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Estero
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Chapter
Meeting
10 AM
January 21st
@ Corkscrew
Country Store,
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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,
January 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. I'd also like to thank Clark for over-seeing the November Chapter meeting.

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

I hope everyone has an amazing holiday season. Looks like we will be going to the state capital in April.

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**



OUR VICE PRESIDENT

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**From Your Estero River Chapter Vice President,
January 2024**

Greetings All,

I hope you had a merry Christmas and are healthy and happy.

We're working on a few things to beef up our Chapter's publicity and be in more contact with other motorcyclists. We're very pleased with the state and the progress we're making and soon it will reflect back to us.

We need to get more applications and sign-up new members. It takes teamwork. Carry an application with you and when you bring up ABATE, you are prepared for the new member to sign up.

Other states have raised their dues to \$25 so there is no reason for members not to sign up with us for only \$20.

Keep up the good work and I'll see you at the next Chapter meeting.

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 – Thomas Rendziniak, Linda Levesque

DELINQUENT NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIPS –

Don't forget to renew

NONE

EXPIRING DECEMBER MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Archie Litzenberger

EXPIRING JANUARY MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Patricia Keller, Bill Keller,

DECEMBER LIFE MEMBERS

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Milton Knowlton, Stephanie OHara, Jill Phillips-Tenkate,
Stan Rendziniak, Jackie Stout, Dave Tenkate, Tim Twilley,
Ron Wiseman, Cherie Wolfe & Curtis Wolfe Jr.

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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10 DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: 12/24/2023 Called to Order at 10:06 am at Corkscrew Country Store

President: Larry Peterson

Led the pledge of allegiance. Thanked our members that were present for attending. Thanked Debbie for allowing us to hold our meeting at the Corkscrew Country Store. Thanked Clark for proceeding over the November Chapter meeting.

Vice-President: Clark Faris

Thanked our members that were present for attending. Asked about the web page and our Facebook page updates.

Secretary: Kimberly Morgan—Excused

Treasurer: Lynn Dillard

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

Sgt at Arms: Dennis Tenkate

We are good for now.

Asst. Sgt at Arms: Open

Quartermaster: Dave Tenkate

We are in good shape.

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

Talked about vehicle's manufactured after 2030 will be equipped with a feature that would allow them to be remotely disabled. The EV car manufacturers are cutting back or suspending production of the EV vehicles.

PR Communications: Kim Morgan—Excused

Please Share the Facebook page!

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

The state By-law proposal passed by the delegation's unanimous vote. The gun raffle was won by an individual from Port Charlotte. We now have a firm that has taken up the Lobbyist position.

December State Meeting Summary:

- Branding—"Logo" for Florida Motorcycle Foundation.
- LAMA will be brought in soon.
- Legion Riders will also be informed soon.
- "Safety Banner" - We need to order.
- Hard Tail from MRF.
- Profiling Motorcyclist Federally
- Autonomous Vehicles
- Sign up for "Call For Action."
- MRF.org
- \$7000. Accidental Life & Dismemberment Policy.
- Bikers on the Beltway—\$230 per night on May 20th & 21st. \$155.00 per Bike, \$103.00 per Person.
- AIL Beneficiary will hand deliver the check.
- Inventory is due.

Safety: Shayne Hanley

Please fill out the safety forms and provide pictures if possible, of safety booths.

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Products: Dave Tenkate

Chapter Products available for sale.

Newsletter: Kim Morgan—Excused

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

Membership: Debi Chesebro

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

12 DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Continued...

Webmaster: Kim Morgan—Excused

please submit your letters and reports before Christmas, thanks.

Special Events: Open

Will come up with a committee for Legendary.

Sunshine: Open

Larry to send out a few cards.

Historian: Open

Nothing at this time.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Abate State Meeting will be held Sunday, February 11th, 2024 at the American Legion Post 49 in Monticello, Florida. Ride to the Capitol will take place On Monday, February 12th, 2024. Hotel rooms available.

Good of the Order:

Nothing at this time.

