

# ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Forest Chapter



Meeting 1st Saturday of the Month



Breakfast available - All Welcomed!

Starts at 9:30am

Charley Horse Restaurant  
2426 E. Silver Springs Blvd  
Ocala, FL (352) 622-4050



Next Meeting  
Saturday  
February 3rd

For more info contact  
John (352)318-6514

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## MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Next meeting Our meetings will return to Charlie Horse on February 3rd

2425 East Silver Springs Boulevard in Ocala

First Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM

The rotating meeting location has ended. We will meet at this location through 2018

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## CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS & TRUSTEES

President: John Melin - [forest.abate@gmail.com](mailto:forest.abate@gmail.com) - (352) 318-6514

Vice President: VACANT

Secretary: VACANT

Treasurer: Tammy Carlisle - (615) 739-0218

Sergeant-at-Arms: Adam Carlisle - (615) 815-9575

Membership: VACANT

Public Relations: Bridgette C. Heyne-Pace "Bridge" [Bree2217@yahoo.com](mailto:Bree2217@yahoo.com) – 352-361-1262

Legislative: VACANT

Newsletter: VACANT

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### **WHY ARE WE HERE?**

The purpose of this Corporation shall be:

- A) Promote motorcycle safety through education.
- B) Elimination of unfair motorcycle-related legislation.
- C) Protection of personal rights of all motorcyclists.
- D) Improve the image of motorcyclists to the general public.
- E) To provide for a Lobbyist to represent ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC., and to work with
- F) Legislators in the interest and protection of all motorcyclist rights on the State and National levels.

### **-HELP WANTED-**

As you can see, we have several vacancies on our board. We are seeking motivated people to fill these key positions in our organization. The Vice-President and Secretary are part of the executive board and are required for us to conduct day to day business on behalf of the membership. If these positions cannot be filled, I will have no choice but to recommend to state that the chapter be closed. This is not an option I would like to exercise. Please step up and let's put the chapter back together. It is my vision to turn a strong chapter over to a young president, who will move it into the future.

Thanks

John

## President's Message

I was very impressed with the turnout at the first meeting of 2018. 22 people signed in and I noticed a couple of names missing from the list, we will go with the official 22. Thanks to all those who came.

We still have vacancies on our board. Thanks to Adam or new SGT@Arms and Bridgette for volunteering to be our PR Rep. We will confirm her appointment at the meeting. I spoke with Doc and we are given time to correct this. We can't keep dragging it on. Come to the Feb meeting ready to step up or shove your buddy forward and then support him or her.

Ride to the capitol is the weekend after the capitol. Join us on this ride and bring some friends. The chapter will provide lunch after the ride, for all who represent Forest Chapter on the ride.

Great things are coming with the chapter. Check them out in the newsletter or on Facebook. For the best source come to the meeting.

John Melin  
Chapter President

## Safety

The snow birds are back. Where they are coming from they don't have to watch out for motorcycle, because the bikes have been put up for the Winter. Don't expect them to watch out for you. Increase your situational awareness and watch out for them.



## Meet a Member

(This is a new feature in our newsletter. I encourage members to submit a short bio and picture to be published)

I am John Melin, your chapter president. I am a native of Marion County and currently live in Ft McCoy with my wife, Kathy. We have two daughters and three grandkids.

I have been riding motorcycles since 1974, when I bought my first bike a '74 XLCH. I am still going, but on my '03 Electra Glide, my only new bike. I have a few others in the barn; a '66 shovel, a '73 shovel, a '79 XS1100, and a '97 Ural. I enjoy long distance touring on backroads.

After retiring from a combination of 31 years of Army and Army National Guard service in 2006, I worked as a military contractor for a few years. Being assigned in Germany gave me the chance to ride in many European countries. I try to go back to Europe often to ride and visit friends.

I have been in ABATE off and on through the years in several states. I was in the original Marion County Chapter in the 80's and in Forest Chapter during its infancy.

