

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Forest Chapter

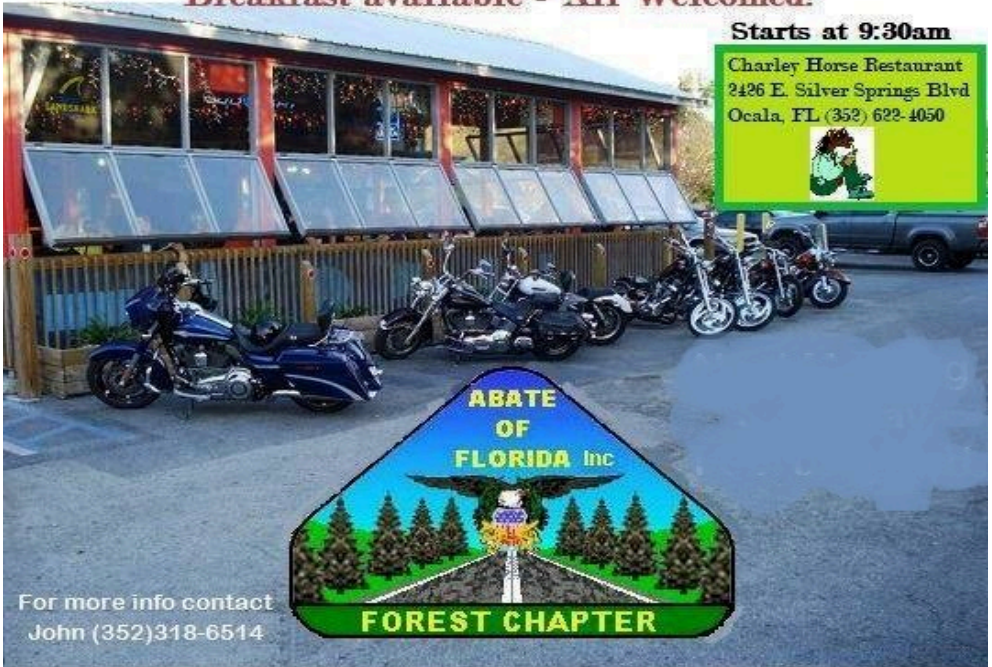


Meeting 1st Saturday of the Month
Breakfast available - All Welcomed!



Starts at 9:30am

Charley Horse Restaurant
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Ocala, FL (352) 622-4050



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John (352)318-6514



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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Next meeting will be at Charlie Horse on July 7th
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

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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.

Presidents Message:

If you missed the June meeting, you missed a good one. We had over 30 members present and gained 11 members at the meeting. Thanks to all of you for working hard to make this happen.

We have some events coming up and will be asking for volunteers to support them. We do not have the insurance packets together to get approved by state, so no flyers or public announcements yet, but be ready in July and August. The state meeting is also in Ocala on 11 August. We will need some support for that too.

Congratulations to the newly elected board members. I look forward to working with you this year.

Ride Safe,
John

Safety:

We talked about continuing education at the June meeting. We are going to schedule a “ABATE Members Only” advanced rider course with a local riding academy. This will be later in the year, so it won’t be so hot. Stay tuned for the announcement of details



ABATEOF FLORIDA, INC.
FOREST CHAPTER
Membership Meeting Minutes
June 2nd 2018

CALLED TO ORDER AT: 9:41a

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: John Melin

1. Pledge of Allegiance,
2. Injured and sick members and families, fallen members
3. John thanked supporters and workers making the chapter grow.
4. John reminded members of the chapter and state elections today. Delegates will vote membership choices at state meeting.
5. Corrected dates for seminars-July 14th & 15th

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Al Riccio in Maine

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Linda

1. Reading / Corrections to previous minute
2. Approval of minutes as published- Motion by Marion Seconded by Bill- Carried

TREASURER’S REPORT: Tammy-Working

1. John gave Financial Report
2. Approval of Treasurer’s report as read-Motion by Mary Seconded by James-Carried

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Adam- Working

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Report-Membership is climbing and several more joined today.
2. Membership Drive- Marion and Bridget were Co-winners. State President and chapter member, Doc praised the work of these two ladies and the membership drive.
3. John asked all Life members sponsor a new member and either pay for them or get them to pay their dues.

