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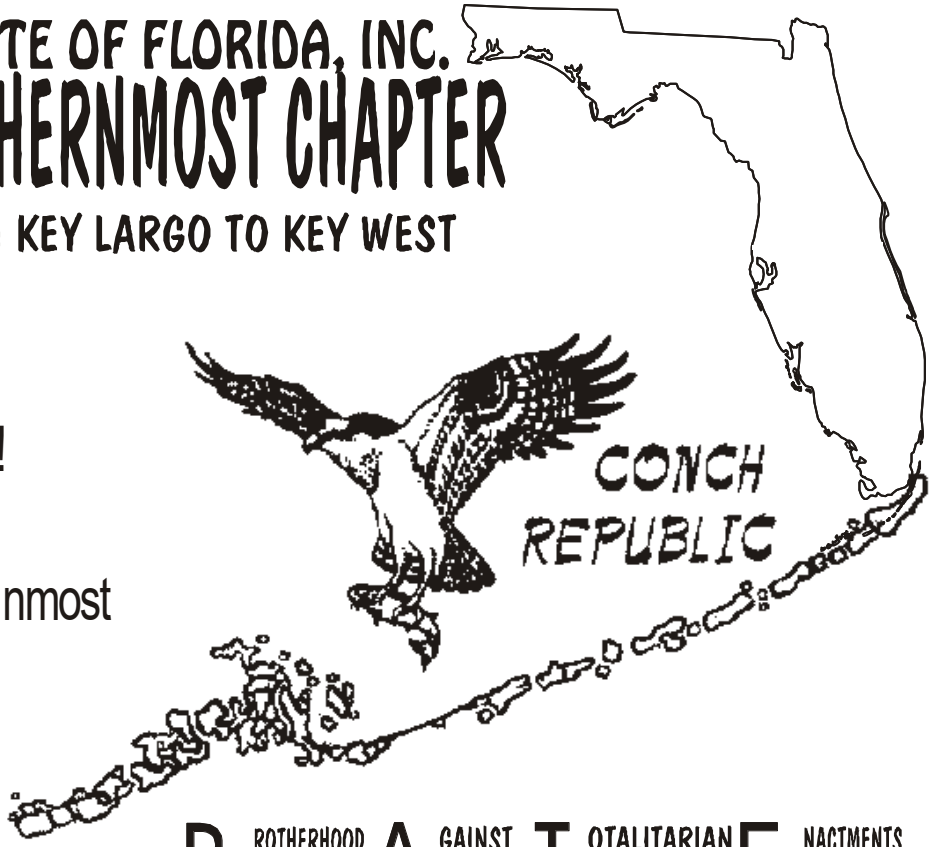

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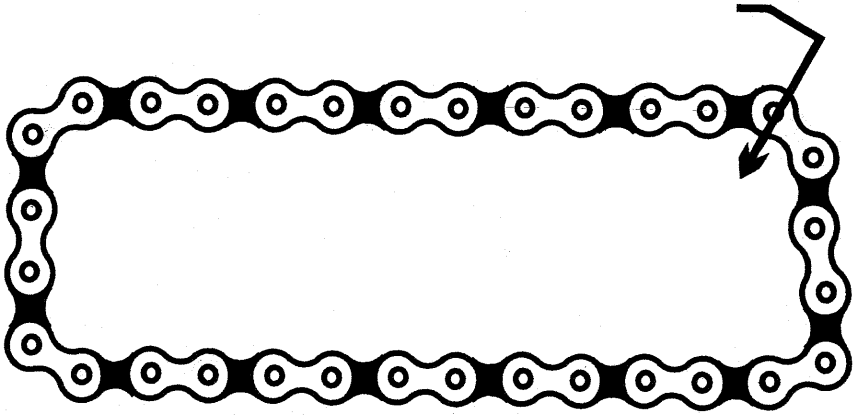

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- To provide for a lobbyist to educate our legislators in motorcycle matters so
- that they are able to make the right decision affecting Florida's motorcycle riders.
- To promote safe riding habits and to educate the public about motorcycle
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- To print a periodical publication to keep members informed of legislative actions and events around our state and throughout the county.
- To keep all bikers informed on legislative actions and events that affect their safety and rights.
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

