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ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN!



Estero
River BOD
Meeting
9:30 AM,
Chapter
Meeting
10 AM
March 19th @
Corkscrew
Country Store,
Ft. Myers,
Florida



Next ABATE
State
Meeting
BOD 12 PM
Delegates
2 PM
April 2nd @
American
Legion
Post 49,
Monticello,
Florida

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



ABATE of Florida, Inc.

American Bikers Aiming Towards Education
A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments

Estero River Chapter

EMERGENCY TEAM

Thanks to these individuals who have stepped up to volunteer to become part of the chapter's emergency team. These members and friends will come to you and assist you in transporting your motorcycle, if it breaks down in the area. They have trailers to accommodate you in an emergency situation. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Larry Peterson by email at larry8251@hotmail.com so we can add you to the list. Thank you for your support.

Tom Provenzano Open trailer Ft Myers area **239-267-8641**
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**We
Love
Bikers**



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We would like to thank Deb with a full page add for being the home of Estero River Chapters many events including the Chapter Birthday Party's, Legendary, Pilgrim's Pride and numerous other events over the years without ever asking for anything in return. Please know how much we love and appreciate everything you do for our Chapter.

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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,
March 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.

The 5 Star event will take place on February 25th at Sun-Sports on Colonial & Veronica Shoemaker from 10am-5pm. We are also going to do a Lunch ride on March 4th leaving from the Corkscrew Country store @ 11am.

On March 18th, we will be celebrating our 31st Annual Legendary Event at the Corkscrew Country Store. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

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 2023**

Greetings All,

**I hope everyone is doing well and prospering in their
Motorcycle community.**

**I invite everyone to visit the Estero Chapter Webpage to
learn what's happening with ABATE. There's something
for everyone and more rides are being planned.**

**Keep your bikes running top-notch and keep up with
your maintenance.**

**Hope to see you at our next meeting and upcoming
events.**

Thank you again for your support.

Ride Hard, Ride Safe, and Ride Home.

**Clark Faris
Vice President**



Estero River Chapter

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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

Membership Use Paid By Cash: _____ Check: _____ Paypal: _____ Square: _____

Verified By: _____ Date paid: _____ **Do Not mail Cash**

ABATE of Florida, Inc has partnered with American Income Life to provide all members with a \$4000.00 AD&D Policy Please fill out the card below

Mail to State office: ABATE of Florida, Inc. Po Box 614 Cantonment, FL. 32533-0614 Phone: (386)943-9610

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

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

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

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

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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MARCH 2023 REPORT

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS LAST MONTH

Welcome to Estero River

N – James Phillips & Walter Wood

R – Dennis Tenkate

DELINQUENT FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Skip Deal & Chuck Tunis

EXPIRING MARCH MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

David Abrom, Rachel Abrom, Robert Armstrong,
Brad Buffington, Robert Dutka & James White

EXPIRING APRIL MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Sylvia Abbas, Michael Acciaro, Alona McLachlon,
John Perry, Wendy Perry, James Stokes, Helen Young

MARCH LIFE MEMBER

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

133 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

10 FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

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

Date: 2/19/2023 Called to Order at 10:14 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. The newsletters are printed. 5-Star party is 2/25 at Sun Sport. I will be out of town until April. Brandy from state reach out to us to discuss our lunch flyer. Clark and I will look into and be sure we don't make any mistakes going forward.

Vice-President: Clark Faris

Again, thank you everyone for coming out. 5-Star 2/25 10AM to 5PM at Sun Sport. Lunch run on March 4. Legendary Party on March 18th. Flyers are out, please share. We will be setting up for Legendary Friday starting about 2PM.

Secretary: Rachel Abrom

Motion to accept December/January minutes as posted in newsletter. 1st [Kim](#) Morgan, 2nd Rick Zrelak, Motion Accepted

Treasurer: Mark Levesque

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

Sgt at Arms: Dave Rimes—Excused

Asst. Sgt at Arms: Stan Rendziniak—Excused

Quartermaster: Dave Rimes—Excused

Legislative: Open (Legislative Report given by Larry Peterson)

House Bill 709 – Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education; Requires portion of Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund proceeds to fund motorcycle driver improvement program administered by specified nonprofit entity; provides programs requirements; requires report to Legislature

2/10/23 – Filed

Continued...

