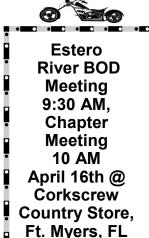
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WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG. We fund our work through toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.

OUR GOALS

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.

To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.

To motivate the bikers to write letters to their legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.

To furnish our members with a newsletter to keep all bikers informed.

It is imperative that drivers understand the proper and safest way to share the road with motorcycle riders. Recognizing the need, ABATE of Florida, Inc. created the "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program" to educate the public and help prevent fatalities and crashes and to help save lives. Also know as MSAP, it was developed and copyrighted by ABATE Of Florida, Inc.

Abate of Florida, Inc.'s commitment is strong and we continued to improve the program and expand our reach. With now more than 900,000 motorcyclists coming in and out of the State of Florida the need to reach more of the driving public is even greater.

Trained members of local ABATE chapters, from the Panhandle to the Keys present the MSAP program and provide valuable insight and information necessary to make the roads safer for everyone. We are continuing our efforts to develop more outlets. We are united in our efforts to teach everyone to "Watch for Motorcycles".

ABATE of Florida, Inc. and your local ABATE chapter offer the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program to any organization or school free of charge. For more information or to arrange for a presentation, please call the state office 386-943-9610 or your local Chapter, Estero River, President Larry Peterson 904-610-7070.

OUR PRESIDENT

From Your Estero River Chapter President, April 2022

Good Day All...

I would like to thank Debbie for having us at the Corkscrew Country Store and all our members for coming out and supporting our Chapter.

We celebrated our 20th Legendary Event on March 18th & 19th and I was pleased to see that so many people come out.

Shayne has asked me to add a few more words to my letter. I think he's getting bored reading it. All I can say is "Thank you" for taking the time to read our newsletter!

Chapter and State board Elections are coming up. Nominations start this month. Please come and support our Chapter and get involved. The more people that help the easier it is for every one of us.

Be sure to check our website for current events and updates.

Please, when you visit one of our Newsletter Advertisers LET THEM KNOW you have seen their ad in our newsletter. It really helps when they hear their efforts are being recognized.

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Respectfully, Larry Peterson, President



OUR VICE PRESIDENT

From Your Estero River Chapter Vice President, April 2022

Hello My Fellow Members and Riders,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and spirits.

Life here in NC is going well so far. The weather is getting better, and the pollen is in full swing. I have been gradually getting out and riding more. I met up with some local Southern Cruiser Riding Club members and went on a ride to a Blessing of the Bikes here. I am going to ride to the Capital "Raleigh" with the local CBA/ABATE group from here to meet the lobbyists from NC.

I hope all my fellow Freedom Fighters are doing well. I miss the Country Store and all the great conversation. I wish I could share all these great winding country roads and scenery with you.

I will keep everyone in my thoughts and post up more shenanigans next month.

Ride On and be safe.

Jay "J-bird" Neal, Vice President



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NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS LAST MONTH Welcome to Estero River

R- Brad Buffington & Helen Young

DELINQUENT MARCH MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

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154 MEMBERS – Let's keep this growing

ALL MEMBERS must renew at the Chapter meeting or mail a check or money order WITH your application so that it is received by the last day of your renewal month. Your application can be found in this Newsletter.

If you want an anniversary pin or have lost any of your pins, please contact Debi, our Membership Lead.

Please contact me if there are any errors or omissions in this Report.

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10 MARCH MEETING MINUTES

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC., ESTERO RIVER CHAPTER CHAPTER MEETING

Date: 3/20/2022 Called to Order at 10:01 am at Corkscrew

Country Store

President: Larry Peterson

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Thank you to the staff at Corkscrew Country Store. We had a great weekend and thanks to everyone for helping. Our prayers go out to "Fritz" and his family. Elections are coming up and we have a lot of nominations

Vice-President: Jay Neal—Excused

Jay is excused and his position is up for election.

Secretary: Rachel Abrom

Motion to accept January minutes as posted in newsletter: 1st Kim Morgan, 2nd Rick Zrelak, Motion Accepted.

Treasurer: Mark Levesque

Motion to accept Report as given. 1st Kim Morgan, 2nd Debi Chesebro. Report available for review.

