BIKE WEEK 2013

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October 12  Hillsborough
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Thank you!

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www.leg.state.fl.us/
http://ama-cycle.org/legisltln/
statewatch/fl.html
www.bikernet.com
www.aimncom.com

If you find a website that would be of interest to your fellow members please forward it to the Masterlink.
FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

I will start out by saying that Dual chapter did a great job with the December meeting, the food was outstanding and so was the band after the meeting.

I hope that everyone has had a safe and happy holiday. I know the holidays can be both happy and sad for each of us. Spending time with family and friends, and remembering those that have passed. Always remember the good times and along the way tell a story or 2 so others can remember them too.

I am very excited to have Charley Wenger on board with safety, he will be working some new ideas that he brings with him. One thing that he and I talked about is to get the teachers, school board members and parents of the high schoolers to write a letter into the State Reps. Asking them to support us getting the funding needed to do our programs. This is something that we have not tried before maybe it will help, it sure can’t hurt. So the next time you go out to do our MS&AP program take a stamped envelope addressed to the rep for that area or collect letters and get them to Charley, and we’ll hand them to the reps ourselves.

With the new year here it’s time to get busy with Bike week and Talley. Please as members take a stack of flyers to all the local bike shops for both events, also set up your time to be off from work to get involved.

Ride safe & smart,

Danny”Doc”Fish
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Meeting called to order at 2:20 pm by President Danny Fish.

Present were Vice President Jim Gladstone, Secretary Bob Alexander excused Assisting Karen Carawan, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah, Sgt. At Arms Dennis “Mudder” Rudoi, PR/Webmaster: Rhonda Griffis, Membership Val Loper, Masterlink Bob von Bulow, Legal Counsel Legal Larry Crow, Legislative Trustee Darrin “Scribe” Brooks, Products Steve “Caretaker” Knee, Safety Director N/A, Website: Dave “Lockdown” Rich excused, and State Office “Boots”, Assistant Sgt at Arms TJ Painter and Emory Griffis both are excused. Also present guest Tammy Fish.

The following Delegates represented their chapters:

Alachua-Jim Burrow, Bruce Nelson
Big Bend
Black Creek-Kelly Chaires, Herb Hilderbrand
Brevard-Fay Carroll, Dave Carroll
Caloosahatchee-Biffle Davis
Daytona Beach-John Banta, Frank Roush
Duval-Mike Wewer, Jeni Wewer
Estero River-Mark Williams, Angelic Squirewell
First Coast-Wanda Garrison, SaraBeth Kohl
Forest-Russell Fascenda
Freedom-Benica Fox, Dave Soles
Gator Alley-Fred Corr, Robert Crans
Gulf Coast-Julie Dufur, EJ Dufur
Hillsborough-John Munroe, Steve Nasrallah
Independence-John Buffington, Ellen Buffington
Interstate-Don McIntyre, Dale Moore
Lake-Will Deaver, Vera Deaver
Lighthouse-Rich Casale, Dough Tungate
Nature Coast-Steve Mallady, Frank Moore
Orange County-Frenchi Morland
Palm Beach-Dan Henderson, Ken Gerecke
Peace River-Bill Neal, Bill Bird
Polk County-Christian Brandfass, PattyBrandfass
Putnam County-Herlon Sasser, Pauline Sasser
Seminole County-Mychelle Dillenbeck, Steve Spencer
Southeast-Excused
Southernmost-Bill Kelly, Sandy MacLaren
Southwest-Wayne Cerra, Frankie Kennedy
Treasure Coast-Steve Kliemisch, Kerstin Carmichael
Vintage-Shelly Munson, Sharon Balocki
West Coast-Margie Gladstone

The Star Spangled Banner was sung by: Mike Evans and Jennifer Bruce. Then the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was observed.

President Danny “Doc” Fish: First of all Southeast chapter has been excused to attend a funeral today and Ms. Boots will be announcing Roseanna to speak to everyone about the Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance.

AIM packages will be mailed out. Delegates please take good notes; factual information needs to go back to your chapters. Please refrain from drinking during meetings. Professional treatment for all members is a necessity. If you have a problem with someone, take it up with them and work it out.
Vice President Jim Gladstone: Board relies on the chapter to give and reply with honest answers. The state is not holding up flyers, get your flyers and insurance to the state office for approval and make sure to follow the S.O.P. and that the information on the flyer is correct. The state office will not delay the flyer if the information is in order.

Secretary (Bob Alexander is excused) Karen Carawan assisting: No corrections were submitted. Motion to accept: motion made by Griz from Lake County & Second by Kenny from Putnam to accept minutes as written. Passed.

Treasurer Patti Nasarallah: Treasurers reports are in the packets. Cash flow results handed out for BikeWeek and discussed to help explain where the money goes. Please attend Bike Week campground and buy the drawing tickets, we are asking you to support our events by showing up and participating. Wanda Garrison of First Coast and Biffle Davis of Caloosahatchee made Chapter Donations to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. A heartfelt “Thank You” was unanimously felt throughout the meeting hall!

Credit Card reader “Squared Up or Squared.com can be downloaded in your cell phone, the attached square is then inserted to the phone and Credit Cards/Debit Cards can then be swiped. If you don’t use it you’re not charged. This will work for bike nights, membership, products, etc. The Square is registered to the Chapter account.

Motion to accept treasurer report as written, motion made by Chris B-Polk & second by Slow Moe-Palm Beach. Passed.

Sgt-At-Arms Mudder: Supplies for Bike Week are needed and donations are coming in. The Freedom Fighters Bar & Grill will accept donations. List of Bike Week Campground Donations needed are listed in the MasterLink.

Inventories are all not in, please send to State Office, ASAP.

