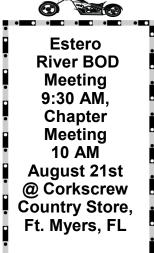
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#### WHO WE ARE

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, August 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.

I would like to thank Clark Farris for putting together a ride for us after this month's Chapter meeting.

State Board Elections will be at the August state meeting. Come 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/Facebook for current events and updates.

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If you are not receiving an email, please send me an email so I will have your correct email address.

Respectfully, Larry Peterson, President



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#### **OUR VICE PRESIDENT**

# From Your Estero River Chapter Vice President, August 2022

**Greetings Abate Brothers & Sisters,** 

I hope everyone has got some good riding in over the month. I'd like to remind everyone to check your tire tread and pressure as we are coming into rainy season. The rains make the roadways extremely slippery.

Many thanks to the Estero River Chapter ABATE members that rode on the Stop 22 benefit ride to support PTSD for Veterans. It was a special day.

We have an upcoming event on August 21st after the Chapter meeting. I hope to see all of our members there to support this Poker run. We're working hard to get this together and the Membership support of the meeting and this ride would be much appreciated. With that being said, let's get the word out to the members that don't regularly attend.

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Clark Faris
Vice President



**Estero River Chapter** 

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# NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS LAST MONTH Welcome to Estero River

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# DELINQUENT JULY MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew NONE

#### EXPIRING AUGUST MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew Stella Rendziniak & Charles Sparks

# EXPIRING SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew Linda Levesque, Tara Ricci, Maria Tunis & Rick Zrelak, Jr.

#### **AUGUST LIFE MEMBER**

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#### 157 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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#### **Estero River Chapter**

#### 10 JULY MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: 7/17/2022 Called to Order at 10:03 am at Corkscrew

Country Store

#### **President: Larry Peterson**

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Thank you to the staff at Corkscrew. Thank you to everyone for coming out today. We don't have a lot to go over this week. We are looking forward to next month's state meeting so we can complete the State Board elections and we will discuss those decisions at the Chapter meeting following that meeting.

#### Vice-President: Clark Faris

Welcome everyone thanks for coming out. I am looking forward to the next year as your Vice President.

#### Secretary: Rachel Abrom

Motion to accept July minutes as posted in newsletter. 1<sup>st</sup> Kim Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Clark Faris, Motion Accepted

#### Treasurer: Mark Levesque—Excused

Motion to accept Report as given. 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel Abrom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Zrelak Report available for review.

Sgt at Arms: Dave Rimes—Excused

Asst. Sgt at Arms: Stan Rendziniak

Nothing at this time.

#### Quartermaster: Dave Rimes—Excused

Larry Peterson – we had all the tires changed on the trailer. We have a spear tire at Larry's house if it should be needed. Mark Levesque was able to renew the registration for the next 2 years.

Continued...

# Legislative: Open Legislative Report given by Larry Peterson)

We have spoke with Jay Neal and Jay has offered to start handling out Legislative news.

Florida have been quite lately regarding legislative movements that would affect ABATE. Jay will dig a little deeper and have a more in depth report for us.

#### PR Communications: Kim Morgan

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

Next State Meeting: Saturday, August 13, 2022 Board Meeting @ 12:00PM, Delegates Meeting @ 2PM VFW Post 4209 – 4805 NE 36<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ocala FL

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#### Webmaster: Kim Morgan

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#### **Estero River Chapter**

#### 12 JULY MEETING MINUTES

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#### Special Events: Open

Clark Faris and any other member that would like to help will be planning a ride to visit our sponsors following our monthly meeting August 21<sup>st</sup>. Route to be worked out. Leaving Corkscrew Country Store 11AM.

Sunshine: Open

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

Historian: Laurie Hanley—Excused

**Old Business:** 

None at this time.

**New Business:** 

None at this time.

#### Good of the Order:

Shane daughter – vice president of Southwest Chapter will be making quilts for local vets. Shane asked Estero River Chapter if they would like to donate \$50 toward material needed. Our name will be on one quilt. Kim Morgan motioned to make the donation; Clark Faris second the motion.