NEWSLETTER: Joe in Pennsylvania

1. Submissions are needed-Meet a member, ride reports, etc
2. Last mailed copy has gone out, update email address to receive newsletter or request mailed copy.
3. Extra copies will be at sponsors and events

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Bridgette

1. Bridgette encouraged members to share chapter Facebook posts and website.
2. Bridgette shared info on fundraiser ideas. Bike trivia nights at Beef O'brady's and Domino Pizza cards.
3. She will be sending Thank-you cards for proclamations.

WEBSITE: Russ

John read a message Russ had sent from Afghanistan, encouraged members to check out and use website.

SAFETY:

1. Ask member to find audiences for MSAP
2. Signs-Ideas for chapter signs discussed- motion for John to use his judgement made by Jim Seconded by Kenny-Carried
3. Continuing Education-John will check on Advance course at Harley

PRODUCTS:

1. Ordering state products new ideas for signs discussed John will order more signs from state
2. New Chapter Products catalogues were made available to get some new ideas for chapter products

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. May Drawing was won by Cindy Schlobach
2. Four Motorcycle safety month proclamations were received, next years goal is six.
3. Event Plan-Have next month
4. Corn Roast-Motion by Marion Seconded by Mary-Carried
5. Forum-Possible locations discussed
6. Elections-Recess 10:35a

Election Results:

President- John Melin, unopposed

VP and Legislative- Bridgette Pace

Secretary- Linda Whited, unopposed

Treasurer/ Newsletter- Joe Weiland, unopposed

SGT @ Arms- Al Riccio appointed by President

Membership- Mary Whited, unopposed

PR- Greg Smale, unopposed

Webmaster and Safety- Russ Pace, unopposed

Products- Mike Dougherty, unopposed

Chaplain- Bob Holshue

State President- Doc

State Treasurer- Debbie

Back to order 10:45a

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bridgette shared on fundraiser ideas. Bike trivia nights at Beef O'brady's and Domino Pizza cards.
2. Motion by Mary for the chapter to sell Domino's cards, Seconded by Bob – Carries after discussion. Bridget will research and co-ordinate, buy one pizza get one free fund raiser with Domino's Pizza
3. State Gun Drawing ticket are available to sell and purchase.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. School Board candidate Nancy Thrower addressed the chapter.
2. Tilted Kilt Tonight
3. Celebration for Mike July 10
4. 50/50- \$100 Total Russel kept \$10 donated rest back to chapter

MEETING AJOURNED: _11:09a__

Our Story

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. - FOREST CHAPTER

ABATE stands for American Bikers Aiming Towards Education. It also stands for A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments. We are part of a National Organization. There are many states that have ABATE chapters or regional districts in them. The state of Florida has a total of 31 chapters with over 7000 members representing over a million riders in Florida.



Your Favorite Restaurant, Bar, Event, or Hangout:

We started at our home in Belleview and headed towards The Beach Ocala, a restaurant and bar at the intersection of Hwy 27 and CR 326. The plan was to grab the Best Big Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich with Hand Cut Fry's (my favorite, no cheap frozen fry's for me) for lunch, but when we saw that 4 letter word motorcyclist do not like, RAIN, we did what every motorcyclist does RUN.

We then headed to Willards Bar and Restaurant in Levy County since we had not been there in forever. Glad it is still around. Then we looked out again, Bill and I looked at each other, and said "RUN", as some rain drops were hitting us. Then we ended up taking the long way home, by way of Hwy 40 and ended at Mojo's in Belleview. What a great place to hide and wait the rain out. Of course we had to have some wings (yum) before finishing our day, riding home.

