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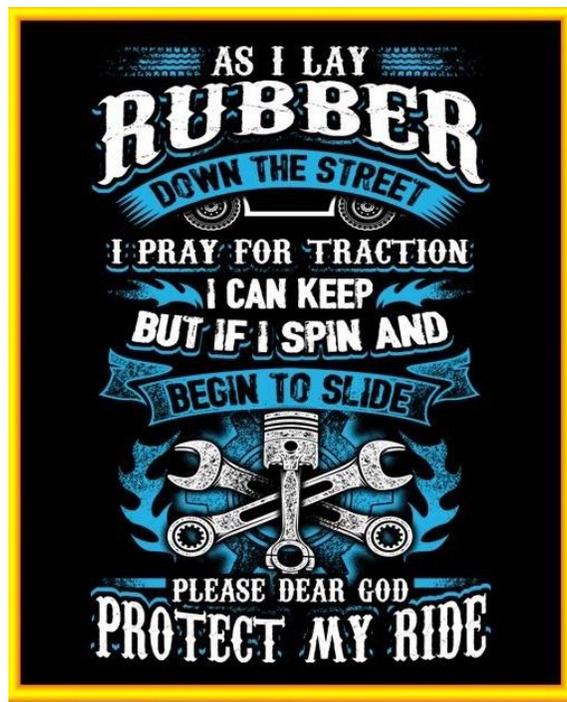
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DEDICATED TO FREEDOM OF THE ROAD - LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE

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Chapter Meeting – Sept. 16 @ 1:00pm



American **B**ikers **A**imed **T**oward **E**ducation

Our Mission Statement: WHO WE ARE

ABATE is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiast from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of Freedom. We promote motorcycle safety, training & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG. We fund our work through toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.

- 🏍️ ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or a "MRO".
- 🏍️ ABATE of Florida, Inc. currently is the only political MRO in Florida representing the interests of its members and the motorcycling public at large.
- 🏍️ ABATE of Florida, Inc. is dedicated to securing and protecting the rights of all motorcyclists in the state

ABATE'S Objectives are to:

- 🏍️ Keep all bikers informed on legislative actions and events that affect their safety and rights.
- 🏍️ Be a powerful political force in legislation that affects Motorcycle safety and rights.
- 🏍️ Provide a lobbyist that will represent ABATE interests at State and National levels.
- 🏍️ Promote voter registration and to motivate members to speak up for their rights.
- 🏍️ Promote safety without infringing on individual rights and freedoms.
- 🏍️ Educate the public and Motorcycle Awareness and safety Issues.

ABATE's Accomplishments:

- 🏍️ ABATE was the driving force behind the changes in Florida's Helmet Law. Florida Motorcyclist, over the age of 21 and who carry at least \$10,000 medical insurance coverage now enjoy the Freedom to Choose whether to wear a helmet or not.
- 🏍️ ABATE has developed & copyrighted "The Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Program" (MSAP). The program is presented to non-motorcyclists to educate them on how to safely share the road with motorcycles. It is taught in local schools & to civic organizations at no charge in the hope of reducing motorcycle accidents and deaths through education, not legislation.
- 🏍️ ABATE had gained a positive and respected position in Tallahassee. Because of our Lobbyist and Legislative efforts, State Representatives are aware of ABATE members and our vigilant quest.
- 🏍️ ABATE reminds travelers every day to "Look Twice Save a Life, Motorcycles are everywhere" through our billboard campaign.
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President



Hey y'all.....hope all is well for my fellow ABATE brothers and sisters, and hoping all are getting lots a wind therapy!!!! First up, the State Guns Give Away fund raiser. So far Polk Chapter has done good getting donations of \$5.00 for a chance to win a Henry 30/30 lever action rifle (1st place), or a 12 gauge Over/Under Shotgun (2nd place)! These donations not only provide winners of these guns, but helps fund our State ABATE needs. We handed out 100 chances at Sundays Chapter meeting (in addition to previous chances), and will have more at next month's Sept. Chapter Meeting. We have until the December State Meeting to turn them in. We will have more chances at October & November meetings to get more (if they're not all sold out). Also, speaking of fund raising, I spoke with Harley Davidson of Lakeland regarding ABATE POLK chapter cooking the FREE burgers and hot dogs, and we are going to do December 15 and 22 (Saturdays). A big thanks to our local HD Dealer for providing FREE food for local bikers, and letting non-profit groups like us to keep tips for our work. It's also a great way to expose ABATE with our safety and information booth set up to.

