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Estero
River BOD
Meeting
8:30 AM,
Chapter
Meeting
9 AM
July 17 @
Corkscrew
Country Store,
Ft. Myers, FL

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY**



Next ABATE State

Meeting

BOD 12 PM
Delegates
2 PM
August 13th
@ VFW Post
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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, July 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 also like to thank Clark Farris for accepting the chapter VP position and for Jay Neal for his continuing support as our Legislative Rep.

Please check the newsletter or the website for July's chapter meeting date.

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 everyone of us.

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 your correct email address.

Respectfully, Larry Peterson, President



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#### **OUR VICE PRESIDENT**

From Your Estero River Chapter Vice President, July 2022

Greetings,

A quick intro to myself. I've been an active ABATE member since 2010 and have held different positions. I do what the Chapter wants, it isn't about me, it's about the Chapter.

You can contact me anytime, day or night. I will go to bat for our rights and freedoms of the road and teach about motorcycle safety.

I ask for everyone's support as well and believe that we as a team can make a difference for the community. Estero Chapter is exceptional, and we will

become bigger and stronger to help fight in the Capital for our rights.

I have some big shoes to fill following Jay, but with your help and understanding, it will get done.

For now, brothers and sisters... Ride Hard, Ride Safe, and Ride Home.

Clark Faris
Vice President



**Estero River Chapter** 

# MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS BENEFITS

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### **JULY 2022 REPORT**

# NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS LAST MONTH Welcome to Estero River

N- Alan Hoover
R- Clark Faris, Tonya Faris & Robert MacDonald

# <u>DELINQUENT JUNE MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew</u> Gary Compton Jr, & Robert Parker

EXPIRING JULY MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew NONE

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

#### **JULY LIFE MEMBER**

Ray Lepar, Nancy Noy, Charles Preston, Jencye Schmitt, Jerry Schmitt, Teddy Simmons & Timothy Tourjee

#### 158 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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Larry Peterson 904-610-7070

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#### **Estero River Chapter**

# 10 June Meeting Minutes

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

Date: 6/26/2022 Called to Order at 9:06 am at Corkscrew Country

Store

**President: Larry Peterson** 

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Thank you to the staff at Corkscrew. Welcome and thank you to everyone that was able to make this meeting. We had a tate meeting on June 11, 2022. Vote for State Board was postponed until next meeting. Our chapter then had a discussion regarding the positions that are open for voting. We made a decision of the choices our chapter will be voting on at August state meeting.

Vice-President: Jay Neal—Excused

**Secretary: Rachel Abrom** 

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

Treasurer: Mark Levesque—Excused

Motion to read a next chapter meeting. Motion to accept Report as given. 1<sup>st</sup> Kim Morgan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Debra Chesebro Report available for review.

Sgt at Arms: Dave Rimes—Excused

Report given by Larry Peterson – 5-Star made \$105 – wasn't a complete lose; made a little money

Asst. Sgt at Arms: Stan Rendziniak—Excused

Quartermaster: Dave Rimes—Excused

Legislative: Open Open (Legislative Report given by Larry Peterson)

Florida House Bill 1435 – Code and Traffic Enforcement – General Bill by Judiciary Committee. Code and Traffic Enforcement; Authorizes designation of special event zone; provides requirements & enhanced penalties for certain infraction; authorizes impound of motor vehicles of person who commits certain infraction or violation; limits impoundment term; requires motor vehicle to be released

#### Continued...

upon payment of impound costs & fees; authorizes sheriff to grant temporary authority to law enforcement officer; provides for recovery of costs & fees associated with designating & enforcing special event zone; revises types of soundmaking devices or instruments subject to prohibition against operating or amplifying sound from motor vehicles; prohibits operation or amplification in areas adjoining private residences. Signed by Officers and Governor.

#### PR Communications: Kim Morgan

575 Facebook Followers Currently. Please Share the Facebook page!

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

#### State Meeting June 11, 2022

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Doc - After Pledge and Moment of silence, Doc read the letter from the Commander of the Pensacola Chapter of the American Legion 340, concerning Tammy Grant and her conduct at the after party. This was done because some did not understand what lead to her yearly suspension. This suspension was determined by the Board.

<u>VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT</u>: Darrin – Welcome to all. Please be careful on your way home.

<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u>: Lynn – Accept the minutes as distributed to chapter

TREASURER'S REPORT: Debbie – Acce[t the treasures report. Quickbooks will look different.

<u>STATE OFFICE</u>: Brandy – QR Codes are now active. Each chapter has a code to use that will give them credit with membership.

<u>SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT</u>: Mudder – Stressed the importance of staying hydrated in this summer heat. Ride Safe.

<u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u>: Laurie – March: Highest Growth: Polk, Most New Members: Polk. April: Highest Growth: Polk, Most New Members: SouthEast.

# 12 June Meeting Minutes

#### Continued...

Qr code membership – This membership will be put in the system with the name and email. If the application is not returned everyone that pays by qr code is sent and application to fill out but if it not returned please email them so you can get them their membership card for your chapter and update their information.

