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## MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS



Estero  
River BOD  
Meeting  
9:30 AM,  
Chapter  
Meeting  
10 AM  
May 15th @  
Corkscrew  
Country Store,  
Ft. Myers, FL



Next ABATE  
State  
Meeting  
BOD 12 PM  
Delegates  
2 PM  
June 11th @  
VFW Veterans  
Village,  
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### Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month



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**Estero River 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,  
May 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 Mark and Rachel for overseeing last month's Chapter meeting.**

**Chapter and State board Elections are coming up. Election of the State board will be at the June State meeting and our Chapter elections will be held at the June Chapter meeting. Come support our Chapter and get involved. The more people that help, the easier it is for every one of us.**

**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,  
May 2022**

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

Hello again from NC...I have been enjoying the break in weather. It seems winter has finally let go and moved on. I have been on a few rides with groups and met some more great bikers from this area. I am practicing what I preach and running through some routine maintenance on my bike this weekend. I have also been out riding the countryside re-learning back road and scenic routes for rides in the future.

The events here are finally starting up and May looks like a busy month for me. I will be attending the local Chapters Spring Fling in a few weeks which is held on a large private farm here. We will ride, eat and shoot that day! I missed the Spring "Maggie Valley" event, but I am going to attend the Fall event. Maggie Valley is the home of Wheels Through Time motorcycle museum so I have it on my wish list.

I see the weather is warming up down there and the rain is starting. Hope everyone is doing well and again I sure do miss everyone. I follow along as best I can on social media and there have been a few days and events I really wished I was there.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MAY 2022 REPORT

### NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS LAST MONTH

#### Welcome to Estero River

N – Michael Alliaro, Alona McLachlan, John Perry  
Wendy Perry & James Stokes

R- Sylvia Abbas, David Abrom, Rachel Abrom,  
Dusty Armstrong, Cheryl Dutka, Robert Dutka & James White

### DELINQUENT APRIL MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

NONE

### EXPIRING MAY MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Casey DeNoon, Robert Shaffer & Susan Shaffer

### EXPIRING JUNE MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Gary Compton Jr, Chuck Faris, Tonya Faris,  
Francis Lynch, Robert MacDonald & Robert Parker

### MAY LIFE MEMBER

Charles Chaplin, Teri Lugo, Gary Nichols, Leann Peterson,  
John Ries, Renee Ries, Shelley Ries, Bill Siminovsky, Steven Stevens,

### 156 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**

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**ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?**

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**Estero River Chapter**

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

Date: 4/16/2022 Called to Order at 10:10 am at Corkscrew Country Store

**President: Larry Peterson— Excused (Meeting lead by Mark Levesque & Rachel Abrom.**

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

**Vice-President: Jay Neal—Excused**

**Secretary: Rachel Abrom**

Motion to accept March minutes as posted in newsletter: 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Zrelak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Debi Chesebro, Motion Accepted.

**Treasurer: Mark Levesque**

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

**Sgt at Arms: Dave Rimes—Excused**

**Asst. Sgt at Arms: Stan Rendziniak**

All good at this time.

**Quartermaster: Dave Rimes—Excused**

**Legislative: Open (Legislative Report given by V.P Darren; Florida State ABATE)**

The first bill to talk about – Senate committees have passed SB466 “Military/Medic programs of Florida “will allow these people to help with health areas. Packet includes information on our bills. Utilize these to use as talking points to the Aids. Speaking to the Legislator should start before the committees begin. Go by your Legislators office and thank them. House 308 is Rep, McClean, Rep Branna, House 417 could use a little encouragement to make sure our bill is heard.

**PR Communications: Kim Morgan**

562 Facebook Followers Currently. Please Share the Face-  
book page!

# APRIL MEETING MINUTES

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

**ABATE of Florida, Inc: Saturday, April 9, 2022 – State Delegate Meeting**

**Presidents Report: Doc** – Intro of Bill Sauders from the Insurance Credit Union – Insurance App; \$4000 Benefits still renewed – Current members auto covered – please check you beneficiary

**Vice Presidents Report: Darren** – Excused

**Secretary Report: Lynn** – Entertain a motion to accept minutes as they are in your packet;

**Treasurer's Report: Debbie** – Reminder about submitting 2 checks with you Treasury Report. One for Sales tax and one for the 20%. Entertain a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as they are in your packets

