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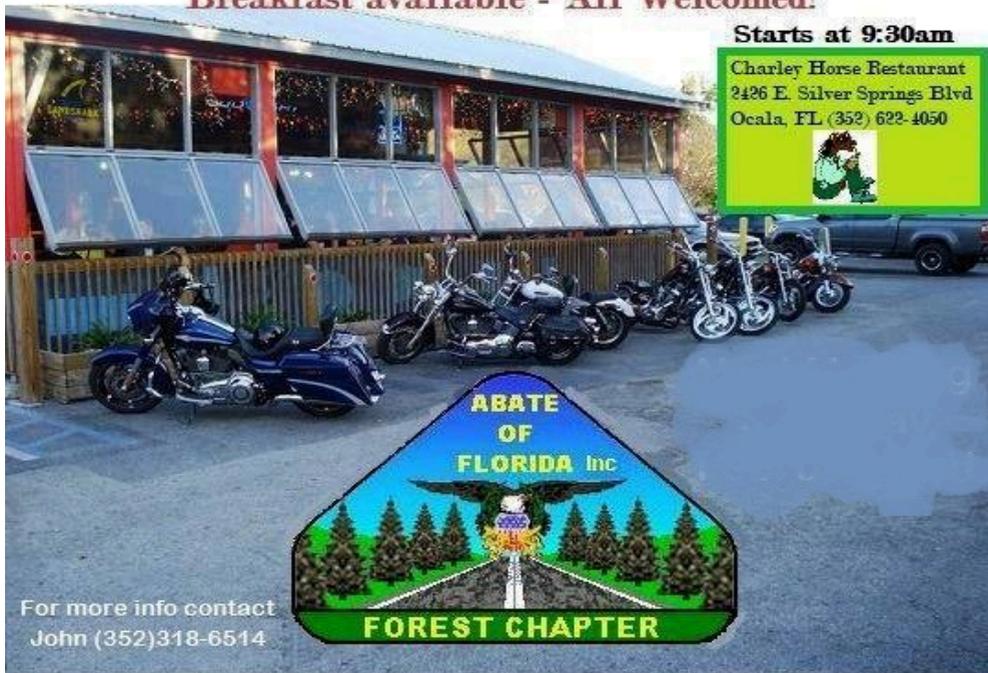


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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Next meeting will be at Charlie Horse on October 6th

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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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.

NEWSLETTER

Forest Chapter members who are not receiving the newsletter need to update their contact information with Mary, our membership trustee. If you cannot receive the newsletter by email, let her know to add you to the mailed copy. **Also the minutes were not available in time to print, they will be available at the meeting.**

Presidents Message:

As we promised months ago, when we restarted the newsletter; we are improving it as we grow. We hope you will enjoy the new format, coming out next month. We are looking for advertisers to support these changes.

I would like to take a few lines of this month's letter to talk about service. Our chapter has been regaining some of its strength and reputation through the hard work of our board and a few faithful volunteers. We have been running these few people very hard the last few months and I appreciate their service to our membership and the motorcycle community of Marion County. The next time you see them, stop and thank them. We recently cancelled our plans for an October event due to the workload they have been carrying, just to prevent burnout.

I strongly encourage all members of the chapter to help share this load by serving in any capacity that you are capable of. Our chapter is only as strong as we make it. A little from 100 or more is much more than a lot from 10. Besides all the work we could share, the fellowship we experience working together is how strong bonds can be made with other members.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Corn Roast.

John

RIDE SMART FLORIDA

Our chapter members recently discovered that the Ride SMART Florida website required you to click "agree" to go to the "order" page. The fine print of "agree" said that I will always wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle. This was brought to the state board and delegation's attention.

At the August State Meeting in Ocala, Doc, our state president had a representative from Ride SMART talk to the delegates and field questions. He was hammered pretty hard from several fronts and he assured us that he would check into our concerns.

On August 30th, I checked the Ride SMART page and found the wording had changed from "always wear a helmet" to "always wear protective gear". I feel we can live with this change as protective gear can be anything from sunscreen to a full-faced helmet. It allows the rider freedom of choice on what gear fits for his or her ride. This is another victory for ABATE. We must never allow the government take our freedoms away.

A Little Humor

Chili Tasty Stuff

I went grocery shopping recently while not being altogether sure that course of action was a wise one. You see, the previous evening I had prepared and consumed a massive quantity of my patented 'You're definitely going to Shit yourself' chili. Tasty stuff, albeit hot to the point of being painful, which with a written guarantee from me that if you eat the next day both of your butt cheeks WILL fall off. Here's the thing. I had awakened that morning, and even after two cups of coffee (and all of you know what I mean) nothing happened. No 'Watson's Movement 2' Despite habanera peppers swimming their way through my intestinal tract, I appeared to be unable to create the usual morning symphony referred to by my next door neighbors as thunder and lightning. Knowing that a time of reckoning had to come, yet not sure of just when, I bravely set off for the market, a local Walmart grocery store that I often haunt in search of tasty tidbits. Upon entering the store at first all seemed normal.