State Office Boots: Introduces Rosanna Gill of American Income Life (A.I.L). All active members are entitled to a $4,000.00 accidental death or dismemberment policy. Send the blue card with your personal information and an agency representative will contact you. Alternative if you don’t want to be contacted, is to complete the beneficiary information attach to the envelope and place it in your safe or with your will. Or you can send the completed beneficiary card as registered mail to Ms. Boots and she will keep it with the others she is already holding. A thank you was said and large applause was given to Rosanna.

Ms. Boots: Yearly events; please send the insurance, property release and flyer in now so that you’ll have time to advertise for your event. Will need help to mail out the American Income Life blue beneficiary cards out this Tuesday.

Delegates and Visitors please sign in and make sure that your name is readable.
Membership Valerie Loper: Updates in packets. The new data base has been organized. Val, Patti, Boots, Karen and Grace worked on transferring the 60,000 old member data records over. Still working to streamline, it will take awhile to get everything straight.

Patti discussed how the New Data Base will work. At Large Members will remain At Large. Certificates handed out for:
Highest Percentage of Growth for September First Coast
Most New Members for September Lake County
Highest Percentage of Growth for October First Coast
Most new Members for October Seminole County
Total Members 7034
Total Voters 5195
Life Cards handed out.

PR/Communications Rhonda Griffis: Facebook-post almost daily to the State account. Wednesday-What’s Up Wednesday, 5,500 friends are attached to the Facebook account. I monitor Chapter accounts-this is a great way to get your runs and information out.

Memorial Patch for Brenda Heck, contact Frank- V.P. Daytona Chapter.

Holiday Runs- I mentioned to get your Insurance money back by getting each stop to donate back $25.00. This will off set that Insurance cost. Please send any press releases to me so that there’s no conflict. A local news channel contacted John Banta through the internet. They are contacting us!

Masterlink Editor Bob Von Bulow: There’s couple of boxes of MasterLinks here. Today’s the deadline for flyers to be entered into the next MasterLink.

Website Lockdown: is excused

Doc would like to introduce our new Safety Director Charley Wenger of Palm Beach Chapter. For 36 years he’s been a profession truck driver, and was injured in a motorcycle accident. It’s important to take pictures and attempt to help get the proper information reported to the police. Remember to take pictures at the scene of an accident! He holds an “Open Door Policy”.

Products Steve Knee: Chapter name bars will be mailed. T-Shirts and Life Shirts are pending.

Legislative Darrin Brooks: Session start in March and April, the Bills are starting to come in. I send out emails to Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents, Trustees and anyone else who would like to be added to the list for my updates. The motorcycle coalition meeting in November had me very upset. When ever there’s a motorcycle crash they always say that the motorcycle was to blame. One good thing they are doing, they have roadway engineers that will be working within 48 hours to check if the roadway may need to be redesigned. The 2011 Florida Traffic Crash Statistics Report is in your packets. The bad news is that 2012
will be another increase of motorcycle deaths.

**Lobbyist “Doc” Reichenbach:** is excused. Doc said that there will be NO Veto override for the Safety Money.

Questions were asked and Doc Fish will take these to Doc Reichenbach.

**Legal Council Larry Crow:** Limit auction for firearms is under consideration. Have suggested that these will be done through a licensed firearms dealer in the future.

**NCOM:** Will be held in Reno, Nevada during Mother’s Day weekend. Those who wish to attend must pay there own way.

**MRF / AMA:** State legislative plaque award given to: ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC for their Meeting of the Minds at the meeting held in Washington, DC.

**Bike Week 2013:** Please take a good look at the list of Needs in the Nov.-Dec. MasterLink. Any donations will be of a great help. Boots is working on the permits. Working on accepting credit cards. Fairgrounds will be providing an ATM machine right by the front gate.

**Tallahassee 2013:** Deposit to be given to KOA at beginning of the year. RV’s are to go through the KOA for RV spots.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Good to the Order:** Various events mentioned.

Thanks to Duval for the meeting and not only cooking the food but donating the food as well! Thank you!

The 50/50 drawing was won by Sharon Balocki of Vintage Chapter.

Thanks to all for attending!

Meeting adjourned by unanimous acclaim 5:58 PM
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January/February 2013

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Place: The Blue Crab
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Change of information forms can be found at www.abateflorida.com/forms
Free Consultation 24 Hour Service

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(321)723-8181

Room Rates: 1 King       $44.99
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State Board Meeting @ Noon
Delegates Meeting @ 2pm

For more information please contact:
President Rik “Dawg” Venerable (321)213-3558 or Ron “Fishy” Fashano (321)544-2610

Directions:
Directions from I-95 North or South - Take exit 176 off I-95. Travel east approx. 2.7 miles. Quality Inn will be on your left or the north side of Palm Bay Road.

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18th ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY

April 12 - 15, 2013

State Meeting Sunday April 14th at 2:00 pm
State Board Meeting Sunday April 14th at Noon
Monticello, Florida • American Legion Hall • 1065 S. Water St. • Monticello, FL 32344

Ride to the Capitol Monday April 15 from Monticello KOA Campground at 9:00am

STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS!

Free Tent Camping • Membership & Safety Information Available
RV Hookups Available from KOA • Cabins $150 (3 night event price)

KOA Campground • 346 KOA Road • Monticello, FL 32344
Located at exit 225 at I-10 in Monticello, call 850-997-3890 for directions only. 20 miles east of Tallahassee & 6 miles SW of Monticello. From I-10 at US19 proceed south 600 feet, then west on CR 158B for 2 miles, then north on SR 259 for 1/2 mile. Follow the signs.

American Legion Hall
Go 2 blocks west of the Opera House on US90, then turn west on Waters Street. Go 1/2 mile to Legion Hall.

Reservations for RV Hookups (Pop-Up Campers, Vans and RV’s) need to be made through the KOA Campground. Call 850-997-3890 for reservations. RV sites are limited.