2/21/23 – Referred to Transportation & Modals Subcommittee
Referred to Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
Referred to Infrastructure Strategies Committee
Now in Transportation & Modals Subcommittee

Senate Bill 838 – Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education; Requiring a portion of Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund proceeds to fund a motorcycle driver improvement program administered by a specified nonprofit entity; providing program requirements; requiring a report to the Legislature, etc.

2/15/23 – Filed

2/23/23 – Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

PR Communications: Kim Morgan

648 Facebook Followers Currently. Please Share the Facebook page!

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

State Meeting Minutes February 11, 2023

President Report: Giz

Lighthouse Chapter will be closing. Michael passed away. Prayers to family.

*Anyone can do safety/membership. Maybe try a local Harley store
President run chapters – no one else*

Vice President's: Darrin

74th Annual Swamp Buggy – 2 more events; March 4th; April same as state

Secretary's Report: Lynn – *Accept the minutes as distributed to chapters*

Treasurer's Report: Debbie – *Accept the treasurer's report*

State Office Report: Brandy – *1). Flyers, Checks, Property Release, and Insurance Request need to be sent at the same time to the State office. 2). Inventories are past due*

Sergeant at Arms Report: Charlie – *Chapters need to complete inventories*

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Continued...

Membership Report: Laurie –

November: Most New members – Polk Country Largest Percentage of Growth – Polk Country

December: Most New members – Polk Country Largest Percentage of Growth – Polk Country

PR/ Communications Report: Bill –

Talk to him

Website Report/Masterlink: Tara

Show off your chapter – highlights a member – articles every 2 months; please send 2 weeks prior

Products Trustee Report: Shayne (Velcro)

We have products – see website

Legislative Report: Darrin

Safety money – call your local rep (see legislative report)

Lobbyist: Rich

No paid lobbyist

Legal Counsel: Jerry T

NCOM Update: - Phoenix 2023

Tallahassee 2023: - Confirmation is still pending, but if approved – April 2, 2023 for Delegate meeting, April 3, 2023 for the ride to the Capital. Vote – riding to the Capital even if not approved.

State Party: Velco –

Still working on

Old Business: -

Confirmation of new time for meetings. 12PM

Status of new 501c3 – still working on

Results of Motion concerning the name “Spooks ‘n Scoots”.

Follow up on Motion for Deceased Life Members “Memorial Chapter”

New Business: - Introduction of possible new chapters:

Boneyard Chapter (Pasco County)

Central Chapter – Orlando

Good to the Order:

Close meeting

End of State Meeting Minutes

Safety: Victor Piorkowski—Excused

Advertising: Open

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Continued...

Products: Dave Tenkate

Excused We have products. Please confirm sponsors for Legendary Party.

Newsletter—Kim Morgan

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

Membership: Debi Chesebro

0 New - 0 Renewal – 17 Delinquent members in January—3 Expiring February—6 Expiring March – 4 Life Anniversaries. 149 members.

Webmaster: Kim Morgan

108 Websites Hit this month, 179 Website Hits last month

Special Events: Open

Legendary Party – March 18th. We need people to assist with front gate, security, bike games, raffles.

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: March 19th, 2023 at 9:30 at Corkscrew Country Store

Next Chapter Meeting: March 19th, 2022 at 10:00 at Corkscrew Country Store

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Rachel Abrom, 2nd Kim Morgan at 12:20 am.

