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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.



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President-

This month is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Russ scheduled the Proclamations from each of our towns, city's and Marion County. Each year we have a few Members join us to go to the meetings and collect the proclamations proclaiming the Month of May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. It should be the majority of you, not just a few of us. Sure, we all have a life but teaching the Public to "Watch For Motorcyclists" is our priority in ABATE, next to preventing unfair legislation and profiling of Motorcyclists. All of you are needed to help us achieve our mission's goals. Legislators of Marion County know ABATE represents all Motorcyclist's because of the presence we make. So start coming out to meetings and be an Active Member. The Legislators know we defend Motorcyclist's Rights and that we have a MSAP. How do you want us to look with only a few present? This year's Tallahassee Freedom Rights Rally they saw eight of us from our Forest Chapter, almost 100 ANATE Members from across the state. Our Forest Chapter has just over 200 Members. Our Safety Monies Bill is looking great, by the time of this writing 4/7/23. Thanks to our grass roots organization every Membership counts to keep us strong in our mission. I can't let you off the hook, not as your Pro-Tem President, or as a Regular Member- which I plan on being in June. With that being said, I look to you all and ask you to get out to your Forest Chapter meetings 1st Saturday's monthly at WarHorse at 9:30am. It is said "The People get no better government then they deserve"- which means show your presence, nominate and elect those you want in office in ABATE and all governing bodies. There are People living in other nations that would love to have our freedoms. We are losing ours each day due to apathy. People who complain but don't participate. To our active Volunteers we see regularly-

THANK YOU! "Bridge" Bridgette Pace. Pro- Tem President three times in 15 years, and Executive Officer 13 years in ABATE Forest Chapter.



ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. FOREST CHAPTER

Membership Meeting Minutes April 1, 2023

Called to Order at: 9:31a.m.

President: Bridgette Pace - Present

- 1. Open with the Pledge of Allegiance and Al will lead our membership in Prayer. . Happy 32nd Anniversary Forest
- 2. Chapter ABATE!!!!!
- 3. Greg will act as Supervisor of Election. Nominations are in April and May, elections are in June. We will do the first round of nomination under New Business.
- 4. Members are going to Tallahassee for the State Delegate Meeting & Freedom Rally after meeting today.
- 5. A Big thanks to John Melin for organizing our MSAP booths at Bike week and transporting our trailer there. A big thanks to our Volunteers who worked the booths in Daytona.
- 6. I need from the past Prez John PO Box key, bank signature changes, copy of inventory, any other ABATE Forest Chapter related items.

Vice President: Joe Kremer - Present

Secretary: Charlotte Kremer - Present

Minutes for March to be approved as published in the newsletter. Motion made by:John Melin 2nd by:Chelsea Pace Motion passed.

Treasurer: Joe Wieland - Present

Treasury Report for March to be approved as read. Motion made by:John Melin 2nd by:Russ Pace & Motion:passed.

Sergeant - At Arms: Chuck Van Norman - Excused Absence

Membership: Holly Levan - Present

- 1. State has removed the Life members who are deceased from the chapter rosters. So we started March with 209 members. We had 8 new members join Forest Chapter. There are 16 members that left their membership expire in February. So we ended March with 201 members, Of those members 6 of the memberships are delinquent and 19 are life members that we have no information on.
- 2, There are 3 members will be receiving a pen set for recruiting a total of 9 new members this quarter they are: Greg Smale, Bridgette Pace, and Deb Leone.
- 3, Also remember your membership must be in good standing with the state to be able to run for an office or to vote.

Newsletter: Joe Wieland / Chelesa- Present Needing Advertisers.

PR/ Communications: Russ Pace- Present

1. Contacted local city, town & county Boards with proclamation requests. Dates for rides to receive them are listed in April's newsletter.

Website: John Melin - Absent

Legislative Report: Russ Pace - Present

1. Contact your Senators ,and Representatives about the ABATE safety money Bill. More calls/letters/visits help us help you.

2. HB709 Representative Taylor Yarkoski is the House Sponsor and Senator Jay Collins is SB838 Senate Sponsor. CS/HB709's last action was on March 30th. Changes were made to this bill and it is continuing to progress.

CS/SB838's last action was on March 22nd. Changes were made with this bill as well

and it is continuing to progress.

