

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Forest Chapter

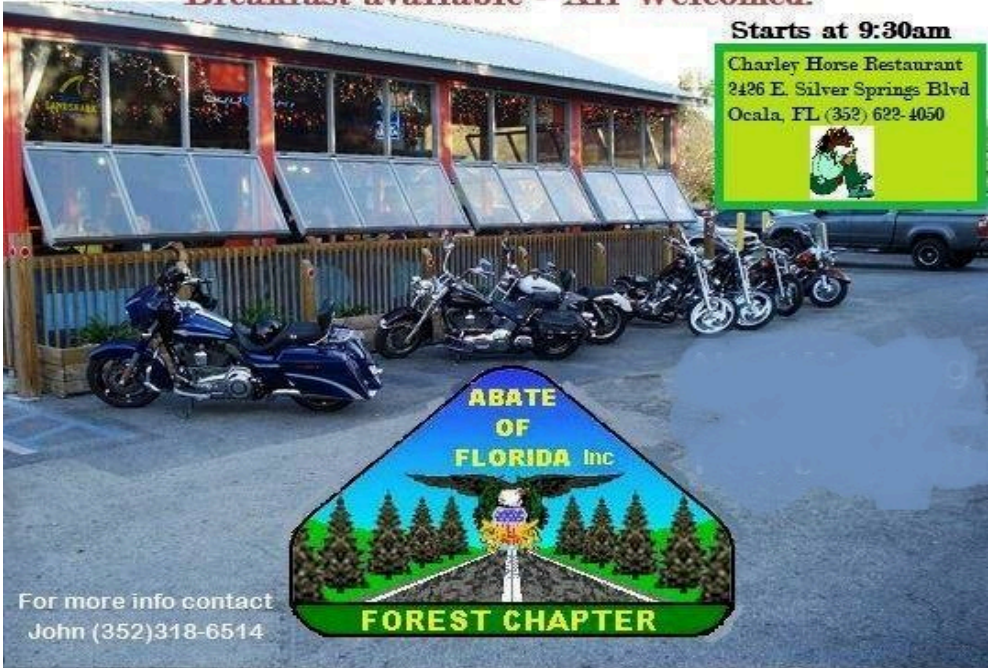


Meeting 1st Saturday of the Month
Breakfast available - All Welcomed!



Starts at 9:30am

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



For more info contact
John (352)318-6514



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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Next meeting will be at Charlie Horse on May 5th

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



CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS & TRUSTEES

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

Vice President: Al Riccio (201) 978-1050

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 – 352-361-1262

Legislative: VACANT

Newsletter: Joe Wieland - joejw1@aol.com - 352-509-0513

Products: VACANT

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.

-ELECTIONS-

As you can see, we have several vacancies on our board. We are seeking motivated people to fill these key positions in our organization. Our annual elections will take place at the June meeting. See the meeting minutes in this issue for the first round of nominations. If you are or you know better qualified candidates, you can nominate them at the May or June meetings. To ensure the election is successful, we need maximum

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY OPTIONS-

Use the membership form in this issue to verify we have a good mailing address for you. Mail this page in and check this block if you cannot receive email copies of the news letter.

I CAN'T RECEIVE EMAIL AND DESIRE TO HAVE THE NEWSLETTER MAILED TO THE ADDRESS I PROVIDED.

President's Message

I am glad to see people accepting nominations for the upcoming election. I have appointed Russ as webmaster until the election takes place. We will confirm his appointment at the May meeting.

Speaking of May; May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. We will start the month with a "BANG". May 1st we will receive three proclamations: Marion County, City of Ocala, and Belleview all in one day! I encourage all of you to make at least one of these. After the county proclamation we will meet at Hunter's on Jax Rd for breakfast and fellowship. Also in May we will have Lifesavers and cards available for you to take to first responders in your area. Pick them up at the meeting. We will be drawing for the cooler at Tilted Kilt Bike Night on May 5th. Get you tickets and money turned in by then.

Ride Safe,
John

Safety:

How many of us have things; work badges, placards, decorations, etc., hanging from our mirrors in our cars and trucks? Do you know that these items create a blind spot that can easily conceal a motorcycle, bicycle, or pedestrian? It is also illegal to hang some of these items, while the car is being driven. Lets try to save our brothers and sisters by taking this stuff down.



ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. - FOREST CHAPTER'S STAY COOL FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH RTIC 45 Cooler Drawing

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiast from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the public, to promote motorcycling in safe and positive manner.