Also, our Chapter is growing!! From about 150 members at the beginning of the year, to over 180 presently!! Keep talking up ABATE whenever there is an opportunity about what we do. Also, we need to increase the number of younger riders to ABATE to replace us old buzzards (and buzzetes) to keep ABATE a viable force for motorcycle rights in the future. Any and all suggestions to accomplish this is are appreciated. That's it for this month and look forward to seeing lots of y'all at the next meeting, Sept. 16, at The Boondocks (thanks Ginny for your support). RIDE SAFE AND ENJOY.....Zman

Vice-President



Hey all

Couldn't make the last meeting, had some family business to attend to. Hope the meeting went well as usual. Well I'm about over these heavy down pours we been having, as they say if you don't ride in the rain you don't ride. Stay safe and watch out for the cages that are out to run us over.

Greg

Secretary



THANK YOU to today's meeting attendees: Aaron McCormick, Rose McCormick, Renee Meyer, Charlie Lentz, Darling Deb, Rick Lewis, Glenda O'Steen, Tommy Porter, Bo Kennedy, Cecil Mitchell, George Brand, Jeannie Parnell, Ralph Snearly, Lo Alex, John T. McDermott, Gerald Elliot, Steve Ammerman, Mark, "Z Man" Zinser, Gary Saunders, GK Swatzbaugh, John Tardy, Juan Gonzalez, Muff McLeod, Lisa Boze, Stephen Klapach Block, Thomas Morris, Daniel Webb, Pete Drahorad, Brad Stryker, Antonio Gonzalez, Bobby Peaden, Mike Gray, Dewey Cain, Joe Towry, Kathy Clark, Kyra Waldron, David Waldron,

13:00 The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence were led by President, Z Man who welcomed everyone. Then he spoke of the ABATE of Florida, Inc. raffle. Two guns: a Henry .30-.30 Lever Action and a 12 Gauge Shotgun are 1st. and 2nd. Prizes. Let's all sell some tickets! Drawing will be Dec. 8. ::::::: Now is the time to get ready for the TOY RUN, December 2. We voted unanimously for an escort. And a new flyer. Lo volunteered and asked for chapter input. Another thing to start now is making and then putting TOY receptacles in different places and then MONITORING, COLLECTING and STORING the toys. The Boondocks has already been doing this.

VP, Greg Vernon was absent and excused.

Secretary, Lo Alexander thanked everyone for signing in. Correction: One of the sponsors of the Paralyzed Veterans' Ride was Post #8002 not 08. Steve moved to accept the July minutes as read. Rick seconded. UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT.

Treasurer, Rawson Goff was absent and excused.

Sargent @ Arms, Tim "Roadmap" McDermott spoke of the morning's great ride.

Membership, Ralph Snearly told us the new numbers! Welcome, Lisa B.

Products, Ralph Snearly said to tell him what you want. He'll order it.

PR, Kyra Waldron was unavoidably tardy. She will be happy to do the TOY RUN flyer.

Safety Officer, George "GK" Swatzbaugh reminded us to check our tires more as summer HEAT lessens tire pressure. GK will be leading an early ride Sept. 16. Meet at the Strawberry Hut.

Newsletter, Jenni Stapleton was absent and excused.

Legislation, Z Man said that we could get info about the candidates on the ABATE website. "Stand Your Ground" and 12 amendments will be on the ballot.

Webmaster, Steve Ammerman said that we might get a donation of some radios. They would be useful during events: The NEW staging spot for the "Wreaths Across America" ride, Dec. 15, will be Polytech U.

