

# ABATE of Florida, Inc. • Polk County Chapter

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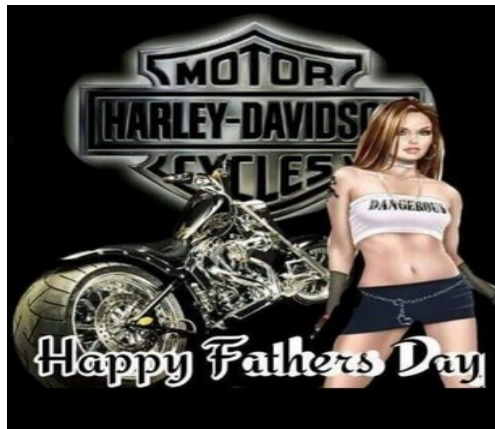
**DEDICATED TO FREEDOM OF THE ROAD - LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE**

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**CHAPTER MEETING—SUNDAY, JUNE 18th, 2023@ 1:00PM**  
**AT VFW POST 8002, 9398 US HWY 98 N, LAKELAND, FL**

**A**merican **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 FL representing the interests of its members & 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 Motorcyclists, 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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**Guidelines for Submissions**

Members are asked to submit articles, photos and other materials that would be of interest to their fellow members by 11:00pm on Friday following the Meeting. All board members are encouraged to submit their articles as soon as possible following the monthly meeting. Please do not submit slanderous or accusing letters, profanity, or nudity. [Identification Statement](#)  
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**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 18th AT  
THE VFW POST 8002, 9398 US HWY 98 N, LAKELAND, FL 33809**



## President/Delegate – **TIM McDERMOTT “Roadmap”**



ABATE, ALL CAPS, ALWAYS BECAUSE ... WE are AMERICAN BIKERS AIMING TOWARD EDUCATION, or A BROTHERHOOD AGAINST TOTALITARIAN ENACTMENTS. THIS IS THE ORGANIZATION NOT TO BE SPELLED WITH LOWER CASE LETTERS. People often make this

mistake when referring to us. Every letter has a meaning, we are not the word abate, we are ABATE! Thanks, just wanted to clear that up for those that did not know!

Your chapter has been busy, we just finished our SKILLS ON WHEELS MOTORCYCLE RODEO number 13!

Hats off to Roscoe Tomlin and David for allowing us to have the best rodeo ever. It was the perfect place for us. I would like to thank Shaker, Holly, Lo Rider, Barb, Dewey, Don, Rea, Zman, Indian John, Indian Tracy, Roadking Steve, Gerry, Block and the 160 plus folks that came and had a great time! Thanks to Moe from Moe’s motorcycle repair and his crew that put on a great show that enhanced the overall Rodeo! I can see it getting bigger and bigger! Happy times had by all!

We have been working very hard on our political fight for HB 838 & SB 709! The fruits of our labor have come full circle! I am proud to announce that Roadmap, Shaker, Dewey Cain and Chris Brandfass from POLK ABATE along with State Prez Griz, VP Steve Kliemish and many more ABATE members from all over witnessed the signing of our Bill by Gov. Ron DeSantis! HELL YEAH ! We will have pics in the newsletter! Many thanks to Attorney Rich Newsome, Senator Collins, Senator Yardkowski, Brandy Westerfield and countless other individuals fighting to make this happen! It really did take a lot of dedicated people to make this happen!

We have also been busy supporting our sister chapter Lake County with their CAN YOU SEE ME NOW RIDE. POLK had 11 bikes and about 15 people go on the run. May is motorcycle awareness month, we had our proclamation with Mayor Bill Mutz with pics and video!

I hope that everyone is as happy as they can be. Let's all try to think positive and get them KNEES IN THE BREEZE! Be safe out there brothers and sisters, much love from Polk ABATE.

ROADMAP - Tim McDermott, POLK ABATE President



## Vice President/Delegate - **Bill Hardy “Shaker”**

Hey folks. As some of you know, Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> was Lake County’s annual awareness ride. Sometimes called the “Can You See Me Now” ride. Anyhow, all went well until yours truly in a split second of inattention ended up riding off the edge of the road. The result being a fairly bad injury to my left knee. My point in bringing this up is to reiterate the phrase dress for the slide not the ride. If it hadn’t been for the boots on my feet and pants I was wearing, I would have lost a large amount of skin from my leg and foot possibly broke also. I’m not one to try to lecture others, just asking that everyone think about the possible ramifications of sliding down the road with nothing between skin and the rode.....Ride

safe!

