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President & Vice President Reports



Hey all --- I'd like to welcome all of our new mbrs. Everyone has been awesome in boosting our Mbrshp. Thanks to all. This wkend some of us went to the USMV MC annual event. Had a good time & some great eats. Afterwards we checked out 'The Pickle Barrel' on 44 & Radio Rd, really cool place. Then we rode over to Yalaha & checked out 'Bootleggers Distillery' - Doug the owner treated us to tastes of all of their products.

I also got a tour & lesson on how they do things, really cool. That might be a good place to end an event. Lots of fun events coming up. Don't forget Tallahassee our most important one. Make plans to ride with us. Get with Vera for a room. Hope to see everyone.

Till then 'Ride Safe, Ride Free', Griz -



Starting a New Year. There are lots of events going on almost every weekend. Try to attend as many as you can and wear your ABATE gear. Start making your plans to attend Tallahassee on April 13-15. This is the most important Run we do all

year. Anyone who has never been there really needs to go. Check with Vera for rooms. And remember Leesburg Bikefest Campground!
Have fun & Ride Safe - RUSS

When the people fear the Gov, there is tyranny. When the Gov fears the people, there is liberty. T Jefferson

Hey Everyone, Doc has arranged for Rep. Stan McClain to sponsor a separate bill for attaching our motorcycle safety money to the budget. HB 2001 has been filed & I will let you know when it gets scheduled to committees. Until then, go ahead & start talking to your Legislators about HB 2001 & the importance that ABATE of Florida, Inc. can do with the money to increase motorcycle awareness & decrease motorcyclists deaths. Let them know that unlike other groups getting money from the State, the money we are requesting is OUR money that only WE have paid in. And most importantly, 100% of the money is spent on safety awareness for the public. More info to come....

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks State Vice President State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc. www.abateflorida.com

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Riding to the "Pickle Barrel" - LSBG CR 44 after the Feb 3rd general meeting

LAKE COUNTY ABATE JANUARY '19 GEN MTG

January 6, 2019

Griz called meeting to order at 12, DR lead the Pledge/moment of silence, Pilgrim prayed. Griz-remembered Tim/Kelly **PRESIDENT**: Will "Griz" Deaver: Welcomed the Fallen Few MC & new faces at the mtg; the toy run gave checks to the Salvation Army/Foster Parents; our membership is growing, with RonJon doing a great job; we need a good showing for the upcoming Tally Freedom Ride in April, NCOM is in Orl, in May with Lake Co. helping; Judy has pulled pork sandwiches; Dee has 50/50; Landfill Mike, absent, is Member of the Year, he's always there & willing to feed members for several events including workers at the campground, yard sale & Tally.

VP: Russ Sharpe: The Christmas run was fun; need sponsors for CUSMN (Can You See Me Now) run; need volunteers for the campground.

SECRETARY: Charlotte "Hotcakes" Meyer: Please sign-in; Tramp/Justin motioned to accept minutes, all agreed; Boots is working on insurance for the poker run/campground.

TREASURER: Ron Sonner: Gave his report.

SGT AT ARMS: Roy "DR" Stanard: Tally is a great run; need volunteers for the campgrd; has cases of water donated.

ASST SGT AT ARMS: Tom "Crazy-T" Branche: Absent.

MEMBERSHIP: Ron "RonJon" Knab: Introduced new members: Tom/Becky; 7 new members in Dec., 3 renewals, 333 total; Renee is in the lead for the membership drive.

PRODUCTS: V filling in; has window decals, scarfs & shirts; will have back patches next month, thanks to Pilgrim; need a volunteer to take over products; will not be ordering shirts for a while.

NEWSLETTER: Vera "V" Deaver: Purging NL of LIFE members only, let her know if you have a change of address.

LEGISLATIVE: Joyce Sharpe: Discussed the 3 bills that affect us & the positive support for them; we discussed the vulnerable user bill & who all it covers. Pilgrim-our showing up in Tally will help influence the reps. Griz-Doc is working with a rep about the motorcycle money; Marcus-if we get the \$ the state will have decals/bumper sticker, etc for us for free; the \$ will provide bill boards for motorcycle safety awareness; Griz-we need drivers ed back in the schools.

STATE REPS: Griz & V: Gave a report on the State Mtg; next mtg is in Ocala in Feb 9, hosted by Forest Chapter.

WEBMASTER: Don Breckenridge: Updated the Web; checked to make sure all could connect.

PR: Renee Johnson: Working on vendors for campgrd; let her know if you can contact any biker-friendly vendors. Shana-thanked Renee for doing a great job on a fun Christmas party.

