November - December 2009 Newsletter

5th Annual Nature Coast Toys for Tots

Lake County 6th Annual Toy Run

Bike Week Set-Up Feb. 20th

Bike Week Campground Feb. 26-Mar 7

Tally Freedom Rights Rally April 16-19
Leesburg Main Street Campground April 23-25

Next chapter meeting
January 17, 2010

We hope to see you there!

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November 15, 2009

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NATURE COAST CHAPTER 3490 SE County Road 337
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A biker friendly place! Meeting Dates:

CANCELLED December 20, 2009

January 17, 2010

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Presidents Messages

A chilly hello to all,

It appears that fall has arrived with a noticeable change in the temperature. With this comes numerous rides to help benefit those less fortunate than ourselves. There are several in our area upcoming to include Toys 4 Tots (Nov. 21st). I would love to see a strong representation by Nature Coast ABATE. Along with the changing season comes the year’s bigger holidays. Please remember the increase in traffic and the decrease in visibility, as it grows darker earlier.

Please keep in mind that this is the time when we must begin strategizing and finalizing plans for workers / security personnel at both the State campground for bike week in Daytona as well as our own campground at bike fest in Leesburg. If we all pitch in and help out then it becomes a lot easier for everyone.

Until next time…….. Ride Safe and Ride AWARE

Joe Gore
Hi guys
First off, I would like to wish everyone a HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Its winter time again (Brrrrrrrrr nuff said) I was talking to a guy the other week who asked me about Abate, and I gave him the standard speech and then he asked me what it meant to me and why I did the stuff I do……… I actually had to think about that and in the process I realized that it means different things to everybody, I truly believe in the cause, to me there’s nothing more important than my Brothers and Sisters, to be more exact family, we are all related by the fact that we ride and it doesn’t matter what we ride or whether you’re a greybeard or a newbie, what race, creed, color or religion your still part of the family. As in all family’s we fuss and fight on occasion, but I believe the most important thing we do is support each other. Then he asked me what the cause was and I explained the best I could that the cause was about our rights and being safe on the road, and everyone having the God given right not to be a target for stupid drivers or stupid legislators, who want to wipe us out because we dress differently or ride instead of drive, or don’t fit in the “norm”. So to my family, again, HAPPY THANKSGIVING, and I hope to see you at the Toys for Tots run on the 21st.

Steve “IronButt” Mallady
VP

Newsletter Editor
Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Please email any articles or news to: carawky@ufl.edu or give me a call after 7 pm at 352 486-4680 All editorial items must be submitted to me no later than Tuesday after our meeting before 12 noon.

Karen Y. Carawan-
Editor

Web Master

November 15, 2009
Nature Coast Chapter Minutes

Called to order: @ 2:00 pm
Pledge & Moment of Silence

President (Joe) – Not much to discuss – there are a few rides coming up – would like to see members there. Toys for Tots – Sat 11/21 – they are giving away the bike that Hutch has been selling tickets for all year. 12 – 11:30 reg, ride @ 12 noon. BarBQue Bills in Chiefland. RHOC Ride – Thanksgiving Poker Run Sat. 11/21. Reg 11-12 @ Duffy’s. Lake City Toy Run Sat 12/5 9-10:30 reg @ Walmart in Leesburg $10 per person + a new toy – no stuffed animals. Gator Alley Bike Jamberee 1/23/10 in Naples. All flyers online. T-shirts are available for sale.

VP (Steve) – Happy Thanksgiving to all – hope to see you next week at Toys for Tots Run.

Secretary (Lisa) – Motion made & carried to accept the minutes as printed for last month.

Treasurer (Roxanne) – books balanced & available for review.

Sgt @ Arms (Frank) – need help at Toys for Tots, Bike Week and Leesburg.
Membership (Lisa) – 79 members. Please think about renewing early.

Products (Steve) – T-shirts available as well as other products.

Newsletter (Karen) – Articles are due by Tuesday after meeting by Noon. If you prefer your newsletter by email, please let Lisa know.

Legislative/Delegates nothing to report.
PR- nothing to report.
Safety (Hutch) absent – there will be a Safety Presentation Dec 5th. Also, looking for volunteers to be safety certified.
Events Coordinator (Lisa) – nothing to report.