Shaker



## Treasurer – DON STEWART

Well, another month come and gone! This past month with the Rodeo was a good income month for our chapter. Let’s keep up the good work. I think it was a very good thing to help the brothers and sisters at the VFW Hall with some financial aid. If we keep working as hard as we’ve been working with raising money, then we can do more of these types of things and help more people. Thank you for trusting me this past year with keeping our finances straight and I will continue to do so in the future. Everyone ride safe and have a good time!

Don

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Calling all members, we are looking for letters and pictures from YOU!!! It does not have to be about the chapter it can be about legislative issues, community activities or other vital information. Please send your submissions to ABATE of Polk County, PO Box 2743 Lakeland, FL 33806 or email [abatepolknewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:abatepolknewsletter@hotmail.com)



New members: Leroy & Linda



Burgers & Dogs 5/28/23

## SECRETARY – LO ALEXANDER

May 21, 2023 ABATE of Florida, Inc., Polk County Chapter Meeting MINUTES  
VFW Post #8002, 9398 US 98 N. Lakeland, 33809

THANK YOU to today's meeting attendees: Lo Alexander, Holly Kallister, Steve Ammerman, Linda Fisher, Mark Zinser, Steve Klapach Block, Dewey Cain, Allan Young, Jeanette Groves, Brian Parker, Tracy Thornhill, Indian John Tardy, Cliff Freeman, Paula Adelman, Mike Corbert, Patty Brandfass, Chris Brandfass, Buddy Fisher, Shari Kamerling, Tim McDermott, Joey Towry, Sandy Souders, Brad Souders, Karen Robinson, Terry Robinson

1:00p The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence were led by Sergeant at Arms, Indian John Tardy. President, Roadmap spoke of the 13th. Skills on Wheels Motorcycle Rodeo. He talked of the "Can You See Me

Now?" Lake Co. ride yesterday. [Both excellent.] An opportunity to witness the SIGNING of HB 838. [which returns some of the "safety" money, the \$2.50 each one of us pay for our license, which was originally earmarked for us. YEARS ago.] Governor DeSantis is scheduled to sign at noon on Tuesday in Tallahassee. Who wants to go? Roadmap, Dewey, Bill and Chris!

VP, Shaker; is suffering a mishap from yesterday.

Secretary, Lo Alexander welcomed everyone and spoke of the Polk County 40 Year Anniversary patch. Dewey moved to accept the MINUTES as read. ALL AGREED.

Treasurer, Don Stewart reported the Rodeo figures. We did well. We have some ideas for the next one.

Sgt. @ Arms. We are sorry to lose Cebo. We are grateful for his years of service. We thank Indian John for stepping up.

Products, Indian John has shirts! Pockets ARE available.

Membership, Newsletter and PR; Holly Kallister mentioned those whose dues were due. She asked if we should sell ad space. Discussion followed. Dan moved and Dewey seconded, that the idea be tabled. It was. Then Holly gave us the new PR dates: Burger's 'n' Dogs will be May 28, June 4, 10 & 18, July 2,8 & 22. First Friday BIKE NIGHT in Downtown Lakeland is July 7.

Safety Officer, open. We would like to be certified in MSAP programs. After discussion, Indian John moved that we invite an instructor HERE so many of us can benefit from the instruction. Seconded and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

Legislation, Z Man warned us about E15 coming this summer. See Z Man's article in this Newsletter.

Webmaster, Steve Ammerman reminded everyone to stay neutral with political expression. We are all on the same side i. e. the side of the motorcyclist.

OLD BUSINESS: Election Supervisor, Chris asked each of the candidates if they accepted the nomination. [Although one can nominate oneself, a candidate MUST be present to accept. If a person is unable to come in, they can call or write in to say they will serve.] For both the offices of Delegate, Roadmap and Shaker [via written message] accepted. For the two alternate delegate positions, Dewey and Sam Rains both accepted: Jennifer was absent. So, it went all the way up the slate. No candidate was opposed. Don Steward declined safety. Sam Rains was nominated for safety officer. He accepted. THANK YOU ALL for participating. Congratulations!

NEW BUSINESS: TALLAHASSEE. Should we leave Monday night or Tuesday morning?

