

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC—Forest Chapter



## - MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS -

Next meeting 2 PM on January 14, at the Beach of Ocala in Blitchton

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 continue to meet at this location through 2018.

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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 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 have been contacting members and listened to their stories, grips, and ideas. We are in this together and are going to get the chapter back on its feet. Remember, when you are making suggestions; it is not for someone else to do, it is for us to do.

The newsletter is back! We will be mailing a printed newsletter until June. Starting in July we will publish an email newsletter and send it to all of our members and sponsors. If you don't have access to email, let us know with the form enclosed in the print issues. If you opt-in, you will continue to receive a print copy of the newsletter. The email newsletter will save the chapter money and time as well as reduce the amount of clutter in your mail.

If you read the cover, you know the rotating meeting location is a thing of the past. We are going back to Charlie Horse and will remain there at least until the end of 2018. A fixed location takes the guess work out of finding our meeting place.

We are working on some activities for the chapter to have fun and raise some money. Come out and join us as we make Forest Chapter great again.

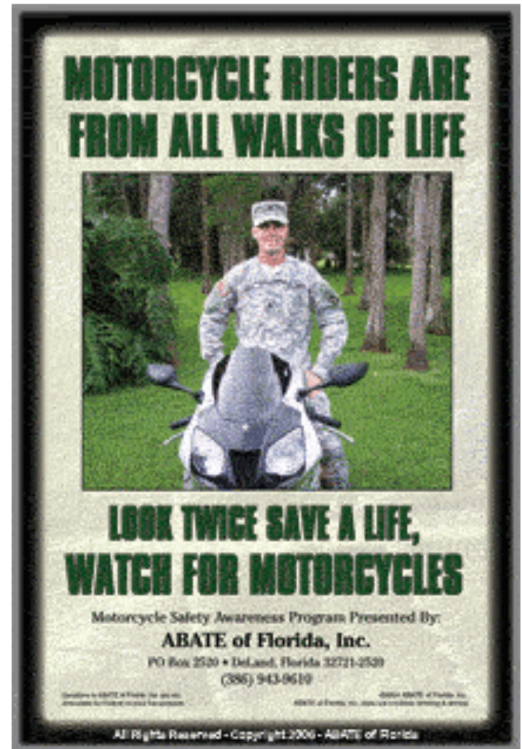
John Melin  
Chapter President

**SAFETY:**

We are looking for schools, civic organizations, churches, or any other audience for our Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program (MSAP).

The MSAP is a one hour program to make drivers aware of motorcycles on the road. It covers the uniqueness of motorcycles and makes them aware of the challenges of judging speed and distance. The presentation can be tailored to meet the audiences time constraints.

Contact John at (352) 318-6514 or email forest.abate@gmail.com.



**WHO YOU GONNA CALL?**

A List of State Senators and Representatives for Marion County

**Senators**

District 5.....Rob Bradley  
Capitol Office (850) 487-5005  
District Office (904) 278-2085  
District 8.....Keith Perry  
Capitol Office (850) 487-5008  
District Office (353) 264-4040  
District 12.....Dennis Baxley  
Capitol Office (850) 487-5012  
District Office (352) 750-3133

**House of Representatives**

District 20.....Clovis Watson Jr.  
Capitol Office (850) 717-5020  
District Office (352) 264-4001  
District 22.....Charlie Stone  
Capitol Office (850) 717-5022  
District Office (352) 291-4436  
District 23.....Stan McClain  
Capitol Office (850) 717-5023  
District Office (904) 278-2085  
District 33.....Don Hanfeldt (Deceased)  
-PENDING SPECIAL ELECTION -  
Capitol Office (850) 717-5033  
District Office (352) 315-4445

**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.—FOREST CHAPTER**

**Membership Meeting Minutes 10 December 2017**

**CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:23 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT- 8 GUEST PRESENT- 4**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** John Melin

1. Held a moment of silence for Injured and sick members and families, fallen members
2. Announced the resignation of Glenn and Tina Myers, Ron Fireline, and Subie Marvin. Asked members to volunteer to fill vacant officer and trustee positions. There were no volunteers. The members asked that we wait until after the holidays to fill the positions.
3. Announced new email address for chapter business- [Forest.Abate@gmail.com](mailto:Forest.Abate@gmail.com)
4. Shared some of the information from the state meeting:
  - a. ABATE events will not be called parties due to bad PR.
  - b. Southernmost Chapter thanked Forest for the donation to help with Irma recovery.
  - c. Other items will be covered under other categories.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** VACANT

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** VACANT, Subie taking minutes of the meeting

1. Minutes for last meeting were passed out prior to the meeting.
2. Approval of minutes- Motion by Pierre Leduc, Second by Bridgette Pace

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tammy Carlisle

1. Tammy 's absence was approved. She had provided John with the financial report and he reviewed it with the members present.
2. Approval of Treasurer's report- Motion by Nichole Bushnell, Second by Greg Smale

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** Vacant

Inventory was completed and turned in at state meeting without SA signatures. Trailer and chapter property is at John Melin's house.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Vacant

1. President mailed out over 60 renewal notices. Eight came back undeliverable. Emails were sent to those eight with one email bouncing back, undeliverable. Two people sent in renewals.
2. Membership drive update- Drive ends in June.