SAFETY DIRECTOR: Mickey "Pilgrim" Meyer: As Chaplain-reach out to anyone suffering from depression; getting ready to contact schools about MSAP; will contact any suggestions by members for presentation; has safety products on table for members; has 3x5 safety banners for big trucks, needs picture of display to send to reps; discussed the red/white/blue motorcycle tags.

ROAD CAPTAIN: Mike "Painter" Enko: Absent. Griz-Ride to Zellie's after mtg.

COMM/SAFETY: Tracy "Brat" Whitehurst: Absent.

BILLING: Sheryl "Cancun" Mertz: Absent. **HOSP**: Rose Mosley: Absent.

OLD BUSINESS: Shortcake has calendars; DR will update FB page; Tramp-Mar 23 is shrimp run; Judy needs help with luncheon. **NEW BUSINESS**: CUSMN-need sponsors; Lloyd thanked all & Fallen Few MC for support, 2 grads last year, Dan was hit on bicycle, needs donations for thrift store, donated 2 helmets & top hat. **GOOD OF THE ORDER**: Jan 12-USMVMC party, KSU Kangaroo 448/561; Jan 26-Vintage Chapter's Chili Cook-Off KSU Kangaroo 448/561; Mar 30-Performance Cyclez Old School Bike Show; Fallen Few Bike Nite every Tues; Enforcer Bike Nite every Sat. 50/50 won by Ashley, donated back & prize by Monica; 54 members, 10 guests present; mtg closed at 1:45, motioned by Snowman/Don; Pilgrim will bless bikes, prayed.

Respectfully submitted by Hotcakes ☺



From ABATE of Florida, Inc's legislative rep: Scribe ---- (1/10/19) SB 158 Traffic Offenses has just been given the committees that it will be going through.

Bill Text (SB158) ---A bill to be entitled An act relating to traffic offenses; creating s. 318.195, F.S.; providing a short title; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person's driver license for a minimum specified period; defining the term "vulnerable road user"; providing that the act does not prohibit the person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: Section 1. Section 318.195, Florida Statutes, is created to read: 318.195 Enhanced penalties for moving violations causing injury or death. (1) This section may be cited as the "Vulnerable Road User Act." (2) A person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury, as defined in s. 316.1933, to a vulnerable road user commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, and, upon conviction, shall pay a fine of not less than \$1,500, serve a minimum of 30 days of house arrest, and attend a department approved driver improvement course relating to the rights of vulnerable road users relative to vehicles on the roadway as provided in s. 322.0261(2). The court shall also revoke the person's driver license for at least 30 days. (3) A person who commits a moving violation that causes the death of a vulnerable road user commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, and, upon conviction, shall pay a fine of not less than \$5,000, serve a minimum of 180 days of house arrest, and attend a department-approved driver improvement course relating to the rights of vulnerable road users relative to vehicles on the roadway as provided in s. 322.0261(2). The court shall also revoke the person's driver license for at least 1 year. (4) As used in this section, the term "vulnerable road user" means any of the following: (a) A pedestrian, including a person actually engaged in work upon a highway, or in work upon utility facilities along a highway, or engaged in the provision of emergency services within the right-of-way (b) A person lawfully operating a bicycle, motorcycle, scooter, or moped on the roadway. (c) A person riding an animal. (d) A person lawfully operating any of the following on public right-of-way, crosswalk, or shoulder of the roadway: 1. A farm tractor or similar vehicle designed primarily for farm use. 2. A skateboard, roller skates, or in-line skates. 3. A horse-drawn carriage. 4. An electric personal assistive mobility device. 5. A wheelchair. (5) This section does not prohibit a person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019. <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2019/00158>

THE BANDIT'S CANTINA BAD JOKE LIBRARY IS IMPROVING--An elderly, cattleman from TX once told a young female neighbor that if she wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a pinch of gunpowder on her oatmeal each morning. She did this religiously & lived to the age of 103. She left behind 11 children, 30 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren.... and a 40' hole where the crematorium used to be..