Old Business – December meeting – voted on by chapter – no meeting in December. Next meeting January 17th 2010. Lucky – Crash Study – only studying 300 cases instead of the 900 they were supposed to – biased study – only being done in CA, which already has a helmet law.
Anita Kline has resigned as secretary and Lisa Tocchio-Smith as accepted the position. Frank needs all reports for the December State Meeting.

New Business –
Wayne – Proposed a Chapter By-Law. It was accepted as written by Wayne, seconded by Roxanne. This will be voted on at the January meeting. See By-Law in newsletter.

Good to the Order – Dec 5th Biker Memorial/Ride in Alachua at the City Park 11 – 1:30, free to all, BBQ available.

Meeting ended – 2:31 pm.

*******The following will be voted on at the January 17th meeting*******

ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc.
Nature Coast Chapter
By-Law

The purpose of this chapter By-Law is to set forth the newsletter content criteria for both hard copy as well as the web version.

- The contents of the newsletter will be to keep chapter members abreast of motorcycle legislation, motorcycle news, events, and functions deemed important.

- Newsletter contents shall NOT contain any article, opinions or jokes that may be perceived as racial, bias, religious, offensive or political in nature.

- This By-Law cannot be revised, changed or amended for a period of at least (2) two years. At that time this by-law may be deleted, revised, changed or amended as per the chapter by a 2/3 vote of the general membership.
FL’S VERTICAL TAG LAW UPDATE-- A few months ago, I was sitting in my office when my cell rang. It was an associate calling from out of state with a magazine publisher on the line. The publisher asked "Hey, what ever happened to last yr’s (08) Florida HB 137, you know, that Vertical Tag law?" I gave him the Cliff Notes version, & continued with my work. About 2 wks ago, I was chatting with Scribe, ABATE of Fl, Inc.'s Leg Trustee, when he told me a friend of his had just been pulled over in Naples for riding his bike that had its license plate mounted vertically. The biker had to have his bike towed & now has to appear in court. I keep hearing about people calling their friends down here in the Sunshine St asking the same questions; "Can I ride in Fl with my chopper & its vertical tag?, If I can’t then I’m not coming to Bike Wk!" With all these stories in mind, let’s take a few mins & break down what the final result is from the 08-09 Fl Leg Session’s HB 137. This bill was introduced by R Rep Carlos Lopez-Cantera of Miami during last yr’s FL Legislative Session. Rep Lopez-Cantera’s original bill would inflict specific penalties on motorcycle riders, specifically sport bike riders, including a 3rd time offender of reckless driving or speeding in excess of 30 MPH above the posted speed limit, would suspended the rider’s license for 10 yrs & require the person to forfeit their motorcycle. This bill only applied to motorcycles. I know some don’t like the way bikers look, but this would be legally endorsed discrimination! All motor vehicles. offense of the new State Statute 316.2085 (what HB 137 became) of $2,648 for not having a horizontally mounted tag! Over $2,000.00!

YES, YOU CAN RIDE IN FL WITH A VERTICAL!! After looking deeper into the language of this bill, it included many penalties for different things, including having a tag (license plate) affixed to a motorcycle in any manner other than perfectly horizontal. ABATE of Florida Inc’s Delegation gave marching orders to its Pres & Lobbyist, James ”Doc” Reichenbach, who proceeded to fight vigorously against this bill at the State Capitol. Many of ABATE of Florida, Inc’s almost 8,000 members notified their legs explaining the obvious discrimination against motorcycle riders as well as the blatant potential government intrusion against individuals’ right to own a vehicle. After all was said & done, ABATE of Florida, Inc., although not happy with the bill at all, ended up getting it modified to applying only after 50 MPH over the posted speed limit is reached, no vehicle forfeiture at all, & it now applies to What about the vertical/horizontal tag portion you ask? Well, we were told that it was supposed to have been taken care of. HOWEVER, in Jan 09, ABATE of Florida, Inc. began hearing that local Sheriff’s Offices were going to levy a fine for a 2nd offense of the State Statue 316.2085 (what HB 137 became) of $2,648 for not having a horizontally mounted tag, over $2,000.00. Not to worry. Doc Reichenbach made some phone calls & the committees that approved the bill admitted that the final language as it applies to motor vehicle tags was not what they intended. In the end, on June 19, 09, Governor Crist signed the amended bill into law, removing the horizontal portion.