**State Office Report: Brandy** – I will email packets to 4 officers of each chapter. Send email corrections to Brandy

**Sergeant-At-Arms Report: Mudder** – Keep your scooters visible

**Membership Report: Laurie** – January – Highest %: Treasure Coast; Most New Members: Estero River  
February – Highest % Treasure Coast; Most New Members: Forest & Daytona Beach

**PR/Communications Report: Bill** – May 2022 Motorcycle Safety Month Proclamation request submitted

**Website Report/Masterlink Report: Brandy** – Issue with old website/Masterlink on line. Send Brandy any new posts.

**Safety Director Report:** - Need someone to setups

**Products Trustee Report: Shayne (Velcro)** - Spend money/Sale on shirts at next state meeting

**Lobbyist: Doc** - Excused

**Legal Counsel: Jerry T** - Excused

**NCom Update: Doc** - June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> in Nashville – Award to David Allen Coe

*Continued...*

**Tallahassee Update** – Originally falls on Easter Sunday. Moving to 4/2/23 & 4/3/23

**State Party: Velcro** - Central Florida – still looking at locations. Contact Shayne for suggestions

**Old Business** – Steve – balloting issues

**New Business: Nominations for State Office – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round** - Elections – Next meeting; Chapter Vote:

President : Doc - Accepted/ Grizz/

Vice President: Darrin – Accepted/ No New

Secretary : Lynn – Accepted/ No New

Treasurer: Deb – Accepted/ No New

Membership : Laurie – Accepted/ No New

Public Relations: Bill – Accepted/ Bridgett - Accepted

Sargent of Arms : Charlie – Accepted/ No New

Products: Shayne (Velcro) – Accepted – No New

Legislation : Darrin- Accepted/ No New

Masterlink – Brandy – Accepted/ No New

Legal : Jerry T/ No new

Lobbyist - Hire

**Good to the Order** -

Next meeting – Richard (Patty's husband) brings ashes

Beneficiary – on ABATE Policy – Do you need to update?

Bridgett – Cooler tickets

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Leesburg only 1 day

**Safety: Victor Piorkowski**

Excuse

**Advertising: Open**

We have new ads for upcoming newsletters

**Products: Dave Tenkate**

Shirts sales went well during event. We still have shirt available

**Newsletter: Kim Morgan**

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

# APRIL MEETING MINUTES

*Continued...*

**Membership: Debi Chesebro**

2 New - 2 Renewal – 3 Expiring – 2 Delinquent members in May -  
5 Life Anniversaries. 154 members.

**Webmaster: Kim Morgan**

38 Websites Hit this month, 408 Website Hits last month.

**Special Events: Open**

5 – Star Event. Elections are coming up

**Sunshine: Open**

Please let Larry know if any cards should be sent out.

**Historian: Laurie Hanley – Excused**

**Old Business:**

Nothing currently.

**New Business:**

Trailer needs new tires. Mark will look for good pricing

**Good of the Order:**

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Hades Hounds in support of VA Hospital. Benefit starts at Shell Factory – 2787 N Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers. KSU @ 10am. \$20 Rider, \$10 Passenger

**Next BOD Meeting: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:30 at Corkscrew Country Store**

**Chapter Meeting: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:00 at Corkscrew Country Store**

**Motion to Adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Abrom , 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Zrelak at 10:45 am.**

**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.****State Meeting**

**Saturday, June 11, 2022**

**Board Meeting @ 12:00 PM**

**Delegates Meeting @ 2:00 PM**



**Held at the VFW Veterans' Village Pavilion**

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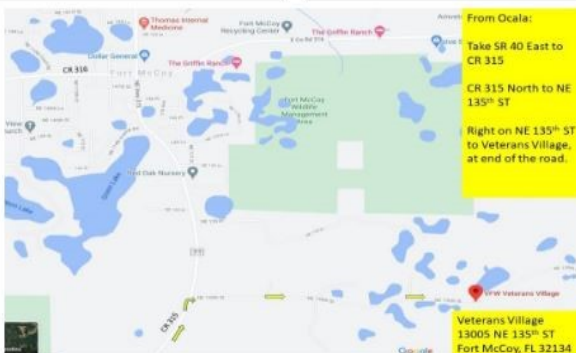
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**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

## **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Public safety is paramount and Governor DeSantis is committed to ensuring the safety of all Floridians and visitors of our great state; and

