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MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS!



Estero
River BOD
Meeting
9:30 AM,
Chapter
Meeting
10 AM
May 21st @
Corkscrew
Country Store,
Ft. Myers,
Florida



Next ABATE
State
Meeting
BOD 12 PM
Delegates
2 PM
June 10th @
Location TBD,
Information to
follow.

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Month

May

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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 2023**

Good Day All...

I would like to thank Debbie for having us at the Cork-screw Country Store and all our members for coming out and supporting our Chapter.

Please be careful out riding as the weather seems to be changing again. Lots of storms these days.

Please, when you visit one of our Newsletter Advertisers LET THEM KNOW you have seen their ad in our newsletter. It really helps when they hear their efforts are being recognized.

If you are not receiving an email, please send me an email so I will have the correct address.

Respectfully,

**Larry Peterson
President**



OUR VICE PRESIDENT

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**From Your Estero River Chapter Vice President,
May 2023**

Greetings All,

Hope everyone is doing well and riding free.

Thank you all for the hard work you've put in to make Estero River successful for another year. You're a great bunch of people coming together for a reasonable cause and if we can save a life, it made our work well worth it.

We have another year to build stronger and better and I believe that we will meet our goals. We need to keep working together.

Ride Smart, Ride Safe, and Ride Home.

**Clark Faris
Vice President**



Estero River Chapter

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ABATE of Florida, Inc. Membership Application

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APRIL 2023 REPORT

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERS LAST MONTH

Welcome to Estero River

N – Stanley Borowy & Tara Ricci

R- Rachel Abrom, Scott Abrom, John Perry & Wendy Perry

DELINQUENT APRIL MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Sylvia Abbas, Michael Acciaro,

Alona McLachlon, James Stokes & Helen Young

EXPIRING MAY MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Angela Acciaro, Kasey DeNoon & James Rachel

EXPIRING JUNE MEMBERSHIPS – Don't forget to renew

Clark Faris, Tonya Faris, Alan Hoover, Frances Lynch,

Robert MacDonald & Robert Parker

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Charles Chaplin, Teri Lugo, Gary Nichols,

Leann Peterson, John Ries, Renee Ries, Shelley Ries

Bill Siminovsky & Steven Stevens

145 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: 4/16/2023 Called to Order at 10:00 am at Corkscrew Country Store

President: Larry Peterson—Excused

Vice-President: Clark Faris

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Thank you to the staff at Corkscrew. Hello and thank you all for coming today. We are asking everyone to call about SB 838. Information, numbers and a script can be found in our newsletter.

Secretary: Rachel Abrom

Motion to accept March minutes as posted in newsletter, with corrections. 1st Mark Levesque, 2nd Shane Hanley, Motion Accepted.

Treasurer: Mark Levesque

Motion to accept Report as given. 1st Shane Hanley, 2nd Rachel Abrom. Report available for review.

Sgt at Arms: Dave Rimes—Excused

Asst. Sgt at Arms: Stan Rendziniak

All good. We had no issue at Legendary.

Quartermaster: Dave Rimes—Excused

Legislative: Open (Legislative Report given by Clark Faris)

Please focus on placing the call to your Senators regarding SB 838.

SB 838 – Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education

Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Education; Requiring that the motorcycle safety education fee be used for safety and education program administered by Florida not-for-profit corporations; specifying requirements for the administrators of such program; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to enter into certain contracts for a specified purpose; specifying the requirements of safety awareness and education programs; requiring the department to select program administrators and enter into specified date, etc.

2/15/23 – Filed

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

3/7/23 – Introduced

3/15/23 – On Committee agenda – Transportation, 3/20/23, 12:30pm, 110 Senate Building

Continued...

3/20/23 – CS by Transportation, YEAS 10 NAYS 0

03/22/23 – Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) – (Committee Substitute) Now in Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

4/13/23 – On Committee agenda – Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development, 4/18/23, 8:30 am, 110 Senate Building

4/18/23 – Favorable by Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. Now in Appropriations 4/20/23 – On Committee agenda – Appropriations, 4/25/23, 10:00 am, 110 Senate building

4/25/23 – CS/CS by- Appropriations, YEAS 19 NAYS 0

4/26/23 – Pending reference review – under Rule 4.7(2) – (Committee Substitute). Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading, Placed on Special Order Calendar,

04/28/23 CS/CS by Appropriations read 1st time

PR Communications: Kim Morgan—Excused

683 Facebook Followers Currently. Please Share the Facebook page!

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

ABATE of Florida, Inc. Saturday, April 2, 2023 State Delegate Meeting
President Report: Griz – Discussion on filling 2 positions: Vice President and Legislative Trustee. Update on the Treasurer and the letter submitted concerning recent treasury issues;