Estero River Chapter



LUNCH RUN

March 4th
Kickstands up
@ Corkscrew
Country Store
19990 Corkscrew Rd
Estero FL
@ 11:00

DESTINATION:
Immokalee FL
Kountry Kitchen

Anyone on or off
Facebook is welcome



ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
ESTERO RIVER CHAPTER PRESENTS:

21ST ANNUAL
**LEGENDARY
PARTY**

Saturday, March 18th, 2023

Gates Open: 11AM &
Close @ 11 PM
Cost: \$3 Single
\$5 Couple

Bike Games
1:30 - 3P

**The
Chopper
Band**
3 - 7P

Corkscrew Country Store 19990 Corkscrew Rd., Estero FL 33928

Membership & Safety Info Available, contact:
Clark Faris @ 815-440-4005 or Larry Peterson @ 904-610-7070

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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Estero River Chapter

2023 Legendary Sponsor Application

Business Name _____

Address _____

Contact Name _____ Business Phone _____

Sponsorship Levels:

_____ **Bronze:** \$75.00 Business name on the Annual Legendary Shirt. One Legendary shirt included with sponsorship. Size _____

_____ **Silver:** \$150.00 Name on Legendary Shirt, Full Page ad in 6 issues of the Chapter's BiMonthly Newsletter, 1 year ad featured on the Chapter's Website Sponsor Page w/link to your website. One Legendary shirt included with sponsorship. Size _____

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

Date: March 19th, 2023. Gates open at 11:00 AM - Event ends at 11:00 PM

For additional information call: Clark Faris, VP at 815-440-4005 – Email: sparky2bark07@yahoo.com

Or Debi Chesebro at 239-405-3324 – Email: debicheese@aol.com

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.-Estero River Chapter 2023 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: **Saturday, March 18th, 2022. Gates open 11:00 am & close at 11:00 PM.**

For additional information call: Clark Faris, VP at 815-440-4005 – Email:

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Authorized Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____



26th ANNUAL FREEDOM GATHERING

Ride to the Capitol Monday, April 3, 2023

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

POC Abate of Florida Inc. State Office Brandy (850) 485-3853

Days Inn Monticello: 44 Woodworth Dr., Monticello, FL 32336. Phone: 850-997-5988. Take I-10 to Exit 225 South on US 19. The hotel is located on the East side.

Super 8 Monticello: 140 Pafford Rd., Monticello, FL 32336. Phone: 850-997-8888
Take I-10 to Exit 225 South on US 19. The hotel is located on the West side.
There is also a few campgrounds in the area.

STATE MEETING SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023 2PM

AMERICAN LEGION HALL- 1065 S WATER ST MONTICELLO, FL 32344

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LAKE COUNTY EVENT

ABATE Of Florida, Inc... *Lake County Chapter's* **Campground- Open to the Public** for **Leesburg BikeFest™**



Campground is off of Hwy 27 & CR 48 ~6 miles S from downtown LSBG. Coming from N on 27 pass CR 33 & Turn Right- onto CR 48. at gas station, by light. Riding north on 27, turn left at the light onto CR48, look for signs.

RVs Welcome \$20 & Trailers \$10 one time Fee
NO hook ups- NO Reservations- Cash Only

***24 Hr Security**

***Hot Showers**

***Bike Blessing**

***50/50 & Prizes**

***Blood Mobile**

***NO PETS**

DATES: April 27-30, 2023

WHERE: 27150 Haywood Worm Farms Rd
Okahumpka 34762 **Eagles Aerie # 4273**

TIME: Gates open Thurs-Fri-Sat-Sun 7 am

NO Early arrivals

Gates close Thurs-Fri-Sat- at 11:50pm -Sun at noon.

COST: \$15. pp, per nite -Includes Tax
Kids 10 & under FREE –

Can NOT accept reservations – CASH ONLY

ABATE of Florida, Inc, Lake web:


www.lakecountyfloridaabate.com

***Live Bands @ 8pm**
Thur: TBA -- Fri: TBA
Sat: TBA

*** Tiki Bar**

***Food available**
@ Eagles Aerie

***VENDORS**

ABATE OF FLORIDA, Inc. Lake County Chapter and its affiliates of the Leesburg BikeFest ABATE campground will not be held responsible financially or otherwise for any adverse weather conditions that may affect, delay or cancel any scheduled performance event described herein this promotional flier. *Join ABATE of Florida, Inc & receive \$4,000 accidental death INS. Our rights as motorcyclists are constantly being challenged at an alarming rate; every motorcycle enthusiast should belong to a Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO). Check us out on FB*  ABATE of Florida - Lake County Chapter