Good of the Order: We are sorry to hear of "Big John" Klugo's passing. He sold new member, Blake Burdette the winning ticket in the Iron Pigs raffle. Tim Cross, Treasurer about 10 years ago is not well. There will be a Benefit July 22 [not an ABATE event]...We have certainly enjoyed meeting at this site. Chris made a motion to give VFW Post 8002 a donation. With many seconds, the motion passed unanimously. It was further moved to furnish the Post with a small sum every month.

Adjourn: 2:10p

Respectfully Submitted, Lo Alexander, May 26, 2023



## Legislative – MARK ZINSER - “Zman” LEGISLATIVE REPORT JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER EPA to Allow Summer Sales of E1

THE FLORIDA SENATE

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### CS/CS/SB 838 – Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education

by Appropriations Committee; Transportation Committee; and Senator Collins

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Prepared by: [Transportation Committee \(TR\)](#)

The bill reallocates the \$2.50 annual fee provided to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) for motorcycle safety education to three Florida not-for-profit corporations that meet specified criteria.

The DHSMV must select qualified program administrators and enter into five-year contracts by October 2023, for motorcycle safety and education programs. The bill authorizes such programs to include pamphlets, advertisements, public service announcements, digital media, social media, a website, participation at grassroots motorcycle events, advocacy, and reasonable administrative expenses. Additionally, the contracts must require that each program administrator show clear collaboration during and prior to implementation of motorcycle safety and education programs.

The program administrator must file an annual report with the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives outlining the types of events the program administrator attended, the methods selected to distribute safety awareness and education materials, and an estimate of the number of individuals who were exposed to the program administrator's educational efforts.

Based on the current number of registered motorcycles, the bill may reallocate approximately \$1,626,675 annually from the DHSMV to the selected not-for-profit corporations.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 114-0

By [Wayfarer](#) April 28, 2023

Friday, the Biden Administration issued an emergency waiver allowing for the sale of E15 from June 1st to September 15th. Restrictions on fuel volatility have limited the sale of E15 to the months outside of summer. This move by the Biden Administration is an attempt to appease lawmakers from corn producing states, who for years have lobbied for year-round use of the fuel. A similar emergency waiver was issued in 2022.

As always read your owner's manual, know what you are putting in your bike, and be an educated consumer.

FROM THE AMA: Olympia, Wash. — House Bill 1112, after passing both houses of the legislature unanimously, has been sent to Governor Inslee for his consideration. It creates the new offense of Negligent Driving with a Vulnerable User Victim in the first degree as a gross misdemeanor. A person commits the offense if the person operates a vehicle in a manner that is both negligent and endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property, and proximately causes the death of a vulnerable user of a public way.

The offense is punishable by up to 364 days of imprisonment; a \$5,000 fine, which may not be reduced below \$1,000; and suspension of driving privileges for 90 days. The offense of Negligent Driving in the second degree with a Vulnerable User Victim is renamed to Negligent Driving with a Vulnerable User Victim in the second degree, and the scope of the offense is modified. A person commits the offense if the person operates a vehicle in a manner that is both negligent and endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property, and proximately causes great bodily harm or substantial bodily harm of a vulnerable user of a public way.

For the purposes of this legislation, a vulnerable user means:

- a pedestrian
- a person riding an animal
- a person operating or riding a farm tractor or implement of husbandry, without an enclosed shell
- a bicycle or electric-assisted bicycle
- an electric personal assistive mobility device
- a moped and a motor-driven cycle or a motorcycle

RIDE SAFE AND ENJOY.....ZMAN



Mayor Mutz proclaiming May as Motorcycle Awareness month!



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, and Florida's growing population popularity with motorcycle enthusiasts makes motorcycle safety an important issue; and

**WHEREAS** according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 593 motorcyclists lost their lives in fatal Florida highway crashes in 2021, and over 50 percent of them consistently involved another vehicle; and

**WHEREAS** approximately 80 percent of vehicle crashes injure or kill a motorcycle rider, and victims are 37 times more likely to die in a traffic crash than occupants in passenger vehicles, motorcyclists are much more vulnerable than other motorists in the event of a collision and motorcycle riders now account for one out of every ten U.S. road fatalities; and

**WHEREAS** motorcyclists are often hidden in a vehicle's blind spot or missed in a quick look due to their smaller size, and making a visual check for motorcycles by intentionally viewing mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections can save a life; and

**WHEREAS** during warmer weather months, even more, motorcycles are on the road, and because motorcycles are often difficult to see; therefore, people in other vehicles should be extra vigilant to look for motorcycles when sharing the road; and

**WHEREAS** Florida's Department of Transportation joins with other federal, state, and local highway safety and law enforcement organizations like the Florida Highway Patrol in proclaiming May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS** the members of A.B.A.T.E. (American Bikers Aimed Towards Education) continually promote motorcycle safety, education, and awareness in high school, drivers' education programs and to the general public; and

**WHEREAS** remembering motorcycles are vehicles with all the rights and privileges of any other motor vehicle on the roadway and should be accommodated accordingly.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, H. William Mutz, Mayor of the City of Lakeland, and on behalf of the entire City Commission, do hereby proclaim May 2023, as

### MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Lakeland, Florida.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Lakeland to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2023.



