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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 2023

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 will be riding to the state meeting in Port Charlotte on August 12th. Meet us at the RaceTrac gas station just north of the Shell Factory. We will be leaving at 10:30am. The meeting starts at 12, it will take about an hour to get there. Hopefully it will be only a couple of hours in duration.

Please be careful out riding as the weather seems to be changing again. Lots of storms these days.

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Respectfully,

Larry Peterson President



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OUR VICE PRESIDENT

From Your Estero River Chapter Vice President, August 2023

Greetings All,

Thank you all for your dedication to our Chapter and State for the support you offer. If it weren't for you (our members), we couldn't have the lifestyle and freedoms as bikers in Florida. It may not seem like much but as we all unite, we are strong and can get things done for the education and safety of all motorcyclists.

Don't take our freedoms for granted but step up to the plate by getting involved and being proactive for the greatest lifesaving, motorcyclist organization that is offered in today's society.

I sincerely thank you for being members and I urge you to come to meetings and get involved with the Chapter. Remember, you make the difference.

Thank you.

Ride Smart, Ride Safe, and Ride Home.

Clark Faris
Vice President



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NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS LAST MONTH Welcome to Estero River

R – Stella Renziniak

<u>DELINQUENT JULY MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew</u>
NONE

EXPIRING AUGUST MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew NONE

EXPIRING SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew Tara Ricci, Maria Tunis, Walter Wood & Ricky Zrelak, Jr.

AUGUST LIFEMEMBER

Melody Simmons & Angelic Squirewell

144 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 us if there are any errors or omissions in this Report.

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10 JULY MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: 7/19/2023 Called to Order at 10:09 am at Corkscrew Country

Store

President: Larry Peterson

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Thank you to the staff at Corkscrew. Abate State Gun Tickets for sale. Kenny is out today. State Meeting in Port Charlotte next month. Asking all members to attend if able.

Vice-President: Clark Faris

Welcomed everyone & thanked them for attending meeting. Reminded members of the Accidental Insurance. Asked that all members ride to the August State meeting. State participating in the Premier Issue of Sophisticated Biker. This is a digital publication. Asked all to Ride Safe.

Secretary: Kimberly Morgan

Motion to accept May and June 2023 meeting minutes as posted in newsletter: 1st Tara Rica, 2nd Clark Faris, Motion Accepted.

Treasurer: Lynn Dillard

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

Sgt at Arms: Dennis Tenkate - Excused

Asst. Sgt at Arms: Open

Quartermaster: Dave Tenkate

Dennis needs key for the Trailer. Dave moving trailer to his house.

Legislative: Kenny Winstead - Excused (Legislative Report given by Larry Peterson)

Greg Stube, House Rep has co-sponsored bill that prevents illegals from voting. He has introduced 13 bills. Stube is also very vocal regarding Hunter Biden and his ties to the Ukraine.

PR Communications: Kim Morgan

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Continued...

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

Next State Meeting: Saturday, August 12th, 2023 at 12:00 PM – Please attend, very close to home.

Safety: Shayne Hanley

Shane is waiting on Victor to recover so that he can assist him with his MSP Certification.

Advertising: Open

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Products: Dave Tenkate

Chapter Products available for sale. Dave to provide Kim with a list to post on Chapter website.

Newsletter: Kim Morgan

Need all officer reports & submissions by the 24th of each month. Added 3 new advertisers to the newsletter in July 2023. Kim asked that advertisers return her calls to update our Calendar with their upcoming events.

Membership: Debi Chesebro

3 New – 3 Renewal – 2 Delinquent June, 0 Expiring July, 7 July Life Anniversaries. 145 members.

Debi to sent Larry new Membership list so that he can update Member emails. He is getting email bounce backs each time he emails the membership.

Webmaster: Kim Morgan

382 Websites Hits so far in July, 576 Website Hits in June.

Special Events: Open

Chapter members to ride together to State Meeting on August 12th, 2023. We will meet at 10:30 at the Speedway just North of the Shell Factory on Route 41. The intersection of Old and New 41. Reminded members that Gator Alley's Preservation Run will be held on Sunday, July 23rd.

12 JULY MEETING MINUTES

Continued...

Sunshine: Open

Larry to send Victor Get Well card since he just had surgery.

Historian: OpenNothing at this time.

Old Business:

State Party to be held at Rocco's. More info to come.

New Business:

Larry to check with State regarding the new banking process.

Good of the Order:

Nothing at this time.

Next BOD Meeting: August 20th, 2023 at 9:30 at Corkscrew Country Store

Chapter Meeting: August 20th, 2023 at 10:00 at Corkscrew Country Store

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Kim Morgan , 2nd Debi Chesebro at 11:10 am.

