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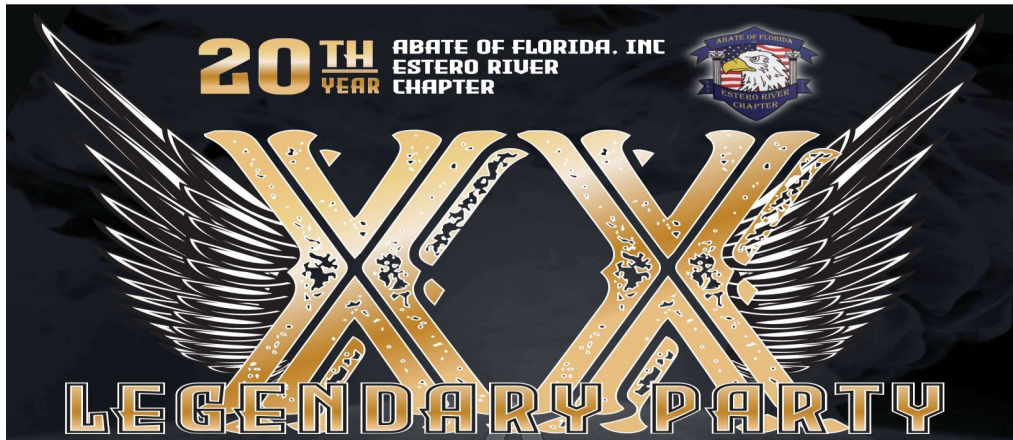


Estero
River BOD
Meeting
9:30 AM,
Chapter
Meeting
10 AM
March 20th @
The Cork-
screw
Country Store,
Ft. Myers, FL



Next ABATE
State
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BOD 12 PM
Delegates
2 PM
April 9th @
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Estero River Chapter

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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,
March 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.

We are getting ready for our 2022 Legendary Event. Hope everyone can come out and have some fun.

Be sure to check our website for current events and updates.

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**



OUR VICE PRESIDENT

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**From Your Estero River Chapter Vice President,
March 2022**

Hello My Fellow Members and Riders,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and spirits.

I just wanted to drop everyone a line and let you know that I have been thinking of everyone down there. We've got the family all settled in the new NC home and schools. I wish I could be there to celebrate the 20th Legendary with everyone.

I'm also hoping that everyone is doing well and enjoying the riding weather before rainy season sets in. I've been going through my bike and the weather up here is finally getting better so more riders are coming out. I'm looking forward to exploring the biker community up here.

That pretty well sums it up for now, but I will try to stay in touch.

Ride On and be safe.

**Jay "J-bird" Neal,
Vice President**



Estero River Chapter

ABATE of Florida, Inc. Membership Application

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Chapter: _____

Are you a registered voter: Yes _____ No _____

Voting Districts: _____ Fl House: _____ Fl Senate: _____ Us Congress Dist. : _____

Membership Options Annual New Member \$20.00: _____ Lifemembership \$600.00: _____

Member Transfer to New Chapter: _____ From old Chapter: _____

Change of address: _____ Name Change _____ **Home Chapter: Estero River**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL. Membership is open to anyone 18 years or older. All members receive a membership card and voting privileges in their home chapter, Personal involvement in statewide Legislative actions and their freedom to ride. Mail to Po Box 366760 Bonita Springs Fl. 34136 Questions: (239)405-3324

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

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MARCH 2022 REPORT

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS LAST MONTH

Welcome to Estero River

N – Skip Deal

R- Stephanie Graber, Dennis Tenkate & Chuck Tunis

DELINQUENT FEBUARY MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

NONE

EXPIRING MARCH MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

David Abrom, Rachel Abrom, Robert Armstrong, Cheryl Dutka, Robert Dutka,
Kurt Elwood, Scot Goldburg, Robert Oliveira & James White

EXPIRING APRIL MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Sylvia Abbas & Helen Young

MARCH LIFE MEMBER

Mario Acosta, Larry Bills, Michelle Landry, Rick Peterson,
Richard Roux, Cliff Smith, Jerilyn Walker

153 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.