We sure wish that Sharkey's would open up soon. We had to go by there running from the rain and would have like to stop and share our ride with all. As the day went by we covered at least 100 miles during that RIDE and RUN...Marion



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 -

Marion and Bridgette tied on the chapter membership drive. Since Marion got her people in first, John declared her the winner and awarded her the Eastonia Harley t-shirt. He had another t-shirt from a Harley shop in Alabama, which was awarded to Bridgette. Doc offered to swap with Bridgette for a shirt from Belize. Congratulations and thank-you to both of these ladies. Together they put 18 people in the chapter in the last few months.

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.

Tim McCracken	May 18
Ron Fireline	June 18
Tom Roenbeck	June 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 _____

ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Meeting



Saturday, August 11, 2018

Board Meeting at 12:00 Noon

Delegate's Meeting at 2:00 PM

Held at the Marion County Association of Realtors
3105 NE 14th Street Ocala, FL 34470

Lodging **

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham
1770 SW 134th St, Ocala, FL 34473
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3811 NW Blitchin Rd, Ocala
352-629-7041

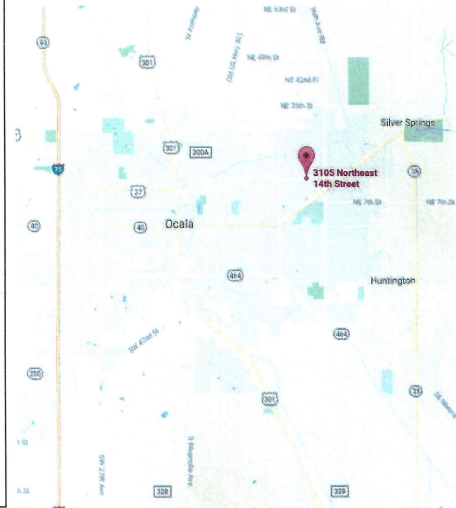
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5751 E Silver Springs Blvd
Silver Springs, FL 34488
352-236-2575

Super 8
3924 W Silver Springs Blvd
Silver Springs, FL 34482
352-629-8794

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1425 NE 58th Ave
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ABATE of Florida, Inc.

*Pres
V.P*

Leadership Seminars

Rms are \$72, mention ABATE & book before 6-30. Griz & I will be riding over Fri, since he will sit in on the treasury seminar. Check the hotel out online, it's really nice.

Saturday, July 14, 2018

President's Meeting

Sunday, July 15, 2018

At the Vero Beach Inn and Suites
8797 20th St, Vero Beach, FL 32966, For Reservations Call: (772-567-8321)
Deadline for ABATE Special Rates June 30, 2018

These Leadership Seminars are for ALL CHAPTER OFFICERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES.
Each seminar will be presented by the State Board Member based on his or her respective office
These seminars will offer a good overview of the duties and responsibilities of a Chapter Officer
and will give attendees a chance to get answers to their questions on an individual basis.

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SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2018

TIME	ROOM A	ROOM B	ROOM C
8:00 - 9:00	Treasury (part 1)	Products	PR/Communications
9:00 - 10:00	Treasury (part 2)	Legislative	Websites
10:00 - 11:00	Treasury (part 3)	Sgt-At-Arms	Delegates
11:00 - 12:00	Treasury (part 4)	Lunch	Lunch
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	Secretary	Newsletter
1:00 - 2:00	Safety (part 1)	Insurance	Membership
2:00 - 3:00	Safety (part 2)		

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

9am - 12 Noon Presidents/Vice Presidents Meeting

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Subject: VP & Legislative Trustee Article

Forest Chapter Brother & Sisters,

Thank you to those who elected me to serve as your VP & Legislative Trustee.

As in the past its always been an honor to serve our cause for Motorcyclist's Rights and our Safety & Awareness Program in ABATE of Florida, Inc. Forest Chapter.