-- THE REWARD Bill Clinton & his driver were cruising along a country road one night when all of a sudden they hit a pig, killing it instantly. Bill told his driver to go up to the farm house & explain to the owners what happened. About one hour later Bill sees his driver staggering back to the car with a bottle of wine in one hand, a cigar in the other & his clothes all ripped & torn. "What happened to you?" asked Bill. "Well, the Farmer gave me the wine, his wife gave me the cigar & his 19-year-old daughter made mad passionate love to me." "My God, what did you tell them?" asks Clinton. The driver replies, "I'm Bill Clinton's driver, & I just killed the pig." --from Rogue

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test & inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little & get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car." The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer & they agreed on it. After about 6 weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up & I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut." The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, & I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, & there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair." "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"



Big Twin ---Clutch Lock-up Head New from Ventura, based manufacturer Barnett Clutches & Cables, this clutch lock-up head for 2013 & later Big Twins uses the "assist & slip" three spring clutch. "This lock up head bolts to the stock pressure plate with no modifications required. More pressure is added to the clutch resulting in a more positive engagement & a clutch capacity of 150+ HP." Stainless inserts that install on the stock pressure plate are also included to prevent the lock-up arms from grooving the stock cast pressure plate. www.barnettcables.com

CUSTOM DAYTONA BIKE SHOW March 14, 2018 Registration 11-3pm Judging Begins at 3pm Awards at 4pm
BROKEN SPOKE IN DAYTONA-- B.O.N. MEET & GREET Fri, March 16th 4pm Come dressed in your best St. Patty's day outfit Best Male & Female Contest Be at the front of the stage at 6:30 to enter - Winner announced at 7pm

-- Someone's gotta budge. President Trump & Democrats met up to discuss a deal to re-open parts of the gov. Neither side budged on their demands over funding for the US-Mexico border wall. Trump walked out of the meeting he called

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"a total waste of time." Meanwhile, it turns out the border isn't the only thing Trump's getting tough on. The president threatened to stop sending federal aid to CA unless state officials "get their act together." Last year, CA wildfires killed at least 89 people & left thousands homeless. Trump has blamed state officials for mismanaging the forests, though CA's forests are generally managed by federal agencies. Since then, more than 6,600 people have applied for aid to get temporary housing. More than \$48 million in aid has been approved. Now, Trump says he told FEMA to cut off the money.

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1. At Wal-Mart, Americans spend \$36,000,000 every hour of every day. This works out to \$20,928 profit every minute! 5.8133333% margin
2. Wal-Mart will sell more from January 1 to St. Patrick's Day (March 17th) than Target sells all year.
3. Wal-Mart is bigger than Home Depot + Kroger + Target + Sears + Costco + K-Mart combined.
4. Wal-Mart employs 1.6 million people & is the largest private employer. & most can't speak English
6. It's the largest co in the history of the world
7. Wal-Mart now sells more food than Kroger & Safeway combined, & keep in mind they did this in only 15 years.
8. During this same period, 31 Supermarket chains sought bankruptcy (including Winn-Dixie).
9. Wal-Mart now sells more food than any other store in the world.
10. Wal-Mart has approx 3,900 stores in the USA of which 1,906 are Super Centers; this is 1,000 more than it had 5 yrs ago.
11. This year, 7.2 billion different purchasing transactions will occur at a Wal-Mart store. (Earth's population is approximately 6.5 billion.)
12. 90% of all Americans live within 15 miles of a Wal-Mart.

Origins: No doubt, Wal-Mart is the behemoth of the retail business world. In Nov 08, as many other retailers were retrenching while experiencing plummeting sales figures amidst a severe economic downturn, it's same-stores sales actually exceeded its expectations, increasing by 3.4% over the previous yr. The figures cited above attempt to place the scale of Wal-Mart's operations in context, demonstrating how truly large it is even in comparison with the other top retails chains in the US.

<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/how-big-is-wal-mart/>

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5	Snyder	Garry & Pam	Beliveau	Greg
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7	Reigle	Wolfman	Clifton	John
8	D1lson	Spider	Warner	Sherry/ Dave
9	J1s	Tuna LIFE	Phillips	Bill
10	Martin	Teddy	Green	Ron
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12	Zebrowsky	Jerry	Boggs	Michael
13	Canary	Tom	Case	B1s
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20	Mongiove	John	Shaut	Helen
21	Carbino	Taz	Herbert	Patrick & Darlene
22	Palmer	Big John	Martin	Chris
23	Sines	Jo & Roger	Keen	Alison
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VA burial allowances are flat-rate monetary benefits. They help cover eligible Veterans' burial & funeral costs. Generally, they are paid at the maximum amount allowed by law. A 2014 VA regulation change helped simplify the program. Eligible surviving spouses are now paid automatically. This happens upon notification of the Veteran's death. There is no need to submit a claim. However, VA may grant additional benefits after receiving a claim. These include plot or interment allowance & transportation allowance.