3. Special Election is on Tuesday May 16th. Only those in District 24 are eligible to vote. Go to **votemarion.gov** to view a list of important dates for registration, mailin and early voting.

Products: Charlotte Kremer - Present

- 1. All, stock T-shirts \$10.00 and buy second for \$5.00 New T Shirts \$20.00 and 2.00 keychains.
- 2. Tumblers ordered.

Safety: Joe Kremer - Present

Reminder: We need to finish the certifications of Joe, Al, and Greg.

- 1. We have been asked to do a MSAP presentation at a fundraiser for a woman who lost her Husband on his motorcycle on April 22nd, 2023, location to be announced. Russ & I will do it and ask that those in training attend to do some parts to finish certification
- 2. OASN school canceled due to testing dates. A later date can be rescheduled.
- 3. The M.T.I. Teenage/ Tiny Tot program is checking the calendar to take the April 5th date & time when Ms.Liz returns from illness she will let us know. Those in training standby.
- 4. Rain and Wind.

Be most cautious when the rain first starts. The rain will cause the oil on the road to lift and the road will become very slippery. A wise motorcyclist wll stop for a cup of coffee. It could all be over in fifteen minutes. If wind is involved, always ride in the lane where the wind is coming from, and maintain a safe speed.

Delegate's Report: John & Bridgette.

1. Take vote for State Delegate Meeting time change from 2pm to 12pm, Forest Chapter had discussion and motion was made by Ray and 2nd by Russ to move to 12;00p.pm. Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Cooler tickets now on sale. The cooler is getting fuller with some great donations. Please bring g in more donations tonight at Ocalahans. Sign tickets out with Joe W. to sell. Person who sells winning ticket receives \$100.00. We need these tickets sold! May BikeNite @ Ocalahan's MSAP booth at Ocalahan's is the drawing next month.

- 2. May date for Event Planning meeting- add 2nd yearly event at Fox per Greg Jambalaya?
- 3. Discuss vote to bring to the State Meeting recommendation for life membership fee. Amount for life membership down to 300,00 and annual membership up to 30.00. Discussion was held, motion made by John Melin 2nd by Greg Smale. Motion passed.
- 4. Letting membership know that insurance company calling members.

New Business:

- 1. Yearly Event Planning meeting needs to be put on Calendar asap. BOD look at the calendar and plug date/place in. note: Fox Crossing wants a second yearly event. Greg & Bridgette are talking about a Jambalaya contest. What say the BOD?
- 2. Looking for ideas for next ticket sale event
- 3. 1st Round NOMINATIONS opened by Supervisor of Elections Greg Smale:

PresidentVice PresidentRussell Pace - acceptedWilliam (Joe) Kremer - acceptedSecretaryTreasurer

Charlotte Kremer - accepted Joseph Wieland - accepted

AA <u>Membership</u>

Wayne Gravett - accepted Holly Levan - accepted
Bruce White - accepted Lynn Mtley-Tobin - accepted

Newsletter Editor

Joseph Wieland - accepted
Chelsea Pace - accepted

Legislative Trustee

Website Bridgette Pace - accepted

John Melin - accepted <u>Safety</u>

Products William (Joe) Kremer - accepted

Charlotte Kremer - accepted Delegates (2)

John Melin - accepted Bridgette Pace - accepted

First round of nominations closed. Second round of nominations May meeting

Good of The Order:

- 1. Second Fridays at Wing House motorcycle/car show.
- 2. Bike nights at Warhorse last Saturday of month 5-9p.m.
- 3. Ocalahan's BikeNite starts 1st Saturday night of each month starting in April
- 4. Leesburg Bikefest April 28th 30th
- 5. Next General Meeting May 6 @ 9:30am @ Warhorse
- 6. Next BOD Meeting April 20 @ 6:30 pm @ Pie O'Mine

50/50 winner: Patrica Edwards

Motion to Adjourn by: Greg Smale 2nd by:Mark. Time: 11:09a.m.

FOREST CHAPTER INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Forest Chapter is trying 2 incentive programs. The programs started 9/3/2022 and will run till 9/3/2023. The success of the program will depend if we continue with the incentives.