Sgt at Arms: Dave Rimes—Excused

Asst. Sgt at Arms: Stan Rendziniak—Excused

Quartermaster: Dave Rimes—Excused

Legislative: Jay Neal—Excused

House Bill 2573: Abate of Florida Safety and Education; Provides an appropriation for the Abate of Florida Safety and Education. Appropriation: \$300,000. 1/11/2022 – 1st Reading, 3/12/2022 – Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration.

House Bill 743: Violations Against Vulnerable Road Users; Provides criminal penalties for a person who commits moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes death of,

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vulnerable road user; requires person to pay specified fine, serve minimum period of house arrest; & attend driver improvement course; requires court to revoke person's driver license for minimum specified period; defines "vulnerable road user"; provides that act does not prohibit person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for other violation of law. 1/11/22 – 1st Reading. 3/12/22 - Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/14/22 – Died in Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee

Senate Bill 1252: Traffic Offenses; Creating the "Vulnerable Road User Act"; 1/11/22 – Introduced, 3/12/22 - Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration. 3/14/22 – Died in Transportation

PR Communications: Kim Morgan

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State Delegates: Larry Peterson, Debi Chesebro, Kim Morgan, Rick Zrelak

Next State Meeting April 9, 2022. Treasure Coast will be hosting the meeting in Vero Beach.

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Membership: Debi Chesebro

1 New - 3 Renewal – 2 Expiring – 0 Delinquent members in

March - 7 Life Anniversaries. 155 members.

Webmaster: Kim Morgan

59 Websites Hit this month, 34 Website Hits last month.

Special Events: Open

None coming up.

Sunshine: Open

Please let Larry know if any cards should be sent out.

Historian: Laurie Hanley - Excused

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

None at this time.

Good of the Order:

Excused 5-Star – May 14, 2022: 11AM – 5PM Sun Sport in Ft. Myers. Eagle Riders are having a benefit for one of their brothers in a bad motorcycle accident – 3/26/22. Blessing of the bikes – April 2, 2022 – American Legion in Lehigh Acres.

Next BOD Meeting: April 16th, 2022 at 9:30 at Corkscrew Country Store

Chapter Meeting: April 16th, 2022 at 10:00 at Corkscrew Country Store

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Rick Zrelak , 2nd Kim Morgan at 11:01 am.



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Board Meeting @ 12:00 PM

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT- APRIL 2022

TALLAHASSEE --- With a special legislative session approaching to finish congressional redistricting work, Gov. Ron DeSantis is holding off on making an endorsement in the Republican primary for state agriculture commissioner.

After Winter Park Republican Chuck Nadd filed paperwork to run for agriculture commissioner, DeSantis declined to pick favorites when asked Tuesday about the primary that also includes Senate President Wilton Simpson, a Trilby Republican who has received backing from former President Donald Trump.

DeSantis, who recently waded into a state Senate contest to endorse Rep. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, said he "will absolutely" get involved in more Republican primaries. However, DeSantis said "we're not going to do anything today."

The governor called the special session for April 19 to April 22 after he vetoed a congressional redistricting plan passed by lawmakers. The Senate passed an initial congressional map that included key differences from a DeSantis proposal. The Senate and House then passed a plan to try to address DeSantis' concerns, but the governor rejected it — and has continued touting his proposal.

Simpson recently drew endorsements from Attorney General Ashley Moody and state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis.

DeSantis said Simpson has "helped us in a number of different things." But, DeSantis added, "we've got some more to do. We're gonna have some more work to do this year. But hopefully, we'll be able to get a lot of great stuff across the finish line."

DEAR ELON

Patronis continues churning out letters.

Two years after inviting billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk to bring his Tesla company to Florida, Patronis is now calling for Musk to consider making Florida home to Twitter and to potentially reverse some company policies, such as reinstating Trump's Twitter privileges.

"As you are well aware, little by little Twitter has drifted away from its mission of providing a forum for the free flow of ideas, and I'm hopeful that with your influence this platform can unwind some of its garbage-adjacent censorship policies," Patronis wrote.