If the surviving spouse has not been automatically paid, VA will pay whomever files a claim first of the following:

- The Veteran's surviving spouse
- The Veteran's children, regardless of age
- The Veteran's parents
- The executor or administrator of the estate
- The survivor of a legal union with the Veteran. This applies to formal relationships that continued up until the Veteran's death. The couple needs to have formalized the relationship under the law of the state. There should be state-issued documentation of the relationship. The Veteran must have a discharge other than dishonorable. The Veteran must also have met one of the following conditions:
- Death as the result of a service-connected disability

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Burial and Plot Interment Allowance



Every Feb, across the country, candy, flowers, & gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint & why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day -- & its patron saint -- is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that Feb has long been a month of romance. St Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian & ancient Roman tradition. So, who was St Valentine & how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least 3 different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the 3rd century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives & families, he outlawed marriage for young, single men -- his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius & continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten & tortured. According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, &, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England & France. The one thing we can be sure of is that at least one person by the name of Valentine did live & that he was killed for being a Christian. Beyond this we are on shaky ground.

Love letters on Valentine's Day & throughout the year are often signed with a string of "X"s to represent kisses. But, why should an "X" be the symbol for a kiss? Our practice of using an "X" for a kiss grew out of the Medieval practice of letting those who could not write mark documents with an "X" to represent their name. This was done in the presence of Witnesses & a kiss was given upon the "X" to show sincerity. The "X" then became synonymous with the kiss in the minds of most people. The reason why the symbol "X" was chosen to represent one's name is found in 2 possible explanations. One explanation has it that the "X" shape was originally thought of as a cross. This "X" shaped cross or crux decussate was the symbol of St Andrew. It may have been that people were making a pledge in the name of the martyred saint. It was only later that people thought of it more as a letter of the English alphabet, rather than a cross. The 2nd explanation is that it might have been a pledge in the name of Christ. The "X", is also a letter of the Greek alphabet, which has in church history been used to represent the name "Christ".

*--On Valentine's Day, I think about The people who are dear, How much they add to life's delight Whenever they are near. You've always been a total joy, Such pleasant company, I very much appreciate Our compatibility!
---On Valentine's Day we think of those Who make our lives worthwhile, Those gracious, friendly people who We think of with a smile. I am fortunate to know you, That's why I want to say, To a rare & special person:
Happy Valentine's Day! By Joanna Fuchs*

***A woman was taking a nap. She woke up, & told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's Day. What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight." he said. That evening, the man came home with a small package & gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it--only to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams".*

***A couple came upon a wishing well. The wife leaned over, made a wish & threw in a penny. The husband decided to make a wish, too, but he leaned over too much, fell into the well, & drowned. The wife was stunned for a moment but then smiled, "It really works!"*

***A very shy guy goes into a pub on Valentine's & sees a beautiful woman sitting alone at the bar. After an hour of gathering up his courage he finally goes over to her & asks tentatively, "Um, would you mind if I bought you a drink?" She responds by yelling, at the top of her lungs, "No, I won't sleep with you tonight!" Everyone in the pub started staring at them. Naturally, the guy was completely embarrassed & he slinks back to his table totally red faced. After a few minutes, the woman walks over to him & apologizes. She smiles at him & says, "I'm really sorry if I embarrassed you just then. You see, I'm a graduate student in psychology & I'm studying how people respond to embarrassing situations. "At this the guy responds, at the top of his lungs, "What do you mean? \$300?"*

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.' Terri - age 4

'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.' Elaine-age 5

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly & sweaty & still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.' Chris - age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.' Mary Ann - age 4

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.' Nikka - age 6

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume & a boy puts on shaving cologne & they go out & smell each other.' Karl - age 5

'Love is like a old woman & a old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.' Tommy - age 6

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents & just listen.' Bobby - age 7

'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up & down & little stars come out of you.' Karen - age 7

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet & she doesn't think it's gross.' Mark - age 6

'I know my sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes & has to go out & buy new ones.' Lauren - age 4

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.'

Our Stuff



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---POLK County ABATE won the chapter challenge that Lake put to all. They raised the most donations to the state & Lake will purchase a firearm for Polk to raffle. So much support to ABATE of FL, Inc was shown at the Dec 8th state mtg. ---Continue to bring – only 2 – motorcycle related items to the meetings, for our Swap Meet, put your name & price on your item & put them on 1 of our tables. Mbrs be sure to look for bargains at general mtgs ----Pilgrim, chapter safety director, is trying to present our MSAP to Sumter Co. Schools. Pilgrim will need help in the schools, ask him how to become an instructor .



