing to update the webpage Facebook and Newsletter.

Old Business: Arcadia Bikefest is coming November 7 and Christmas Poker Run is November 21st. Bill put the Toy Poker Run flier on many event websites

New business:

State Party/State Meeting – October 10-11th Dan will put the flier in the Newsletter.

Food Drive – it was proposed that people contribute cash instead of food, and Bill Bird said he would MATCH any donations. Then we will purchase the food that the church would like to have. Bill would meet with them to see what they need. A motion was made, and passed.

Good of the order: None

September 2026 – Membership Report

As of June 2026 – We have 210 total members

(Have not received data for July 2026 yet)

September Annual - Member Anniversaries

Justin Cotte, Alex Cuevas

September Life - Member Anniversaries

JOHN ANDREOLI	15.0	SUSAN HURST	18.0
KELLY BENNETT	28.0	BOB KIEKENAPP	20.0
RANDY BOOTH	36.0	DOUG LASSWELL	12.0
ALLAN CHILDERS	13.0	DENNIS MASON	29.0
Deborah DeVaney	21.0	TODD NICHOLS	28.0
Robert DeVaney	21.0	JOHN PIANO	30.0
GREG EVANS	28.0	GREG SASSER	22.0
JIM GERBENSKY	30.0	DONALD SJOSTEDT	20.0
MARION HAMPSON	14.0	KAREN SMITH	20.0
		BRIAN SNYDER	18.0

**We had two new members and one transfer
in August 2026**

**Please welcome Bob Alexander, Matthew Kemp,
and Robert Jefferson**

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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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!



Sept 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Dinner Ride <u>Details Pg. 8</u>	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	24	25	26
Chpt. Mtg. 27 11 am–See Pg. 1	28	29	30 Dinner Ride Details Pg. 8	30		



Oct 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Dinner Ride <u>Details Pg. 8</u>	8	9	10 State Party Inglis, FL See pg. 11
11 State Meeting Inglis, FL See pg. 11	12	13	14 Dinner Ride <u>Details Pg. 8</u>	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Dinner Ride <u>Details Pg. 8</u>	22	23	24
25 Chpt. Mtg. 11 am–See Pg. 1	26	27	28 Dinner Ride <u>Details Pg. 8</u>	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:

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Please mail this completed form with your payment to:

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RIDE
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FREEDOM
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STATE PARTY & MEETING

OCTOBER
10-11
2026

📍 **PLACE:**
SCOOTER HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB
19350 SE BUTLER RD
INGLIS, FL 34449

STATE PARTY:
STARTS AT NOON ENDS AT
8PM OCT 10, 2026

MEETING:
10:00AM OCT 11, 2026

\$20
ENTRY FEE
INCLUDES
ONE POKER HAND

★
BIKE GAMES
AND CONTESTS

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VENDORS

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ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP
TO SCOOTER HAVEN

LIVE MUSIC BY
**DUVAL
COUNTY
★ LINE ★**
SAT
AFTERNOON

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SUNDAY MORNING
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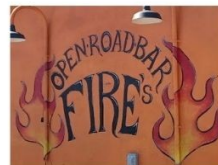
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Saturday, November 21st, 2026

**\$15 + Toy Per Rider - \$5 Extra Rider
Registration 10am / First Bike Out 11am
Extra Card Option at Last Stop
50/50 - Cash Prizes
Last Bike In - 3pm**

**First and Last Stops - Charlie's Pub
3496 Tamiami Trail- Port Charlotte, FL 33952**



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www.800helpfla.com 800-435-7352

For more info Call Victor 941.302.0824
Membership and safety information will be available



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250
EST. ★ 1776

BIKEFEST

JOIN THE FUN SATURDAY
NOV 7TH 2026 FROM 10-5PM

FOR ONE DAY ONLY

★ LIVE MUSIC BY STEREO RIOT FROM 12 TO 4PM

★ VENDORS ★ MOTORCYCLES

★ SPECIAL SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS ★

★ FULL THROTTLE BIKE SHOW & MORE!





- COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER -

Food Drive

12:00 PM SUNDAY
22 NOVEMBER 2026

**Please bring cash donations only to September / October Meetings
Bill Bird is matching all donations!!**

Leaving The November Chapter Meeting
at noon from the American Legion
3152 Harbor Blvd, Pt. Charlotte
and delivering to:
Community Life Center
19408 Edgewater Drive, Pt. Charlotte.

For More Information, call "No Gas" - 941-286-2201



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