*H. William Mutz*

H. William Mutz, Mayor  
Lakeland, Florida





Burgers and Dogs

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Blake Burdette won HD Street Glide 5/9/23: Iron Pigs




**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**  
**POLK COUNTY CHAPTER GUN RAFFLE**  
 1st Prize: Andro Corp ACI-15 Camo 223/556  
 2nd Prize: Rock Island 1911 A1-10mm pistol  
**Drawing: Sunday 9/17/23**  
 after Chapter meeting at VFW, Post 8002  
 9398 US Hwy 98N, Lakeland, FL 33809  
*Winner need not be present to win*  
**Donation: \$5.00 Per Ticket**

No. 1101

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**2nd Prize: Rock Island 1911 A1-10mm pistol**



**MUST BE 18 OR OLDER** to purchase ticket. Winner must qualify for ownership with a FL Firearms Dealer. Full name must be on ticket stub for drawing purposes, and will be notified to pick up. Winner will have 30 days after being notified to pick up prize.

No. 1101



## Newsletter & Public Relations – HOLLY KALLISTER

Hey everyone! Thank you for attending the May 21st ABATE meeting.

Thank you for the awesome pictures! Please continue to send me pictures of you and/or your bike, articles, or items for sale, etc. to [abatepolknewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:abatepolknewsletter@hotmail.com).

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month! On May 1<sup>st</sup> we received Lakeland Mayor Bill Mutz’s proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness Month to ABATE of Polk County. Proud and honored!!

Burgers/Dogs at Lakeland Harley Davidson (11:00-2:00): May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We have gun raffle tickets for a \$5.00 donation. You could win either an Andro corp. ACI 223/556 rifle or a Rock Island 10 mm pistol. See me for tickets! Or take a pack of 10 to sell to friends & family. Tickets are going fast!!

BIKE NIGHT/FIRST FRIDAY-MSAP (motorcycle safety awareness program) event will be at Munn Park, Lakeland from 6:00-9:00pm on Friday, July 7th! Come and help us promote ABATE of Polk County.

13<sup>th</sup> Skills on Wheels Motorcycle Rodeo was on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. It was an amazing event with 160 folks registering. Lots of fun had by all! Thank you for all your help!

Condolences to the family of John Klugo who passed away 5/9/23. He was a LIFE member of ABATE of Polk County. Prayers for his family.

Special congratulations to Blake Burdette for winning 2023 Harley Davidson from Iron Pigs. (see above picture)

**Please attend our June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting so you can cast your vote on Polk County’s 2023/2024 Board of Directors.**

Ride safe and God bless you all!!

Holly



## Membership – HOLLY KALLISTER

I am your membership officer! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. You can email me at [membershipabatepolk@hotmail.com](mailto:membershipabatepolk@hotmail.com). We are always looking for new members! You do not have to own a motorcycle to belong. Bring a friend & sign him/her up!

It is important that you pay your **Membership dues in the month they are due to be covered by the Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Ins. There is not a grace period. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING** for insurance purposes and to vote on anything regarding ABATE.

Also, if you would like a copy of ABATE’s by-laws, please contact me and I will be glad to email or send them to you!