Delegates' Report, Dewey Cain and Tim McDermott: Dewey reported that Black Creek Chapter has closed: A news service is available for a small fee. Steve moved and Dewey seconded that we subscribe. UNANIMOUSLY PASSED: The State thanked us for our donation: We are warned to stay apolitical in ABATE. No matter which side you favor, the other parties will remember for a long time and hate you: The next State meeting will be in Pensacola Oct. 13. We'll see Tallahassee in April.

OLD BUSINESS: Come to Tim and Lo's and we will talk about games-RODEO games. Maybe add some, take away some. All ideas are welcome. Sept. 20, 5p-7p. OR Sept. 22 at 10a to noon. Refreshments!

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

Good of the Order: Nece McGibbeney passed away last month. A Celebration of her life will be held Sept. 15 in Zephyrhills. Dan Webb will be hosting camping and riding at 38554 Higgenson RD. See webpage for more info.:.....September 9th. will be busy. A benefit for Art of Winter Haven, 2p-6p. Consult web for location.The CMA will cook Harley burgers that Sunday. They will also have a reception at 10:30a. In the Upper Room at Lakeland H-D. Muff will speak and there will be coffee and donuts.:.....THANK YOU to Ginny of the Boondocks and her excellent staff for their service and hospitality!

[These minutes have been summarized by me, Lo Alexander, August 22, 2018. If you have revisions, please contact me in a timely manner.]

Adjourn: 14:02

Sgt. of Arms



I hope you all have been safe out there...Everyday we here about another motorcyclist being run into. When are the people going to learn that there cars are not a phone booth. Too much distracted driving! Please everyone be careful! We still have tickets for state Christmas gun drawing (5\$, 2 different guns) 3030 Henry, probably the smoothest lever actions money can buy and very dependable! next up the 12 gauge over and under, great for shooting the clay or dinner, haha. Either way its great way to support our State ABATE Chapter, contact any officer for tickets. thats about all for now...RIDE SAFE RIDE OFTEN AND RIDE IT LIKE YA STOLE IT ROADMAP SGT@ ARMS

Membership/Products



As of last State report we have 184 members.

Thank you to our...

New Members: Lisa Boze

Renewing Members: Muff, Muffett and Chris Parsels

Due in September: Maria Griffith, Cynthia Kelly, Stephen Kelly and David Zinser

Please renew a month early to avoid expiring and losing your years of continuous membership.

Dues can be paid at our Chapter meeting or mailed to ABATE, Polk County Chapter PO Box

2743 Lakeland, FL 33806

If you have not updated your contact information recently, did not receive your renewal notice or are a new or renewing member and haven't received your membership card, please email me at membershipabatepolk@hotmail.com or call 863-206-9028.

Nothing to report for Products.

Thank you, Ralph Snearly

Safety



This month's article is about tire pressure. The tires on our bikes is just as important as the oil. Without them you do not ride. With the rain we have had I am sure the bikes have been sitting. One thing is make sure that if the bike sits more than 7 days, rotate the tires as this will help that the tires do not get flat spots on them. Additionally, the tire pressure should be checked every-time you roll out.

Also here are 5 things to remember about your tires and air pressure.

1. Check Pressures Regularly

Many manufacturers suggesting once a week and some safety experts stating every day. Just factor in how you're using your motorcycle. Commuting every day in fairly stable weather conditions? Once a week will serve you just fine. In the middle of a big Adventure trip with variable loads on your bike, conditions ranging from highway to single track and hitting a bunch of sharp rocks? Once or, if conditions are particularly severe, even twice a day may be best.

2. Check Them While Cold

The suggested pressures in your owner's manual are for cold tire pressures. That means after your bike's been sitting for 20 minutes or more. Heating tires up by riding on them can increase pressures by over 10 percent.

3. Use Your Own, High Quality Gauge

I've seen the gauges at gas station forecourts read-off by up to 30 psi over my own gauge that I carry with me everywhere. Even a variation of just a few psi can alter your motorcycle's handling and braking abilities, so it's important to use an accurate gauge. They're cheap, so no excuses.