For cabin reservations or for more information contact ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Office: (386) 943-9610 (fax same) email flabate@bellsouth.net

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We are asking chapters and members to donate the following items to the campground. You can donate as much or as little as you like. A partial donation of items can add up when everyone gets involved, just please make a donation. Items can be brought to the next state meeting or dropped off at the state office (please call to make arrangements for state office drops). You can also contact Mudder and he will make arrangements to get them.

Cook Shack Items:
- Coffee filters for Bunn machine – need approx 500
- Plastic forks – need approx 4000
- Plastic spoons – need approx 1200
- Plastic knives – need approx 1200
- Styrofoam plates 8.5 inches (or close to it) – need approx 3000 (not sectioned)
- 3 section compartment plates—need approx 1000
- Foam take-out containers 3 compartment – need approx 1000
- 55 gal drum liners, heavy duty – need approx 1500
- Paper napkins – need approx 6000
- Steam table pans (disposable)—need approx 50
- Half steam table pans (disposable) – need approx 25
- 16 oz solo cups – need approx 200
- Portion cups with lids for jello shots – need approx 1000

Security/General Items:
- Flashlights for night security /with batteries.
- Small zip ties 4”;
- Large zip ties 12”;
- Wooden stakes for fire lines.
- Wire flags for fire lines,
- Florescent paint for fire lines,
- Caution tape and orange ribbon tape for the front fencing.
- 30w oil for generator.

FREEDOM FIGHTERS BAR & GRILL

We are also accepting donations of beer, unopened bottles of liquor and wine. And don’t forget the jello shots!

The Freedom Fighters Bar & Grill was a big hit last year and it's success was from donations by our members like you.

2013 BIKE WEEK CAMPGROUND SETUP DAY

Saturday March 2nd • 9:00 am
Volusia County Fairgrounds

For Information contact the State Office or State Sgt. at Arms
MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

I am going to start by thanking Patti, Boots, Grace & Karen for all their help in helping me on the Membership Data Base. We all spent 1 weekend at Patti’s house around her table converting over 60,000 names from 1 data base to another.

After the conversion was complete we found that some of the names were incorrect with members address’s, all the members are still there but you may be receiving mail with someone else’s name on it. If that is the case I have charged all my membership trustee's with looking over their chapter membership report and let me know of any corrections.

I would like all chapter members to report their corrections to their chapter membership trustee and all at –large members to please send me an email at statemembership@abateflorida.com so that I can correct the data base. If you cannot get your changes to your chapter level membership trustee’s then please send me an email so I can correct it.

With this data base change will come the ability to narrow down the number of Masterlinks we will need to mail.

I would like everyone that does not want to receive a Masterlink or if you are getting more than 1 Masterlink to please email me and we can change how many you are receiving or you can receive none at all. That will also help the state to save money in printing and postage for the Masterlink.

I would like the help of all ABATE of Florida, Inc. members in this mission and also help me get the data base correct. Sorry for any inconvenience this has caused but in the long run, this is what's best for ABATE of Florida, Inc on all levels.

Thanks and Be Safe,
Val Loper
State Membership

Motorcycle enthusiasts making our roadways safer

Whether it’s those life-size potholes that appear from nowhere, the train tracks that have become so uneven they are more hazardous than traveling a gravel road, to construction areas that do not take motorcycles into consideration or the roadsigns that mysteriously disappear overnight. We are constantly on-guard against the challenges of manmade, as well as nature’s elements.

Report problems today at www.RoadHazard.org
ABATETE of Florida, Inc.

Don’t Miss Your Chance to WIN $10,000

Buy Your Drawing Ticket Today - $5.00 Per Ticket - Only 7,500 Printed

1 Winner - 1 $10,000 CASH Prize

One ticket will be randomly drawn at the ABATE Campground (Volusia County Fairgrounds)
Saturday March 16, 2013 at 12 Noon (need not be present to win)
Must be 18 or older and have proper identification to claim prize.
Winner is responsible for all state and federal taxes.

For further information contact
ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Office at 386-943-9610

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# WANTED

## VOLUNTEERS FOR BIKE WEEK 2013

**March 8, 2013 - March 17, 2013**

Please help support ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. by being a volunteer for our Bike Week campground. There is no one that cannot assist in one or more of the following categories:

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Your co-operation and consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Please fill in the following form and return to the ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC., state office.

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Your name (please print)__________________________

Address:__________________________City:_____________Zip:________

Telephone(____)__________________________Chapter____________________

I volunteer for the following job(s):____________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

I volunteer for the following day(s):____________________________________

____________________________________________________________________

Preferred time of day:________________________________

Your signature:__________________________________

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

BIKE WEEK 2013

Campground

MARCH 8 - MARCH 17
Volusia County Fairgrounds
3150 E. New York Ave. (Hwy 44) - DeLand, FL., 32724-6410

Gates Open 12 Noon Friday March 8
Gates Close 12 Noon Sunday March 17

TENT CAMPING:
$15.00 (+ tax) Per Person, Per Night
$90.00 (+ tax) Per Person, All 10 Days
$20.00 (+ tax) One Time RV, Camper, Trailer Lane Use Fee (12 ft. plus)

RV ANNEX - FULL HOOKUPS:
$50.00 (+ tax) Per Night, Includes 2 People
$15.00 (+ tax) Per Extra Person Each Night
Includes Water, Electric & Sewer.
Make Your Reservations to Secure Your Spot

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20 Minutes to Daytona
30 Minutes to Orlando
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Volusia County Fairgrounds:

For Further Information Please Contact:
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For RV Reservations with Hook Ups Call or Email the State Office - (386) 943-9610 - flabate@bellsouth.net
Visit Us On The Web At www.abateflorida.com

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Safety and Membership information available. ABATE of Florida, Inc. does not condone drinking and driving.
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. The Corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

A) The meaning of ABATE shall be either or:
   a) A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments
   b) American Bikers Aiming Toward Education

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

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.