November	29	Toys for Conch Kids
December	2	Chapter Meeting Mangrove Mama's MM 20
December	8	State Meeting Gator Alley
December	21	Newsletter Cut Off
December	25	Christmas
December	26	BOD Meeting & Newsletter
December	31	New Years Eve
January	1	Happy New Years
January	6	Chapter Meeting OceanView Inn MM 84.5
January	18	Newsletter Cut Off
January	23	Newsletter & BOD Meeting
January	27	Chili Cookoff @ Coconuts on Big Pine Key MM 30.5

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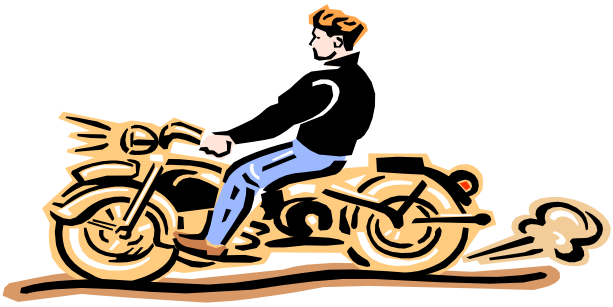

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Please have a plan that would help you assist a rider who may call you for help. Phone numbers of other members who would also help should be first on the list, along with Emergency numbers.
All riders can count on Southernmost ABATE for any help needed at anytime. Please always be there for Our Fellow Riders.

Guidelines for Submissions

Members are asked to submit articles, photos and other material that would be of interest to their fellow members by the 15th of the month. All board members are encouraged to submit their articles as soon as possible following the monthly meeting. Please do not submit slanderous or accusing letters, profanity or nudity.
Materials can be emailed to **smABATEeditor@gmail.com**

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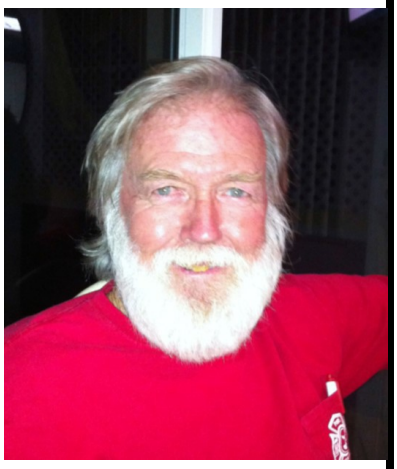
11/14/18



TOY RUN, TOY RUN, TOY RUN, TOY RUN!!

That was a pretty poor turnout for our Birthday Party this year. I don't Understand it folks!! We had Free food and Keith's pig is the best ever!!

Please make it a point to come out for the toy's for Conch Kid's run. It's for our own kids here in the Keys, who are still recovering from Irma.
It's going to be a great ride from Key West to Marathon or Key Largo to Marathon. We'll meet in the middle to pass out the toys and have some food (cooked by the CMA as always)! We're going to bring the games back this year too!
Bring your family and friends and let's have some fun like we used to!

I plan on riding to the State meeting December in Naples, if anyone wants to join us, contact Byron.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy
New Year.

Ride Safe,

Sandy

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Southernmost Chapter

Presents our 30th annual

TOY RUN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018
Beginning at 10:30 am

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ALL TOYS GO TO KEYS FAMILIES

Roll out **UPPER KEYS STOPS**

10:30 am — Key Largo K-Mart (33037)

11:30 am — Ocean View Inn & Pub, MM 84, Islamorada (33036)

Roll out **LOWER KEYS STOPS**

10:30 am — Key West K-Mart (33040)

11:30 am — US-1 Radio Big Pine Key (33043)

FINAL STOP
Disabled American Veterans Hall
MM 51, Marathon, FL (33050)
7280 Overseas Hwy

TOY DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

Layton Fire Department — Layton (33001)

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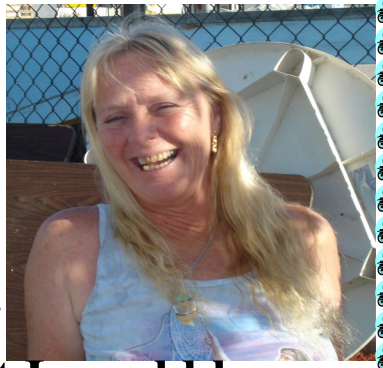

Memberships due in December are:
Tess Thomas, Jeffrey Ursino, Jock Albert Sr., James Daniel Rush & Dennis Russo.

Southernmost stands at 309 Active Members.