<u>WEBSITE REPORT</u>: Masterlink: Reminder about chapter updates going to the State so it can be updated on the web page and Masterlink. "Any changes need to be done ASAP especially with membership, because unless the State has the information, it isn't active

<u>PRODUCTS TRUSTEE REPORT</u>: Shayne (Velcro) – Check out the new shirts. We even have new shirts, ladies and different sizes.

<u>LEGISLATIVE REPORT</u>: Darrin – Legislators are back in their local offices. Now is a great time to contact them

LOBBYIST: Doc - Check voters cards

<u>Legal Counsel</u>: Jerry T – Here are the options – 1. Freeze vote 2. Re-opened and revote – Vote postponed till August State Meeting

NCOM UPDATE: Doc – Nashville on June 17th, 18th.

<u>TALLAHASSEE</u>: April 2, 2023 for delegate meeting. April 3, 2023 for ride to Capital

STATE PARTY: Shayne - Still on hold; looking for location ideas

OLD BUSINESS: Elections - Postponed

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Reminder about selecting chapters for 2023 State Meetings. Please send state meeting request to the state office. Daytona profiling bill suggestion

<u>Good to the Order</u>: Anti-profiling – 2001 passed – to make motorcycle specific language to

Safety: Victor Piorkowski

Excused

Advertising: Open

Some ads are expiring please reach out if you know an advertiser

# **JUNE MEETING MINUTES**

Continued...

**Products: Dave Tenkate** 

We have products; products are in website

Newsletter: Kim Morgan

Need all officer reports & submissions by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Membership: Debi Chesebro

2 New - 2 Renewal – 0 Expiring – 2 Delinquent members in June - 10 Life Anniversaries—158 members.

Webmaster: Kim Morgan

199 Websites Hit this month, 249 Website Hits last month

**Special Events: Open** 

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:

None at this time.

Next BOD Meeting: July 17, 2022 at 9:30 at Corkscrew Country Store

Next Chapter Meeting: July 17, 2022 at 10:00 at Corkscrew

**Country Store** 

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Rick Zrelak, 2nd Debi Chesebro at

10:10 am.

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#### LEGISLATIVE REPORT-JULY 2022

TALLAHASSEE — Four years ago, Andrew Gillum celebrated a stunning win in the Democratic gubernatorial primary with hundreds of supporters during a raucous gathering at a Tallahassee hotel. This week, just a few blocks away, Gillum sat handcuffed in a federal courtroom and pleaded not guilty to charges that could send him to prison. The one-time rising star of Florida Democratic politics narrowly lost the 2018 race for governor to Republican Ron DeSantis. He was arrested Wednesday on charges of wire fraud, conspiracy and lying to federal agents and later appeared before a federal magistrate judge.

A 21-count indictment unsealed Wednesday accused Gillum and a longtime adviser, Sharon Lettman-Hicks, of illegally soliciting and obtaining money from various entities "through false and fraudulent promises and representations that the funds would be used for a legitimate purpose."

Gillum and Lettman-Hicks are each charged with 19 counts of wire fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. The wirefraud and conspiracy charges carry penalties of up to 20 years in prison for each count.

Gillum also was charged with one count of making false statements for allegedly lying to federal investigators in 2017, when he was mayor of Tallahassee.

In a prepared statement, Gillum denied wrongdoing and described the charges as politically motivated. "I have spent the last 20 years of my life in public service and continue to fight for the people. Every campaign I've run has been done with integrity. Make no mistake that this case is not legal, it is political. Throughout my career I have always stood up for the people of Florida and have spoken truth to power," Gillum, 42, said. "There's been a target on my back ever since I was the mayor of Tallahassee. They found nothing then, and I have full confidence that my legal team will prove my innocence now."

Before he lost to DeSantis by about 32,000 votes — less than half a percentage point — Gillum had become a darling in national Democratic Party circles.

#### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT- JULY 2022 Continued**

Seen as a politician who could energize young and progressive voters, he was held up as a candidate who could put a Democrat in Florida's governor's mansion for the first time in two decades.

But the indictment provided a window into the scheme that soured Gillum's most ardent supporters. Gillum and Lettman-Hicks are accused of defrauding a person identified only as "Individual F" of \$150,000 of a \$250,000 contribution to Gillum's gubernatorial political committees. Gillum solicited the money from the donor in May 2018. Prominent Orlando attorney John Morgan contributed \$250,000 to Gillum's campaign in 2018, part of a total of \$1.7 million that Morgan said he and his law firm contributed to Gillum's election effort. Morgan slammed Gillum after the indictment.

"Anything is possible with that guy. He kept all of our money and lost by a fraction. He destroyed the Democratic Party in Florida. I quit because of him," Morgan said in an email.

Gillum's arrest wasn't his first brush with scandal. He largely disappeared from the spotlight following a 2020 incident in a South Beach hotel room, where a man reportedly overdosed. Gillum was in the room and a police report said he was "unable to communicate with officers due to his inebriated state."

Three small bags of suspected crystal meth were found in the room, police said, but Gillum later denied doing drugs. In March 2020, Gillum announced he was going into a rehabilitation facility because of alcohol abuse. He also said he we was bisexual.