Secretary's Report: Lynn – Accept Minutes from December meeting. Accept minutes from February meeting. Delegates responsibility to take back accurate information

Treasurer's Report: Debbie – Update on the work to update the books. Accept the treasures report

State Office Report: Brandy – I need to make sure I am getting beneficiary paperwork monthly. To prevent any more delay time. Remember if they send the beneficiary card back to AIL, the WILL get a sales call. If they send it to the state office no one calls them. Sometimes people do not call the chapter to report the passing and it could be a few years after they passed to present the information from getting lost between election and new Trustees make sure the office has the original. If a death occurs there is requirement: Death Certificate with Cause, Police Report Long Form, Person Reporting Death Info and Copy of Sate ID

Membership Report: Laurie – Please Note! Membership cards will be going up \$10 due to shipping costs. New Memorial Chapter will be called "Fallen Members". Please let Membership know of any deceased members.

Continued...

PR/Communications Report: Bill – Will be trying to make contact with person in charge of the Proclamation. They will be in the Governor's office.

Safety Trustee: Russ – 1) I've completed the concept letter and other items for FDOT grant submission. Without a 501(c)3, I was not able to submit it by the February 28th deadline. I will attempt it again for next year once we do have our non-profit corporation. 2) Since ABATE Safety and Education, Inc. refuses to release funds specifically intended for ABATE of Florida, Inc., we are in dire need of safety products. Let's hope our safety money bill passes. Have you called your representative? 3) Make sure any safety booth presentation forms are completed correctly and are sent to Sate within 5 business days. 4) I need a list from all Chapters of their certified MSAP Course Instructors ASAP please. The certified instructors we have in each chapter, the better.

Website Report/Masterlink: Tara – Change the MaterLink to monthly: There will be a questionnaire out to all board members to get to know them, and getting a patch donated for a quilt to be auctioned off at the next state meeting.

NCom Update – Phoenix 2023

Tallahassee 2023 – 64 bikes for ride to the capital. Members got to meet and speak with Representatives that were present. Bell was rung on the steps of members that have passed this year. Visit floridapolitics.com

State Party: Velcro – Motion was made at the last meeting concerning Polk to host a party in their area. What was the response of the chapters? Will your chapter be attending?

Old Business – Vote on the time change for the Delegate Meeting.

New Business – SW will not be doing the June meeting. Passco County to hold June meeting

Good of the Order – Podcast – Big Boneyard. 7PM Sunday. He welcomes all to call him. You can Google it and watch it on replay.

Safety: Victor Piorkowski—Excused

Debi Chesebro will be going through the 3 training sessions that ABATE of Florida will be offering. This will allow Debi to receive her certificate for safety training.

Advertising: Open

Please, we all need to work today to add to our advertisers.

Products: Dave Tenkate

We have shirts left from Legendary, however some sizes have been sold out.

Newsletter—Kim Morgan

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

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Continued...

Membership: Debi Chesebro

9 New - 1 Renewal – 7 Expiring – 4 Delinquent members in April - 5 Life Anniversaries. 145 members.

Webmaster: Kim Morgan

894 Websites Hit this month, 711 Website Hits last month

Special Events: Open

5-Star party is currently on hold. They may be looking into something different for next year.

Estero River should look into a holding a Poker Run

Sunshine: Open

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

Historian: Laurie Hanley—Excused

Old Business:

Poker Run after elections –

Rachel motioned to change June meeting to June 25 due to the next meeting date is on Father's Day. Mark 2nd.

New Business:

Nominations for 2023

President – Larry Peterson and Shayne Hanley

Vice President – Clark Faris

Secretary – Tara Ricci

Treasurer – Lynn Dillard and Kim Morgan

Sgt @ Arms – Dave Rimes

Good of the Order:

Nothing at this time.

Next BOD Meeting: May 21st, 2023 at 9:30 at Corkscrew Country Store

Next Chapter Meeting: May 21st, 2023 at 10:00 at Corkscrew Country Store

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Shayne Hanley, 2nd Mark Levesque at 11:15 am.

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Our apologies, but the June 2023 Abate State Meeting Flyer was not available at the time our newsletter was published. Please continue to check our Chapter Website or Facebook Page for that Meeting Flyer with meeting details. We will publish as soon as it's available.