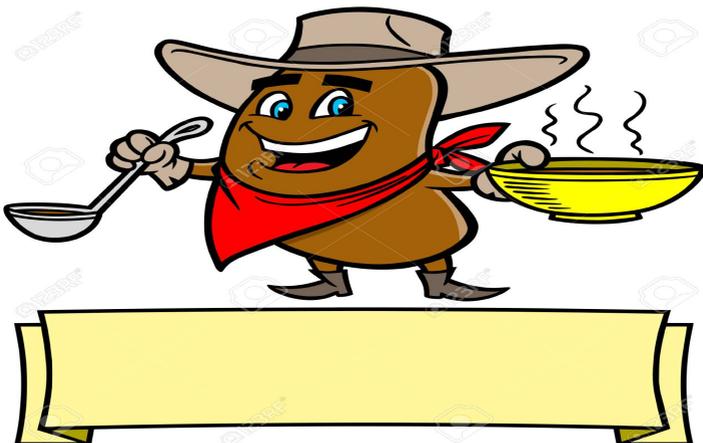
I selected a cart and began pushing it about dropping items in for purchase. It wasn't until I was at the opposite end of the store from the restrooms that the pain hit me. Oh, don't look at me like you don't know what I'm talking about. I'm referring to that 'Uh oh, gotta go' pain that always seems to hit us at the wrong time. The thing is, this pain was different.

The habaneras in the chili from the night before were staging a revolt. In a mad rush for freedom they bullied their way through the small intestines, forcing their way into the large intestines, and before I could take one step in the direction of the restrooms which would bring sweet relief, it happened. The peppers fired a warning shot. There I stood, alone in the spice and baking aisle, suddenly enveloped in a noxious cloud the likes of which has never before been recorded. I was afraid to move for fear that more of this vile odor might escape me. Slowly, oh so slowly, the pressure seemed to leave the lower part of my body, and I began to move up the aisle and out of it, just as an elderly woman turned into it.

I don't know what made me do it, but I stopped to see what her reaction would be to the malodorous effluvium that refused to dissipate, as she walked into it unsuspecting. in two different directions emotionally? Here's what I mean, and I'm sure some of you at least will be able to relate. I could've warned that poor woman but didn't. I simply watched as she walked into an invisible, and apparently indestructible, wall of odor so terrible that all she could do before gathering her senses and running, was to stand there blinking and waving her arms about her head as though trying to ward off angry bees. This, of course, made me feel terrible, but then made me laugh.

Mistake. Here's the thing. When you laugh, it's hard to keep things 'clamped down', if you know what I mean. With each new guffaw an explosive issue burst forth from my nether region. Some were so loud and echoing that I was later told a few folks in other aisles had ducked, fearing that someone was robbing the store and firing off a shotgun.

Suddenly things were no longer funny. . It was coming, and I raced off through the store towards the restrooms, laying down a cloud the whole way, , praying that I'd make it before the grand mass explosion took place. Luck was on my side. Just in the nick of time I got to the john, began the inevitable 'Oh my God', floating above the toilet seat because my ass is burning SO BAD, purging. One poor fellow walked in while I was in the middle of what is the true meaning of 'Shock and Awe'. He made a gagging sound, and disgustedly said, 'Sonavabitch' and quickly left Once finished I left the restroom, reacquired my partially filled cart intending to carry on with my shopping when a store employee approached me and said, 'Sir, you might want to step outside for a few minutes. It appears some prankster set off a stink bomb in the store. The manager is going to run the vent fans on high for a minute or two which ought to take care of the problem.' That of course set me off again, causing residual gases to escape me. The employee took one sniff, jumped back pulling his shirt up to cover his nose and, pointing at me in an accusing manner shouted, 'IT'S YOU!', then ran off returning moments later with the manager. I was unceremoniously escorted from the premises and asked none too kindly not to return. Home again without having shopped, I realized that there was nothing to eat but leftover chili, so I consumed two more bowls. The next day I went to shop at Albertson's I can't say anymore about that because we are in court over the whole matter. Bastards claim they're going to have to repaint the store.



CORN ROAST

NO WHERE ? BAR

*In support of ABATE of Florida, Inc.
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Your Favorite Restaurant, Bar, Event or Hangout...

This month's bar has to be the "No Where". If you are looking for a place to go, "No Where" is it. Woody, Dee and the rest of the staff hosted a Corn Roast in support of our chapter on September 15. They did a great job of making sure everything was right for us.

One of our own, Kenny Gee, kept music going all afternoon, while we ate corn and played Corn Hole. There was also a frozen T-shirt contest, Masskrugstemmen, drawings, and 50/50. A word of warning for the guys going to No Where, the women are tougher than the men down there. The Masskrugstemmen was won by the only female contestant. Congratulations Robin.

Thanks to Woody and the No Where staff, also all the board members and volunteers. Greg made some awesome corn. Find them at 8970 SW 27th Ave, Ocala, FL 34476 and tell them Forest Chapter sent you.