**ABATEOF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**FOREST CHAPTER**  
Membership Meeting Minutes  
14 January 2018

**CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:08**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: John Melin**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Injured and sick members and families, fallen members: Pam McCormick and others
3. Filling board and trustee vacancies- The appointment of Adam Carlisle to SGT-at-Arms was unanimously approved. Joe Wieland volunteered to fill the newsletter vacancy. No one expressed interest in filling Vice President, Secretary, or other vacancies. The consensus was wait until next month.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Vacant**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT: Vacant- Minutes by Cathy Hambridge**

1. Reading / Corrections to previous minutes- Posted in newsletter
2. Approval of minutes as posted: Motion by Marion, second by Al

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Tammy Carlisle**

1. Financial Report read by John
2. Approval of Treasurer's report: Motion by Bill, second by Marion
3. When ask how much the newsletter cost to print, John answered "around \$56" and to mail was "about the same".

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Adam Carlisle**

**MEMBERSHIP:**

1. Report: Two old members came back last month
2. John asked about Jay Dorff's death, was it accidental? Answer was no. He was still on our rolls as living. John will notify state for change.

3. Insurance- Discussed beneficiary cards. They will be mailed out. If you mail it in, someone will contact you. John provided Bill Sauers' phone number. If you do not want someone to call, call Bill to designate beneficiary, cell 561-436-8267, office 866-797-6455.
4. Use insurance benefit to encourage membership.

### **NEWSLETTER: Vacant**

1. John shared reason that some may have received the January newsletter with postage due. The problem was corrected.
2. John informed members that the paper newsletter is temporary. It will be mailed out until June. Beginning in July, the newsletter will be emailed. Members without email can use the membership form in the news letter to sign up for the paper copy to be mailed. Members who would prefer to have email can opt-out of the paper copy at anytime before June by sending an email to John.

### **PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Vacant**

John reported that some sponsors have lost faith in ABATE and feel we have abandoned them. When visiting our long-time sponsors let them know you are with ABATE and we are still there. Every member is a PR rep for the chapter.

### **SAFETY: John**

1. Ask member to find audiences for MSAP and ask that anyone wanting to be certified to present the program contact him.
2. Safety message- Snowbirds are back. They are coming from the north where motorcycles are parked and they don't look out for us here. Watch out for them!

### **PRODUCTS: Vacant**

1. John extended the T-shirt special to get rid of shirts: Pink and Green T-shirts are on sale for \$20, sizes and quantities are limited.
2. Black and white patches are also on sale for \$5, limited quantities.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Vacant**

Rep. Don Hahnfeldt from the Villages, passed away in December. There will be a special election to fill the vacancy.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Meetings will be at Charlie Horse starting Feb 3. Meeting day and time change to first Saturday at 9:30. Breakfast and beverages will be available for purchase.
2. Bridgette gave an update on the Chili Cookoff. Russ will be making a flier. This will be a Fox Crossing event in support of Forest chapter on March 4th. No ride will be tied to the event.
3. Be prepared to attend the county commission meeting at the end of April or beginning of May for the proclamation of Motorcycle Safety Month. This is good PR for the chapter and John would like to have a big crowd there for the exposure. Afterwards we will go to breakfast.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. John passed out flyers for the Ride to Capitol. He wants everyone who wants to go to be able to go. John made a motion, for the chapter to provide three rooms on Sunday night for members who make the ride. After discussion the motion was defeated in a vote. Dan made a motion, seconded by Bob, that the chapter provide breakfast for members making the ride. After discussion Dan amended his motion to, the chapter provides lunch for members and guests representing Forest Chapter on the ride. John stated that his goal is to have at least eight people represent the chapter. Plans will be finalized at the Feb meeting.
2. John stated that we are spending faster than we are taking in money. He announced the chapter will conduct a drawing at our May event for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month. We will sell tickets for a “high end” cooler. We will purchase the cooler and take it to events to sell tickets. Also we will encourage members to purchase at least one ticket and to sell tickets.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

1. John announced that some of our sponsors, particularly ones with outdoor venues have suffered due to bad weather. He encouraged members to visit them and support their businesses. Let them know you are from ABATE while you are there.
2. John informed the chapter that we currently have no paid sponsor advertising in the newsletter. If someone wants to purchase advertising, refer them to a board member. John stated he would like to have 117 members out collecting but without control measures we could have 118. Board members or appointed persons will collect money. No money will be collected without giving a receipt. If you would like to sell advertising, contact John.