WHEREAS, Florida is a diverse state, with many sprawling scenic beach and inland roads attracting motorcyclist tourists wanting to see all that Florida has to offer; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has a traffic safety initiative, Target Zero, which focuses on roadway safety with a goal of eliminating transportation-related fatalities, which account for about 16 percent of motor vehicle fatalities in Florida; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles offer minimal protection in the event of a crash and have unique steering and stability characteristics that require physical skill beyond that needed to operate a standard automobile; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are often hidden in a vehicle's blind spot or missed in a quick look due to their smaller size, so motorcyclists and motorists must be vigilant in their efforts to share the road and ensure the safety of everyone; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has undertaken comprehensive safety efforts to reduce motorcyclist fatalities and serious injuries by implementing the Florida Motorcycle Safety Coalition, educating motorcyclists, promoting motorist awareness of motorcycles, and enforcing traffic laws regarding risk-taking behaviors of riders; and

WHEREAS, to prevent injuries and deaths on Florida's roadways, motorcyclists and motorists must be vigilant in their efforts to share the road and ensure the safety of everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2022, as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-two.

  
Governor

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**Estero River Chapter**

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT— MAY 2022

**TALLAHASSEE** --- It was the veto heard 'round Florida, as Gov. Ron DeSantis this week rejected a bill that would have made major changes related to solar energy.

The veto of a bill backed by powerful interests such as Florida Power & Light prompted the governor to receive kudos from environmental groups, rooftop-solar advocates and even some of his harshest political critics. The measure (HB 741) focused on a complex issue known as “net metering,” which involves billing arrangements between people who own solar panels and utility companies. The process generally refers to customers sending excess energy generated from solar panels to utilities and receiving bill credits in return.

The bill would have introduced major changes to net metering. Under current rules, credits are provided at utilities’ retail rates. But the bill would have ultimately led to providing credits at what are known as “full avoided cost” rates, which would have reduced the amount of credits going to rooftop-solar owners.

DeSantis tied his thumbs-down of the measure to rising inflation, which the governor and many other conservatives have labeled “Bidenflation” as a barb aimed at President Joe Biden.

The veto centered on part of the bill dealing with the potential that more property owners than expected would install rooftop-solar systems between July 1, 2022, and Dec. 31, 2023 — before key changes in the bill would start to take effect in 2024.

If such higher-than-expected rooftop solar use occurred during the 18-month period, utilities would have been allowed to seek to recoup lost revenues from their broader customer bases.

“Given that the United States is experiencing its worst inflation in 40 years and that consumers have seen steep increases in the price of gas and groceries, as well as escalating bills, the state of Florida should not contribute to the financial crunch that our citizens are experiencing,” DeSantis said in a veto message Wednesday.

The measure ignited a fiery debate during this year’s legislative session, with supporters saying it was needed to end subsidies for people with rooftop-solar systems and critics saying it would cripple the industry. Opponents of the bill heaped praise on the veto, saying it would help efforts to boost renewable energy.

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT– MAY 2022 Continued

"We applaud Gov. DeSantis' decision to veto this bad bill and be a champion for #solar jobs," the Florida Wildlife Federation said in a Twitter post. "We must continue to work together to increase access to solar and other #renewableenergy resources to combat the climate crisis and provide Floridians with affordable energy solutions."

Florida Power & Light, which ran television ads supporting the bill, issued a statement after the veto that said it is "always working to deliver clean, reliable energy while keeping customer bills affordable."

"We remain committed to finding a more equitable net metering solution for all Floridians," the statement said. "FPL is leading the nation's largest solar expansion and we will continue to advance solar that is cost-effective for all our customers."

### HELLO, ELECTION POLICE?

Despite few hiccups in the 2020 presidential election in Florida, DeSantis signed a bill this week that will set up a state office charged with investigating voting irregularities.

The Office of Election Crimes and Security will be housed in the Department of State. Its creation is the highest-profile part of the measure (SB 254), which expands on a 2021 state law that, in part, was aimed at cracking down on what's known as "ballot harvesting."

The new law also will ratchet up financial and criminal penalties for violating elections laws, including for ballot harvesting, which can include collecting and delivering vote-by-mail ballots for multiple people.

"I think this office will be very, very much appreciated," DeSantis said Monday at a bill-signing event in Spring Hill. "And it will allow us to have people who really specialize in election security and election integrity."

The law also calls for the appointment of Florida Department of Law Enforcement officers to investigate allegations of election violations, with at least one officer in each region of the state.

Critics have argued that the law is intended to suppress voting by minorities and Democrats, and could create a chilling effect on people and organizations who gather ballots.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT– MAY 2022 Continued**

“No Floridian should fear reprisal from an unaccountable agency with a nebulous mission simply because they wanted to register their fellow citizens to vote or help a neighbor turn in their mail ballot,” Rep. Susan Valdes, D-Tampa, said in a statement.