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INCREASED MOTORCYCLIST DEATHS BLAMED ON BAD ECONOMY

Since gas prices increased, experts say more inexperienced riders have hit the road -- literally. Because of the fuel efficiency of motorcycles, more drivers are switching from four wheels to two, and what used to be a symbol of freedom and adventure is now also a symbol of thriftiness. "Last year, our sales were the best we ever had for 33 years," said Al Lamb, owner of Dallas Honda, pointing out that bike sales peaked last year before dipping and rising again this year.

But Dr. Fernando Wilson, a professor at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, said for every dollar increase in gas prices, 1,500 more motorcycle riders die each year nationwide.

Some say car drivers need to hang up their cell phones and pay more attention, but many bikers attribute higher crash rates to the influx of new, inexperienced riders on the road.
"If you mess up on a motorcycle, it’s probably a lot more tragic than in a vehicle," motorcyclist Stephen Dutcher told TV-33 News, recommending that new riders should get trained beyond state testing requirements. "I would recommend everyone to take the Motorcycle Safety Foundation course."

MOTORCYCLE SALES ARE RUNNING OUT OF GAS
Last year, fuel-efficient motorcycles proved to be a viable option for motorists facing higher and higher gas prices, but following more than a decade of steadily increasing sales figures, the economic downturn has caught up to bike makers.

For 14 years, through 2006, U.S. motorcycle sales had increased every year. Sales started to drop in 2007 but still topped the 1 million mark.

A year ago, as gas prices pushed toward $5 a gallon, fuel-sipping two-wheelers got a boost. Despite the worsening economy, street bike sales were down only 3.3% in 2008 and smaller scooters enjoyed their best year ever, posting a 41.5% gain, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council.

Now, little seems to be working for motorcycle manufacturers as sales have plunged 38% in the third quarter from the same period a year ago (falling from 218,242 last year to 136,876), with the biggest drops coming in two of the industry's biggest product lines: cruisers and sport bikes. Scooter sales are also down 62% through the first three quarters of 2009.

The only bright spot was that sales are dropping at a slower pace: The number of bikes sold in the second quarter fell 53.5 percent from the same period a year earlier. Historically, the second and third quarters are strong for the industry because the weather generally is warm and buyers are gearing up to ride, according to an article appearing in the Chicago Tribune.

Despite a federal stimulus that allows bike buyers to write off the sales tax, sagging sales have prompted bike builders to begin cutting staff and other expenses.

Last week, publicly held Harley-Davidson Inc. reported an 84% drop in quarterly earnings to $26.5 million. The company said it was getting out of the sport-bike business, shutting down the longtime Buell line and selling its MV Agusta operation, a high-end Italian brand it bought last year.

Already this year, the Milwaukee manufacturer joined the likes of Honda, Kawasaki, Yamaha, Suzuki and Victory in laying off employees, reducing production and dropping prices to help dealers shrink swollen inventories.

Mark Blackwell, vice president of Victory Motorcycles, which suffered a 56% decline in the July-September period, told the Los Angeles Times "We haven't laid everybody off. We haven't totally stopped advertising. We've kept up the product development because we're positioning this business for when the market stabilizes and grows."

Harley-Davidson and Victory, a division of Polaris in Minnesota, hope to stem U.S. losses, in part, by growing overseas sales. Harley is pursuing emerging markets such as India and China; Victory is going after Europe.

But with the riding season over for much of the country, summer 2010 can't come fast enough for the industry.

NEW MOTORCYCLE EMISSIONS STANDARDS TAKING EFFECT
As 2010 motorcycles hit dealer showrooms, new EPA emissions standards will be making them greener, both environmentally and economically.

Starting next year when stricter Environmental Protection Agency guidelines on motorcycle emissions come into effect for all new two- and three-wheelers built or sold in the U.S., the EPA projects a 50% reduction in pollutants emitted at their tailpipes -- but such drastic reductions come with a bigger price tag: According to a 2003 EPA report, the average estimated cost per highway motorcycle to meet the 2010 standards is $45, which is likely passed along to
consumers. At the same time, motorcyclists are likely to save money at the pump as the new technology brings with it better fuel efficiency.

Increased use of technologies demonstrated as effective in 4-stroke motorcycle engines, such as the catalytic converters, secondary air injection and electronic fuel inject systems, are expected to decrease harmful emissions, according to a 2003 EPA report. The report also reads, however, that the standards will not result in universal use of catalytic converters.

Catalytic converters are pollution control devices that reduce nitrogen oxides, hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide, and while not specifically required by the EPA rules, catalytic converters will have a hand in reducing emissions in the new standards.