3. Rebel spoke to the chapter about upcoming MUGS events. He invited the chapter to come out and set up a booth at any of their events at no charge.
4. Bifer spoke to the chapter about the “God Bless America Again” event, coming to the livestock pavilion on Jan 26 .

**MEETING AJOURNED: 3:07 PM**

**WHO YOU GONNA CALL?**

A List of State Senators and Representatives for Marion County

Senators		House of Representatives	
District 5.....	Rob Bradley	District 20.....	Clovis Watson Jr.
Capitol Office	(850) 487-5005	Capitol Office	(850) 717-5020
District Office	(904) 278-2085	District Office	(352) 264-4001
District 8.....	Keith Perry	District 22.....	Charlie Stone
Capitol Office	(850) 487-5008	Capitol Office	(850) 717-5022
District Office	(353) 264-4040	District Office	(352) 291-4436
District 12.....	Dennis Baxley	District 23.....	Stan McClain
Capitol Office	(850) 487-5012	Capitol Office	(850) 717-5023
District Office	(352) 750-3133	District Office	(904) 278-2085
Capitol Office	(850) 717-5033	District 33.....	Don Hanfeldt
District Office	352-315-4445	(Deceased)	-PENDING SPECIAL ELECTION

**- MEMBERSHIP -**

We currently have 121 members, 80 Life Members and 41 Annual Members. This month we gained two new members, John Radford and Kathy Melin. We also got three previous members back; Rebel Connors, Doug and Kristi Lipps. Welcome and welcome back!The people listed below are due for renewal or coming up for renewal. If you see or talk to them remind them to renew. Many others have expired without renewal.

**Remember when your membership expires, so does the \$4,000 AD&D policy.**

We are currently having a membership drive until June. The person that gets the most people to join Forest Chapter will receive a T-shirt from the Harley shop in Eastonia.

Stan Brown	Oct 17	Adam Carlisle	Feb 18
Justin Hyder	Oct17	Tammy Carlisle	Feb 18
Michael Jutras	Oct 17	Nick Howard	Feb 18
Jerome Robinson	Oct 17	Rodney Howell	Feb 18
Joyce Sharpe	Oct 17	Glenn Myers	Feb 18
Nichole Bushnell	Jan 18	Tina Myers	Feb 18
Grace Dunlap	Jan 18	Leslie Pace	Feb 18
Kristin Frizzle	Jan 18	Shawn Turner	Feb 18
Subie Marvin	Jan 18	Bryan Doherty	Mar 18
Ann Barrows	Feb 18	Bryan Dunlap	Mar 18



**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.  
FOREST CHAPTER  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
P.O. BOX 2409  
SILVER SPRINGS, FL 34489



NAME (Please Print Legibly) \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIPCODE+4 \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Include Area Code)

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

MAY WE USE YOUR PHONE NUMBER FOR OUR PHONE TREE YES  NO

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER YES  NO

PLEASE LIST YOUR VOTING DISTRICTS FROM YOUR REGISTRATION CARD

\_\_\_\_\_ FL HOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ FL SENATE \_\_\_\_\_ US CONGRESS

NAME OF CHAPTER YOU WISH TO JOIN \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a member of more than one chapter, please designate your home chapter \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE BOX THAT APPLIES TO YOU:

- NEW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (\$20)
- RENEWAL OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP (\$20)
- LIFE MEMBERSHIP (\$600)
- TRANSFER MEMBERSHIP TO :

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

All members receive with their paid membership, a membership card, our electronic bi-monthly Masterlink magazine, a chapter newsletter (electronic or hard copy), chapter voting privileges, a \$4000.00 Accidental Death or Dismemberment policy and personal involvement in statewide motorcycle safety and legislative concerns and their freedom to ride.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

FOR ABATE OFFICE USE \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER MEMBER

MEMBERSHIP DUES PAID BY: CASH  CHECK  MONEY ORDER  CC

MAILED DATE \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP CARD \_\_\_\_\_ COPY OF BYLAWS \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

WE ARE GOING TO THE CAPITOL AND WANT YOU TO GO WITH US. FOREST CHAPTER WILL TAKE AT LEAST EIGHT PEOPLE TO THE FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY. BE ONE OF US.