Pretty nice turnout at the Birthday Party, but I would have loved to have seen a few more of you!! (I was enjoying that 50' and60's music).

Hope you are all planning on attending our Toy's for Conch Kids run. Let's not disappoint the kids folks & bring your family for hot dogs, burgers, bike games and a bunch of good friends. Thanksgiving weekend get those bikes out and bring toys foe the Kids of the Keys! I haven't seen a bunch of you in a while.

Please keep me updated on all your information. If you are not getting important information via your e-mail, please let me know.

Happy Holidays to you all and please be safe, the roads will only get busier from here on in.

See you at the Toy Run! Have fun and ride safe.

Diane

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November Birthday Party & Sock Hop

Chapter Meeting

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
Southernmost Chapter December Meeting – 11:00am
November 4, 2018 @ D.A.V. - Marathon

The meeting was called to order at 11:11 am. Pledge of Allegiance was performed. The invocation was given by Ricco
Roll Call - the board was present with the exception of Robert Bosic, (excused).

President Sandy MacLaren:
President report:

Today is our 34th ABATE Birthday Party and "SOCK HOP" immediately following our regular chapter meeting.

Our upcoming "Toys for Conch Kids" run, is Sunday of November 25th. North & South runs start from Kmart parking lots, with kick stand up at 10:30am. The final stop will be at the Marathon D.A.V. We will have another "one-stop poker run" and bike games (Slow Race and Wienie Bite) again next year.

We have put our boxes and put out at our drop-off locations, they will be picked up before our event on the 25th.

January 27, 2019 – Sunday is our annual chili cook-off, so start getting your recipes ready.

VP Marty Baird: We really need our members to be involved in all our events and support our organization. We need new Board members with fresh ideas.

We have noticed; since our Newsletter has been "electronic", our attendance has really decreased. Attendance has been a real concern for our chapter, we would like to discuss some new ideas that could boost involvement.

- Resume Mailing hard copies of Newsletter on a Quarterly basis ,
- Mailing just to members still located in the keys.
- Incentives for attendance:
  - ◊ BOD – we have 19 officers, currently held by 12 people, with 3 vacant….
  - ◊ Drawing/$50 Reward for full attendance
  - ◊ We have over 300 Chapter members - Chapter meeting that have 150 or more members in attendance $100 reward/drawing from sign in sheet

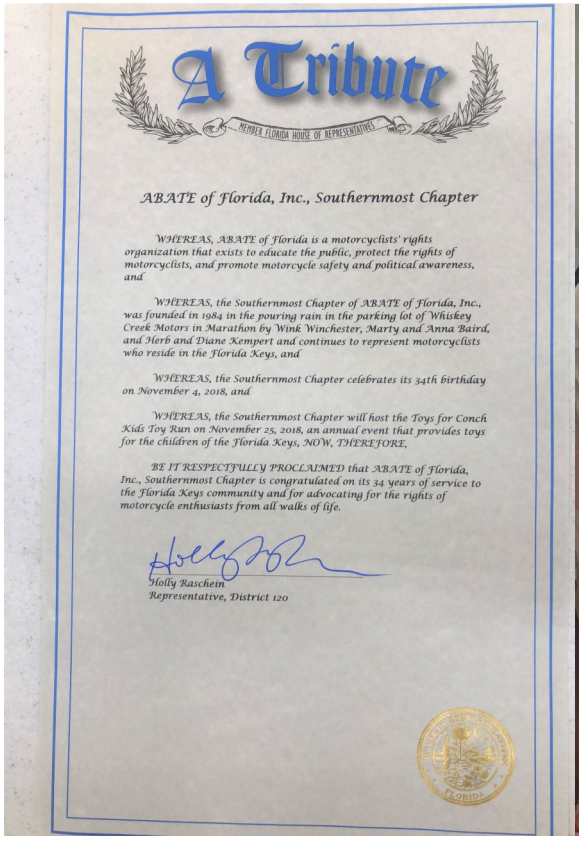
State Delegate report: - Bill Kelly & Byron Agababian
October 13, 2018 – Gulf Coast – Canceled due to Hurricane Michael

Upcoming STATE MEETINGS:
December 8, 2018 – Gator Alley
**Gator Alley is a nice ride for us, Byron would like to organize a "road trip" and a group of us plan to attend.

Legislative Trustee Byron Agababian: Remember to VOTE November 6th, it is so important we all remain involved in the democratic process.