"We already have the 2010 models coming in, and they all have the catalytic converters on them," Steve Tuchschmidt Sr., owner of Mid-America Harley Davidson, told the Columbia Missourian newspaper. "That's new."

The more stringent EPA standards won't affect existing motorcycles. The emissions limits will only apply to motorcycles and scooters manufactured after the effective date.

PHOENIX SEEKS EXEMPTION FROM MOTORCYCLE EMISSIONS TESTING
The state of Arizona is asking the federal government to lift emissions testing requirements for motorcycles in the Phoenix metro area.

Following prolonged and extensive lobbying by statewide motorcycle rights organizations, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has petitioned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to exempt motorcycles from such testing.

According to lobbyists for ABATE of Arizona, the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of Arizona and the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC), Phoenix is the only major metro area in the U.S. where motorcycles are required to be tested for emissions. The biker advocacy groups have already fought successfully to exempt motorcycles from emissions testing in the Flagstaff area, and several years ago the Kentucky Motorcycle Association succeeded in exempting motorcycles from such testing.

According to the Phoenix Business Journal, the ADEQ said motorcycles make up only 3.5 percent of vehicles tested in the Valley and not only are emissions failure rates among motorcycles down, repairs to put them in compliance do not substantially help air quality.

The EPA requires metro areas and regions of the U.S. with air pollution and air quality problems to test cars, trucks and other vehicles for emissions.

EPA would need to approve an exemption before next July for it to take effect.
The December Meeting has been cancelled, next meeting will be January 17, 2010.

Honor Thy Soldier

Twas the Night Before Christmas, He Lived All Alone, in a One Bedroom House Made of Plaster and Stone.
I Had Come down the Chimney with Presents to Give, and to See Just Who in this Home Did Live.
I Looked All About, a Strange Sight I Did See, No Tinsel, No Presents, Not Even a Tree.
No Stocking by Mantle, Just Boots Filled with Sand,
on the Wall Hung Pictures of Far Distant Lands.
With Medals and Badges, Awards of All Kinds, a Sober Thought Came Through My Mind.
For this House Was Different, it Was Dark and Dreary,
I Found the Home of a Soldier, Once I Could See Clearly.
The Soldier Lay Sleeping, Silent, Alone, Curled up on the Floor
in this One Bedroom Home. The Face Was So Gentle, the Room in Such Disorder,
Not How I Pictured a United States Soldier.
Was this the Hero of Whom I'd Just Read? Curled up on a Poncho, the Floor for a Bed?
I Realized the Families That I Saw this Night,
Owed Their Lives to These Soldiers Who Were Willing to Fight.
Soon Round the World, the Children Would Play,
and Grownups Would Celebrate a Bright Christmas Day.
They All Enjoyed Freedom Each Month of the Year,
Because of the Soldiers, like the One Lying Here.
I Couldn't Help Wonder How Many Lay Alone,
on a Cold Christmas Eve in a Land Far from Home.
The Very Thought Brought a Tear to My Eye, I Dropped to My Knees and Started to Cry.
The Soldier Awakened and I Heard a Rough Voice,
Santa Don't Cry, this Life Is My Choice; I Fight for Freedom,
I Don't Ask for More, My Life Is My God, My Country, My Corps."
The Soldier Rolled over and Drifted to Sleep, I Couldn't Control It, I Continued to Weep.
I Kept Watch for Hours, So Silent and Still and We Both Shivered
from the Cold Night's Chill. I Didn't Want to Leave on That Cold, Dark,
Night, this Guardian of Honor So Willing to Fight.
Then the Soldier Rolled Over, with a Voice Soft and Pure,
Whispered, "Carry on Santa, It's Christmas Day, All Is Secure."
One Look at My Watch, and I Knew He Was Right.
"Merry Christmas My Friend, and to All a Good Night."
Exp. Dec. 2009 extended 2 months to Feb. 2010

**CLASSIFIEDS**

4SALE: Solid Oak Table w/4 chairs – 4’7”x2’11” – opens to 7’11” - $300. Lisa 352-362-6452.


4SALE: Hutch – white wood w/gold trim, 3 shelves & storage underneath. 5’9”h x 3’2”l x 1’9”w - $50. Lisa 352-362-6452.

