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Daytona Beach Chapter

**“Dedication To Freedom Of The
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DAYTONA BEACH ABATE, INC

39 YEARS



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August 1, 2019

Eagles—190 S. Nova Road Ormond Beach

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PRESIDENT

Happy 39th Anniversary Daytona Beach Abate!!

That's right, we are one of oldest (and bestest) chapter in the great state of Florida!!

A big Thank you to my VP Alfie..he sacrificed his Sunday and attended the State Leadership Seminar and Presidents and Vice Presidents Meeting in Ocala a couple weekends ago.

He said he learned a few things, met a lot of new people, saw a bunch of old people (haha..literally) picked up information packets and grabbed the latest bylaws for everyone on our board.

We'll be sure to hear it all at the meeting..plus..all about his encounter with an Angry Beaver!

Just a reminder..

The State meeting is this month and is in Ft. Lauderdale on Saturday, August 10th at 2pm. We had a couple volunteers at the last meeting and if you want to go with, let me know. As of now I'm not sure if they are riding or driving or staying overnight or doing a "turn and burn". We'll get it figured out at the chapter meeting.

The Southeast Chapter will be hosting and providing lunch for everyone.

A quick note..we are in the middle of summer and It is a FREAKIN HOT and wet one!!

Please use plenty of sunscreen and stay hydrated.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting on Thursday night August 1st, 7:30pm at the Eagles located at 190 S. Nova Rd in beautiful downtown Ormond Beach.

Please come out and support your fellow bikers.

As always, ride safe and look twice...even three times...it just might save YOUR life!

Membership is still only \$20 a year and includes a \$4000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy.

Geno

President of the best Abate Chapter in Florida

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VICE PRESIDENT

Well Summer is in full effect, HOT, HOT, HOT and then WET, WET, WET... Stay hydrated and watch your tire in the heat, it can have adverse effects on them and the rain after the heat makes the roads very slick. I think we have the ball rolling on Biker Profiling with the help of the State ABATE leadership as well as the WFLCOC and NFLCOC, hopefully we will be able to get something done in the near future. I attended the VP meeting in Ocala and got to ask some questions and have a bit more open discussions on State affairs and was really surprised with how well.it went.

Hope to see everyone at our meeting this month on July 11th at 7:30 at the Eagles on Nova Rd in Ormond...

Till next month, stay safe and I hope to see you out on the road!!!

Thank you,

Alfy

Vice President

**ABATE OF FLORIDA , INC.
DAYTONA BEACH CHAPTER**

July 11, 2019

7:30 PM

President: Steve Called meeting to order at 7:30 PM with Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for our lost brothers and followed by prayer with Preacher Terry. State meeting on Saturday.

Geno: Mentioned someone calling him about her spouse's name being in our newsletter in the past month. John mentioned this because it was in the News Journal about a fatal accident. Seems to be the police are not doing anything about this accident. Geno why his name was in the newsletter.

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VP: Alfy : Alfy attended the North Florida COC meeting – North Florida COC/ ABATE are on board with the profiling bill. Communication seems to be getting better. Bobby C sent a link to Doc and asked him to have the webmaster put the new 2019 Motorcyclist on the state website. As of tonight, the survey is on the state site. Bobby has made up profiling handbook.

Secretary: Kathy: Secretary Report was in the newsletter that is posted online.

Treasurer: John gave treasury report – Renewed our membership with the MRF

Membership: Steve:

PR: Ken – all advertisers have been billed and we have received payments

Legislation: John- See report in newsletter.

Sgt. at Arms: Absent tonight

Products: We have products here tonight. Frank is selling products at reduced rate. Raffle ticket 2 and one will be to win a t-shirt jacket.

