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Chapter
Meeting
10 AM
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This is YOUR Board! Please feel free to attend any BOD Meeting. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please contact a board member. They will be addressed at the board meeting and/or chapter meetings.

ABATE of Florida, Inc.

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 known 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,
February 2024

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. It was a bit cold for our meeting but we did endure the challenges of the day. Thanks to all who braved the frigid temps to come out.

Please be careful out riding as the weather seems to be changing again and the Snowbirds are back!

I hope everyone had an amazing holiday season. Looks like we will be going to the State Capital on February 12th this year.

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.

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

Respectfully,

Larry Peterson
President



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OUR VICE PRESIDENT

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From Your Estero River Chapter Vice President,
February 2024

Greetings All,

Hope you're all doing well as we begin the year.

I'd like to thank our Chapter members for stepping up and believe this will help our Chapter as we all work together.

Don't forget to come to our next meeting at Corkscrew, always the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:00 am.

Ride Smart, Ride Safe, and Ride Home.

**Clark Faris
Vice President**



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NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS LAST MONTH

Welcome to Estero River

N – Joe Simpson

DELINQUENT DECEMBER MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Archie Litzenberger

EXPIRING JANUARY MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Patricia Keller & Bill Keller

EXPIRING FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

James Phillips, Dennis Tenkate & Chuck Tunis

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139 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.

Membership: Debi Chesebro 239-405-3324 or

Larry Peterson 904-610-7070

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

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Estero River Chapter

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

Date: 1/21/2024 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. Thank you to all for coming out today. John & Robin Komer's son passed away. Debbie will not be at the meeting, she had 2 stints put in and is recovering. Lana's son (State Safety) passed away. Hurricane Cycle Shop is closing at the end of February. State needs Road Guards for the Ride to the Capitol. Let Larry know if you're interested.

Vice-President: Clark Faris

Welcome to all you who made it out today. Very cold ride to meeting today.

Secretary: Kimberly Morgan

Motion to accept December Meeting Minutes as posted in the January Newsletter. 1st Mark Levesque, 2nd Kenny Winstead.

Treasurer: Lynn Dillard (Report given by Larry Peterson)

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

Sgt at Arms: Dennis Tenkate

Looking for volunteers for Security at Legendary.

Asst. Sgt at Arms: Open**Quartermaster: Dave Tenkate**

Nothing at this time.

Legislative: Kenny Winstead

3 Bills of Interest:

SB258 – Interstate Safety Bill - Interstate Safety; Defining the term "furthermost left- hand lane";

HB1752 - The bill says a qualified absent voter may vote by mail if, on election day and during early in-person voting, the absent voter expects to be:

- Absent from the county of his or her residence

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- Unable to appear personally at the early voting site because of illness or physical disability
- A resident or patient of a United States Department of Veterans. SB1528 – Vulnerable Road User Act - Violations Against Vulnerable Road Users; Designating the “Vulnerable Road User Act”; requiring a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to or the death of a vulnerable road user to pay specified fines and attend a specified driver improvement course; requiring the court to revoke the person’s driver license for a specified period.

PR Communications: Kim Morgan

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State Delegates: Clark Faris, Debi Chesebro, Larry Peterson, Kenny Winstead

Next State Meeting will be on Sunday, February 11th, 2024

Safety: Shayne Hanley

Please Ride Safe. Check your bike for safety. Still intend to do video for website. Trying to get a vendor spot for the Swamp Cabbage Festival in Labelle. New 30 question form to be completed at each Safety Booth Event.

Advertising: Open

3 Months credit already given to our sponsors. We will give them 1 additional month at no charge. Expiration dates reflect on Newsletter and Website Ads.

Corporate Sponsorships for Masterlink now available at state level to help fund lobbyist fees.

Products: Dave Tenkate

Southern Eagle not responding to Dave’s calls. We have product for sale

Newsletter: Kim Morgan—Excused

Need all officer reports & submissions by the 24th of each month.

Membership: Debi Chesebro

0 New, 2 Renewals, 0 Delinquent members in November, 1 Expiring in December, 1 Expiring in January, 18 Life Anniversaries. 139 members.

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Webmaster: Kim Morgan—Excused

193 Websites Hit this month so far, 389 Website Hits last month (December)

Special Events: Open

Benefit for Jill Tenkate on March 18th following the Chapter meeting at the Homestead Bar

Sunshine: Open

Please let Larry know if any cards should be sent out. Cards to be sent to John & Robin Komer, Debi for Surgery and Lana.

Historian: Open

Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

Legendary Poker Run – Clark to finalize. Motion to make it a Poker Run vs an Event, 1st Kim Morgan, 2nd Kenny Winstead, All in favor. MFC Membership now includes \$4000. Insurance.

State went back to old logo featuring an eagle, passed membership vote.

Good of the Order:

Bill Byrd interview in January 2024 edition of Sophisticated Biker.

Next BOD Meeting: February 18th, 2024 at 9:30 at Corkscrew Country Store

Chapter Meeting: February 18th, 2024 at 10:00 at Corkscrew Country Store

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Kim Morgan , 2nd Kenny Winstead at 11:03 am.