### Membership Report-Total Members: 252

**NEW MEMBERS:** Daniel Orrico, Glen Zielinski, Samuel Karmante, Leroy Miller & Linda Ortiz

**RENEWALS:** Steve Brooks, Brad Stryker, Thomas Sweeney, Brad Souders, Michael Coduto, Allen Young, Chris & Patty Brandfass, Jim Fyffe

**Due in April:** Charlie Dorrance, Peter Helmus, Robin Helmus, Chance O’Connor

**Due in May:** Virgil Funk, Antonio Gonzalez, Tommy Porter

**Due in June:** Gerald Elliott, Mary Gilmore, John Gsellman, Jim Gustafson, Stacey Jacobs, Joe Lupo, Michael Moran, Jr, Jeffrey Taylor, Emmitt Wooten, Lisa Wooten

**Due in July:** Doug Altensey, Rocky Brown, Ben DeHart, Cliff Freeman, Rea Hilton, Jerry “Cowboy” Martin, Tommy Morris, Brad Peck, Dakota Robinson, Joshua Robinson

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## Safety – DON STEWART

I would like to thank everyone for allowing me the privilege of being your Safety Officer for the last few years. I know that the new Safety Officer, Sam Rains will be awesome! We need to get back to doing what our mission has been, educating the public about motorcycle safety. I know we will have a great year coming up and hope everyone stays safe and on two wheels as much as possible.

Don

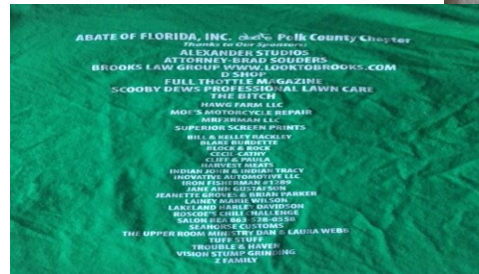
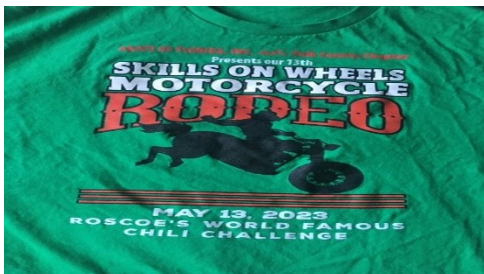
## Products – JOHN TARDY

If you're looking for chapter shirts men's and women's that are cooler for riding in this fall, I can get pretty much whatever style you may like, long or short sleeve, cotton or microfiber, and a nice selection of colors. If you would like to order any of these shirts, drop me a request at, [abatepolkproducts2@gmail.com](mailto:abatepolkproducts2@gmail.com).

For the ladies, we have some V-neck and racerbacks styles available in pink, purple & goldenrod for \$15.00 ea. I can also order different colors if you'd like. We also have long sleeve black Chapter shirts for \$20.00 ea, as well as black and gray short sleeve shirts for \$15.00 ea. Long sleeve hoodies-\$50.00 each. Polk County patch \$10.00. Rodeo t-shirts \$15.00 each.

John "Indian

John"





## Sgt at Arms – CECIL MITHELL

I'm sorry to say I have stepped down from ABATE. I hope the best for ABATE and I'm glad to hear y'all got the bill signed.  
Cebo



## Webmaster – STEVE AMMERMAN

Hi Polk County,

As you may have heard we had another win in Tallahassee. Governor DeSantis signed SB-838 to fund nonprofit motorcycle safety programs. Another example of our lobbying power at the Capitol. We are still pushing the Vulnerable Road Users Act to add to our work making Texting and Driving illegal in the State of Florida. Follow us at: [polk.abateflorida.com](http://polk.abateflorida.com) Or on Facebook at: ABATE of Florida - Polk County Chapter or POLK COUNTY MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

Steve Ammerman, Webmaster

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**MST (Motorcycle Safety Training of Polk County):** 451 Eagle Ridge Rd @ Eagle Ridge Mall, Lake Wales, FL: 863-670-9774. \$275.00: register at [Learntoridenow.com](http://Learntoridenow.com)

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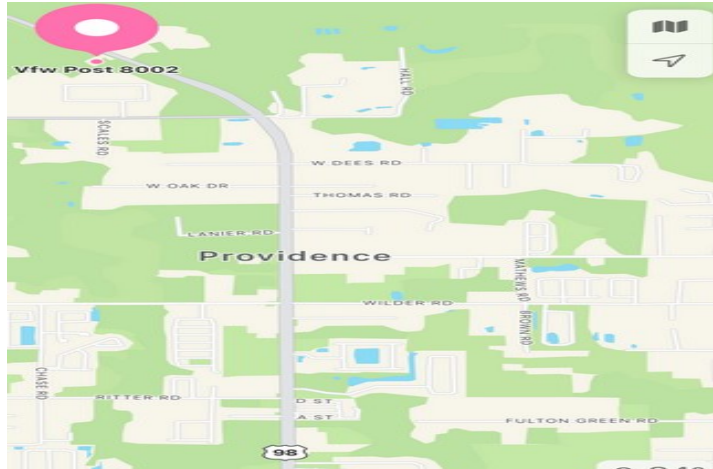
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## 13<sup>th</sup> Skills on Wheels Motorcycle Rodeo 5/13/23



