

April Full Throttle Article 2009

Are you revving up your engines to get ready for a great month ahead of riding? April is going to be a great month with many events going on. Make sure to mark your calendars for some of these upcoming dates. Get everyone motivated - yourself included - for the upcoming Freedom Ride in Tallahassee on Monday April 13th we will leave from the Monticello KOA Campground (located at exit 225 and I-10, call 850-997-3890 for directions only) with a line up starting at 8am and then pulling out at 9am on this escorted ride. This is the most important ride of the year for all motorcyclists throughout the state. It is imperative that we have a strong turn out and show our solidarity. Invite everyone you possibly can and please make certain they realize that membership to ABATE of Florida, Inc. is not needed to participate. We need you to help make a strong showing in supporting our rights as motorcyclists and to let our representatives in Tallahassee know that we are out there. If you are looking for a place to stay Sunday night and have a tent join us there, it is free camping to anyone attending this ride. If you need additional information on this email statepr-communications@abateflorida.com . When you see the line of bike pulling up to the capitol and parking on the grounds you will never forget the experience.

The next big event will be the Leesburg Bikefest and we will have 2 campgrounds for you to stay at during this event from April 24th – 26th

Seminole County Chapter and our Nature Coast Chapter will have a campground “open to the public” at the Main Street Campground located at 2770 East Richey Road located 1.5 miles just off west Main Street. Gates open Friday at noon, and it is \$12 per person per night. There will be hot showers, 24 hour security, vendors, food, there is plenty of room for tent campers as well as RV’s. Contact Tom at 407-721-4636 or Joe 352-317-2643. You can also visit the website at www.abatesemco.com There will be entertainment at a separate location next to the property.

Lake County Chapter will be hosting an "open to the public" campground during the 13th Annual Leesburg Bikefest (TM). Located 4.5 miles from downtown Main street at the Lake County Eagles Aerie #4273 on 27150 Haywood Worm Farm Rd. in Okahumpka, FL. 32806. Hot Showers, 24 hr. Security, Entertainment & Food, Band on Fri. and Sat. night, Free Hotdogs on Fri. night, Hosting Sat. Poker Run to Downtown, Vendors, Bike Blessings and much more! Children under 12 free, \$12 per person per day plus \$10 (one time) RV fee, if applicable. Sorry no reservations, come early gates open one day early. Thurs. at 9 am.

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To look back over the last month we had a great one. Our bike week at the DeLand Fairgrounds went exceptional, we had the best group of volunteers. Hats off to the gate crew that kept us all safe in the cold weather. If you didn't stay with us this year, make sure to visit us next year. We had a great time with vendors and food that made you feel like you were sitting at your favorite restaurant. All and all it was a great time had by all.

Also during bike week we had a booth set up and our legislative aid spoke at MaraVila's 1st Annual Sport Bike Party. It was a great turn out she did an outstanding job.

Update on the 2009 session in Tallahassee, we had our first committee hearing on the stiffer penalties bill that was held in the house. We also have put an amendment to the transportation bill for later in the session on the vertical license plate.

We are working constantly to offer Safety and Awareness classes thru out the state. We have joined up with some of the Harley Dealerships as well as schools and community organizations to get the word out for everyone to watch out for those of us on 2 and 3 wheels. If you are interested in having one of these classes held at your location, please

contact us at statepr-communications@abateflorida.com or call us at 386-943-9610 for

further information. By the way Peggy at Stormy Hill Harley Davidson will be putting on a Public Safety Showdown on May 9th 2480 S Hwy 27, Clermont, Florida. We will be there so stop by and say hello.

If you haven't looked into who we are check out our web site at www.abateflorida.com and see what we are doing to make Florida a better place for motorcycles. We have 34 chapters thru out the state and would love to have you come on out and join us. Your membership in our Non-Profit organization helps to support your rights for freedom of choice, which is what we are all about.

Until next time,
Ride Safe, Ride Free

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