ARTICLE III – BUSINESS OFFICE

A) P.O. Box 2520, DeLand, FL., 32721-2520
B) Telephone: (386)943-9610 FAX: (386)943-9610
C) May only be changed by amending the Articles of Corporation.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

A) Qualifications for Membership and their manner of admission shall be that they are 18 years of age or older.
B) Active members shall be anyone registered and listed on the current Membership rolls of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
C) Honorary members shall be such other individuals as the Corporation may elect to so honor.
D) Members of the local chapters of ABATE shall also be Members of the Corporation upon receipt of their Name, Address, Zip Code, and Expiration date along with ten dollars ($10.00) from their Chapters.
E) Dues shall normally be twenty dollars ($20.00) for Annual Membership and one hundred fifty dollars ($150.00) for Life Membership.
1) Chapters will submit ten dollars ($10.00) for Annual Membership and one hundred ($100.00) for Life Membership to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
2) Future dues are subject to change by a resolution of two-thirds 2/3 vote of the State Delegation.
3) Annual dues are payable on the anniversary of the Member’s admission to the Corporation.
4) Membership shall be non-assessable and no-assignable, but shall be transferable among chapters within the state.
5) Chapters having a State Board of Directors approved Membership drive, for a specific period of time, may collect a reduced fee, not to be less than the amount normally due to the State Treasury for membership.
F) Multiple Chapter Memberships are allowed in ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
1) The member who holds multiple chapter memberships can only vote and hold office in his or her home chapter.
   a) By default the chapter having the earliest join date will be considered the member’s home chapter. A member may submit a written request to either his or her home chapter or the State Membership trustee to change his home chapter designation. The request will go into effect 30 days from the date of the request.
G) A member of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. who does not belong to a recognized Chapter shall be known as an At Large Member.
1) Dues for At Large Membership shall be twenty dollars ($20.00) for annual or one hundred fifty ($150.00) for Life Membership, payable directly to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
2) At Large Members will receive a State newsletter.
3) An At Large Member, wishing the floor at a State meeting, shall petition the State Secretary in writing, no less than two weeks prior to the State Board of Directors meeting.
H) The State Delegation shall direct the issuance of Membership cards.
1) Each card shall state the period for which it is valid.
2) The form, size, and contents of the Membership card in all other respects shall be fixed from time to time by the State Delegation and ordered through the State Board of Directors.

3) The name and address of each Member and the date of expiration of their membership will be entered on the records of the Corporation.

4) If any card shall become lost, mutilated, or destroyed, a new card may be issued on such terms and conditions as the State Delegation shall determine.

I) The Membership of any Member of the Corporation shall automatically terminate upon:
1) The Member’s written resignation delivered to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
2) Non-payment of annual dues. Member will lose seniority after 30 days delinquency.

J) A Member of the Corporation may be suspended by a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the Delegation. Suspension must be for good cause and requires the Member to be sent notice of their pending suspension by registered mail and be given an opportunity to be heard before the State Delegation. They must be found not to comply with the rules and regulation of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC., or to have committed an act prejudicial to the purposes or welfare of the Corporation.

K) Members of other ABATE, or other Motorcycle Rights Organizations, from states other than Florida, are eligible to become Members of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC., at no charge, for the remainder of their Annual home organizations Membership.
1) They must show proof of Florida residency.
2) They must show proof of existing Annual out-of-state Motorcycle Rights Organization Membership.

ARTICLE V – STATE OFFICERS

A) The affairs of the Corporation are to be managed by the Officers of the Corporation who shall be elected bi-annually (even year) by the State Delegation.

B) The Executive Officers of the Corporation shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Trustees of the Corporation shall be the Sergeant-at-arms, Membership, Public Relations, Products, Legislative, Newsletter, and Legal Advisor. The Executive Officers and Trustees of the Corporation shall be collectively known as the State Board of Directors.

C) The term of office for the State Board of Directors shall be for two (2) years, with no maximum number of consecutive terms in office. Elections shall be held at the June State meeting. State Board of Directors must be a Member in good standing to obtain and retain office.

D) THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT SHALL BE:
1) To perform the duties of chairperson at all State/Board meetings.
2) To insure accomplishment of duties by other State Board Members in the time frame allotted.
3) Initiate such actions as are necessary to insure the orderly operation of the Corporation.
4) Act as spokesperson for the Corporation before all Business, Government, and Individual Organizations and Agencies.
5) Ex-Officio Member of every committee.
6) Remit expense report to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. on a monthly basis.
7) Will appoint a pro-tem to fill a vacant position until next regular meeting when the State Delegation can vote on a person to fill the vacant position.
   a) Exception: Treasurer to be replaced by vote of Delegation only.

E) THE DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL BE:
1) To act as assistant to the President and to perform the duties thereof in the event the President shall be incapable of performing those duties.
2) Remit expense report to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. on a monthly basis.
3) Chairperson of all committees.

F) THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY SHALL BE:
1) To act as recording Secretary at all State Board of Directors meetings, regular and special Delegation meetings.
2) To insure completion of all Corporate correspondence, reports and required forms.
3) To receive, record and file records of all activities and business transactions of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
4) To prepare and submit annual written reports, including a financial statement from the Treasurer, to be submitted at the February meeting.
5) Remit expense report to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. on a monthly basis.
6) To prepare an agenda for each Board/State meetings.

G) THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER SHALL BE:
1) To receive, record and account for all Corporation’s funds in accordance with legal and Corporation policies.
2) To dispense Corporation funds in accordance with the policies established by the State Board of Directors and to maintain records of the same.
   a) Withdraws from the Corporation’s funds shall require two (2) signatures and the approval of the State Board of Directors.
   b) The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Sgt-at-arms shall be authorized to sign checks.
   c) No two (2) persons in the same household may sign the same check.
   d) The bearer of the check may not be one of the counter signers.
3) The Treasurer shall be bonded and the State Books shall be maintained by an Accountant annually, or as the need arises for required financial reports.
a) The Accountant cannot be a member of, or related to a member of the State Board of Directors.
b) The Accountant must be approved by the State Board of Directors.
4) Furnishes such financial records to the State Board of Directors as may be required in the event of an investigation.
5) Notifies the State Board of Directors if Corporation funds fall below a minimum operating balance.
6) Accomplishes annual audit of financial records and Corporation bank account, and submits financial statements to the Secretary at the February meeting.
7) Amounts over one hundred dollars ($100.00), must be voted on and approved by a majority vote of the seated quorum of the State Board of Directors prior to expenditure.
8) Receives all Chapter Treasurers reports on a monthly basis.
9) Prepares the yearly State budget for presentation at the December State Board meeting.
   a) A budget shall be set up by the State Treasurer to pay for expenses incurred in maintaining the State Board of Directors.
   b) Treasurer will reimburse expenses upon receipt of signed and dated receipt with a statement of how the expenses were incurred.
10) Responsible for the completion of the yearly tax returns.
11) The State Treasurer’s office shall be audited at the conclusion of each fiscal year or when the office changes hands, and the results provided to the State Delegates.
12) Is required to maintain a current file of corporate financial records at the State Office.
13) Prepare a written report for the State Delegation at each State Meeting.
14) Remit expense report to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. on a monthly basis.

H) **THE DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS TRUSTEE SHALL BE:**
1) Be in charge of all security arrangements for any and all State events.
2) If usable to attend any scheduled event, shall notify the President at the earliest possible time.
3) Co-ordinate, maintain and secure all State security equipment.
4) Perform additional duties as directed by the President or State Board of Directors.
5) Co-ordinate with Chapter Sergeant-at-Arms.
6) Remit expense report to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. on a monthly basis.
7) Responsible for annual inventory report of all ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. property, to be submitted to the State Secretary before the end of the fiscal year.

I) **THE DUTIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP TRUSTEE SHALL BE:**
1) Work with the Treasurer, Secretary and individual chapters to maintain the membership records of the Corporation.
2) Co-ordinate with Chapter Membership Officers.
   a) Obtain and process membership cards for Chapters upon request. Responsible for collection of printing and mailing costs from the Chapter.
   b) Responsible for collection of costs for returned mail.
3) Receive all membership applications and processes same in a timely manner.
4) Maintain all State records of same at the Business office.
5) Remit expense report to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. on a monthly basis.
6) Responsible for the co-ordination and recruitment of new chapters and arranging membership drives.
7) Prepare labels for the mailing of the newsletter from the State membership records.
8) Prepare written report of membership for each State Meeting.
9) Responsible for issuance of At-Large membership cards.
10) Responsible for obtaining and issuing Life Member cards and products.
11) Responsible for the collection of membership dues from the Chapters.

J) **THE DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS TRUSTEE SHALL BE:**
1) All copy is subject to State Board of Director approval prior to release.
2) Acquire and issue news releases to the media.
3) Develop a database of information defining the major media companies.
4) Develop and implement a system by which media releases are systematically issued to the appropriate selected media.
5) Work with Chapters to develop a means of achieving satisfactory local media coverage.
6) Provide reports on activities to State Delegates.
7) Remit expense report to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. on a monthly basis.

K) **THE DUTIES OF THE PRODUCTS TRUSTEE SHALL BE:**
1) Orders, inventories and distributes all State ABATE products.
2) Remit expense report to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. on a monthly basis.
3) Submits bi-monthly inventory reports to the State Board of Directors.
4) Submits a annual physical inventory with financial report at the December State meeting.
5) Furnish Chapters with current order forms bi-monthly.

L) **THE DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE TRUSTEE SHALL BE:**
1) To work in the Legislative/Government relations affairs.
2) To work in Motorcycle Safety/Awareness programs.
3) To work as liaison with other organizations, clubs, and groups, on State and National levels.
4) To get approval from State Board of Directors before a commitment is made on policies.
5) To encourage grass roots participation in the organization and to encourage members to vote and participate politically.
6) To work legislative bills as decided by the State Board of Directors.
7) Remit expense report to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. on a monthly basis.

M) THE DUTIES OF THE NEWSLETTER TRUSTEE SHALL BE:
1) To be responsible for printing, publishing, and mailing a bi-monthly newsletter to all members, and complimentary issues to interested parties.
2) To have extra newsletters printed for events, functions, and for promoting ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
3) To handle billing of all advertisements, and receiving of fees for such and submit said fees to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
4) To select material for the newsletter so as to portray a positive image of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. to the general public.
5) Remit expense report to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. on a monthly basis.
6) Will print all By-laws Amendments (proposed & approved).
7) Will print completely revised By-laws every other year (even numbered years).

N) THE DUTIES OF THE LEGAL TRUSTEE SHALL BE:
1) To act as the Registered Agent for the Corporation.
2) Advise the State Board of Directors on legal matters.
3) Remit expense report to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. on a monthly basis.
4) Be a present member of the Florida State Bar Association.
5) The legal trustee will not bill ABATE for hours or services as long as he sits on the State B.O.D., unless otherwise authorized by the State B.O.D.