But DeSantis said the additional changes should give Floridians “more confidence” about the voting process.

“At the end of the day, we want to be in a situation where everyone knows the rules,” the governor said.

**MAKING IT OFFICIAL**

The State Board of Education on Friday appointed state Sen. Manny Diaz Jr. to be Florida’s next education commissioner.

Diaz, a Hialeah Republican, will replace Commissioner Richard Corcoran, who is stepping down effective Sunday.

Diaz will assume the role June 1 and will become the state’s first Hispanic education commissioner. In the meantime, Department of Education Senior Chancellor Jacob Oliva will serve as interim leader of the agency.

“This is not about me. This is about the students in our state, the parents in our state and our governor’s thrust to keep education in the forefront,” Diaz told reporters after his appointment.

DeSantis backed Diaz for the job, hailing the senator last week as a leader in the Legislature on education issues “ranging from teacher pay to parental rights and choice.”

**STORY OF THE WEEK:** In a win for the rooftop-solar industry and environmental groups, Gov. Ron DeSantis on Wednesday vetoed a controversial bill that would have made major changes in rules for rooftop-solar energy.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** “We are going to implement the law. We are going to follow the law. All of our schools are going to follow the law. It is very clear, the intent of the Legislature and the governor’s signature.” — incoming state Education Commissioner Manny Diaz Jr. on his role in implementing controversial new education laws

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** *Larry Peterson, President*

ABATE OF FLORIDA INC.

# 5-STAR EVENT

**MAY 14TH, 2022**

**10am - 5pm**

**SUN SPORTS CYCLE**

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15 Estero River Mtng	16	17	18	19	20 Eagles Karaoke	21 Eagle Rider Event Sandbar Bike Night
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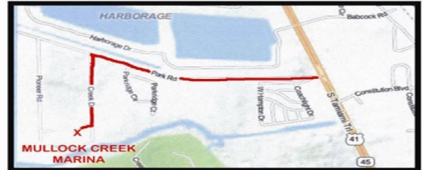
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Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

**The Ultimate Ride!**

Some of the best times we can experience are when we can get out of the everyday routines and just go for a ride on our scoots.

That ride can be a time of renewal, clearing our heads, and forgetting the pressures/burdens we face. Most of the “garbage” of life is gone. But, merely for a time...

Wouldn't it be great if we could have the feeling of the exhilaration, whether or not we're on the ride? Wouldn't you agree that all of us need a big lift?

2 Corinthians 4:14-17 says in part, ***“We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also raise us with Jesus... That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!”*** – NLT

Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus says in part, ***“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? So don't worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ ...your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.”*** - NLT

Continued...

**In addition to the ride, can you turn it all over to God?**

**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."***

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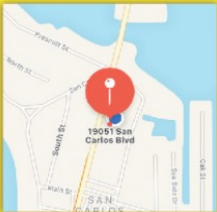
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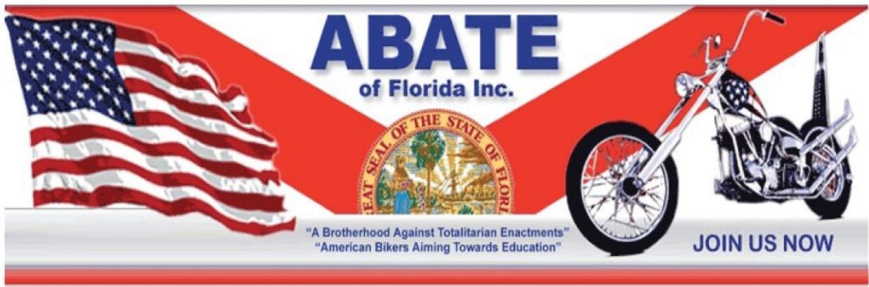
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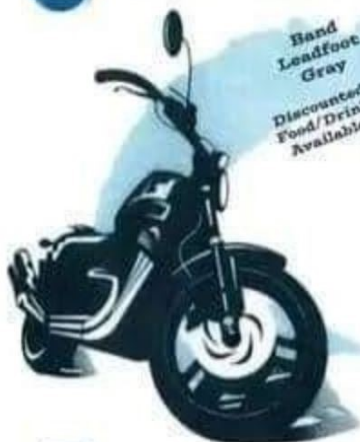
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