Membership: Debi Chesebro 239-405-3324

Larry Peterson 904-610-7070

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

CALL ME 239-405-3324 or EMAIL ME: debicheese@aol.com

Estero River Chapter

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

Date: 2/20/2022 Called to Order at 10:10 am at Corkscrew Country Store

President: Larry Peterson—Excused

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Thank you to the staff at Corkscrew Country Store.

Excused. Meeting was led by Mark Levesque.

Vice-President: Jay Neal—Excused**Secretary: Rachel Abrom**

Motion to accept January minutes as posted in newsletter: 1st Kim Morgan, 2nd Rick Zrelak, Motion Accepted.

Treasurer: Mark Levesque

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

Sgt at Arms: Dave Rimes—Excused**Asst. Sgt at Arms: Stan Rendziniak**

Nothing new to discuss.

Quartermaster: Dave Rimes—Excused**Legislative: Jay Neal—Excused**

We have had no movement this month in the 3 Bills we have been watching:

House Bill 2573: Abate of Florida Safety and Education; Provides an appropriation of the Abate Safety and Education. Appropriation: \$300,000

House Bill 743: Violation Against Vulnerable Road Users

Senate Bill 1252: Traffic Offenses

Please remember to reach out to your representative!

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

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PR Communications: Kim Morgan

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

Please check back for minutes from February state meeting.
Next State Meeting: Saturday, April 9, 2022: American Legion
Post 81, 2909 S Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32901
Board Meeting @ 12:00PM Delegates Meeting @ 2pm

Safety: Victor Piorkowski—Excused

Advertising: Open

We need all to get checks from the sponsors that we got for Legendary.

Products: Dave Tenkate

We have past products available, and we will have new t-shirts for Legendary March 18 and 19, 2022.
Please visit esteroriverabate.com to see products.

Newsletter: Kim Morgan

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

Membership: Debi Chesebro

17 New - 2 Renewal – Expiring – 2 Delinquent members in February - 4 Life Anniversaries. 153 members.

Webmaster: Kim Morgan

42 Websites Hit this month, 16 Website Hits last month
Please visit our website for update information and events

12 FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Continued...

Special Events: Open

20th Legendary Party March 18 & 19

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:

Elections of Officers coming soon: Nominations in April.

Good of the Order:

5 Star Party – May 14, 2022. 11am – 5pm at Sun Sport.

Address location 3411 Colonial Blvd, Ft. Myers, 33966.

Next BOD Meeting: March 20th, 2022 at 9:30 at Corkscrew Country Store

Chapter Meeting: March 20th, 2022 at 10:00 at Corkscrew Country Store

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Rachel Abrom , 2nd Scott Abrom at 11:03 am.



ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. State Meeting

Saturday, April 9, 2022

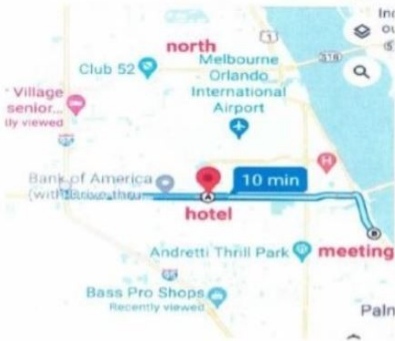
**Held at the American Legion Post 81
2909 S. Harbor City Blvd Melbourne, FL 32901**

Board Meeting @ 12:00 PM

Delegates Meeting @ 2:00 PM

← ○ Melbourne, Florida 32904
MOTEL ○ 2102 W New Haven Ave
MEETING ○ 2909 S Harbor City Blvd....

20 min



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LEGISLATIVE REPORT– MARCH 2022

TALLAHASSEE --- The legal battle started in 2017 after St. Johns County's Nease High School required transgender male student Drew Adams to use girls' bathrooms or a gender-neutral, single-stall bathroom. Now, nearly five years later, a full federal appeals court is poised to consider arguments about whether the Northeast Florida school district violated Adams' rights by preventing him from using boys' bathrooms.

The case, which will be heard Tuesday by the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, has drawn national attention. The U.S. Department of Justice will argue in favor of Adams, who also has received support from 22 states and the District of Columbia. Meanwhile, 18 states have backed the St. Johns County School Board's position.

A district judge and a three-judge panel of the appeals court ruled in favor of Adams. But the full appeals court vacated the panel ruling and said it would hear the case.