DON'T LET ANYTHING STAND IN YOUR WAY OF GOING TO THE CAPITOL. LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT TO GO. WE WILL TALK ASSISTANCE FOR THIS RUN AT THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MEETINGS.



**ABATE**  
of Florida, Inc.

**21th ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY**  
February 10 - 12, 2018

State Meeting Sunday February 11th at 2:00 pm  
State Board Meeting Sunday February 11th at Noon  
Monticello, Florida - American Legion Hall - 1065 S. Water St. - Monticello, FL 32344

Ride to the Capitol Monday February 12, 2018  
Behind Super 8 in Parking Lot Kickstands up at 9:00am

**BE A LEGISLATIVE WARRIOR!**  
**STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS!**

• Membership & Safety Information Available

American Legion Hall  
Go 2 blocks west of the Opera House on US90, then turn west on Waters Street. Go 1/2 mile to Legion Hall.

Super 8 Monticello 140 Palford Rd Monticello, FL 32336 Phone 850-997-8888  
F-10 Exit 225 south on US 19 Hotel located on west side

Clare Inn Monticello 44 Woodworth Dr Monticello, FL 32336 Phone 850-997-5988  
F-10 Exit 225 south on US 19 Hotel located on east side

There are other campgrounds and hotels in the area. The two above offer discounts to ABATE. Please make reservations early.

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SPACE IS  
AVAILABLE  
FOR YOUR  
ADVERTISING**

See one of our board members  
or call (352) 318-6514





# Fox Crossing's 5th Annual Chili Cook Off

Hosted by John Lennon

Address: 10932 East Highway 25  
Bellevue, FL 34420

Phone: (352) 288-0104

In support of  
*ABATE of Florida, Inc. Forest Chapter*

## Sunday, March 4th

Set up your best Chili at Noon.

Tasting, Music and fun begins at 1 PM

Event ends at 9 PM



**\$5 to enter contest**

Call to reserve your entry:

John (352)288-0104

for more info call:

Greg (352)425-2910 or

Bridgette (352)361-1262



**\$3 to taste and judge**



## Safety and Membership Information Available

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## Special Guests

Joe Voytka, artist and life member of ABATE of PA was in attendance at the January meeting and has offered to do a painting for the Chapters chili cook off sponsored by Fox Crossing in March in support of Forest Chapter, ABATE of Florida, Motorcycle Rights Organization, we thank Joe for his Support of ABATE of Florida

### Your Favorite Restaurant, Bar, Event or Hangout

The other day I decided to check out the Old County Line Bar and guess what? The place has changed a lot and it is now called "County Line Smokehouse & Sprints". WOW, no more smoking inside and all cleaned up. The backroom has been opened up with windows for a restaurant atmosphere. A great outside deck for smoking or hanging out in sun. There is also music on the weekends. What more do you want, well; how about good food. Their food is great. I had the chicken sandwich and the meat just melted in your mouth and with just the right amount of smoke. I give this place a "definitely will" RETURN RATING. You can find County Line Smokehouse & Sprints at 174 S Hwy 25, Weirsdale and on Facebook. ....Marion





## **DATES TO REMEMBER**



**3 February - Chapter Meeting @ Charlie Horse 9:30AM**



**4 February - Webster Swap Meet**



**10-12 February - ABATE Freedom Rally**



**11 February - State Meeting– Monticello**



**12 February - Ride to Capitol**



**3 March - Chapter Meeting @ Charlie Horse 9:30AM**



**4 March - Webster Swap Meet**



**8-18 March - Daytona Bike Week**



**1 April– Easter Sunday & Webster Swapmeet**



**6 April– MUGS Autism Awareness Weekend**



**7 April- Chapter Meeting @ Charlie Horse 9:30AM**



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