4SALE: Corner Cabinet – 3’3”l x 2”11”w x 2’2” h – dark/light wood, w/glass doors. Perfect for TV or stereo. $30. Lisa 352-362-6452.
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DATE: Saturday December 5, 2009
TIME: Sign up from 9-10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Wal-Mart - 2501 N Citrus Blvd, Leesburg 32748
ENDING: Hosted by the Lake County Eagles Aerie #4273 in Okahumpka
(CR 48 & 27150 Haywood Farms Rd) food available
COST: $10.00 pp & 1 new unwrapped toy - no stuffed animals please

Ride escorted by Law Enforcement leaves at 11:00 sharp
Visit with Santa & the Foster Kids from 9-10:30

Chapter/Club challenge: Trophy given to the top 3 groups with the most participants. A limited amount of T's for sale, $10. each
WANTED: Sponsors * CALL ANY NUMBER BELOW for more info

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CMA - Pre-ride prayer and bike blessing
Blood Mobile will be on site – give blood help save a life

AMA Sanctioned Run
Biker Memorial Day

2nd Annual

The Ride To Remember

Saturday December 12, 2009

Many biker friends and loved ones have gone before us. Let’s take a day to celebrate the Memory of their life. Biker Tributes can be found at www.bikermemorial.org

Your club or organization is invited to share in this celebration. Ride Alone? Join us for the day. Invite your friends.

Join us at the Recreation Center in Alachua for a Free Bar-B-Que (Ribs & Chicken) dinner.

Music by Spirit Wind

The Celebration begins at 11:30 am
Food served from 12:00 to 1:00 pm
Reading of the Tribute Names 1:10 pm
A Memorial Ride will leave the Alachua Recreation Center at 1:30 pm
The ride plan will be announced just prior to departure.

Hosted by Friends of Chuck Leswing.
Call Sonny at 386-454-8700 or sonny@bikermemorial.org for more information.
Please respect the rules of the City of Alachua Recreation Center – No Alcohol or Tobacco products on the premises.
WANTED

VOLUNTEERS FOR BIKE WEEK 2010
FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 7, 2010
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:

SET UP ( FEB 20)  ENTRANCE BOOTH
SECURITY       MEMBERSHIP/SAFETY BOOTH
COOK TENT  GO FOR
PRODUCTS SALES  TEAR DOWN SUNDAY (7TH)
MAINTENANCE  CLEAN UP MONDAY (8TH)

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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Preferred time of day:

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Your signature:

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Campground

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 7
Volusia County Fairgrounds
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Gates Close 12 Noon Sunday March 7

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April 16 - April 19, 2010
State Meeting Sunday April 18th at 2:00 pm
State Board Meeting Sunday April 18th at Noon
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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) and Cabins need to be made through the ABATE of Florida State Office.
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What is ABATE? A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactment's
The most current definition now used is: American Biker's Aimed Towards Education

ABATE of Florida, Inc. has a professional lobbyist. The lobbyist works closely with the Legislative Trustee and the State Board of Directors
to formulate favorable bills and pursue getting the bills enacted into law. The lobbyist is also responsible for finding a willing and suitable
sponsor in the Florida House and Senate for the after mentioned bills.

ABATE of Florida is a Non-Profit Organization, we are not With more than 700,000 motorcyclist in the state of Florida, it is imperative that drivers
organizations, businesses and individuals who share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of Freedom.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY & AWARENESS PROGRAM
understand the proper and safest way to share the road with riders. Recognizing the need, ABATE of Florida, Inc. created the
Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program to educate the public to help prevent accidents and save lives. Also known as MSAP, it is conducted
by trained members of local ABATE chapters in your community, presenting valuable insight and information necessary to make the roads
safer. ABATE of Florida, Inc. offers the MSAP to any organization or school free of charge. $500,000 was recently granted to ABATE
from the state for the purpose of Motorcycle Safety Awareness. We are committed to making our riders safe thru education.

What can you do to HELP? You have taken the 1st step by reading about ABATE, now you need to make a decision. "Is your enjoyment of
life worth protecting?" * Come to a Meeting - Monthly Chapter Meetings are held in all chapters (over 30) statewide.
*Become a Member - It is thru membership and participation that ABATE of Florida, Inc. will continue to preserve our rights.
*Support our Cause - Be active in both Chapter and State Events. Don't let others do for you.
Spread the Word - It is because of motorcyclists that ABATE exists. Tell your friends what ABATE is doing and get them involved.
*Be a POSITIVE Example - Ride responsibly. Don't become a statistic.

"You made the decision to ride a motorcycle, now make the decision to ride it FREE"

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