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Safety: MBEROld **Business:** Elections

New Business: None

Good of the Order: Bobby talked about Church service Popeyes north east corner. First Baptist Church every Saturday.Meeting 8:20 PM

MEMBERSHIP JULY 2019

**2 new members....Jim and Helen Nolan.....Renews Al Zibas,
Will Saunders and Bobby Colella....Due July...Ryan Nagle...Due August....Glenn Meadow...Due September....Dennis Border, Memo Figueroa, Brendon Long, Jay Markey and Richard SawickiRenew a month early expiring.**

Dues can be paid at the Iron Horse, ask for Steve or at the Eagles on Nova Rd. at our meeting on the first Thursday of the month. You can also mail your membership check to : PO Box 263198

Daytona Beach FL. 32126-3198.

Steve Fritze

Membership

Those that subscribe to State Vice President and Legislative Trustee Darrin Brooks emails will get a lot of information about Tallahassee legislation that gets reported in the newspaper. Most people do not get the News-Journal. You can also sign up for the alerts from Motorcycle Riders Foundation. MRF members get weekly updates from the MRF lobbyist. The MRF also issues a hard copy journal every 2 months. Articles are written by articulate bikers with always a slant about riding. Reminds me about the short stories that were published in Easyriders in the 80s. The AMA also offers email services.

Pre-session committee meetings start in September. Session starts Jan. 14. The Abate meeting in February will be on a Sunday, ride to the capitol Monday. It will be cold. It will be the 20th anniversary of the mandatory helmet law repeal and our lobbyist, Doc Reichenbach, has asked for a strong showing. At the June State meeting our Legislative agenda is: Profiling, Drivers Education, Vulnerable road users, Motorcycle Safety and Education Funding. Our Chapter voted not to sue the State of Florida over the safety money. At issue: is the lawsuit over ABATE not getting a portion of the safety money or is it about Florida collecting \$2.50 from 617205 registered motorcycle owners (1.5 million) but only spending reportedly \$400000????

We have a little slack time. At the Leadership seminars, our legislative agenda during August should be contacting our local Politician. That includes everyone from US Congressmen to local school boards. We should let the legislators know what ABATE is about, our agenda (although that word now is considered negative) and learn about them beforehand about our common interests. Septembers goals is a viable Chapter email list to inform members, guest speakers at chapter meetings, and promoting the Freedom Rally during session in Tallahassee. It is now being discussed as to the impact that Rally makes. It is important for legislator to know of our concerns before session. It is incredible hectic during session. I sent email to Rep. Paul Renner, about HB71, Vulnerable Road Users bill, on January 22. His legislative aide, who both me and Alfie met in Tallahassee, sent an official reply May 30. While the VRU bill sat in committee, at least the texting bill was passed. Some agencies are giving tickets now, some have decided the law is still un-enforceable, Daytona Beach police will give warnings until the end of July

the FHP will give warnings until Jan 1, 2020, then \$30 for first offense, then \$60 with points, then \$90 then suspension. School zones and construction sites have enhanced penalties.

Personal contacts do make a difference. US Representative Michael Waltz has signed on as a cosponsor to H. Res 255, the anti-motorcycle profiling resolution. Everything we can do to raise awareness helps.

So what is ABATE about?. From the Forest Chapters Newsletter, our purpose is promote motorcycle safety through education, eliminate unfair motorcycle related legislation, protection of personal rights of all motorcyclists, improved the image of motorcyclists to the general public (that always sounds good) and provide for a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida and to work with legislators in the interest and protection of all motorcycle rights in the State and National levels. At the national level, Daytona Beach chapter is a sustaining member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. Several members are members of the MRF and American Motorcycle Association.