Musk, who is also CEO of SpaceX, has acquired a 9.2 percent stake in Twitter, according to a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filing. On Tuesday, it was announced Musk would join Twitter's board of directors.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT- APRIL 2022 Continued

Patronis' letter came as a lawsuit continues to tie up a 2021 Florida law targeting social-media behemoths such as Twitter and Facebook. Florida Republicans passed the law after Twitter and Facebook blocked Trump from their platforms after his supporters rampaged at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

"In Florida, under Gov. Ron DeSantis' leadership, we value free speech and honest debate," Patronis wrote. Musk recently posted a poll on Twitter asking, "Do you believe Twitter rigorously adheres to this (freedom of speech) principle?"

Like U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, a former governor who appointed Patronis as CFO in 2017, Patronis has made releasing such letters part of his persona. Patronis called on the International Olympic Committee to relocate the 2021 Olympics from Tokyo to Florida because of COVID-19 safety restrictions and last October suggested California-based In-N-Out Burger expand to Florida because of company leaders' dissatisfaction with vaccination requirements.

Patronis also sought to bring Tesla to Florida after Musk in May 2020 expressed frustration with COVID-19 shutdown orders in California, an issue Patronis revisited in his recent letter. Tesla moved its headquarters to Texas.

"You recently moved Tesla out of California due to their state government's obvious disdain for your businesses and others like them," Patronis wrote. "While Texas is an upgrade over California --- a low bar --- you should seriously consider moving Twitter further east. In Florida, you won't have an unreliable electric grid --- problems you've already experienced in the Lone Star State."

THE DISNEY HITS

Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando, might not agree with DeSantis and other Republicans as they criticize Walt Disney Co. about the entertainment giant's opposition to a new law that restricts teaching about gender identity and sexual orientation in schools.

But as some Republicans openly debate revisiting decades-old perks that Disney has received in Florida, Eskamani outlined other places they could hit the company.

"I welcome legitimate conversations to stop corporate giveaways and treat everyone the same," Eskamani wrote. "But what I don't have time for is performative rhetoric designed to silence stakeholders from expressing opposition to bills that hurt their workers."

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT- APRIL 2022 Continued

Amid the uproar about the new law that critics call the "don't say gay" bill, DeSantis and Republican lawmakers have drawn scrutiny about a carve-out for Disney that was included in the 2021 law to crack down on big-tech companies. But Eskamani also said lawmakers should reconsider a series of tax breaks that have benefited the company. Less than five months before the primary elections, a federal judge this week found that parts of a controversial 2021 state elections law were unconstitutional.

But Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker went further than that, saying the law (SB 90) discriminated against Black Floridians.

"In sum, this court concludes that to the extent promoting voter confidence or preventing fraud may have motivated the Legislature in part, this court finds that the Legislature passed SB 90 with the intent to restructure Florida's election system in ways that favor the Republican Party over the Democratic Party. This court further finds that, to advance the Legislature's main goal of favoring Republicans over Democrats, the Legislature enacted some of SB 90's provisions with the intent to target Black voters because of their propensity to favor Democratic candidates," Walker, an appointee of former President Barack Obama, wrote in Thursday's 288-page decision.

The law, in part, imposed new restrictions on mail-in voting and third-party voter registration organizations. Gov. Ron DeSantis and Republican law-makers contended it was needed to prevent election fraud — an issue that the GOP has hammered nationally after former President Donald Trump's loss in 2020 to Democrat Joe Biden.

It's too early to know how Walker's ruling could affect the Aug. 23 primary elections or the Nov. 8 general election. Among other things, DeSantis and legislative leaders quickly said they would file an appeal at the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

They criticized Walker's decision, with DeSantis telling reporters that the ruling "was not unforeseen because we typically set our clocks to getting a partisan outcome in that court."

"There's an old saying in law, if you have the facts, on your side, argue the facts. If you have the law, on your side, argue the law. If you have neither you pound the table. Well, this is a judicial equivalent of just pounding the table, and I think it was performative partisanship," DeSantis, a Harvard Law School graduate, said.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT- APRIL 2022 Continued

WILL COURT GET FINAL SAY?

Legislative backers titled it the "Parental Rights in Education" bill. Critics dubbed it the "don't say gay" bill. Regardless of what you call it, the fight about instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in public schools won't end anytime soon.

The bill (HB 1557), one of the most-contentious issues of this year's legislative session, prohibits instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through third-grade and requires that such instruction in older grades is age-appropriate in accordance with state academic standards.