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THE HOLE IN THE WALL..After the struggle for over a month with our Super du Truck, I felt I could not write a story for this month's newsletter because my mind is scrambled, then oh, like a shot in the dark, scrambled eggs, now I am hungry and bacon. With in our travels there have been no breakfast joints, last month we had to do a buffet, ekkk. Then after riding I noticed signs, "Open for Breakfast"; No Way! A rib joint, a fish house, a gas station, a steak house, or a lunch joint... hum. Soon I received a message from one of our favorite places at home. Wow, Countyline Smoke House, is doing breakfast and the picture looked like my favorite. When we return, time to ride out in the morning eat and go a long ride, does anyone want to join us?...Marion



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A List of State Senators and Representatives for Marion County

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District Office	(904) 278-2085
District 8.....	Keith Perry
Capitol Office	(850) 487-5008
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District 12.....	Dennis Baxley
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House of Representatives

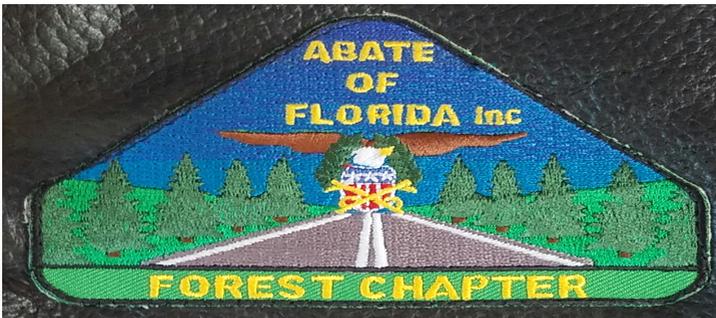
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District Office	(352) 291-4436
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District Office	(904) 278-2085
District 33.....	Don Hanfeldt
(Deceased)	-PENDING SPECIAL ELECTION

- MEMBERSHIP -

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.

William Whited	September 18
Dan Coyne	October 18
Dennison Warren	November 18





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Safety

Greetings Members and fellow riders! This month for Motorcycle Safety and Awareness, is an article on a danger we all can face, especially for experienced riders.

Complacency

There is a danger to having years of motorcycle experience without any accidents or close calls...rider complacency. Complacency is a state of feeling secure and comfortable in an environment that doesn't justify this feeling. It can cause you to stop riding defensively and to drop your once diligent situational awareness. Traffic or road situations that you once regarded as threats, may barely get your attention.

In short, complacency causes you to lose your focus even though you are riding a two-wheeled motor vehicle with no protection other than what you are wearing and an accident has a high probability of killing you.

The majority of motorcycle accidents occur within five miles of the victim's home, usually on short trips involving errands, or pleasure rides with family or friends, and usually occur within minutes of leaving home. This means that you have to take the most care on your motorcycle when you are most comfortable and in the most familiar surroundings. Oftentimes, being close to home on a route that you know well can cause you to drop your guard and become less vigilant. This lack of vigilance is what causes the accident.

Years of riding without incident doesn't guarantee that an accident won't happen today. Motorcycle accidents occur even to highly skilled people who ride defensively with great focus. You can't control every traffic risk such as distracted, intoxicated, reckless, aggressive, and inexperienced drivers. These risks include road surface defects, road debris, and slippery surfaces. Complacency though, will drastically impair your ability to negotiate any of these circumstances.

If your riding experience didn't expose you to a variety of road situations, then your long streak of luck may run out once you place yourself in an unfamiliar riding environment. Or perhaps you will become overwhelmed by several unexpected events happening at the same time. Bad days happen to everyone but don't let your guard being down contribute to the cause.

Overcoming Complacency

One of the reasons for complacency is that riding skills become reflexive, almost like auto-pilot or cruise control, which gives you more “spare capacity.” The complacent rider either fails to use this extra capacity and zones out, or uses it to focus on thoughts unrelated to his immediate situation.

The trick to overcoming complacency is using your spare capacity to increase your awareness of the traffic and road environment around you. Look further down the road, scan your mirrors for nearby cars, keep an eye open for road hazards, find ways to maintain your distance from other traffic, and plan further ahead. Unlike the motor skills used in riding, this will never become fully automated because it requires active use of your mind. Always remain vigilant!

Finally, consider taking an advanced riding course. You will learn new techniques and unlearn bad habits. It will break you out of your complacent rut.

Stay safe, be aware, **Russ “Ace” Pace – Life Member**





FUND RAISER

October 13th

12:00 to 4:00pm

For:

Theresa Fondren

Location: VFW POST 4209 @ 4805 NE 36th Ave. Ocala



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TEE

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4 Oct– Board Meeting– Jimmy John’s



6 Oct– Chapter Meeting– Tilted Kilt Bike Night



7 Oct- Lake County Chili Cookoff



7 Oct- Webster Swap Meet



13 Oct– State Meeting– P’ Cola



13 Oct- Theresa Fondren Benefit



18-21 Oct- Biketoberfest



1 Nov- Board Meeting– Jimmy John’s



3 Nov– Chapter Meeting– Tilted Kilt Bike Night



4 Nov– Webster Swap Meet



10 Nov– Turkey Shoot at VFW Village



11 Nov– Veterans Day



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