If you want to become a member or want to renew your membership with Forest Chapter but you can't afford the \$20 for the membership you have a chance for the Chapter to pay your annual membership for the year. All you need to do is come to a bike night or other chapter event and sell \$150 worth of 50/50 tickets and your membership is paid. As long as you make one of the board members aware before you start to sell the tickets that you would like your membership paid if you reach \$150.

You can earn a gift card, product of your choice or annual membership by helping out at events and attending general membership meetings.

- 1 point attend monthly general membership meetings
- 1 point help set up the booth at any event
- 1 point help tear down the booth at any event
- 2 points to cover the booth for 2 hours at an event
- 2 points to help with the delivery of newsletters to the advertisers (you must send a picture that you are at the advertiser with the newsletters to prove that they were delivered to joejwl@aol.com or hfweller@aol.com or you can text the photo to 610-718-6017)
- 3 points selling 50/50 or drawing tickets the entire event
- 7 points volunteer to cover the booth the entire event (for membership, promote ABATE, sell products, promote motorcycle safety and awareness).

Incentive points will run for one year from when starting the incentive program. Points will be credited at the discretion of the membership. You can cash your points in as you earn them or donate them to another member for the following:

- 20 points product of choice from the table excluding shirts
- 30 points annual membership
- 40 points any shirt for sale at the ABATE booth
- 50 points available gift card

Points will be kept track of by membership trustee. If you have any questions or would like to know how many points you have accumulated contact Holly Levan, membership trustee at hfweller@aol.com or 610-718-6017.

Membership Report

Welcome to Forest Chapter:

Cristin Gibson Ronald Mansur Donald Bryant Gavin Brotherton Meredith Gregory-Brown Michael Brown Stacy Whitingham Rich Boyd Joe Terranova

Welcome back to Forest Chapter: Eric Snell Adrian Cummings

The following memberships have expired, are delinquent or are due:

March

Daniel Coyne Jr Mary Coyne Wayne Foster James Jones Dennis Nelson *April*

Robin Cruit Theresa Fondren James Floyd James Rushing

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Ernest Amaral Shirley Amaral Barbara Amling Richard Amling Michael Best Brian Denham Christine Denham Brenda D'Ovidio Mark D'Ovidio Theresa Harnois Tina Lalonde Lynn Matley-Tobin Kevin Moore Melinda Porterfield Tim Porterfield

Holly Levan Membership Trustee

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Please take the time to wish the following Forest Chapter members who will be celebrating their special day in May a Happy Birthday.

Ernest Amaral Joseph 'Rebel' Connors Adrian Cummings
Warren Davidson Jr. Woodson 'Woody' Higham Tina Lalonde
Deborah 'Little Dee' Leone Leonard Mazzara Doreen McDonald
Mike McKay Milinda Porterfield Bonnie Rainbow David Schott
Sherri Snare Stacy Whittingham

Forest Members in Our Thoughts

If you know of a member that is ill or has recently lost a loved one please notify membership.

Information about AD&D Insurance

Members may receive a pink or blue card in the mail to fill out and return in the envelope provided. If you return the card in the envelope provided you will receive a call from American Income Life to offer you more insurance. You may give or send the card to your membership trustee and it will be forward to the state. Also when you are filling out your application the bottom portion is for the AD&D insurance. If your information or your beneficiary has not changed you do not need to fill the insurance portion out just put an 'X' through that area. If you wish to have more than one beneficiary you can write it on the back of the application on the lower part of the page. If your beneficiary is someone that rides with you it may be a good idea to have a second beneficiary. Also if an event happened in your life (marriage, death, birth, or divorce) you may want to complete the lower portion if you are unsure as to whom your beneficiary was. Please keep in mind AIL does offer a variety of different types of insurance and they are reasonable. If you would like to contact AIL for information on insurances provided please call your membership trustee for the phone number. If you have any questions about the insurance please feel free to call Brandy at the state office 386-943-9610.