4. The Extremes

What's the worst that can happen if your tires are massively under inflated? Ultimately the tire could come off the rim if there's not enough pressure to force the bead into the wheel. More likely, you'll simply experience sluggish, unstable handling, slow steering and you could damage the tire or wheel, particularly if you're riding off-road. Over inflated? The size of the contact patch is reduced and the ride worsened. Too much pressure can cause your tires to quickly overheat, reducing traction.

5. Going Up and Going Down

Stick to your manufacturer recommended pressures. Even if you're spending all day Sunday on The Snake trying to get that ultimate elbow down shot, dropping pressures will just slow your steering. Modern performance tires are designed to work at stock pressures unless you're on a track.

I hope this helps as I am sure you as I are ready to get some miles on the road. Until Then See You In Third Gear!

V/R

GK

Run & Ride the Wind!

Legislative



Hey y'all, here's the latest from Tallahassee and beyond.....Zman. Remember to use your privilege August 28 and VOTE in the primary elections! Florida has a closed primary, meaning you can only vote for the candidates in the party you're registered. In November, for the general election, you can vote for any candidate on the ballot. Here is a website that gives pretty comprehensive information about the people that will be on YOUR ballot.

https://ballotpedia.org/Florida_elections,_2018

You just have to enter your address and it will give you your ballot and from there you can see each race and click on the candidate to get more detail information if it is available.

‘STAND YOUR GROUND’ CHANGES SOUGHT AFTER SHOOTING

Florida’s Legislative Black Caucus intends to file legislation for the 2019 session to readdress the state’s “stand your ground” self-defense law after the July 23 shooting death of Markeis McGlockton in the parking lot of a Clearwater convenience store. Caucus Chairman Bruce Antone, a Democratic House member from Orlando, said in a news release Monday the legislation will aim to address “ambiguities in the law.” In declining to initiate charges against Michael Drejka in McGlockton’s death, Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri said “a largely subjective standard” is in place for the use of deadly force in such cases. “Florida’s Stand Your Ground Law is replete with ambiguity and does not require the aggressor to justify or prove the use of deadly force was necessary,” Antone said. “The sheriff’s decision not to charge Michael Drejka with a crime is a travesty of justice.” Florida’s “stand your ground” law, approved in 2005, allows people to meet “force with force” if they believe they’re under threat of being harmed. McGlockton’s death has refueled a debate about the law, which has been heavily backed by Republican lawmakers and the National Rifle Association. The black caucus’ proposed legislation was announced Monday as Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum held a news conference to call on Gov. Rick Scott to declare a “state of emergency” over the law. Meanwhile, state Sen. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg, has started a separate effort that requests lawmakers to hold a special session on the law. “All you can do is try, and I couldn’t sit on my thumbs,” Rouson said. “The community is outraged, and I just don’t want to be one of those who let time go by and did nothing.” To spur a special session, Rouson ultimately would need to get three-fifths support in both Republican-dominated chambers. In May, a Democratic effort to use the process to hold a special session to increase education funding died as Republican opposition blocked the idea.

Here are the 13 proposed statewide amendments and what they mean.

Amendment 1: Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption

What it means: Would increase the portion of a home’s value that’s exempted from non-school property taxes. The changes would apply to the value of a home between \$100,000 and \$125,000 with the maximum exemption climbing to \$75,000.

Amendment 2: Permanent Cap on Non-homestead Parcel Assessment Increases

What it means: Would limit increases to assessment rates to 10-percent per year. Secures an existing cap on non-homestead property assessments.

Amendment 3: Voter Approval for Casino Gambling

What it means: Would provide voters with the “exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling” and expansions in the state. Both the state legislature and the voters currently have the authority to authorize casino gambling through constitutional amendment.

Amendment 4: Restorage of Voting Rights for Individuals with Felony Convictions

What it means: Would restore the right to vote for more people with prior felony convictions upon completion of their sentences. It would exclude those convicted of murder and felony sexual offenses.

Amendment 5: Increase to Two-Thirds Vote Majority in Legislature to Increase Taxes

What it means: Would increase the majority needed in the state Legislature to two-thirds to impose, approve or raise taxes. It would also mean it would take only a third of members in either the House or Senate to block tax increases or repeal exemptions.