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May 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Eagles Karaoke	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Eagles Karaoke	13 Polk County Chapter Event
14 Mother's Day Eagle Riders Mtng	15	16	17	18	19 Eagles Karaoke	20
21 Estero River Mtng	22	23	24	25	26 Eagles Karaoke	27 Eagle Rider's Bingo
28 Eagle Riders Mtng Gator Alley Mtng Peace River Mtng SE Chapter Event	29 Memorial Day	30	31	Hurricane Tina's Happy Hour Daily 10 am—Noon		

June 2023

June 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Eagles Karaoke	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Eagles Karaoke	10 Abate State Mtng
11 Eagle Riders Mtng	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16 Eagles Karaoke	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23 Eagles Karaoke	24 Eagle Rider's Bingo
25 Estero River Mtng Gator Alley Mtng Peace River Mtng Eagle Riders Mtng	26	27	28	29	30 Eagles Karaoke	

LEGISLATIVE REPORT– MAY 2023

SB 838 – Proceeds Funding Motorcycle Safety Education Bill**Bill Description:**

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Research SB 838 History - Link

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2023/838>

We are asking all Motorcycle Riders to please contact Governor Ron DeSantis and encourage him to sign this bill via phone or email. Remember to keep your phone calls and emails short and to the point.

Contact information is as follows:

Email – governorron.desantis@eog.myflorida.com

Phone Number – 850-488-7146 or 850-717-9337

Recommended Verbiage for both phone and email:

This is (Name) from (City) calling on behalf of Abate of Florida, Inc., Estero River Chapter to ask Governor DeSantis to please sign SB 838 when it arrives on his desk to help spread Motorcycle Safety Awareness and decrease the motorcycle deaths in Florida.

Thank you.

Help us in the fight to stay alive when we ride!

To Research SB 838 History, use the following link:

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2023/838>

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION LETTER



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety of all residents and visitors to our great state; and

WHEREAS, Florida is a top destination for motorcyclist tourism and more than a million drivers in Florida have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver license; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a vision of zero traffic fatalities, "Target Zero," and recognizes the importance of reducing motorcyclist fatalities, which account for about 17 percent of motor vehicle fatalities in Florida; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are often hidden in a vehicle's blind spot due to their smaller size and offer minimal protection in the event of a crash, requiring physical skill beyond that needed to operate a standard automobile; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has made comprehensive safety efforts to reduce motorcyclist fatalities and serious injuries by implementing the Florida Motorcycle Safety Coalition, which promotes motorist awareness of motorcycles, educates motorcyclists, and enforces traffic laws regarding risk-taking behaviors of riders; and

WHEREAS, to prevent injuries and fatalities on Florida's roadways, motorists and motorcyclists 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 2023, 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-three.


Governor

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**What's REALLY Important?
The Remaining Time**

As we are getting older, we seem to think back on some of the things we've done and to what we have paid attention to, the most. What did we spend our money on? What occupied the bulk of our existence? What did we waste our time and energy on?

Maybe the main question should be, "From today, how can I best spend the time I have left?"

The best answer to that question can be found in Ephesians 5: 15-17, ***"Therefore see that you walk carefully [living life with honor, purpose, and courage; shunning those who tolerate and enable evil], not as the unwise, but as wise [sensible, intelligent, discerning people], ¹⁶ making the very most of your time [on earth, recognizing and taking advantage of each opportunity and using it with wisdom and diligence], because the days are [filled with] evil. Therefore do not be foolish and thoughtless, but understand and firmly grasp what the will of the Lord is." (AMP)***

Another scripture which seems to go along with this is, Jesus saying in Matthew 6:19-21 ¹⁹ ***"Do not store up for yourselves [material] treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart [your wishes, your desires; that on which your life centers] will be also."*** (AMP)

In all the funerals, memorial services, and celebrations of life, which we have attended and/or officiated at, we have never heard it mentioned about the deceased... about how much money, motorcycles, and/or possessions one had obtained. The best

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remembrances were about how much love one gave of self for his/her family and friends, his/her unselfishness, and the willingness to allow God to unfold His will in that person.

God is not looking for a “goody two-shoes.” He is looking for someone to make a commitment to Him, for the time remaining in their life. He is not looking for “Mr./Ms. Perfect.” He will accept you, just as you are, if you can open your heart and let Him in.

Revelation 3:20, ***“Behold, I stand at the door [of the church] and continually knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him (restore him), and he with Me.”*** (AMPC)

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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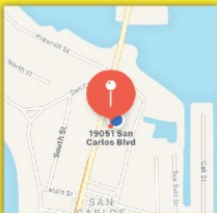
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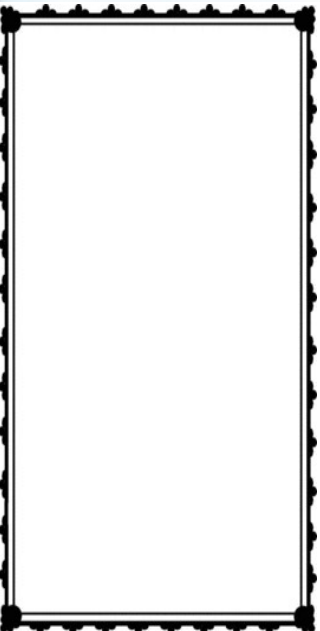
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