Next BOD Meeting: August 21, 2022 at 9:30 at Corkscrew Country Store

Next Chapter Meeting: August 21, 2022 at 10:00 at Corkscrew Country Store

Motion to Adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> Kim Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Zrelak at 10:55 am.

#### **ESTERO RIVER EVENT**



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#### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT- AUGUST 2022**

**TALLAHASSEE** — State Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried and U.S. Rep. Charlie Crist, the Democratic candidates vying to prove they are the most formidable challenger to Gov. Ron DeSantis as he seeks reelection, both claimed they won their only primary debate --- even before viewers had a chance to tune into the grudge match.

No candidate's hand is raised in victory after verbal blows are traded. Public opinion about who came out on top isn't always readily discernible. But Thursday's televised contest provided a preview of what is likely to be a bitterly fought primary with a month left before the final bell rings.

Throughout the hour-long debate, Fried, Florida's lone statewideelected Democrat, repeatedly jabbed at Crist, a former Republican governor whose political career spans three decades. The duo sparred over who is prepared to protect abortion access, following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June that overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade decision on abortion. The court said women do not have a constitutional right to abortion and the issue should be left up to the states.

"I have been pro-choice my entire life. ... Charlie cannot say the same thing," Fried said, accusing Crist of having appointed "radical extremists" to the Florida Supreme Court during his tenure as governor. Two of Crist's appointees, Charles Canady and Ricky Polston, are part of a conservative majority on the court.

"So you want to know why the right to privacy is going to be overturned here in the state of Florida? It's because of decisions Charlie made when he was governor," she said.

Crist attempted to parry Fried's attacks on his abortion record by chalking them up to "desperation," painting a picture of a floundering campaign.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT- AUGUST 2022 Continued**

"Nikki, you know that's just not true and you shouldn't say those kinds of things because you're trying to muddy it up. Let's understand what's going on here. You're losing this campaign. It's time for desperation, and now it's on full display all over the state of Florida, and I'm sorry to see that," he retorted.

As Democrats look for a chance to take back the governor's mansion for the first time in more than two decades, both candidates tried to convince voters that they are best suited to take on the incumbent.

DeSantis commands high popularity among Republicans and is sitting on a massive campaign war chest.

"We're in a Democratic primary but both of us want to unseat Gov. DeSantis. If we're going to be able to do that, we have to work together and stop tearing down your fellow Democrats and do what's right to win this election in November," Crist scolded Fried

But Fried argued that she has bucked DeSantis since they took office in 2019.

"I stand up against this bully every single day. ... I've been doing it for 3 1/2 years," she said. "If you vote for Charlie, we're going to see Ron DeSantis running for president because he will get another term. If you vote for me in this primary, you will have a fighter, and we will end Ron DeSantis' career."

#### REFUSING TO SETTLE

Nearly five years after his resignation, the Florida Commission on Ethics on Friday scrapped a proposed settlement and decided to move forward with a case against former state Sen. Jack Latvala related to allegations of sexual misconduct.

Latvala had agreed to a settlement that would have admitted "poor judgment" in having a two-decade sexual relationship

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#### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT- AUGUST 2022 Continued**

with a lobbyist. The proposed settlement, which could have spurred a public censure and reprimand, would have led to dropping other allegations related to a former Senate staff member.

But the commission rejected the proposal and voted to find "probable cause" on three allegations that Latvala had violated ethics laws. The move will send the case to an administrative law judge, who will hold a full-blown hearing on the allegations involving the lobbyist and former Senate employee.

Rachel Perrin Rogers, who served as chief legislative aide for then-Senate Majority Leader Wilton Simpson, filed a complaint in 2017 against Latvala with the Senate Rules Committee. She accused the Clearwater Republican, in part, of groping her and making inappropriate sexual comments. The accusation spurred Latvala's highly publicized resignation from the Senate the same year.

"There is a perception, to me, that there has been an egregious violation of the public trust, for which these ethics laws exist," commission member Michelle Anchors said. "And for that reason, I feel that this is a case that should be further litigated in front of DOAH (the Division of Administrative Hearings)."

In an appearance before the ethics panel Friday, Latvala disputed the allegations that he sexually harassed the Senate staff member.