#### GOING 'ALL-OUT' ON ABORTION?

With the U.S. Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade and Florida days away from a 15-week abortion limit taking effect, DeSantis is already eyeing further restrictions on abortion access

Until Friday, when the Supreme Court tossed out the landmark 1973 abortion-rights decision, DeSantis had remained tight-lipped about whether he would seek to go further than a new state law preventing abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

The governor, who signed the law in April, issued a statement praising the Supreme Court ruling in a Mississippi case, saying the "prayers of millions have been answered."

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#### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT-JULY 2022 Continued**

"Florida will continue to defend its recently-enacted pro-life reforms against state court challenges, will work to expand pro-life protections, and will stand for life by promoting adoption, foster care and child welfare," DeSantis said in a Twitter post.

While Republicans celebrated the ruling, abortion-rights advocates quickly announced they would hold rallies in opposition. They blasted the ruling as an attack on reproductive rights.

Senate Minority Leader Lauren Book, D-Plantation, predicted that Republicans could seek an "all-out" abortion ban in Florida.

"With Florida Republicans cruelly proving their appetite for robbing women and girls victimized by the horrific trauma of rape, incest, and human trafficking of their right to an abortion after 15 weeks — period, end of sentence, no exceptions — it is clearly only a matter of time before our state also debates an all-out abortion ban," Book said in a prepared statement.

**TALLAHASSEE** — The first day of each year's legislative session brings pomp and anticipation. The last day brings closure and relief. And July 1 is when most of the work starts to play out. A record \$109.9 billion state budget will take effect with the July 1 start of the state's 2022-2023 fiscal year. At the same time, dozens of new laws will take effect, including some of the highest-profile measures passed this year.

Battles continue, however, about a handful of new laws. As an example, Leon County Circuit Judge John Cooper will hold a hearing Monday about whether to issue a temporary injunction to block a measure (HB 5) that would prevent abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Larry Peterson, President



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# **Estero River Chapter**

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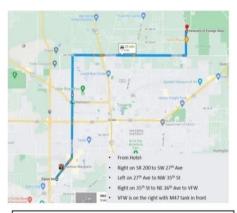
# **State Meeting**

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



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Biker Bay is organizing a STOP 22 Ride for Nick Fogle, a family member by marriage that lost his battle to his hidden wounds.

Nick succumbed to his hidden wounds on July 6th.

Nick was an 18-year active veteran serving 7 tours in the past 4 years as a helicopter pilot.

Nick is survived by his wife and 3 small children ages 10, 6, and 3.

The ride:
Sunday, July 24th.
KSU at 10 am at
Biker Bay 5780 Bayshore Rd. N. Ft. Myers
and

end at Shea's West on Tamiami Tr. in N. Ft. Myers.
Registration begins at 8:30
\$10 for rider and \$5 for passenger.
There will be a 50/50 drawing
and with your paid registration
YOU will receive a chip from Shea's West

receive a chip from Shea's West for a free beer/soda.

Shea's West will also have Jello shots with the proceeds from that going to the family as well.

All proceeds raised will go to Nick's family.

Anything you can give will be greatly appreciated

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# **JULY EVENTS**

**Sunday July 10th and 24th** - Meeting 11am - F.O.E 3938 - 607 Williams Ave, Lehigh Acres;

**July 17** - 3rd Saturday Ride - please reach out to Lead Road Captain for details - Scott (484) 554-9060

**July 30th** - Eagle Riders Event Day 1pm to 5pm at the F.O.E 3938 - Leigh Acres

If you would be interested in becoming an Eagle Rider please feel free to come to a meeting.

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# 28 Message From Our Pastor

**Dear Fellow ABATE Members,** 

#### **A Continual Process**

Restoration of a motorcycle is a <u>continual process</u>. One cannot say, "It's restored. I'm finished."

At a minimum, even a museum quality restored motorcycle will require routine dusting and polishing. The tires will eventually need replacement as they will eventually rot out. Rust and corrosion will take place in certain areas, if not tended to.

Our lives are very much the same. One cannot say, "I'm married and now, onto something else." Marriage needs nurturing and feeding. Otherwise, it will die. One cannot just graduate from a school or program and think they've arrived. Continual education and experience will enhance our worth and growth.

Spiritual growth must have a starting place and then be nurtured. Pray below and ask God into your heart. None of the other things can provide any peace of mind and comfort as getting God's attention by praying. And, there's been much disruption by Covid, finances, and all the other things that the world has thrown at us and have us waste our health, wealth, and resources on.

No matter what you have lost, think/focus on some of the things in which you have been blessed. And, of the things you have lost, know that God is in the business of restoration.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence;

Continued...

And take not thy holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
And uphold me with a willing spirit." Psalm 51: 10-12
(ASV)

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 for your peace in my mind and with your Spirit, in the Name of Jesus. Amen."

If you prayed that prayer for the very first time and you have accepted Jesus into your heart, we would like to know and help you along your journey of faith.

"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:
The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be
gracious unto thee:
The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give
thee peace."

Numbers 6:24-26 - KGV

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: <a href="mailto:tprovenz@comcast.net">tprovenz@comcast.net</a>

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