The Justice Department contends that the school board's refusal to allow Adams to use boys' bathrooms violated equal-protection rights and a federal law known as Title IX, which bars sex-based discrimination.

"The board fails to identify any sound basis for treating Adams differently than cisgender boys for purposes of using the school restrooms, even while treating him as a boy for other purposes," the Justice Department said in a brief filed in November. "As the district court found, Adams identifies and presents physically as a boy. Even if Adams has some anatomical differences from cisgender boys, those differences are not observable when Adams goes into a private bathroom stall and closes the door. To justify differential treatment, the differences must actually be relevant to the government's (the school board's) asserted justification."

LEGISLATIVE REPORT— MARCH 2022 Continued

But attorneys for the school board have pointed to privacy issues in defending the bathroom policy. Adams graduated from the high school as the case moved forward.

“This case has always been about whether a definition of sex founded in the real and enduring biological differences between boys and girls substantially advances the important privacy interests of students to use the bathroom free from members of the opposite biological sex,” the school board’s attorneys wrote in one court document.

Democrats likely will pepper Republican leaders with questions about issues such as a proposal to shift \$200 million away from school districts that required students last year to wear masks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But the budget discussion likely will be just a warmup. The House is scheduled later Tuesday to consider a bill (HB 5) that would prohibit doctors from performing abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Abortion issues always spark heavy debate, but this year’s proposal — modeled after a Mississippi law that is under review at the U.S. Supreme Court — would place a major restriction on abortions.

As of Friday afternoon, Democrats had filed 17 proposed amendments to the bill. Few, if any, of the amendments likely will pass. But that doesn’t mean the debate will cool down.

A House panel Thursday will take up a package that would provide a wide range of tax breaks but does not include Gov. Ron DeSantis’ big-ticket proposal to suspend the state’s gasoline tax for five months.

The House Ways & Means Committee will consider a bill (PCB WMC 22-01) that includes 14-day sales tax “holidays” in May on gear for the hurricane season and in late July on back-to-school items such as clothes, school supplies and personal computers.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT– MARCH 2022 Continued

The bill also would bring back a “Freedom Week” tax holiday around Independence Day. During that period, shoppers could avoid paying sales taxes on tickets to music events, sporting events, movies, theaters, parks, fairs and museums, purchases of items for camping, fishing and boating and purchases of surfboards, canoes, kayaks and bicycles.

A new tax holiday would go for seven days around Labor Day for purchases of items including work boots, power tools, toolboxes for vehicles and LED flashlights. With the state’s coffers brimming from federal stimulus money and higher-than-expected tax collections, the House and Senate ultimately will have to agree on a final package of tax cuts. But both chambers, at least so far, have not embraced DeSantis’ proposal to suspend the 25-cent-a-gallon gas tax for five months starting in July. The package also includes temporary tax exemptions for impact-resistant windows, doors and garage doors for residential properties; children’s books; baby and toddler clothing, shoes and diapers; and Energy Star certified refrigerators, water heaters and washers and dryers.

State Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis called the proposal for impact-resistant windows, doors and garage doors “a practical way of saving folks money while incentivizing homeowners to better protect their homes from hurricanes” that “in some cases” could reduce insurance costs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Larry Peterson, President

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5-STAR EVENT

MAY 14TH, 2022

10am - 5pm

SUN SPORTS CYCLE

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					Eagles Karaoke	
13	14	15	16	17 St Patricks Day	18	19
Eagle Riders Mtng					Estero River 20th Legendary Even 5pm-11:59 pm Eagles Karaoke	Estero River 20th Legendary Even 8am-11:59 pm Southwest Mtng
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Estero River Mtng					Eagles Karaoke	Eagle Rider Event Sandbar Bike Night
27	28	29	30	31	Hurricane Tina's Happy Hour Daily 10 am—Noon	
Eagle Riders Mtng Gator Alley Mtng Peace River Mtng						