He acknowledged the relationship with the lobbyist but said there was no "quid pro quo" involving the relationship and his lawmaking duties.

Latvala told the commission that the "biggest mistake I made was not standing and fighting" in 2017. "My not fighting stops today," he said. "I didn't do what she (the former staff member) accused me of doing."

#### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT- AUGUST 2022 Continued**

#### WILL HE OR WON'T HE?

President Joe Biden's trip to Florida next week appeared unlikely Thursday after the White House announced he tested positive for COVID-19.

A White House press pool report said travel has been canceled for at least five days.

The administration had earlier announced that Biden would travel to Orlando and Tampa on Monday. Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Thursday that Biden, 79, who is fully vaccinated, is taking Paxlovid and experiencing "very mild" symptoms.

"Consistent with CDC guidelines, he will isolate at the White House and will continue to carry out all of his duties fully during that time," Jean-Pierre said in the statement. Jean-Pierre added that Biden will work in isolation until he tests negative. "Once he tests negative, he will return to in-person work," she said.

Biden was scheduled to attend a National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives conference in Orlando and speak at a Democratic National Committee rally in Tampa.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**: "This was social relationships ... And again, if you're going to start making that the basis for complaints, having sex with lobbyists, you're going to be a very busy commission." — Former state Sen. Jack Latvala, referring to allegations of inappropriate conduct that led to his resignation in 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Larry Peterson, President

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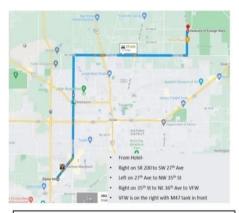
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Saturday, August 13, 2022 Board Meeting @ 12:00 PM Delegates Meeting @ 2:00 PM



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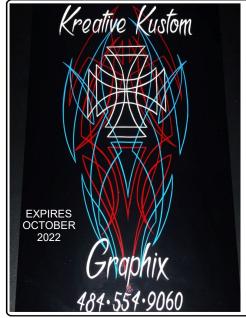
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### 30 Message From Our Pastor

**Dear Fellow ABATE Members,** 

# The Future of Motorcycling and Earth's Last Days

Several articles, by those who are supposed to be in the know, tell us the future of motorcycling is in the areas of technology, continual growth, and design.

According to the reports, motorcycle sales have substantially grown in the last several years, only with a slight dip during the worst part of the pandemic. Design keeps "improving" with advances in ABS and motorcycle stability control. Some of the trends are heading towards more lightweight scoots and E-Bikes. We are beginning to personally see some of the changes on the roads we travel. For many of us, we will remain old-school and will resist the modifications!

As we notice the changes going on around us, do we notice things happening that signal and/or foreshadow what will happen to end the world as we know it?

Unlike the trends of the world in various areas that will constantly change, along with being somewhat unpredictable, the scriptures are rather clear on how things will go in the future and how the end times will take place.

"But understand this, that in the <u>last days</u> dangerous times [of great stress and trouble] will come [difficult days that will be hard to bear]. <sup>2</sup> <u>For people will be lovers of self [narcissistic, self-focused]</u>, lovers of money [impelled by greed], <u>boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane, <sup>3</sup> [and they will be] unloving [devoid of natural human affection, calloused and inhumane], irreconcilable, malicious gossips, devoid of self-control [intemperate, immoral], brutal, haters of good, <sup>4</sup> traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of [sensual] pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> holding to a form of [outward] godliness (religion), although they have denied its power [for their conduct nullifies their claim of faith]. Avoid such people and keep far away from them. <sup>6</sup> For among them are those who worm their way into homes and captivate morally weak and spiritually-dwarfed women weighed down by [the burden of their] sins, easily swayed by various impulses, <sup>7</sup> always learning and listening to anybody who will teach them, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." <sup>2</sup> Timothy 3:1-7 AMP</u>

"But evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived." 2 Timothy 3:13 AMP

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Can you see any of this in our society today? Is it more prevalent than ever before?