O) THE DUTIES OF THE TRUSTEES SHALL BE:
Assist the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer with Corporation responsibilities as requested or required by the State Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI – STATE ORGANIZATION

A) To act for the general membership in accordance with the majority opinion of the members as reflected by the vote of the State Delegates.
B) To investigate, report and make decisions on all matters having a direct bearing on the efficiency and effectiveness of the Corporation.
C) To provide the resources necessary for the membership to accomplish organizational goals and objectives.
D) Two thirds (2/3) presence of the Executive members of the State Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the conducting of Corporate business.
E) Will assist the Chapters with problems, programs and lobbying.
F) Will be a distribution point for current information.
G) Will encourage and assist in the organization of new chapters.
H) Will be the base for all Chapters, with its primary function being to help improve the effectiveness of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. in obtaining its goals.
I) Will promote Voter Registration and participation in Political Elections.

ARTICLE VII - STATE DELEGATION

A) There shall be a State Delegation comprised of two members of each Chapter. The delegates purpose shall be to represent the members of their Chapter in the formation of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. policy. The delegation shall be responsible for informing their Chapters of the actions and policies of the Corporation.
B) They shall be paid up members in good standing.
C) A member of the State Delegation may be removed from the Delegation at any time if a recall vote of their Chapter demands such removal.
D) A Chapter which fails to send Delegates to two (2) consecutive State meetings shall be considered inactive. A reinstatement fee of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) will be assessed if the Chapter wishes to reactivated.
E) The voting members of the Corporation shall be the members of the State Board of Directors and recognized State Delegates.
F) Delegates shall receive no compensation for their services as Delegates, but may be allowed their actual and necessary expenses to attend State Delegation Meetings, as approved by their Chapters.
G) Multiple Chapter members can only be a Delegate for one Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII – LOCAL CHAPTERS

A) New Chapters will be submitted to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. upon presentation of at least ten (10) members and a twenty dollar ($20.00) Charter fee. Approval of the State Delegation is required.
B) A potential chapter wishing to be a chapter of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. will not choose a name for their chapter that has been used in the past by any former disbanded chapter since the incorporation of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
C) Will provide ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. with an up-to-date mailing address for the Chapter and emergency phone numbers.
D) Will provide ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. with up-to-date membership data (correct names, addresses with zip codes, and expiration
ARTICLE IX – CHAPTER OFFICERS

A) The affairs of the Chapter are to be managed by the Officers of the Chapter who shall be elected a minimum of one year by the members of the Chapter.

B) The Executive Officers of the Chapter shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer. The Trustees of the Chapter shall be the Sergeant at Arms, Membership, Public Relations, Products, Newsletter, Two (2) State Delegate/Legislative and Safety Director. The Executive Officers and the Trustees of the Chapter shall be collectively known as the Chapter Board of Directors.

C) The term of office for the Chapter Board of Directors shall be for a minimum of one (1) year or more, with no maximum number of consecutive terms in office at the chapters discretion. Chapter elections shall be held in June. Chapter Board of Directors must be a member in good standing to obtain and retain office.

D) THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT SHALL BE:
1) To perform the duties of chairperson at all Chapter/Board meetings.
2) To insure accomplishment of duties by other Chapter Board members in the time frame allotted.
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4) Act as spokesperson for the Chapter before all Business, Government, and Individual Organizations and Agencies.
5) Ex-Officio member of every committee.
6) Will appoint a pro-tem to fill a vacant position until the next regular meeting when the membership can vote on a person to fill the vacant position.
7) Exception: Treasurer will be replaced by vote of the membership only.

E) **THE DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL BE:**
1) To act as assistant to the President and to perform the duties thereof in the event the President shall be incapable of performing those duties.
2) Chairperson of all committees.

F) **THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY SHALL BE:**
1) To act as recording Secretary at all Chapter/Board of Directors meetings.
2) To insure completion of all Chapter correspondence, reports and required forms in a timely manner.
3) To receive, record and file records of all activities and business transactions of the Chapter.

G) **THE DUTIES OF THE TREASURER SHALL BE:**
1) To receive, record and account for all the Chapter’s funds in accordance with legal and Corporation policies.
2) To dispense Chapter funds in accordance with the policies established by the Chapter Board of Directors and to maintain records of the same.
   a) Withdrawals from the Chapter’s funds shall require two (2) signatures and the approval of the Chapter Board of Directors.
   b) The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Sgt-at-arms shall be authorized to sign checks.
   c) No two (2) persons in the same household can sign the same check.
   d) The bearer of the check may not be one of the counter signers.
3) Maintains and furnishes such financial records to the Chapter Board of Directors as may be required.
   a) All financial reports must be sent to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC., and must be mailed by the 5th of each month.
   b) All financial reports must be accompanied by original receipts, related paper work and all money owed.
   c) All financial reports must have the President’s and Treasurer’s signature.
4) Notifies the Chapter Board of Directors if Chapter funds fall below a minimum operating balance.

H) **THE DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS TRUSTEE SHALL BE:**
1) Be in charge of all security arrangements for any and all Chapter events.
2) If unable to attend any scheduled event, shall notify the President at the earliest possible time.
3) Co-ordinate, maintain and secure all Chapter equipment.
4) Perform additional duties as directed by the President or the Chapter Board of Directors.
5) Co-ordinate with the State Sergeant-at-Arms at State Events.
6) Responsible for annual inventory of all Chapter property, to be submitted to the State Sergeant-at-Arms before the December State meeting.

I) **THE DUTIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP TRUSTEE SHALL BE:**
1) Work with the Treasurer, Secretary to maintain the membership records of the Chapter.
2) Co-ordinate with the State Membership Trustee.
3) Receive and maintain all Chapter membership applications and process same.
4) All membership reports must be mailed to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. by the 5th of each month. If a Chapter has no membership activity for the month a negative report must be submitted.
5) Responsible to co-ordinate recruiting new members, and arranging membership drives.
6) Will give each new member a copy of these By-laws at the time of their membership.
7) Responsible for issuing membership cards indicating proper name and expiration date.