ABATE STATE MEETING

ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Meeting



Hosted by Peace River Chapter

August 12, 2023

Delegates Meeting

12pm to 4pm

No Food Served

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MEETING HALL LOCATION:

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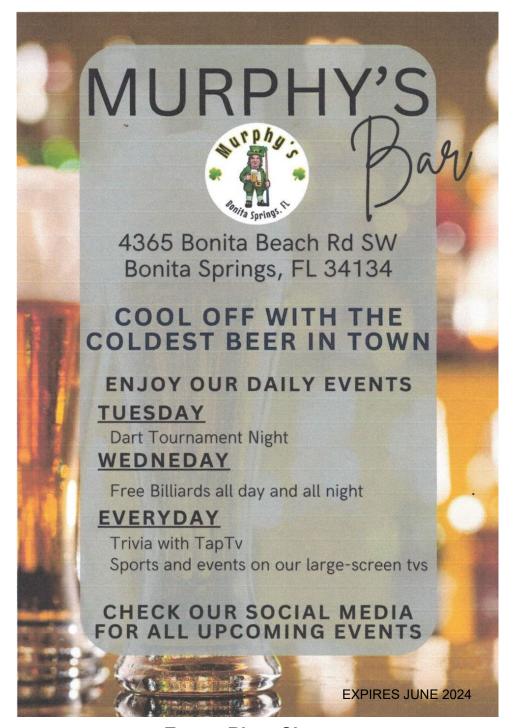


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U.S. Bans Incandescent Light Bulbs: Here's What To Know

The Biden Administration implemented a ban on incandescent light bulbs on Tuesday in favor of energy-efficient bulbs, following a yearslong bipartisan effort to phase out the bulbs after earlier regulations and standards were blocked by former President Donald Trump.

The Department of Energy <u>approved</u> new rules for light bulbs last year that took effect on August 1, including a new minimum standard for light bulbs at 45 lumens—or brightness—per watt, an increase over the average 12 to 18 lumens per watt for incandescent bulbs.

Retailers will be prohibited from selling any bulbs—including incandescent bulbs—that don't match the new standard, though households using any existing bulb that does not meet the standard will not be required to stop using them.

The decision was meant to conserve energy and "help consumers save on their energy bills," as more energy-efficient bulbs—like LEDs—use at least 75% less energy and last up to 25 times longer than incandescent bulbs, <u>according</u> to the department. An effort to phase out less efficient bulbs was initiated by former President George W. Bush, whose Energy Independence and Security Act in 2007 called for household light bulbs to have "about 25% greater efficiency," though it did not outright ban incandescent bulbs, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Former President Barack Obama added two new regulations to the act in 2017, which would have effectively phased out incandescent bulbs and other specialty bulbs, like candle-shaped bulbs used in chandeliers, by January 2020, according to the EPA. The Department of Energy later blocked the regulations during Trump's presidency in 2019, after Trump—who said energy-efficient bulbs Americans were "being forced to use" made him "look orange"—advocated against them and other environmental regulations.

BIG NUMBER

\$3 billion. That's how much the Department of Energy estimates Americans will save in total on utility bills by using energy-efficient bulbs for a full year.

CHIEF CRITIC

Rep. Pat Fallon (R-Texas) told <u>Politico</u> a decision to phase out incandescent light bulbs "is just another example of the Biden Administration's tidal wave of regulatory burdens crashing down on American families." Rep. Scott Perry (R-Pa.) said last week the ban was part of Biden's "regulatory assault" on home appliances.

CONTRA

Joe Vukovich, an advocate at the Natural Resources Defense Council, <u>said</u> the U.S. is "long overdue to phase out inefficient, old-fashioned light bulbs." Charlie Harak, an attorney at the National Consumer Law Center, said a preference for energy-

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efficient bulbs would benefit households with "disproportionately higher energy burdens."

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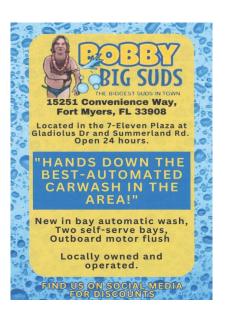
An effort to phase out incandescent light bulbs comes amid concerns they contribute to climate change. The Department of Energy <u>estimates</u> about 5% of global carbon greenhouse gas emissions are attributed to lighting, while bulbs that are less energy-efficient—like incandescent bulbs—contribute more because they produce more heat. The new regulations are expected to cut carbon emissions by 222 million metric tons—an amount equivalent to emissions generated by 28 million homes in one year—over the next 30 years, according to the department.