Amendment 6: Rights of Crime Victims, Increase Judge Retirement Age, and Interpreting Statutes

What it means: Would add a list of rights for crime victims, known as a Marsy’s Law. The other two aspects of this measure would increase the retirement age for judges to 75 and would prohibit judges from deferring to administrative agencies’ interpretations of a law when ruling in cases.

Amendment 7: First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits, and Public Colleges and Universities

What it means: Would require employers to provide benefits to surviving spouses of first responders if they die on duty, and it would require the state to provide benefits to surviving spouses of active-duty military members who are killed. The last parts of the measure would require university trustees to agree by a third-thirds super-majority to raise college fees and establish the state college system in the state Constitution. Universities are currently in the Constitution, but state colleges (community colleges) are not.

Amendment 8: School Board Term Limits and Duties, Control of Certain Public Schools by the State, and Civic Literacy in Public Education

What it means: Creates a consecutive eight-year term limit for school board members, allows state governments to control public schools not established by the school board and requires the Legislature to promote civic literacy in public education.

Amendment 9: Prohibition of Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Prohibition of Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces

What it means: It would ban offshore drilling for oil and natural gas on all lands beneath state waters. The measure also bans the use of vapor-generating electronic devices, including electronic cigarettes, in indoor workplaces.

Amendment 10: State and Local Government Structure and Operation

What it means: Would add a state Department of Veterans Affairs and create a state office of Domestic Security and Counter-terrorism. The measure would also require the Legislature session to start in January rather than March in even-numbered years. Lastly, the measure includes a proposal that would require five county-level offices to be elected statewide: sheriffs, tax collectors, property appraisers, supervisors of elections and clerks of circuit court. Many counties already elect these positions.

Amendment 11: Repeal of Prohibition of Foreign-Born Persons Owning Property, Removal of Obsolete High-Speed Rail Provision, and Revision of the Effect of a Repeal of a Criminal Statute

What it means: Would do away with the prohibition against foreign-born persons from owning, inheriting, disposing or possessing property. The measure removes a provision that stated a high-speed rail system be developed in Florida and revises a provision on criminal prosecution so that it's clear that repealing a criminal statute does not retroactively affect the prosecution of a previously-committed crime.

Amendment 12: Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers

What it means: Expands restrictions on lobbying for compensation by former public officers, creates restrictions on lobbying by current public officers and prohibits certain abuse of public office for personal benefit.

Amendment 13: Ban on Racing and Betting on Dog Racing

What it means: The measure would prohibit the racing of and betting on greyhounds and other dogs after a specified date.

--FROM THE AMA National and Regional News WASHINGTON, D.C. - The AMA joined representatives from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and the marine and outdoor power equipment industries to outline concerns over E15 fuel (15 percent ethanol by volume) to the Congressional Motorcycle and Boating caucuses and to raise concerns about a lack of consumer education regarding the risks associated with increasing levels of ethanol in fuels. The AMA also signed a joint letter that went to each member of the U.S. House and Senate in support of the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2018 (H.R. 5855), which would require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to revise labeling requirements for E15 fuel pumps and initiate a consumer education program about the risks of using fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol by volume in vehicles and machinery not designed for it.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Trump Administration has announced plans to end a special waiver that allows California to regulate vehicle emissions. Reports from Bloomberg and Reuters said ending the waiver would eliminate California's stricter vehicle-emissions standards and cap federal fuel economy requirements at 35 mpg,