J) **THE DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS TRUSTEE SHALL BE:**
1) All copy is subject to Chapter Board of Directors approval prior to release.
2) Acquire and issue news releases to the media.
3) Develop a database of information defining the media companies.
4) Develop and implement a system by which media releases are issued to the appropriate selected media.
5) Work with the State Public Relations Trustee to develop a means of achieving satisfactory local media coverage.
6) Provide reports on activities to the Chapter Board of Directors.

K) **THE DUTIES OF THE PRODUCTS TRUSTEE SHALL BE:**
1) Orders, inventories and distributes all Chapter products.
2) Submit an annual physical inventory with the December financial report.
3) Responsible for the collection of all product money, and remit proceeds of the same, with expense report to the Chapter Treasurer on a monthly basis.

L) **THE DUTIES OF THE NEWSLETTER TRUSTEE SHALL BE:**
1) To be responsible for printing, publishing, and mailing a newsletter to all members, and complimentary issues to interested parties.
2) To have extra newsletters printed for events, functions, and for promoting ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
3) To select material for the newsletter so as to portray a positive image of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. to the general public.
4) To obtain advertising for the newsletter and remit proceeds of the same, with expense reports to the Treasurer on a monthly basis.

M) THE DUTIES OF THE SAFETY DIRECTOR TRUSTEE SHALL BE:
1) To be responsible for the overall operation of the chapter level Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program (MSAP).
2) To work with other chapter members and the State Safety Director to further motorcycle safety with the state.
3) To coordinate chapter activities with the designated Assistant Regional Safety Directors in furthering the MSAP.
4) Remit expense reports to the chapter Treasurer on an as required basis for expenses directly related to the MSAP.
5) To identify, train and develop individual chapter MSAP instructors.

N) THE DUTIES OF THE STATE DELEGATE AND OR LEGISLATIVE TRUSTEE SHALL BE:
1) To attend all the regular and special State Meetings.
   a) Distribute all paperwork to the appropriate Officers.
   b) Responsible (by signature) for the delivery of Life Member card to the member.
2) To keep the Chapter informed on all State and National news.
3) To work with the State Legislative Trustee on all related items.

ARTICLE X – STATE MEETINGS

A) The regular scheduled meetings of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. shall be held the second Saturday of every other month (FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER and DECEMBER). The State Board of Directors shall meet at 12:00 noon, the State Delegates meeting shall meet at 2:00 P.M.

B) The State Board of Directors of the Corporation may call a special meeting at anytime as deemed necessary, with notification of any special meeting being mailed to each Chapter 14 days in advance.

C) No Chapter will have an event on the same weekend as a State function or State meeting within 100 mile radius, expect in December.

ARTICLE XI – STATE ELECTIONS

A) All elective offices of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. shall be filled at the last regularly scheduled meeting (June) of every other (even) year.

B) All offices shall be held for a term of two (2) years, with no maximum number of consecutive terms in office.

C) No one person shall run for more than one (1) office per term.

D) A person running for any of the Executive Officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) positions must have attended a minimum of 8 out of the last 12 State meetings prior to their nomination being accepted.

E) A Supervisor of Elections shall be appointed by the State President prior to the opening of nominations.

F) Nominations shall open two (2) meetings (Feb.) prior to the elections.

G) Nominations shall close at the end of Old Business at the meeting prior to the elections (April). At the close of nominations a committee of three (3) non-candidates shall be appointed by the delegation to make, distribute, collect, and count the ballots. The chairperson of the committee shall be the Supervisor of Elections.

   1) Results will be announced upon completion of the count.
   2) Ballot tally will also be announced.

H) Election of the State Board of Directors shall begin at the end of Old Business at the June meeting.

I) The new State Board of Directors shall take their position before the open of new business.

J) Any elected officer may be removed from office by two thirds (2/3) vote of the State Board of Directors and/or State Delegation.

K) Resignation from an elected position must be in writing and submitted to all State Board of Directors.

L) Must be a Member in good standing with ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Also any person running for any and all offices must be present the day of elections to accept office: persons not present will be considered withdrawn from election. Persons may be excused with proper notification to state.

ARTICLE XII - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1) The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be January 1 to December 31.

2) The State Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided by these By-Laws, may by resolution authorize any officer or agent of the Corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of the Corporation, and such authority may be general, or to any specific instances. Such authority must be in writing.
   a) $1,500 shall be the limit for any expenses without a vote of the State Delegation.

3) The State Treasurer would limit reimbursements, when requested by a Chapter, for meeting rooms for State meetings to a maximum of $250.00 per meeting. Hosting Chapter will be responsible for set up, parking lot security, refreshments, coffee, and clean up.

4) The State Board of Directors will determine the admission fees at all State events.

5) Paid members of other ABATE Organizations, and other M.R.O.’s (Motorcycle Rights Organization) shall be eligible for member discounts at all events, when proof of membership is presented prior to admission.
6) Special admission passes may be issued from time to time, with the color, and content of the card to be selected by the State Board of Directors.
   a) The person named on such card shall be admitted into any ABATE event State or local at no charge after providing proof of identification along with the card.
   b) This does not include events where there is a prize that is determined by entrance fees such as Poker Runs or Bike Shows, etc.
   c) These cards are non transferable.

7) **NO PETS** of any kind are to be admitted into any ABATE event.
   a) Exception: Physical assistance animals.

8) No chapter shall be eligible for a loan if either their treasurer or membership report is delinquent at the time the loan is requested. A delinquent chapter shall become eligible when report(s) are turned in and approved by the respective state officer. At that time, the state board of directors may approve and disperse the loan previously approved by the state delegation.

9) Any elected officer, State or Chapter, can be removed from office by two-thirds vote.