Donation \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00

Contact John Melin (352) 318-6514

Drawing May 5, 2018

Need not be present to win.

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ABATEOF FLORIDA, INC.
FOREST CHAPTER
Membership Meeting Minutes
April 7th 2018

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 9:40 AM

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: John Melin

1. Pledge of Allegiance,
2. Injured and sick members and families, fallen members
3. Thanked all members for the success of the chili cook off.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Al Riccio

Get out and enjoy the nice weather and ride.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Vacant

1. Reading / Corrections to previous minutes-
2. Approval of minutes- Motion by Al, Second by Russ

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tammy- working

1. Financial Report
2. Approval of Treasurer's report- Motion by Greg, Second by Teddy Bear

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Adam- working

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Report- given by John
2. Membership drive- Marion leading with 5. Make sure if you are getting members that you are getting credit for them

NEWSLETTER: Joe

1. Submissions are needed for Meet a member, Ride reports, etc.
2. Extra copies are at meetings and events

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Bridgette

1. Everyone is an ambassador for ABATE and Forest Chapter.
2. Marion County safety and information meeting is on 2nd Tuesdays.

WEBSITE:

1. Is back up, Check it out
2. Will need webmaster

SAFETY:

Protecting your head and skin from the sun was subject of safety talk.

PRODUCTS:

1. An order for state products will be made.
2. State and chapter need products person

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

1. Correction on January report: John looked up wrong bill number, 116 vs 117 or Vulnerable Users vs Bicycle Safety

OLD BUSINESS:

1. May drawing tickets are available.
2. Chili Cookoff was a great success.
3. Motorcycle Safety Month- Proclamation on 1 May watch Facebook and website for updates
4. Elections: The meeting was recessed at 10:18 for nominations. Greg is supervisor of elections. Nominations are as follows:

President- John Melin

Vice President- Al Riccio

Secretary- Linda Whited

Treasurer- Joe Wieland

Sgt-at-Arms- Bridgette Pace

Safety- Russ Pace

Legislative- Bridgette Pace

Membership- None

Newsletter- Joe Wieland

Webmaster- Russ Pace

PR- Greg Smale

Products- Mike Dougherty

Meeting resumed at 10:37am

NEW BUSINESS:

John called for a board meeting to make an event plan. Anyone with input welcome to attend or provide input to board members. A few suggestions were made at this meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. Bike nights in the area: Tilted Kilt tonight
2. MUGS Hunter's Run for Autism is going on now. Some members will catch up after the meeting
3. Leesburg Campground, Set up on 21st 9AM, Bring hammer, fence pliers
4. Webster booth to be discussed with Freedom Chapter
5. Ocala Bike Fest, 20-22 April at Warhorse HD
6. 50/50 was \$15.50/15.50, won by Russ and donated back to chapter

MEETING AJOURNED: 10:56

Our Story

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Your Favorite Restaurant, Bar, Event, or Hangout:

How often do you want real great Mexican food? Then when you find one, they cheap out for frozen or something? Well, I found a new one right here in Belleview. We just happened to trip into Los Magueyes Mexican Restaurant on a Tuesday. We were starved and asked for the special, 99-cent tacos. Ok we thought, "It will just be a special". NOT, it was the best taco I have ever had and real!!! I told them I would come back, and they remembered me when I did. They even gave a gift to our ABATE, Forest Chapter event. Whoever won, go and get the real deal...m 352-203-4849 in Old Kmart Plaza

www.losmagueyesmexrestaurant.com, A BIG WE WILL RETURN...Marion



THE MARION COUNTY COMMISSION WILL
PROCLAIMATION MAY AS
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH
ON MAY 1ST AT 9:00 AM.

ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS AND SUPPORTERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
It will take place in the auditorium at 601 SE 25th Ave, Ocala. You must be seated at 9 AM.
Attendees are welcome to meet for breakfast afterwards at
Hunter's Place on Jacksonville Road.

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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
Capitol Office	(850) 717-5033
District Office	352-315-4445

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

- MEMBERSHIP -

March was a big month for our membership. We had 15 renewal and new members. Remember to add your name as a referring or sponsoring member to qualify for the membership drive T-shirt prize. New members joining before May drawing will receive a free Forest Chapter patch along with all other membership benefits. Welcome to all of new members.