Treasurer Lisa Vaccaro: Chapter Update - Very little chapter activity. Any member in good standing who has questions regarding chapter finances can contact the treasure and/or president to make an appointment for review.

Tribute from Holly



A Tribute

MEMBER FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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WHEREAS, ABATE of Florida is a motorcyclists' rights organization that exists to educate the public, protect the rights of motorcyclists, and promote motorcycle safety and political awareness, and

WHEREAS, the Southernmost Chapter of ABATE of Florida, Inc., was founded in 1984 in the pouring rain in the parking lot of Whiskey Creek Motors in Marathon by Wink Winchester, Marty and Anna Baird, and Herb and Diane Kempert and continues to represent motorcyclists who reside in the Florida Keys, and

WHEREAS, the Southernmost Chapter celebrates its 34th birthday on November 4, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the Southernmost Chapter will host the Toys for Conch Kids Toy Run on November 25, 2018, an annual event that provides toys for the children of the Florida Keys, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESPECTFULLY PROCLAIMED that ABATE of Florida, Inc., Southernmost Chapter is congratulated on its 34 years of service to the Florida Keys community and for advocating for the rights of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.

Holly Raschein
Representative, District 120

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Secretary Susan Anisko: Motion to accept the minutes as printed in the last newsletter.
Motion: 1st /Sandy Wagner, 2nd /Bill Camp

Membership Diane Gaffield: Southernmost has 306 active members. Life cards available for pick up, see Diane to get them. Remember to keep her updated with your current contact information.

Today's Membership drawing winner: Jim Sabastian

Sgt. at Arms Robert Bosic: We need road guards for the Toy Run. Please come up after meeting to sign up.

Legislative Trustee Byron Agababian: Vote! Elections coming up soon remember to VOTE! There are a lot of amendment's on this ballot.

Safety Director Robert Bosic: (excused) Rupert & Robert completed a ABATE Motor Safety awareness class at Marathon High School. 9 students were in attendance, went well.

Products (vacant): Marty ordered Toy Run T-shirts

Editor Anna Baird: - November 2018 Newsletter cut-off is Nov 16, 2018 - B.O.D. & newsletter folding, November 20, 2018, December 2018 Newsletter cut-off is Dec. 21 – BOD and folding Dec. 26, 2018, 7PM at the Marathon DAV. Everyone is invited to come participate.

Web Master Jim Baker: Check your email and/or website to review our newsletter on-line. As always, you can get your copy of the Master-link from the STATE ABATE web page. Don't forget we have classified section that is free for members.
Jim is opening a motorcycle shop on Cudjoe and will be resigning from both of his positions at the end of December

Public Relations Jim Baker: Everyone should help to promote all our UPCOMING EVENTS: our ABATE Toy Run is Sunday 11/25 & is Chili cook-off is Sunday January 27th, 2019

Ad and Event Coordinator (vacant):
Upcoming chapter meetings:

December 2, 2018 chapter meeting @ 11 am - Mangrove Mama's MM20 - Summerland
January 6, 2019 chapter meeting @ 11 am - The OV MM84.5 Islamorada

New Business: We really need our members to be involved in all our events and support our organization.

Old Business: Gun Raffle tickets, only 4000 tickets were printed - Drawing 12/8/2018
1st – Henry .30-.30 lever action, 2nd – 12 gauge O & U shotgun

Good of the Order:
11/11/18 – DAV Veterans Day – Free Spaghetti dinner after parade

11/12/18 – Motorcycle show at the Overseas Lunge in Marathon 12-3pm

11/22/18- Happy Thanksgiving!
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NAME (please print legibly):_____

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PLEASE LIST YOUR VOTING DISTRICTS FROM YOUR REGISTRATION CARD:

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CHECK ONE LINE BELOW THAT APPLIES TO YOU:

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Signature:_____ Date:_____
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~~December 2 Chapter Meeting Mangrove Mama's MM 20~~
December 8 State Meeting Gator Alley
December 21 Newsletter Cut Off
December 25 Christmas
December 26 BOD Meeting & Newsletter @ DAV in Marathon
December 31 New Years Eve
January 1 Happy New Years
January 6 Chapter Meeting Ocean View Inn MM 84.5
January 18 Newsletter Cut Off
January 23 Newsletter & BOD Meeting @ DAV in Marathon
January 27 Chili Cookoff @ Coconuts on Big Pine Key MM 30.5