# Join Us! Next meeting: Sunday, JUNE 18th at 1:00pm at VFW Post 8002, 9398 US Hwy 98 North, Lakeland, FL 33809



## A.B.A.T.E. UPCOMING EVENTS

### POLK COUNTY CHAPTER

May 28/29th	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
June 4th	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
June 18th	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
July 2nd	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	🍷	Bike Night-Munn Park 6:00-900pm
July 22	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD-Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
Aug 6th	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
Aug 27th	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
Oct 1st	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD-Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
Oct 29th	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
Nov 26th	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
Sept 9th	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
Dec 24th	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)
Dec 31st	🍷	Burgers/Dogs at HD- Lakeland (11:00-2:00)

### STATE EVENTS

June 10, 2023	🍷	State meeting hosted by Treasure Coast
Aug 12, 2023	🍷	State meeting hosted by Peace River
Oct 14, 2023	🍷	State meeting by Lake County, Clermont
Dec 9, 2023	🍷	State meeting hosted by Forest

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### Webster's Always the First Saturday/Sunday 7:00am-2:00pm

Every Wednesday 🏍️	6:00-10:00	Bike Night at the Lube, 10300 49 <sup>th</sup> St N., Clearwater
Every Thurs 🏍️	6:00 -11:00	Liquid Therapy, Pinellas Park
Every Thurs 🏍️	6:00 -11:00	Bike Night: OCC Road House, 10575 49 <sup>th</sup> St., Clearwater
Every Thurs 🏍️	6:00 - 9:00	Bike Night/Open Jam-Ducky's Dockside, Haines City
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 🏍️	6:00 -??	AJ Slammers Bike Night
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 🏍️	7:00-10pm	Bike Night VFW, Post 8002: Sponsor D Shop
4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 🏍️	6:00pm	Bike Night @ The Warehouse, Leesburg
1 <sup>st</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs 🏍️	6:30 -??	Brewland's North
2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 🏍️	6:30 -??	Brewland's South
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday 🏍️	6:00-11:00	Bert's Black Widow HD
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat 🏍️	7:00-?	Bike Night-TL's Old Place, Winter Haven
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday 🏍️	11-4:00pm	Brooksville Bike Rally
Last Thurs 🏍️	7:00-10:00	Peggy's Corral, Palmetto
Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun 🏍️	10:30am	Upper Room Ministry-Services (ride every 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 10:30am)
6/22/23 🏍️	6-0:00pm	Bike Night-Twisted Prop
7/7/23 🏍️	6-9:00pm	Bike Night-Munn Park, Lakeland
7/15/23 🏍️	9:00am	Soaked & Sore Ass Ride 2023-Clearwater to Islamorada (starts at Quaker State & Lube)
7/13-16/23 🏍️		HD 120 <sup>th</sup> anniversary-Milwaukee
7/22/23 🏍️		Benefit for Tim Cross at VFW, Post 8002
8/4-13/23 🏍️		Sturgis MC Rally
9/23/23 🏍️		Ride out of the Darkness
10/6-9/23 🏍️		Biketoberfest 2023
11/2-4/23 🏍️		Roscoe's Chili Challenge
11/4/23 🏍️		Bert's Arcadia Bike Fest-4 <sup>th</sup> Annual; Downtown Arcadia
11/9-12/23 🏍️	9:00-?	Gator Bike Rally-Leesburg (Gator HD)
12/3/23 🏍️		Polk County 40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Run

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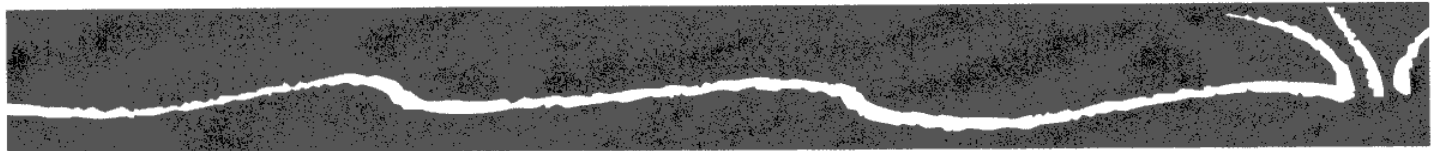
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