NCOM CONVENTION IN ORL - The 34th annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day wkend, May 10-12, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hiltonm, Orl. at the Entrance to Universal. --5780 Major Blvd. The largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world, the Convention attracts hundreds of concerned motorcyclists to address topics of concern to all riders. All motorcyclists are welcomed & encouraged to participate in the many mtgs, seminars & group discussions that focus on legislative efforts & litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights &

preserve Freedom of the Road. Special seminars will be held on Restoration of Rights, Leadership 101 & "Share the Road" Motorcycle Safety. Additional agenda items will cover legal & legislative issues, with Special Mtgs for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable & World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference & Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting. To pre-register for the 2019 NCOM Convention, contact the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com. **Special Meetings and Seminars Include:** •Confederation of Clubs General Patch Holders Meeting •Restoring Your Rights •Christian Unity Conference •Leadership 101 •Rico & Its Effect on Your Organization •Veteran Affairs – Your Rights as a Veteran •Silver Spoke Award Banquet •Safety •Women in Motorcycling •Clean & Sober Round Table •NCOM Legislative Task Force. **ABATE of FL, Inc is looking for volunteers to help out with this convention –**

An old man & a little boy on a donkey were on their way to town. They passed by a group of people who said, "What a shame for that old man to be walking while that perfectly able-bodied boy rides the donkey." So the boy got off the donkey & the old man got on. They later passed by some more people who said, "Why should that little boy have to walk when they have a donkey to ride" So the little boy got on the donkey & they both rode it. They passed some more people. They overheard the people say, "That poor donkey must be worn out from carrying both of them."

The moral is- you can't please everyone all the time, if we try we end up carrying a heavy burden.

Fee/Flat Tax

Statute

Amount

Distribution

Motorcycle Safety Education Fee
Additional Fee For Motorcycles,
Mopeds, and Antique Motorcycles

320.08(1)(c)

\$2.50

Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund

1) MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS.— (c) Upon registration of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped, in addition to the license taxes specified in this subsection, a nonrefundable motorcycle safety education fee in the amount of \$2.50 shall be paid. The proceeds of such additional fee shall be deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to fund a motorcycle driver improvement program implemented pursuant to s. 322.025, the Florida Motorcycle Safety Education Prg established in s. 322.0255, or the general operations of the dept.



Mike Baker – Cancun — Pilgrim/Hotcakes with Landfill Mike and Meatball — Erica & Tate – Below at Bootleggers: Brat & Daddy





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JAN 2019: Ives Earl --- Oppenheizen Jini -- Hunt Jessie-- Shortt Jeff
FEB: Mills Hobie-- Syroid Charles & Carolyn--Angle Terry & Millissa
MAR: Gray Earl-- Ivey Gordy-- Orourke Dennis-- Gilbert Daniel & Carol—**CANCUN**-- Pate Donnie—
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FEBRUARY	MARCH
3 rd – Monthly mtg at noon, Eagles	2 nd – Ride for the Stone TBA
8-9-10 – State Mtg in Ocala, hosted by Forest	3 rd – Monthly Mtg at noon, Eagles
14 th Happy Valentines Day	8-17 th – Daytona Bike Week
21 st – CTST Meeting 9am – BRAT	21 st – CTST mtg, 9am BRAT
25 th – Board mtg 7pm, Minneola Moose	23 rd – Shrimp R Us Ride – TRAMP
	25 th – Board Mtg 7pm Minneola Moose

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SALE 09 RoadKing, - detachable back rest & luggage rack. extras 18K miles. Garage kept, excellent condition. \$9,500. GRIZ 516-2982

SALE: Wheels, front & rear from 2017 Harley Tri Glide - \$500 – Russ/Griz

SALE 04 Honda Shadow Aero 750. Nothing wrong with motorcycle. Comes with saddlebags, windshield, windshield bag, saddlebags, front floor boards, back rest. 34000 miles. Has never been dropped, perfect. Condition. Asking \$5000. RED 835-2960

BENEFITS REMINDER: All ABATE members in good standing are provided a fully paid group \$4,000. in Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit at no cost to the member.

State meetings for 2019: FEB: Forest --- APRIL: Tallahassee --- JUNE: St Augustine, Vintage --- AUG: South East --OCT: Gulf Coast, Pensacola -- DEC: Ocala. For state meetings we usually leave on that Friday –

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Membership drive runs to April 2019. We need younger members to carry on our hard work. If at any time, you're out & about, & a young rider admires your bike, mention the fact, who you are & who you represent. Let them know they ride free because of you. That will generate the conversation & the explanation of benefits. I say, "let us make the effort" & don't allow our organization to fade away". If you need an membership applications, I'll have one for you. RonJon on the spot. In addition, products will be brought back in as the backbone to membership & our organization. Stay safe & always have fun on your run. RonJon, Lake County ABATE's membership trustee.