There hasn't been a lot of action on the Legislative side but I'd like to encourage everyone to pay attention to those Candidates running for offices. If you speak to them please ask them how they will support Motorcyclist's Rights in Florida, especially Marion County. As I write this we are working fast to organize our Candidate Forum. If we make the time crunch details should be in this Newsletter and we have the "All Call" system. In the past Forest Chapter Forum and Guest Candidate Speakers have served us well in educating prospective Candidates about who we are and the priority of Motorcyclist awareness on roadways for safety and our rights. How many times have we had conversations about a Cage Driver maiming or killing our Brothers and Sisters only to find out because the "At Fault Driver" said "I didn't see them!" they got a small fine, and in some cases, no fine at all. The problem with small charges they can affect what happens in the courtroom. The Judge presiding can only go within the guidelines of the charge. On that note, How many of you have seen the list of Judge Candidates that are hungry for a bench? Now everyone one of them that win a seat will impact our lives. Not just on the roadways with accidents. Matter of fact, every seat Candidates are running for is important to us. It's our Tax Dollars paying their paychecks. Now with that being said we certainly want to exercise our freedom and use every opportunity to educate them on ABATE of Florida Inc. Forest Chapter's role in our community. From Commissioners to Judges to School Board Members and any offices in between. I could outline how we can make an impact as Legislative Warriors and bring a positive message for our Motorcyclist's Community in Marion County. If you ever want to know I will be glad to talk it over. I am here for you all if you have questions.

The enthusiasm is back in Forest Chapter and we are growing again. The Members and Guests that attended June's meeting is proof we are back on target. We received many Proclamations throughout our county and we have had a great event. The Chapter voted to have the Dominoes fundraiser and once all the approvals are finalized are target start date is August 4th – August 18th 2018. This is a two week fundraiser and we need everyone to sell 12 cards a piece. We will earn 50% off this fundraiser. With everyone's participation we stand to get the finances greatly increased for our Forest Chapter.

Greg has the Corn Roast in the works for August. Once we get approval for Beef O’Brady’s we are going to put the vote to the floor to bring back Biker Trivia night as a Safety & Awareness MSAP event. If anyone has fundraiser ideas feel free to call or message me. If any of our Advertisers want to support an event feel free to contact me and we will come visit you or you can bring it to the membership at a meeting. I’d also like to encourage anyone who has new items that wants to donate them to the chapter for giveaways please bring them to a meeting. Prez John put this out on the floor at a meeting let’s be creative in what we bring to the table. Also, small token prizes will be needed once we get Biker Trivia night going.

Executive Board and Trustees, Congratulations to you all! I’m here if you ever need assistance. We are all in this together on a great road for our mission! As President John Melin delegates each of you will get my support on committees. As in the past, if I don’t have an answer I will get the answer needed from State and of course each of you has your state officer you can rely on. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. I’m open to all positive ideas that will keep us on the great road we are on. With Forest Chapter Member and Guest participation we are going to have an exciting year!

God bless you all, “bridge.”

Bridgette Pace, VP & Legislative Trustee 352-361-1262

**THANK YOU FOREST CHAPTER PRESIDENT JOHN MELIN FOR
YOUR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN KEEPING FOREST UNDER
YOUR LEADERSHIP IN 2018-2019**





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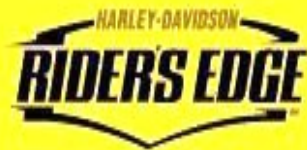
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 Jul– Webster Swap Meet**
- 4 Jul– Independence Day**
- 7 Jul– Chapter Meeting**
- 21-22 Jul– Chapter Board Training in Vero Beach**
- 4 Aug– Chapter Meeting**
- 5 Aug– Webster Swap Meet**
- 11 Aug- State Meeting in Ocala**
- 3-12 Aug– Sturgis Motorcycle Rally**
- 1 Sep– Chapter Meeting**
- 2 Sep– Webster Swap Meet**
- 3 Sep– Labor Day**

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