Next BOD Meeting: January 21st, 2024 at 9:30 at Corkscrew Country Store

Chapter Meeting: January 21st, 2024 at 10:00 at Corkscrew Country Store

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Mark Levesque , 2nd Kenny Winstead at 11:00 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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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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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Estero River Mtng						
28	29	30	31			
Gator Alley Mtng Peace River Mtng						

February 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
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	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Gator Alley Mtng Peace River Mtng	26	27	28	29		

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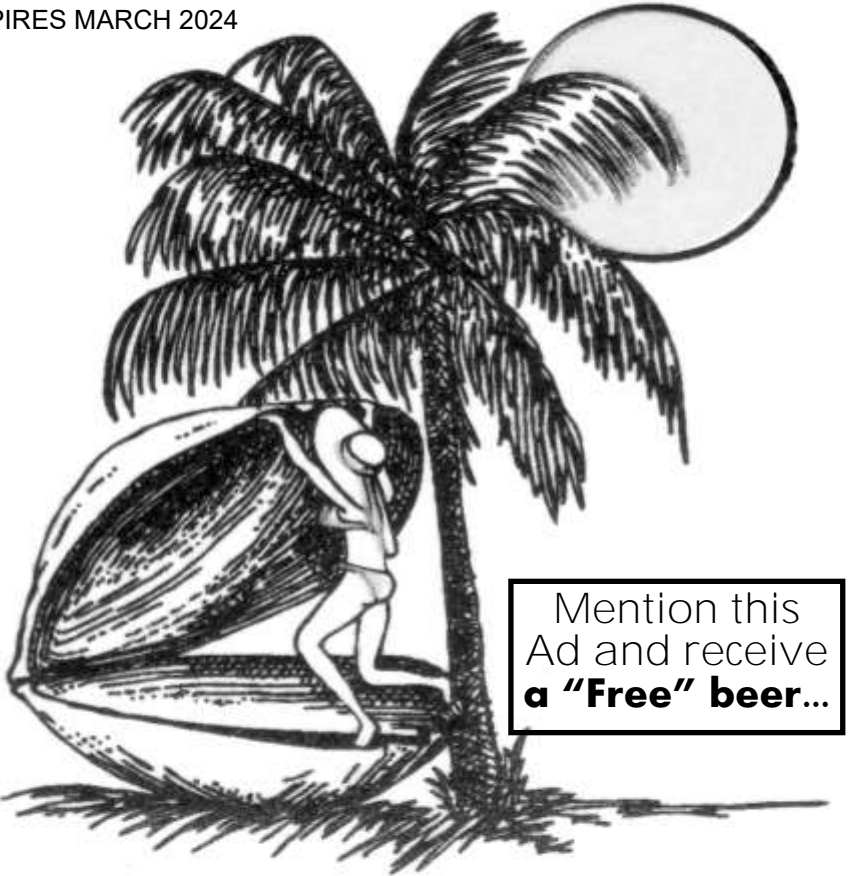
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Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

Never Run Out of Gas!

Here's How...

Most bikers have one thing that most cagers do not. It's the RESERVE fuel switch, that is usually located on the lower left side of the fuel tank. We cannot recall how many times we've been riding in a group to see one bike momentarily drop back. Then, we see the rider reach down, flip the switch/valve, and immediately return to the group.

There are some other things bikers can do to help from running out:

Correct tire pressure

Starting out with a full tank and fill up before hitting the reserve

Staying tuned up

Not overloading

Slow down

Utilizing your cruise control

Life can seem like it's sucking the fuel which provides the energy to keep us going. We can easily burn out. It can happen in a way in which it is too late and, it seems we're stuck on the side of the road. It seems like instead of the correct pressure, there is too much pressure. As things get progressively worse, we feel overloaded.

In Matthew 11:28-30, Jesus says, ***"Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you***

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is easy, and the load I will put on you is light. – NLT Jeremiah 2:25 says, ***“Slow down. Take a deep breath. What’s the hurry? Why wear yourself out?”*** -MSG

Have you thought about letting God be your cruise control? He said, ***“I WILL NEVER [under any circumstances] DESERT YOU [nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless], NOR WILL I FORSAKE or LET YOU DOWN or RELAX MY HOLD ON YOU [assuredly not]!”*** Hebrews 13:5 – AMP

Please pray. “Our dear Lord and God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Jesus Christ. I thank you for who You are. I thank You for creating me and even giving me the opportunity of knowing You. I thank you for even bringing me to this point to where I can acknowledge You and receive Your Son as My Lord and Savior. 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.”

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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