KEY BACKGROUND

An estimated 30% of U.S. households used incandescent or halogen incandescent light bulbs in 2020, according to the Department of Energy. Regulations on less efficient bulbs have faced opposition over the last two decades, as some Republicans <u>argued</u> the rules violated "personal freedom," while others, including former Sen. John Warner (R-Va.), <u>argued</u> using energy-efficient bulbs was more cost-efficient. Jim Presswood, energy policy director for the Natural Resources Defense Council, said in a 2011 statement that "consumers, the economy and the environment" would "suffer" if the regulations were not approved.

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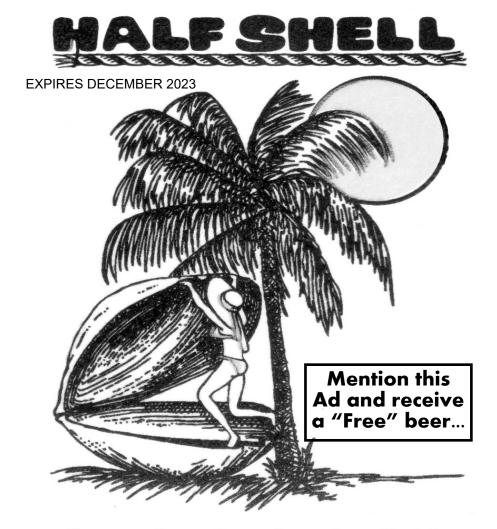




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24 Message From Our Pastor

Dear Fellow ABATE Members.

<u>Is This It?</u> <u>or</u> <u>Is Jesus Coming Back to Earth on a Harley?</u>

"Is this it?" This is a question many are facing and what you may be facing now.

It's been asked and is being asked by many who are rich, poor, and in-between. It's being asked by those who are dying and by those who are very much alive. It's been asked by those who are lying in a hospital bed or in a nursing home, not sure of what the future may hold.

We both have either worked or volunteered in hospitals and spent time with dying patients. Many indicated they had lost hope because they wondered what happened to the time they had spent here on earth... it seemed like it had just slipped away. And, it seemed as if their life would now come to an end without fulfilling all their visions, hopes, and dreams.

You may not be dying at this moment. But, there will almost certainly come a time you will question, "What have I done with this life? It's almost over."

The good news is... this life is only the beginning of our existence! And, it <u>is</u> good news if we have accepted God into our lives and hearts through His Son, Jesus Christ. Believers have many things to look forward to.

There will come a time in which all believers who are still alive on this earth will be taken away from this earth, to avoid being caught up in the Great Tribulation. This will be a period of seven years in which there will be a deceptive peace and then a great war. It will be the worst time this world and its inhabitants have ever experienced. Israel will be attacked by great armies, led by the anti-Christ. Just when all seems lost, the believers and the angels of Heaven will be placed in a great army of the Lord. They will return to the earth with Christ. Christ Jesus will lead the saints and angels on a great white horse (maybe, this is a white colored Harley with lots of horsepower!!!) and defeat the enemies of Israel. The believers will reign with Christ for a thousand years upon the earth. Believers will also be part of a new Heaven and a New Earth. In addition, believers will attend a great wedding feast, where Jesus will take his church as a bride. Can

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Can you image, God with all His resources, what kind of feast He will give His Son?!!!! The believers will all be seated at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Another thing believers have to look forward to are our new perfect bodies for eternity. No more diseases! No more pain and suffering! No more tears...

This life has become a <u>test</u> due to the difficulties and trials we all face. The Scriptures tell us that the devil roams about the earth, seeking whomever he can devour. However, if we put vision, hopes, and dreams into eternity, by accepting Jesus into our hearts, then we can allow our test to become a <u>testimony</u> of what God has done! Jesus said, "I have come to give you life, and give it, more abundantly."

Would you like to join us?

If you make a genuine confession of faith, with your whole heart, God will accept you just as you are, with all the imperfections you have. If your heart is in the right place, **right now**, accept Him and let the transformation begin!

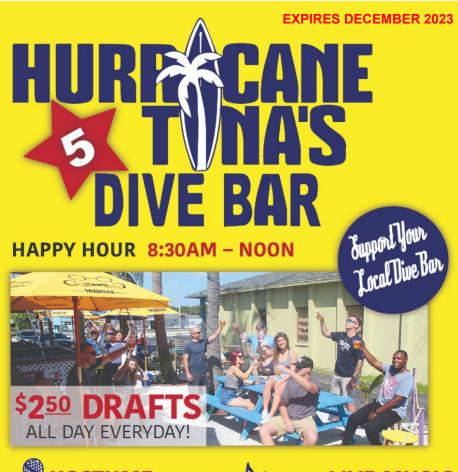
Please pray, ""Dear God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of Jesus, my heavenly Father, I confess that I am a sinner and have been separated from You. I ask forgiveness of my sins. I repent and accept this gift of repentance. I confess with my mouth that your son Jesus is my Savior and died 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 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. We still make visits to the hospital and for hospice, etc...

Blessings,

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