So what has ABATE done? From the Southeast Chapter newsletter, On July 1, 2000 we had the 30 year old Florida mandatory Helmet law repealed, we got the handlebar height law modified, we fought a bill that would prevent taking our kids on a motorcycle ride, we developed an effective Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program MSAP that has raised motorists perceptions

and awareness of motorcycles. They printed that ABATE received over \$750000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness. (I reported that ABATE of Florida was able to get a \$499900 disbursement in 2007-2008; \$250000 in 2010-11, and \$250000 in 2010-11) . We fought the vertical tag bill that had over \$1000 in fines for the first offense. (Law enforcement in Volusia County knew it was a flawed statute, not so in Flagler County). We supported the texting and driving bill. In 2009 Stiffer Penalties bill made it through 5 committees but we had to yank it since a committee member attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law. Our President of ABATE of Florida, Doc Riechenbach, was on the federal Motorcyclist Advisory Council to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington DC and is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists NCOM.

Not mentioned was before we were able to repeal the helmet law, we realized we had to reduce the fatalities. We did a study in Volusia County that discovered that despite the stories about tourist and elderly drivers, it is the 17 to 29 year old local residents that are the majority of the drivers involved in automobile and motorcycle accidents. We supported the bill, sponsored by Sen. Bankhead, for separate motorcycle licensing. If you ride prove it. We supported legislation that established the Florida Motorcycle Safety Education program. Originally providing rebates to those taking MSF beginners rider training course that has since been raided by some Governors and is now free money to the DHSMV. We supported legislation that changed statute 318.14 so the word "may" was substituted by "shall" , thus requiring a judge to levy a \$1000 fine against drivers who were found guilty of causing an accident that resulted in a death of someone (like a motorcyclist). Despite DHSMV notifying circuit courts of legislation changes, it was MY PERSONAL LETTER to head Circuit Court Judge Parsons to get him to issue the guidelines to other judges. There are still loopholes, thus I do track the court outcomes of motorcycle accidents. I suppose there are some people who feel a \$125 failure to yield fine is sufficient. As previously reported: Judge Miller gets a plus, Judge Cromartie & Judge Saunders gets a minus. **That's It John**

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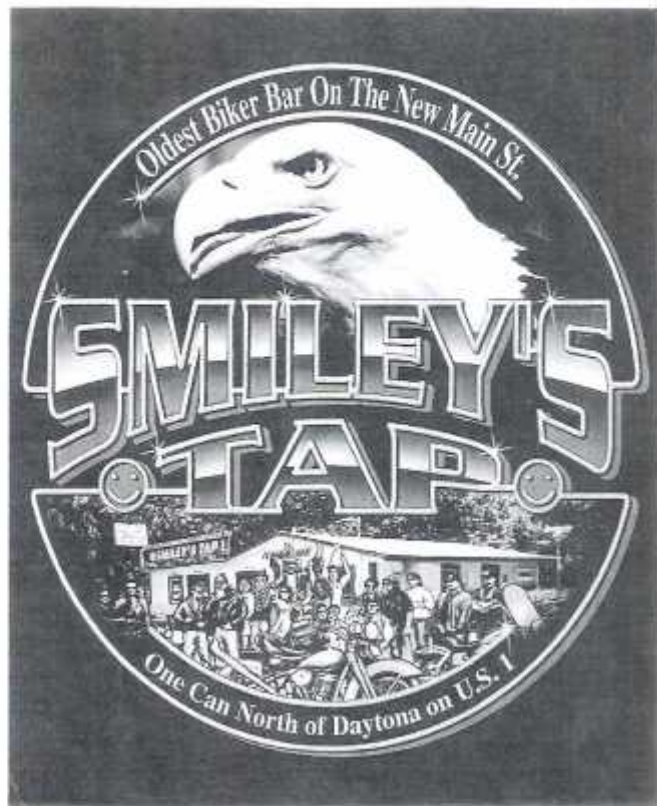
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To provide a monthly Newsletter to keep all bikers informed of upcoming legislation, whether it is favorable or discriminatory to the biker, and also of events, runs, parties etc. in different areas of Florida and the United States.

MEETING LOCATION: EAGLES HALL—190 S. NOVA RD.

ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA

WHEN: FIRST THURSDAY of EACH MONTH – 7:30 pm

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