Importance of Keeping your Membership in GOOD Standing

For those who are unaware; if you allow your membership to become delinquent ALL your ABATE privileges and benefits are suspended. This means you do not have the AD&D insurance coverage and your voice in voting is not heard while your membership is delinquent. With elections for Forest Chapter fast approaching if you want to be a part of Forest Chapters future it is important that your membership be in good standing with ABATE of Florida, Inc. This means the membership trustee must have your application and payment in hand by May 28, 2023, whether it is a renewal or new membership. This will allow you to vote for the next board of directors for Forest or be eligible to run for a position on the future board of directors. If you renew a delinquent membership or become a new member after May 28, 2023 you will not be able to vote at the June meeting.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Anyone submitting an application must have the applicants' signature for it to be a valid application. If there is no signature I cannot honor the application.

MEMBERSHIP NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!!

Forest Chapter has lost touch with the following life members:

David Beauery Catherine Bradbury Frank Brewer Bonita Chubb Bobby Clack Alicia D'Alessio Ralph D'Alessio Charles Hamerton Doug Haynes Brian Hughes JD Ivines James Jenereaux Ronald Mailloux Alan McIntyre Herman Rodriguez Thomas Spinosa Michael Stowe Nancy Stubbs Timothy Sullens Wayne Williams

If you know how to reach any of the members listed above please let me know and ask them to contact me, Holly Levan at 610-718-6017 or hfweller@aol.com. Forest Chapter doesn't like keeping any member out of touch with the happenings of ABATE. Every member is of the utmost importance to the chapter.



CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to Greg Smale, Bridgette Pace and Deb Leone for recruiting new members for the first quarter. The three members have received a pen set and Deb Leone for the second time has received the recruitment pin for getting the most new members to join.





No fooling the second quarter to try and earn the recruitment pin and receive a pen set for participating started April 1st and will go till June 30th. All you need to do is have the new member or you, write your name on the top of the application prior to the membership trustee receiving the application to be qualified for a chance at earning the pin. Remind them for just \$20 they will have voting privileges in the chapter, receive an emailed monthly newsletter, a \$4000 AD&D insurance policy and many opportunities to meet new people and have fun at the same time all while promoting motorcycle safety and awareness. American Income Life also offers a variety of different types of insurance and they are reasonable. If you wish information on who to contact about other insurance they offer contact your membership trustee for the name and number or call Brandy at the State office 386-943-9610.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

Anyone submitting an application must have the applicants' address, phone number, email, DOB, if a registered voter and most importantly a signature for it to be a valid application. If there is no signature I cannot honor the application. Also please don't forget to fill out the beneficiary section of the insurance information if you are a new member or your beneficiary information has changed.

Greetings fellow members and supporters!

The following information is for the upcoming special and city elections:

Special General Election

Only registered voters who live within House District 24 are eligible to vote in this election.

Voter Registration Deadline: April 17, 2023

Early Voting: May 6, 2023 to May 13, 2023, Sites open 10 AM to 6 PM

Mail Ballot Request Deadline: May 6, 2023 by 5 PM Mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections office by 7 PM Election Day to be counted

Election Day: May 16, 2023 - Polls open 7 AM to 7 PM

City of Ocala Election

Only registered voters who live within the Ocala city limits are eligible to vote in this election.

Voter Registration Deadline: August 21, 2023

Mail Ballot Request Deadline: September 9, 2023 by 5 PM Mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections office by 7 PM Election Day to be counted

Election Day: September 19, 2023 - Polls open 7 AM to 7 PM

You can find this and more at; votemarion.gov

Thank you for your continued support! Russell "Ace" Pace



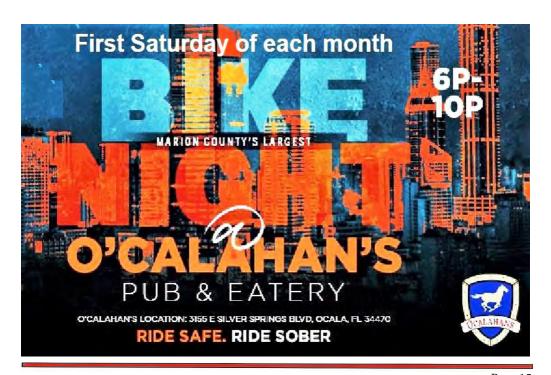


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District Office	(352) 312-2272
District 21Yvo	onne Haynes Hinson
Capitol Office	(850) 717-5021
District Office	(352) 264-4001

House of Representatives	
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District Office	(352) 527-4510
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District 27	Stan McClain
Capitol Office	(850) 717-5027
District Office	(352) 723-1313



ABATE of Florida, Inc. at Bike Week

ABATE of Florida, Inc. got its foot back in the door to Bike Week again during the 82nd annual event. Members from Forest joined members from other chapters in passing out information on membership, safety, and legislative issues at multiple locations.