After DeSantis signed the bill Monday, LGBTQ-advocacy groups, parents, students and a teacher filed a federal lawsuit Thursday contending the measure violates constitutional free-speech, equal-protection and due-process rights.

"H.B. 1557 piles one violation on top of another. It offends principles of free speech and equal protection by seeking to censor discussions of sexual orientation or gender identity that recognize and respect LGBTQ people and their families. It offends due process by using broad and vague terms to define its prohibitions — thus inviting discriminatory enforcement and magnifying its chilling effect on speech. And it arises from discriminatory purposes and outdated sex-based stereotypes that offend deeply rooted constitutional and statutory requirements," the lawsuit said. But DeSantis and Republican legislative leaders dispute the "don't say gay" moniker and contend that opponents have mischaracterized the bill, which even drew attention during Sunday's Academy Awards show. "This was super easy to figure out what this bill did. And yet, people lied about it. The media lied about it. Advocates lied about it. Whether it was in the White House press room, or whether it was last night (Sunday) at the Oscars, there were lies about it. And the governor's right, they were intentional," Sprowls said Monday...

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The evidence before this court also shows that, for the past 20 years, the Legislature has given into that temptation by repeatedly targeting Black voters because of their propensity to favor Democratic candidates." — Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker in blocking parts of a 2021 state elections law.).

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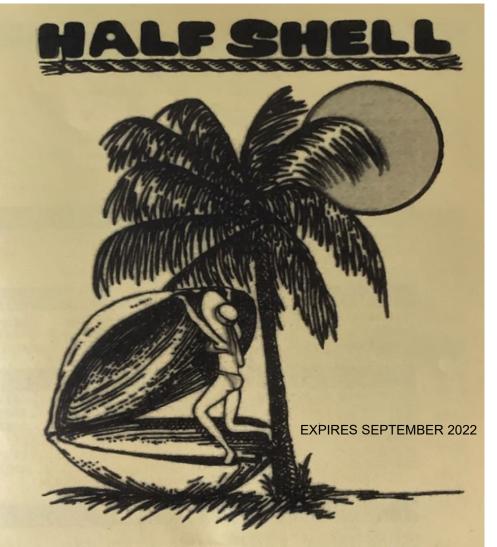
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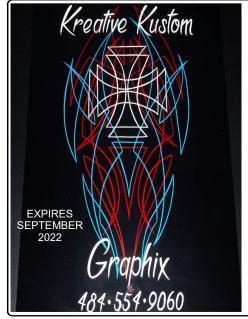
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28 Message From Our Pastor

Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

Keeping Bikers in Unity/Solidarity

The stated and/or unstated purpose of most organizations (including ABATE), is to present a unified front in helping to achieve stated goals.

The failure of many organizations is usually due to the organization failing from within. Many will admit our worst enemy is ourself. A big problem is that too many of us are easily offended and feel wounded.

Some ideas:

- Work Together: "Two are better than one because they have a more satisfying return for their labor; for if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and does not have another to lift him up. Again, if two lie down together, then they keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? And though one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."
 Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (Amplified Bible)
- Don't Take Offence: "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor [perpetual animosity, resentment, strife, fault-finding] and slander be put away from you, along with every kind of malice [all spitefulness, verbal abuse, malevolence]." Ephesians 4:31 (AMP) "Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs. Proverbs 19:11 (NLT)
- Encourage One Another: "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more..." Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

May you be encouraged to apply God's principles not only to your relationship to ABATE, but also in your daily life.

Continued...

If you have not already, will you commit your heart to all that God has for you by asking Him into your life fully?

We are living in very perilous times. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8:35-39 (KJV)

Give yourself to God, this day. Right now! Please pray, "Dear God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, my Heavenly Father, the God of Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner and have been separated from You. I ask forgiveness of my sins. I repent and accept this gift of repentance and I wish to be free in You. I confess with my mouth that your son Jesus is my Savior and died for me. I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus into my heart and ask Him to become the center of my life. I ask, in the Name of Jesus. Amen."

If you prayed that prayer for the first time, please let us know.

Blessings,

Pastor Tom (SW ABATE Chaplain and Life Member and Estero River ABATE Life Member) and Chaplain Kathy (SW ABATE Life Member) 239-770-3564 or email: tprovenz@comcast.net

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