**NEWSLETTER:** Vacant

1. We will publish a printed newsletter until June. Each issue will announce that this is a temporary mailing and inform the readers of the following: After June we will produce an Email newsletter; people without email access will be given an option to receive a paper copy by opting in. Those who do not opt-in for print copy will receive the newsletter after June by email only.
2. Bridgette Pace reminded that there are required items in the newsletters.
3. John Melin will publish the January newsletter to provide a format for the remaining issues.

**SAFETY:** John Melin

1. Ask members to find audiences for MSAP
2. Discussed holiday traffic safety.
3. Reminded members that changes from warm to cold weather will result in drops in tire pressure.

**PRODUCTS:** Vacant

1. Announced Christmas Specials on products: Old chapter shirt- \$10, New Chapter Shirts- \$20, Chapter Patches old or New- \$5. Offer good through December.
2. Discussed using patches as a new membership perk. This had been used before. Will discuss later.

## Minutes Continued-

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Vacant- John gave updates from state on these bills

1. **SB346/HB583 Moped Helmets**
2. **HB419 Insurance changes-** Hahnfeldt- opposed by insurance companies
3. **HB 215 Autocycles-**
4. **HB2103 Motorcycle safety money-** Stan McCain 23, Passed Transportation [http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/VideoPlayer.aspx?eventID=2443575804\\_2017111114&committeeID=2899](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/VideoPlayer.aspx?eventID=2443575804_2017111114&committeeID=2899). Nichole suggested adding a link to our Facebook page. John will add it.
5. **SB90 Texting-** Passed Communications, in transportation
6. **HB 117 Move over-** In Transportation Committee
7. **SB358 Greg Evers Memorial-** Sailing through

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bridgette made a motion that “Chapter meetings be held a fixed location with the location being Charlie Horse”. Seconded by Nichole. John noted that the January meetings had been posted as being held at The Beach. Bridgette amended her motion to “Chapter meetings be held a fixed location with the location being Charlie Horse beginning in February”. After discussion on day and time, the motion was approved 8-0. Greg will coordinate with Charlie Horse management and report next month on day and time and if they will allow the meeting.
2. Events- Chili Cookoff will be revived. Date and other details will be coordinated with John Lennon at Fox Crossing. Bridgette will coordinate with Fox Crossing. Greg will provide the expertise on conducting the event. Proposed primary and alternate dates are Feb 18 or March 5.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Motorcycle Safety Month-** John will submit the proclamation late April so that it is approved by the beginning of May.
2. **NCOM 2018 Mobile- 2019 Orlando** Need volunteers for drivers in Orlando. John will find out if CDL with Passenger Endorsement will be required.
3. **State Meeting-** February 11, 2018 in Monticello, Ride to Capitol will be on February 12. John would like to have eight people from the chapter. This number includes all chapter officers and trustees or substitutes for those who can't attend.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. **Announced state drawing winners-** Henry Rifle: Jaba and O/U: Michelle McKinney
2. **Conducted Chapter Drawing-** Jeff won “Tina & Tammy’s Bushel of Fun”. Jeff was a guest at our meeting. He took a membership application and said that he would be back.

**MEETING AJOURNED:** Motion by Nichole, second by Bill Whited



Jeff, the winner of our chapter raffle, receives “Tina & Tammy’s Bushel of Fun” from John. The drawing took place at our December meeting at the Beach of Ocala.

**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 Pafford Rd Monticello, FL 32336 Phone 850-997-8888  
I-10 Exit 225 south on US 19 Hotel located on west side

Days Inn Monticello 44 Woodworth Dr Monticello, FL 32336 Phone 850-997-5988  
I-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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**- MEMBERSHIP -**

We currently have 117 members, 80 Life Members and 37 Annual Members. In December we regained two previous members back, George Colton and Kim Plaweki-Brown. 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.



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|------------------|---------|-----------------|--------|
| Darlene Brewer   | Sep 17  | Kristin Frizzle | Jan 18 |
| Carolyn Flynn    | Sep 17  | Subie Marvin    | Jan 18 |
| Pat Heath        | Sep 17  | Ann Barrows     | Feb 18 |
| Billy Martin     | Sep 17  | Adam Carlisle   | Feb 18 |
| Al Wall          | Sept 17 | Tammy Carlisle  | Feb 18 |
| Stan Brown       | Oct 17  | Nick Howard     | Feb 18 |
| Justin Hyder     | Oct 17  | Rodney Howard   | Feb 18 |
| Michael Jutras   | Oct 17  | Glenn Myers     | Feb 18 |
| Jerome Robinson  | Oct 17  | Tina Myers      | Feb 18 |
| Joyce Sharpe     | Oct 17  | Leslie Pace     | Feb 18 |
| Nichole Bushnell | Jan 18  | Shawn Turner    | Feb 18 |
| Grace Dunlap     | Jan 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 (\$500)

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES PAID BY:

MAILED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

CHAPTER MEMBER

CASH  CHECK  MONEY ORDER  CC

MEMBERSHIP CARD \_\_\_\_\_ COPY OF BYLAWS \_\_\_\_\_

6/11/2016

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**



**7 January - Webster Swap Meet**



**13 January - Elks Charity Ride**



**14 January- Chapter Meeting @ The Beach of Ocala 2PM**



**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**