On Thursday, Alfy and Mark from Daytona Chapter got us set up at Willie's Tropical Tattoo Chopper Time Show. Members from several chapters manned the booth and browsed through the mass of motorcycles present. If you have not attended this event, put it on your list of things to do at Biketoberfest and Bike Week. It is always on Thursday.

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, members from around the state set up at Annie Oakley's on US 1 North. The chopper show there also had some nice bikes and brought in a good crowd.

Membership information was also available at a booth setup by the new, Orange County Chapter at Cabbage Patch. Forest Chapter was also represented at Billy Lane's Sons of Speed Vintage Motorcycle Races at New Smyrna Speedway. We are looking forward to taking an active part during Bike Weeks and Biketoberfest. These are two of the largest motorcycle events in the world and ABATE of Florida, Inc. needs to be involved in them. If you would like to help in the future, see your board members to volunteer.









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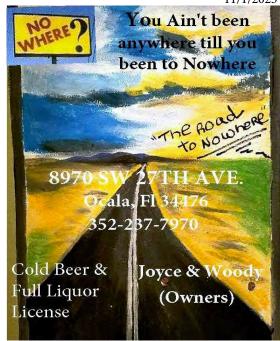
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SOME NOTABLE TRIAL RESULTS!

\$9.6 MILLION VERDICT AWARDED TO INJURED MOTORCYCLIST

On November 11, 2018, Joe S. was riding his motorcycle at a lawful rate of speed south bound on North Citrus Avenue in Crystal River, Florida and had the right of way. A north bound sport utility vehicle turned left in front of Joe S. violating his right of way. Joe S. and his motorcycle slammed into the passenger side of the sport utility vehicle, and he sustained severe facial lacerations and multiple fractures to his left arm and pelvis. First – Responders called for Joe S. to be transported by Life Flight helicopter immediately to Ocala Regional Medical Center's Level Two Trauma Center. Doctors and staff there saved Joe S.'s life and performed multiple surgeries on his face, left arm and pelvis. After seven weeks in ORMC, Joe S. was discharged home into the care of family members. His serious and permanent injuries have had a profoundly adverse effect on his quality of life.

Ocala personal injury and motorcycle accident lawyer, Dan Hightower, filed a negligence lawsuit on behalf of his client, Joe S. in Citrus County, Florida in 2019. During the week of February 10, 2020, Mr. Hightower tried the case in Citrus County Circuit Court. After the conclusion of the trial, a verdict was rendered by the Court in favor of Joe S. and against the Defendant SUV driver for \$9,661,232.98.

When asked for comment on the verdict, Mr. Hightower simply said two things: 1) "Justice was served" and 2) "Watch out for motorcycles."

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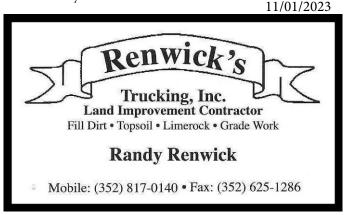




On February 21st 2023 Forest Chapter's Public Relations and legislative Trustee, Russell "Ace" Pace received the Charles E. Taylor Master Mechanic Award. The award is named after the first Aircraft Mechanic who worked alongside the Wright Brothers. The award is given t individuals who have exhibited professionalism,skill and expertise with 50 years of service in Aviation Mechanics. There are only 3296 individuals who have received the award in the nation. CONGRATULATIONS Russell on your recent achievement.

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After 15 years of being best friends and becoming a couple Joseph Wieland (treasurer and newsletter editor) and Holly Levan (membership trustee) decided to marry on March 31, 2023. They were joined by family and friends traveling from near and far to Eaton's Beach for a beautiful backwards sunset wedding officiated by Jennifer Geiswite (daughter and now daughter-in-law of the bride and groom). Congratulations to you both. Here's to many years of happiness and safe riding together. They will be honeymooning at Chincoteague, Virginia.











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