10) Chapters may have their own By-laws as long as they do not violate State Corporate Operating Procedures or State By-Laws; either in content, intent, or spirit. In doing so, such By-Laws are considered void. Chapter By-Laws must be on file with ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

11) The Corporation mailing list will not be given out to any other group or corporation or for personal use by anyone in ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. (past or present).

12) The State and all Chapters shall obtain Liability Insurance for any event in which an admission fee is charged or food and/or beverages are served. Under no circumstances shall the State or a Chapter host or hold an event in which alcohol is served by the State or Chapter, without first obtaining an Alcohol permit and Alcohol Liability Insurance. All alcohol permits shall be obtained through the procedure established by the State and will have the signature of the State President. No alcohol permit will be obtained for a charity event. Chapters may obtain a maximum of three (3) permits in any 12 month period.

13) No chapter shall host, sponsor or financially contribute to any event or function that does not maintain 100% of its income to benefit ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc. for a period of one (1) calendar year from the time it receives its charter.

14) Each chapter shall develop a plan for the staffing, implementation and promotion of The ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program (MSAP) in support of the State’s efforts in promoting motorcycle safety. In addition, each chapter is to:
   a) provide a copy of the plan to the State Safety Director within 6 months of the inclusion of this by-law change;
   b) provide quarterly reports to the State Safety Director and designated Assistant Regional Safety Director addressing any changes to the plan, the accomplishment of established goals, progress in furthering motorcycle safety and new goals for the next quarter.

**ARTICLE XIII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the Modern Edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the Organization in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the Organization may adopt.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS**

A) These By-Laws may be amended or added to.

B) Any proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors 10 days prior to the State meeting at which time it is to be discussed.

C) Limit amendments on any one topic to once every two years, or as needed to conduct business.

D) A two-third (2/3) vote of the State Delegation shall be required to pass any amendments to these Articles.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

A) These By-laws were revised as of December 13, 2008 and supersede all others.
30th Anniversary Party at Greybeard’s Tavern
Saturday, January 26th, 2013
12:00 - 6:00 p.m.
3382 Commonwealth Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32254
(2 Blocks East of intersection of Edgewood and Commonwealth)

It’s our 30th Anniversary!
Come and join us for a great celebration featuring Music and Greybeard’s home cooking

$10 Entry Fee includes food ticket
$5 Entry for participants bringing a covered dish!
Free Entry for new members!

Patrolled vehicle parking lot
Vendors Welcome-no fees

Prizes and Giveaways!

Music

Point of Contact
Victor Sawyers, President
(904) 566-2583

Point of Contact
Mike Wewer, Vice President
(904)233.0507

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MEMBERSHIP AND SAFETY INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER 23rd Annual CHILI COOK-OFF And BLESSING OF THE BIKES WITH L.A.M.A. OF FT. MYERS

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and blessing of the bikes 23rd Annual Chili Cook-Off

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

23rd Annual Chili Cook-Off

SOUTHERNMOST CHAPTER ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

Invites you to participate in our 12th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, January 27, 2013, from 12 Noon to 4 PM

at Coconuts, Big Pine Key

Bring your best home made chili

1ST PLACE: BEST OVERALL
2nd PLACE: BEST MEATLESS
3rd PLACE: BEST GREEN CHILI

CHILI SAMPLES available $2.00 per bowl.

Soft drinks and water available for $1.00 each

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BEST OVERALL
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$5.00 bike registration

Contact Wayne @ 239-989-3349

620 NE 15th Ave on Pine Island Road, Cape Coral

January 27th 2013

Starts @ 12 Noon & Ends 3 PM

Chili by L.A.M.A. of Ft Myer's

and blessing of the bikes

Blessed by Father Pimentel

Hosted by Southwest cycles

Music can eat!

chili-makers!

for the entry is free

chili you all get's you all

$5 per person

Chili Cook-Off

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

January/February 2013
Black Creek Chapter Presents
A Run for the Wall

The Moving Wall is coming to Green Cove Springs, Florida May 2013 and will be set up at the Junior High School. Expenses are incurred each time the wall is transported from one location to another. Black Creek Chapter is putting on a Run for the Wall on the 23rd of February, 2013 to raise money to help defray expenses.

**Everyone** is invited to join us. Motorcycle or not, ABATE of Florida, Inc. is for everyone.

Entry Fee: $10.00 for each rider $5.00 passenger. Poker Hands will be available.

Time: Registration from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- **START**: Kickstands up at 10:30 A.M. - Leave Middleburg VFW Post 8255, (2296 Aster Ave. Middleburg, FL 32068)
- Viet Nam Vets—3rd Ave. Keystone Heights
- VFW Palatka Post #3349
- VFW Green Cove Springs AMVETS Post 1988
- Rehab Saloon Green Cove Springs
- Finish: Middleburg VFW Post 8255, (2296 Aster Ave. Middleburg, FL 32068)
- Last bike in at 4:00 P.M. Event Ends at 5:30 P.M.

(Donations to ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. are not deductible for Income Tax purposes)

Safety and membership information will be available.

**POINT OF CONTACT**: Herb Hilderbrand @ 904.704.5501

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**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC**

**SOUTHEAST CHAPTER**

Presents Our

**“Semi-Annual Event”**

**Sunday - January 20, 2013**

Event Begins at **Noon** - Ends at **5 pm**

**Prizes**

**VFW**

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Do You Belong To Another Chapter? _____ No _____ Yes Name(s) _________________________________
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______ RENEWAL ______ $150 LIFE MEMBERSHIP
Signature ________________________________________________________________ Date _____________

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Change of Information Form

LEGAL NAME (Print) ______________________________________________ CHAPTER ______________________
LIST ANY OTHER CHAPTERS YOU BELONG TO: _______________________________________________________
OLD ADDRESS __________________________________________ EXP. DATE ___________
CITY ____________________________ STATE _________ ZIP ___________
NEW ADDRESS ________________________________________________________________________________________
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