Jesus talks about the destruction of the Temple (occurred in Jerusalem - 70 A.D.) and signs of the end times: "As some were talking about the between that it was decorated with beautiful stones and consecrated offerings [of magnificent gifts of gold which were displayed on the walls and hung in the porticoes], He (Jesus) said, 6 "As for all these things which you see, the time will come when there will not be one stone left on another that will not be between the same talking about the between talking about the between talking about the between the same talking about the between the same talking about the between talkin

<sup>7</sup> They asked Him, "Teacher, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to happen?" <sup>8</sup> He said, "Be carful and see to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name [appropriating for themselves the name Messiah which belongs to Me alone], saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near!' Do not follow them. <sup>9</sup> When you hear of wars and disturbances [civil unrest, revolts, uprisings], do not panic; for these things must take place first, but the end will not come immediately."

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus told them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup> There will be violent earthquakes, and in various places famines and [deadly and devastating] pestilences (plagues, epidemics); and there will be terrible sights and great signs from heaven.

12 "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, turning you over to the synagogues and prisons, and bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake. 13 This will be a time and an opportunity for you to testify [about Me]. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; 15 for I will give you [skillful] words and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. 16 But you will be betrayed and handed over even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, 17 and you will be continually hated by everyone because of [your association with] My name. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your [patient] endurance [empowered by the Holy Spirit] you will gain your souls." Luke 1:5-19 AMP

Further on in Luke, here is the hope: The Return of Christ.

<sup>25</sup> "<u>There will be signs (attesting miracles) in the sun and moon and stars; and on the earth [there will be] distress and anguish among nations, in perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup> people fainting from fear and</u>

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expectation of the [dreadful] things coming on the world; for the [very] powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with [transcendent, overwhelming] power [subduing the nations] and with great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to occur, stand tall and lift up your heads [in joy], because [suffering ends as] your redemption is drawing near."

Another sign of the end times:

"And he is given power to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast will even [appear to] speak, and cause those who do not bow down and worship the image of the beast to be put to death. 16 Also he compels all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead [signifying allegiance to the beast], 17 and that no one will be able to buy or sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let the person who has enough insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the [imperfect] number of a man; [a] and his number is [b] six hundred and sixty-six." Revelation 13: 15-18 AMP

For us, it is getting difficult to pay our bills by cash or check. Increasingly, we're having to pay by debit/credit cards and/or by electronic transfers. It seems we need the electronic "marks" to financially operate. Microchips are being implanted into humans for various purposes. (please see: Microchip implant (human) - Wikipedia)

Judgement is coming! Isaiah 5:20-21 says, "Woe (judgment is coming) to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! <sup>21</sup> Woe (judgment is coming) to those who are wise in their own eyes And clever and shrewd in their own sight"! AMP

How to avoid much of what is coming... "Now I say this, believers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit nor be part of the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable (mortal) inherit the imperishable (immortal). <sup>51</sup> Listen very carefully, I tell you a mystery [a secret truth decreed by God and previously hidden, but now revealed]; we will not all sleep [in death], but we will all be [completely] changed [wondrously transformed], <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at [the sound of] the last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead [who believed in Christ] will be raised imperishable, and we will be [completely] changed [wondrously transformed]." 1 Corinthians 15:50 AMP

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Most Biblical scholars believe that before things get utterly intolerable, an event, commonly called the Rapture, will take place as described above. Believers will be taken away by the Lord to be with Him. They will avoid many of the events that we already see being foreshadowed during our time. The scholars believe the Rapture can take place at any time. It could even be, TODAY!

Are you ready to be taken up? We each prayed this prayer about a half century ago. It was the most important prayer we've ever prayed. This prayer was even more important than the few times we've prayed while facing almost certain death.

Please pray, "Dear God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of Jesus, my heavenly Father, I confess that I am a sinner and have been separated from You. I ask forgiveness of my sins. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is your Son, He is my savior and died for me, to make me righteous before You. 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 have prayed this prayer for the first time and now have Him in your heart, please let us know. Jesus said that if you acknowledge or confess me before men, I will acknowledge or confess you before my Father, Who is in Heaven. The scriptures also say that when we accept the Lord into our lives, the angels are rejoicing.

If you wish to contact us, to talk about your decision for Him, please email, text, or call. If you wish us to help with prayer for you, loved ones, friends, or others, let us know.

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