NO site fires
NO Weapons
NO Attitudes
NO EXCEPTIONS

NO Pets

Pet boarding near by: 352-406-9184



Pres: TATE- 352-409-2055 Vice Pres: Tramp 321-228-0463

Vendors, contact Jessie 352-227-7214 or Vera 352-516-4240

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March 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lunch Run 3/4	See flyers for details	Estero River Legendary Event 3/18	1	2	3	4 Lunch Run 11am
5	6	7	8	9	10 Eagles Karaoke	11
12 Eagle Riders Mtng	13	14	15	16	17 Eagles Karaoke	18 Estero River 2023 Legendary Event
19 Estero River Mtng	20	21	22	23	24 Eagles Karaoke	25 Eagle Rider's Bingo
26 Eagle Riders Mtng Gator Alley Mtng Peace River Mtng	27	28	29	30	31 Eagles Karaoke	Hurricane Tina's Happy Hour 10am— Noon

April 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Abate State Mtng	Abate State Ride To The Capital				Eagles Karaoke	Cape Coral Bike Night
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Eagle Riders Mtng					Eagles Karaoke	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Estero River Mtng					Eagles Karaoke	Eagle Rider's Bingo
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Eagle Riders Mtng Gator Alley Mtng Peace River Mtng				Leesburg Bikefest	Eagles Karaoke Leesburg Bikefest	Leesburg Bikefest
30	4/3—Abate State Ride To the Capital (See flyer for details) 4/27-4/30—Leesburg Bikefest (See flyer for details) Hurricane Tina's Happy Hour Daily 10 am—Noon					
Leesburg Bikefest						

LEGISLATIVE REPORT– MARCH 2023

HB 709 - Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education by Rep. Yarkosky, has been assigned its committee pathway. The first committee that it has just been assigned and is now waiting to be heard is the Transportation and Modals Subcommittee.

And SB 838, the companion bill for HB 709, has also been filed and the first committee it will go to is the Senate Committee on Transportation. It has not been put on the agenda yet, however, we can start to contact the Senators on this committee and ask for their support of SB 838.

Following is the list of committee members for both the House and Senate and their Contact and District information so that you can begin contacting them.

When you do contact them, remember to be brief. Mention you are a constituent and are asking for their support of HB 709 when in their Transportation and Modals Subcommittee or SB838 when in their Senate Committee on Transportation. Say it's for motorcycle safety education.

Please send emails to ALL the Reps or Senators on this committee asking for their support.

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HB 708:

Rep. _____,

I am asking for your support of HB 709 by Yarkosky for funding motorcycle safety and education. The money only comes from motorcyclists when we pay our registration fees.

Please support HB 709 when it comes before your Transportation and Modals Subcommittee.

Thank you,

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SB 838:

Sen. _____,

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Please support SB 838 when it comes before your Committee on Transportation.

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You can also use these same scripts when calling the office. Remember to be BRIEF, NO ONE likes to read a long email or listen to a long caller. They have the ability to read about the bill if they want.

Ask for their support of the House or Senate Bill when it goes before their Committee. You can also add it is for motorcycle safety and education.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Lawsuit Limits Emerge in House - Jim Saunders February 15, 2023

A day after Gov. Ron DeSantis and legislative leaders backed the idea, two House Republicans on Wednesday filed a proposal that would make wide-ranging changes aimed at shielding businesses and insurance companies from costly lawsuits. The 22-page bill, filed by House Judiciary Chairman Tommy Gregory, R-Lakewood Ranch, and Rep. Tom Fabricio, R-Miami, includes limiting fees paid to plaintiffs' attorneys, changing what are known as "bad faith" laws and helping defendants avoid paying damages when they are only partially at fault. Micheal Carlson, president and CEO of the Personal Insurance Federation of Florida, which represents national insurance companies, said in statement that in package of legal changes "is the most consequential in decades". "State leaders have had it with the lawsuit abuse and are out to stop it where it still exists," Carlson said. "This bill will reset our judicial climate, reduce lawsuit and insurance claims costs and ultimately benefit consumers and business owners." A Senate version of the bill had not been filed as of Wednesday afternoon. But Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, and Gov. Ron DeSantis made an appearance Tuesday in Jacksonville to call for such changes during the legislative session that will start March 7. The proposal will face fierce opposition from plaintiffs' attorneys, who are expected to argue that it will take away legal rights from injured people while benefiting businesses.