April 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Hurricane Tina's Happy Hour	Daily 10 am— Noon				1 Eagles Karaoke	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Eagles Karaoke	9 Abate State Meeting
10 Eagle Riders Mtng	11	12	13	14	15 Eagles Karaoke	16
17 Estero River Mtng	18	19	20	21	22 Eagles Karaoke	23 Eagle Rider Event Sandbar Bike Night
24 Eagle Riders Mtng Gator Alley Mtng Peace River Mtng	25	26	27	28	29 Eagles Karaoke	30 Eagle Riders District Meeting/Event

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MARCH EVENTS

Saturday 12th - Rib Cook Off - F.O.E 3938 -

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Call for details 239-369-8744

Saturday 26th - Eagle Riders Event - Noon to

5pm - Food, Fun and Motorcycles

Proceeds to benefit Cancer Society

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Lead Road Captain - Scott (484)554-9060

20TH YEAR ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
ESTERO RIVER CHAPTER



XXX LEGENDARY PARTY

FRIDAY - SATURDAY

MARCH 18 & 19, 2022

FRIDAY 5:00P - 11:59P & SATURDAY 10:00A - MIDNIGHT

FREE ADMISSION | DONATIONS WELCOME

Must abide by CDC Guidelines to attend event & follow local County Mandates.

ENTERTAINMENT | FOOD | BIKE GAMES

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Sponsorship fees must be submitted no later than February 19th, 2022 in order for your Business name to appear on the Event Shirts.

Venue location: Corkscrew Country Store 19990 Corkscrew Road, Estero, FL 33928

Dates: Friday, March 18th & Saturday, March 19th, 2022. Gates open Friday at 5:00 pm and close Saturday at 11:59 PM.

For additional information call: Jill Phillips 239-826-2094, jillphillips616@yahoo.com or Kim Morgan 239-671-7216, webmaster@esteroriverabate.com.

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ABATE of Florida, Inc.

2022 LEGENDARY VENDOR 25

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.-Estero River Chapter 2022 Legendary Vendor Application

Name & Type of Business: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Names of Individuals working or attending with Vendor (Free Admission):

Venue location: Corkscrew Country Store 19990 Corkscrew Road, Estero, FL 33928

Dates: **Friday, March 18th & Saturday, March 19th, 2022. Gates open 5:00 pm Friday and close at 11:59 PM Saturday.**

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Ignoring the Warning Signs
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Most of us, who are reading this, fully understand and know the warning signs that will lead to catastrophic failures of our motorcycles. Included are: balding and unbalanced tires; low or high oil pressure and levels; fluid leaks; abnormal fuel consumption; unfamiliar noises; gas and/or burning smells, etc..

Almost 3 years ago, we were deployed as disaster relief volunteers, into a flooded three-county area of Southeast Texas, just a few miles north of the border. Little did we know, the actual temperatures of the area we were to work in, would range from 102 degrees Fahrenheit to 106 degrees each day. Several of our co-workers suffered severe heat exhaustion, within a week of our arrival. If it had progressed into heat strokes, it could have been fatal. They either did not know the warning signs and/or ignored them. They obviously failed to take precautionary measures!

As Chaplains, we provide a lot of emotional and spiritual care in dealing with stress. Let's look at a scripture to illustrate stress in the end times. From the reading of following scripture, perhaps you will agree we are in the end times? Is there is anything that sounds familiar? 2 Timothy 3:1-3 (this is from the Amplified Bible, translated after the 1930's) ***"But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]. For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane. [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good."*** This was written almost 2,000 years ago.

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The Bible tells us many stories about God's warnings. It also tells us about those who heeded God's warnings, were spared dire consequences. God has always provided a means of escape. Whether you know God, if you are religious, or if you don't know God at all, you can look at the story of Noah and the Ark (Hebrews 11:7). How about the story of Jonah and the Big Fish, where Jonah ended up warning the people of Nineveh? (Jonah 3) The great story of the Passover... (Exodus 12)

God has provided a means of escape through salvation and entry into a glorious eternity. ***"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."***
- John 3:16

Romans 8:35-39 – ***"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*** KJV

Give yourself to God, this day. Right now! 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, in the Name of Jesus. Amen."***

If you prayed that prayer for the first time, please let us know.

Blessings,

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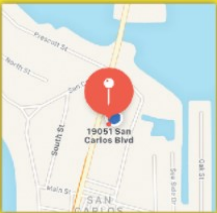
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