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

Grace Dunlap	Jan 18	Tina Myers	Feb 18
Kristin Frizzle	Jan 18	Leslie Pace	Feb 18
Subie Marvin	Jan 18	Shawn Turner	Feb 18
Nick Howard	Feb 18	Bryan Doherty	Mar 18
Rodney Howell	Feb 18	Bryan Dunlap	Mar 18
Glenn Myers	Feb 18	Tim McCracken	May 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 _____

Legislative Update-

Here is the status of the bills we had been watching as this year's session ends:

CS/HB 346- CS/SB 346 - Motorcycle and Moped Riders- Helmets for younger moped riders

S Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

S Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration

CS/HB 19 - Motor Vehicle Insurance- Insurance for motorcycles

S Died in Banking and Insurance

S Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration

HB 215 - Motor Vehicles- Autocycles

Approved by Governor

CS/SB 90 - Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving

S Died in Appropriations

S Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration

SB 116 - Operation of Vehicles- Move over / Vulnerable Users

S Died in Transportation

S Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration

CS/SB 382 - Transportation Facility Designations – Sen Greg Evers Memorial Highway

Approved by Governor

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Rochelle Gainey

May 12, 2018

Benefit Run

St. Jude Children's
Research Hospital



Door Prizes

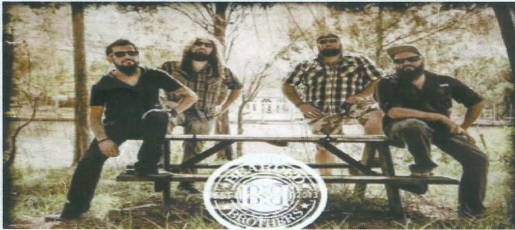
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Raffles

Auctions

SIGN UP AT 10:30
ENGLISH DART TAVERN
KICKSTANDS UP 11:15
FIRST AND LAST TAB
KOOL KATS
PIRATES OASIS
BLACK BEAR PUB

BEARDED BROTHERS PERFORMING



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Rider
\$5
Passenger

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or call (352) 318-6514



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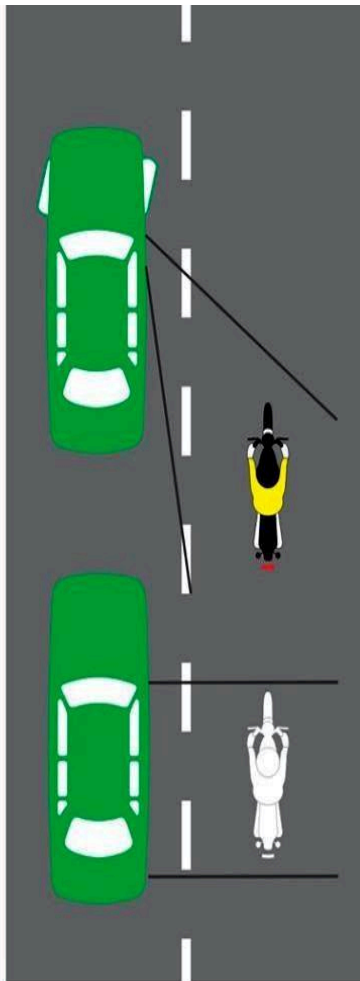
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**WATCH THE CAR'S
FRONT WHEEL, NOT
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**BE VISIBLE TO CARS
ALL AROUND YOU**

**DON'T LINGER NEXT
TO A CAR OR IN HIS
BLIND SPOT**

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Jammin' For John

Saturday May 19, 2018



10920 E. Hwy 25
Bellevue Florida

Five Bands to help
raise funds for a
great guy !
Starts 1:00



If you have been to the Fox Crossing in the past few months you may have noticed something missing...John Leonard the owner has hardly been seen there due to some serious Health Issues!

*He has always opened his business for many charity events and even provided and donated the food and other things!!It's time to pay him back!
JAMMIN FOR JOHN...Saturday May 19th*

*We need to help with his mounting medical bills....This is a fund raiser!
This will be an organized event with many great musicians showing support and love for John Leonard and his bride Carmen.*

50/50 Raffle Silent Auction and Much More!

Food will be available for \$5 a plate / Provided by Smokey Joe a Wildlife Catering

Sound by: Robert Fortier



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DATES TO REMEMBER

26-29 April– Leesburg Bike Fest

May– Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

1 May– Motorcycle Safety Proclamations

5 May- Chapter Meeting

5 May– Tilted Kilt Bike Night– Cooler Drawing

6 May– Webster Swap Meet

13 May– Mother’s Day

14 May– Dunnellon Proclamation

28 May– Memorial Day

2 Jun– Chapter Meeting and Elections

2 Jun– Tilted Kilt Bike Night

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