House Tees Up Concealed Weapons Bill - Jim Turner February 21, 2023

A The house Judiciary Committee on Tuesday backed a proposal that combines allowing people to carry firearms without licenses and efforts to improve school safety, despite Democratic arguments that easing gun restrictions would increase violence. A Senate committee on Monday approved a similar measure, with some gun-rights groups – which want people to be able to openly carry firearms in most public places – calling the proposal "too weak". The Republican-dominated House committee voted 16-7 to approve the House version (HB 543), which would allow people to carry concealed guns without going through state licensure, background screening and required training. It also would provide money for school hardening and take other steps to address school safety, including coordinating threat-assessment service, allowing armed "guardians" in private schools and calling for firearm-detection dogs at schools. With Tuesday's vote, the House bill is ready to go to the full House after the annual legislative session starts March 7. Bill sponsor Chuck Brannan, R-Macclenny, said the proposal would allow people to decide for themselves about carrying concealed firearms for self-defense, while also providing a deterrent to mass shootings through such things as the expansion of school guardians. "This bill will simply allow Floridians to carry their firearm without the red tape and expense of a government license", Brannan said. The Senate Criminal Justice Committee on Monday voted 5-3 along party lines to approve the Senate version (SB 150).

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Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

Will There Ever Be the Perfect Motorcycle?

At one or more times, we have met bikers who have bought the latest model and/or version of a motorcycle, thinking it would solve all the ills, woes, and bad experiences they've had with their older scoots.

This was particularly true when a famous maker brought out a new model of an engine, a number of years ago. But, guess what? That new model brought about a new set of ills, woes, and bad experiences.

Some of you will remember our story of looking for the perfect motorcycle. I (Tom) started riding a scoot on the road when I was 15 years old. And, it was a real scoot, a Cushman Highlander with all of 5 horsepower! It never had enough power to do some of the things I demanded. But, it did get me around. Before that, a friend of mine had a Cushman Eagle. His parents either owned and/or managed a trailer park with lots of acreage. My friend allowed me to ride to my heart's content. But, it seemed like we were always adjusting something to keep it running smoothly.

The fallacy of my thinking was that over time and advances in technology, motorcycles would become perfected by the time I reached adulthood. The next bike was a used 1960's Triumph Bonneville that I could never seem to keep properly tuned. And, the oil just kept "pouring" out of the crankcase, despite the number of seals I replaced. The engine came completely apart in my grandmother's carport, more than once. After that, and over the next 30+ years, Kathy and I have owned three Goldwings, two rice burners, three trikes, V-twins, and three BMW's. For a time, Kathy rode her V-Star, separately. To some extent or another, there was something always needing something done to keep them roadworthy and/or they could have been better designed.

Regardless of our quest for the perfect bike and all the deficiencies, we accepted them as they were and enjoyed the relationship. Despite the problems created into motorcycles by man here on earth, we have never given up our love of riding, enjoying God's creation outside of the cage, and fellowshiping with other riders. If we had given up on riding when we encountered the first problems, we would have missed out on a lifetime of great and rewarding experiences, plus making some very special friends. We are sure that most, if not all of you can relate.

The Scriptures tell us, "***For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.***"
Romans 3:23 KJV The only perfect being on this earth was Jesus.

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Like motorcycles, none of us are perfect. That includes you, us, and the Pope. That is why God sent his Son to pay the price for all our imperfections. (see John 3:16) It is a gift from God . And, like any gift, **it has to be received** to complete the gift-giving transaction. Once that happens, then God can begin to work on us to correct all the deficiencies of our sinful and corrupt human nature. Unlike the continual problems with the motorcycles and man's failures to correct them, God can begin to work and bring us to perfection to be with Him in eternity. Life is an endurance. James 1:3-5 says, **"Be assured that the testing of your faith [through experience] produces endurance [leading to spiritual maturity, and inner peace]. And let endurance have its perfect result and do a thorough work, so that you may be perfect and completely developed [in your faith], lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke or blame, and it will be given to him."** AMP

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...

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