rather than allowing them to rise to 50 mpg by 2025. The EPA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration also are expected to propose barring California from setting its own fuel economy rules. Thirteen states and the District of Columbia have adopted California's stricter emissions standards, accounting for nearly 40 percent of U.S. car and truck sales. Industry News AZUSA, Calif. - CSC Motorcycles has announced a new electric motorcycle, the City Slicker, to be initially offered at \$1,995 under CSC's introductory "Don't Miss The Boat" program. The all-electric City Slicker motorcycle is approved for all 50 states. Like CSC's other offerings, the City Slicker is manufactured by Zongshen, one of the world's largest motorcycle manufacturers, based in China. The electric motorcycle uses a non-hub motor and the final drive is a belt, which eliminates the chain noise, the company said. The City Slicker requires 6 to 8 hours to recharge a fully-discharged battery using a standard 110VAC outlet. CSC sells directly to its customers, with no dealers. More information is available at www.cscmotorcycles.com. TOKYO - Honda Motorcycles UK is working with Datatool to fit tracking devices to its motorcycles. The equipment will be installed free on all new Hondas, while owners of older Hondas receive a discount on the tracker and installation. There is an ongoing subscription cost. The Datatool TrakKING Adventure offers theft monitoring and instant notification, as well as detailed trip information that is automatically uploaded to a cloud service. The mapping technology and tracking capability covers all of Western Europe. TOKYO - Honda Motor Co. and Yamaha Motor Co. plan to introduce hybrid scooters in Thailand. Honda plans to launch the PCX Hybrid in August, while Yamaha released its Grand Filano Hybrid in July. Each model represents the first hybrid motorcycle for the respective company. The motorcycles feature a lithium-ion battery in addition to a 150cc engine. MINAMI-KU, HAMAMATSU, Japan - Suzuki Motorcycle India, a subsidiary of automaker Suzuki Motor Corp., is planning to bring in electric two-wheelers to the Indian market by 2020. A report at IndiaTimes.com said the two-wheelers will be introduced about the same time Suzuki launches an electric car in India. Plans call for an

electric scooter and an electric motorcycle. International News TORONTO - The City Council is considering allowing motorcycles to filter to the front when traffic is stopped. In addition, the city is considering an increase in the number of motorcycle parking zones and allowing motorcycles to use reserved lanes on some streets. The ideas were submitted as ways to reduce traffic congestion in the city. That's it for this month....RIDE SAFE AND ENJOY.....Zman

Webmaster



Hi Polk County,

We all know it's rainy season, but I wanted to remind everyone to watch for standing water even when the Sun is shining. There's a lot of flooded, low lying areas with standing water. Ditches are full and overflowing into the streets. Be careful out there...

Steve Ammerman

Webmaster



History of ABATE of Florida, Inc.

ABATE came to Florida in the mid 1970's. At that time it was a group of individual and unaffiliated chapters. In 1979, ABATE of Florida, Inc. was formed by the individual chapters. This union was the basis for today's organization. Throughout the years, ABATE of Florida, Inc. has strived to be an effective political force for the rights of motorcyclists in Florida. We have also attempted to keep up to date on all legislation on a federal level and have tried to input our concerns to our federal officials.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. has hired a professional lobbyist to aid us in our fight for freedom of choice. Our lobbyist has also been instructed to keep a close watch on all State or National legislation that would affect all motorcyclists.

Editor



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Here is a story from my road trip out west this past July...

Visibility may go to zero!

Have you ever heard the statement "everyone would like to have two desserts but you would only want to cross the desert once"? Such as it was with Me, Muffett and Pie doodle, on our recent trip out west. When we came out of the desert ...then it was sweet! We rode across the Mojave Desert and then through Laughlin, Nevada, on our way to Needles, California after leaving the Hoover Dam. What a ride! The temp was 112 degrees, that day and the wind was hot enough it burnt my fingertips as I held the handlebars, and then I saw the warning signs which read "the visibility may go to zero"! What!! The heat haze was waving in the distance across the road and sand was blowing swirls all around us. It was like we were in a heat haze... Stay hydrated "yes" but how do you prepare for zero visibility?!! Pray!! As I did just that, I began to

pray, and thank the Lord that it didn't happen to me, I prayed that my pistons didn't melt and run out of the exhaust pipes! Praying that we could make it out of the hot desert and that the motor would hold together too...well, Thank God it did and we did! Sometimes we can prepare and plan ahead but it all comes down to trusting and believing in God. No matter where we are on the road, or in our lives, no matter what is going on He goes before us, making a way for us because He said He would. If we would only trust and believe in Him; Jesus. Just as Jesus answered my prayers, for us to make it out of the hottest place I have ever been, and hope I don't ever have to go through another one. God answers prayer! Dessert yes... but no desert! Give me Florida heat, humidity, and sun any day.... that is ok. If we will just look around we see Him everywhere, even when the sign might say "visibility may go to zero" He is still there caring for us.