ABATE STATE MEETING



27th ANNUAL FREEDOM RIDE TO THE FLORIDA STATE CAPITAL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Kickstands up at 9:00am Behind the Super 8 in Monticello

"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." ~ Thomas Jefferson

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Board Meeting 10am Delegates Meeting 12PM

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There is also a few campgrounds in the area.

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Pushing Back Against Mandates

After years of hyper and hurried mandates regarding Electric Vehicles (EV), Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV), Self-Driving or Driverless Vehicles and their suggested benefits toward the environment and the future of the planet, some moderation is happening. To begin, the State of Connecticut has withdrawn from its original position of joining the CARB Mandate, requiring passenger vehicles to be electric by 2035. After receiving bipartisan resistance, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont withdrew the Mandate Proposal after four months of consideration.

<https://ctexaminer.com/2023/11/29/opportunities-in-the-failure-of-ev-mandates/>

Also in recent news:

3000 Auto Dealers, representing nearly every major brand and all 50 states, have sent a letter to President Biden asking his administration to "tap the brakes" on the push toward BEVs. The mandates are leading to inventory that consumers are not buying.

<https://www.teslarati.com/car-dealers-biden-ev-demand/>

GM is adjusting its budget regarding its Cruise Division of Self-Driving Vehicles after they were involved in several high-profile incidents. These recently prompted Matthew Colvin, chief of staff of the Transportation Trades Department to say in a letter to the US Department of Transportation: "*The public are also recognizing that being unwitting guinea pigs to unproven tech that's desperately underregulated is not what anybody has signed up for.*"

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/29/technology/cruise-general-motors.html>



Motorcyclist Advisory Council Being Established!

Monday morning, after nearly two years of delay, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced the initial steps to establish the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC). In November of 2021, Congress passed, and President Biden signed the

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Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Included in the law was reformation of the MAC. The Mac will coordinate with and advise the Secretary of Transportation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Administrator, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Administrator on transportation issues of concern to motorcyclists, including motorcycle and motorcyclist safety; barrier and road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies. As stated in the announcement, "The MAC seeks to have a fairly balanced membership with expertise in motorcycle and motorcyclist safety, highway engineering, and safety analysis." Of the 13 seats open on the MAC, "One shall be a representative of a national motorcyclist foundation." The Motorcycle Riders Foundation looks forward to putting qualified candidates forward to fill not only this designated seat but other seats on the board as well.

Nominations are due by December 15, 2023. If you would like to read more about the MAC, its mission, and its membership.

The MRF would like to thank all lawmakers in Washington D.C. who fought for the creation and establishment of the MAC. Special thanks to the 13 Members of the House of Representatives who sent this letter to USDOT in May.

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Cape Coral Bike Night 5pm-10pm
11 Abate State Mtng	12 Abate State Ride To the Capitol	13	14	15	16	17
18 Estero River Mtng Jill Tenkate Benefit	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Gator Alley Mtng Peace River Mtng	26	27	28	29		

March 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Estero River Legendary Poker Run
17 Estero River Mtng	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

Have You Ever Been Loaned a Motorcycle?

Have you ever been loaned a motorcycle? How about a motorcycle for a 10 day trip?

About 15 years ago, my brother Chris (may he rest in peace), my son, and my grandson planned and executed a trip up the Atlantic east coast. It included the Outer Banks, ferry rides in North Carolina, Kitty Hawk, and the Tail of the Dragon! It was one of those motorcycle trips of a lifetime and family bonding.

To pull it off, we needed to borrow one more motorcycle, than the ones we already possessed. A family member loaned a scooter to my brother, and my brother loaned his motorcycle to my son. Think of how unselfish these acts of loaning thousands of dollars' worth of scooters (very nice Harleys) with no strings attached! However, think of the amount of responsibility and stewardship is on the ones who have borrowed the bikes!

Stewardship, in the Oxford Dictionary means, "...the job of supervising or taking care of something, such as an organization or property." Another definition from Dictionary.com is, "The responsible overseeing and protection of something worth caring for and preserving."

Do you realize that God has given us responsibility and stewardship of ourselves? We are not our own. We have been bought for a price! What we have is really on loan. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 in the Amplified Bible says, ***"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is within you, whom you have***

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[received as a gift] from God, and that you are not your own [property]? ²⁰ You were bought with a price [you were actually purchased with the precious blood of Jesus and made His own]. So then, honor and glorify God with your body."

Romans 14:12 says, ***"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."*** – KJV

It came naturally to take excellent care of the borrowed motorcycles. What about your life and your soul?

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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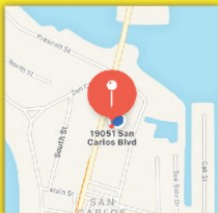
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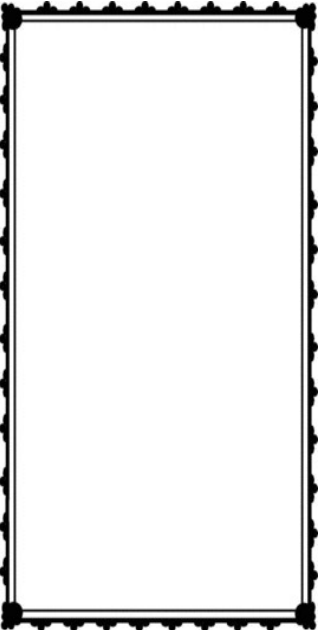
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