Muff, CMA

Calling all members we are looking for letters from YOU!!!

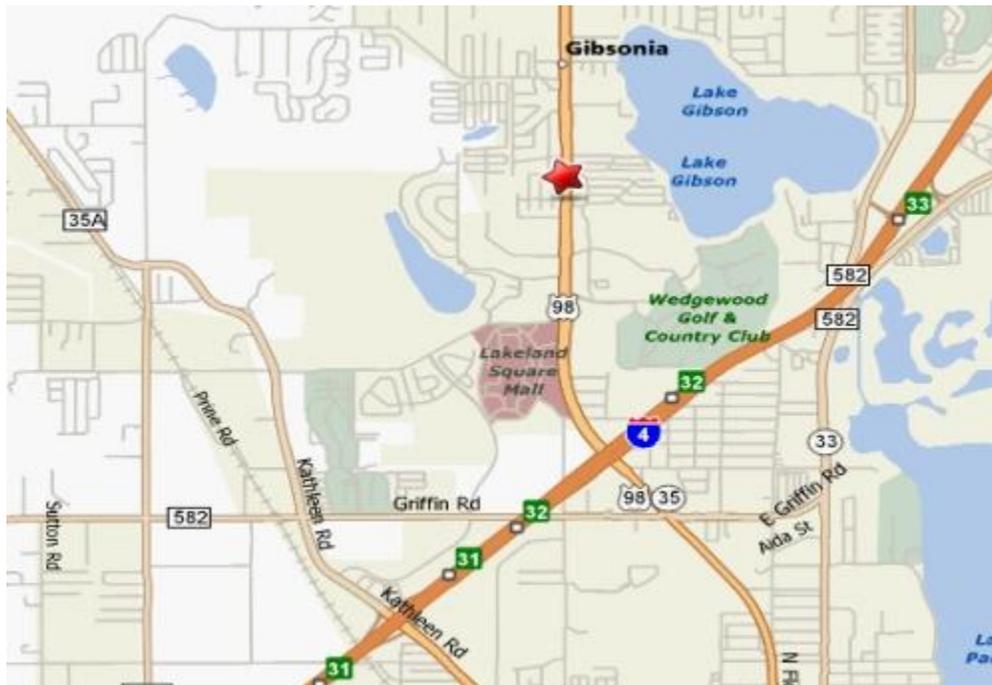
It does not have to be about the chapter it can be about legislative issues, community activities that have happened or other vital information. Please send your submissions to either PO Box 2743 Lakeland, FL 33806 or email abateneewsletter@hotmail.com

Join Us!

At our next meeting Sept. 16, 2018 at **1:00PM**

Boondocks

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Lakeland, FL



A.B.A.T.E UPCOMING EVENTS

POLK COUNTY CHAPTER

Sept. 16 ♣ Chapter Meeting 1:00pm @ BOONDOCKS 8515 Hwy 98 North
Sept. 21 ♣ Newsletter submission deadline

STATE

OTHER CHAPTERS

OTHER EVENTS

Webster's always first Sunday

BIKE NIGHTS IN THE AREA

Every TUES		6 - 9 PM	BEEF O'BRADYS Northside Lakeland
Every WED		6 PM - ??	MOJO's - Lakeland
Every THURS		7 PM - ??	JOHNNY G's – Lakeland
Every Thurs		7 PM - ??	LA's MIDWAY – Across from Winter Haven Airport
Every FRI		7 PM - ??	POUR HOUSE – Havendale Blvd, Winter Haven
First THURS,		6PM - ??	VFW on North 98

FOR SALE:

- 2016 3-Wheel Harley Davidson Freewheeler
- ~Scratch on Fender
- ~Price is the amount owed on it at the time of sale
- ~ Approximately 3200 miles
- ~as of 5-20-2018 price is \$18000
- ~has 5year appearance package
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