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May 1-2 2009**

Estero River's 7th Annual Legendary Party

March 27-29

**Corkscrew Country Store
BE THERE!!!**

COME SPEND EASTER IN TALLAHASSE

**State Meeting
Sunday April
12@2PM
State Board
Meeting at Noon**



**Ride to The
Capitol
Monday April 13
Line up at
Monticello
Campgroud @ 9AM**

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WORKING TO KEEP YOU RIDING SAFE AND FREE

- * To publish a newsletter to keep members of ABATE of Florida informed in regards to events concerning motorcycle safety, legislation affecting motorcyclists as well as any other motorcycle news around our state and throughout our country
- * To become a powerful & viable political force in legislative matters concerning motorcycles, motorcycle safety and all motorcyclists' rights
- * To promote voter registration, to educate and motivate members to become active in the legislative process
- * To promote safe motorcycle habits without infringing on the rights of other individuals
- * To educate the public about motorcycle awareness and promote safe driving habits while sharing the road with motorcyclists
- * To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national levels

ABATE of Florida, Inc. has developed and copyrighted the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program (MSAP). It is a course that is given to non-motorcyclists to educate them on how to safely share the road with motorcyclists. It is taught in local schools and civic organizations at no charge in the hope of reducing motorcycle accidents through education not legislation

Any individual 18 or older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education, regardless of race, sex or club affiliation. It doesn't matter what or even if you ride, joining ABATE ensures your opinion on motorcycle laws are being heard

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a statewide, non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. Our members are carpenters, electricians students, doctors, lawyers, auto mechanics, retirees, teachers and businessmen and women. We promote motorcycle safety, training and awareness. **WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.** We fund our work through toy and poker runs, fun rides, camping and other motorcycle related activities. We are your neighbors, co-workers and friends. We work, we pay mortgages and taxes and we are involved with our community. We serve our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights, without infringing on the rights of others.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. was the driving force behind the changes in Florida's helmet law. Florida motorcyclists can now choose whether or not they want to wear a helmet.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. serves on the advisory board for the Motorcycle Riders Training Program. This is the program that oversees the training sites for motorcyclists. These sites are funded only by the motorcyclists, through monies collected by the motorcycle endorsement on your drivers license and the fees collected at the training sites. ABATE is the organization that got the monies returned to that program, when the state of Florida saw fit to use it for non motorcycling purposes. Also put in legislation that effectively keeps the state from seizing the funds in the future. ABATE acts as your watchdog by monitoring how that money is spent and makes suggestions that can improve the Motorcycle Riders Training Program for all motorcyclists.



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G R U M P Y

The official Newsletter picker upper of
~~NASCAR~~ Estero River



Ask how you can reach this level!

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 call the Michelle (239-440-7258) or email erjournal@embarqmail.com, so we can add you to the list. Thank you for your support.

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The February state meeting has just concluded and as usual it was an excellent meeting. It was really good to hear the input from the members and the ideas you bring forth. This is the reason the meetings are held, to keep everyone up to date and to hear from the members.

By the time you read this Bike Week will be over and I hope everyone had a great time and everyone came to the event and got home safely. This is the time of the year when the four wheelers seem to really have their motorcycle hunting license in their hands. I hope it was a safe Bike Week for everyone including the visitors to our state.

I want to talk to you about the two By-Laws that you will be voting on at the next state meeting. The first one concerns the life memberships. The board has had some chapters talk to us about raising the life membership rates for some time now. The main complaint is the cost of newsletters and the mailing of them to all members. Our life membership is one of the cheapest in the country and after listening to the chapters have decided to put forth the raise in price. This will allow more money to go to the chapters and everyone will have six months to get it at the old price before it becomes effective Oct 1, 2009. The Second one is causing some confusion. Some states have sponsorship memberships where they pay to be put in the state newsletter and possibly give discounts to all members of our organization. No one is trying to tell you that your advertisers have to do this in your newsletters. It's only if someone wants to support the organization and get into the Masterlink. It's a win win situation for everyone one including the chapters.

The Freedom Ride to the State Capitol is coming up in April and I know it falls on Easter weekend but the delegation voted to have it on that weekend. We need everyone who can get off work to be there. This is the one run that everyone should be on if for no other reason then to see Danny Fish in an Easter Bunny costume. On the serious side remember this is why you joined Abate of Florida and that is to fight for your rights. The cause is what it is about and our cause is just. When your children and your children's children grow up don't you want to say I was there on those Capitol steps? Take the time out of your busy lives and show your support for that day and be there with all your brothers and sisters. The future is now and the time is now! I'll be looking for all of you there. Until then

Ride Safe and Free!!!!

DOC

Purpose:

To Increase Life Membership Dues

Proposed change:

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Item E

E) Dues shall normally be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for Annual Membership And Three Hundred Fifty dollars (\$350.00) for Life Membership
1) Chapters will submit Ten dollars (\$10.00) for Annual Membership And Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for Life Membership to ABATE of FLORIDA, INC.

** Bi-law if voted in will take effect on October 1, 2009

** On January 17, 2009 the ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Board of Directors took a vote to not increase the Annual membership fee of \$20.00 for 2 years***

How do you feel about these changes? We need your input to take to State Meeting in April, so come prepared to vote at March's meeting. March 22 2009 10 AM at the San Carlos Country Club. If you know you won't be attending the meeting please send your vote and comments to us to PO Box 366760 Bonita Springs FL 34136-6760. If you don't want this change and you don't tell us, it WILL happen. If you vote against it, it may not. If you want this change and don't vote, it may NOT happen. You know how it goes. You can also call one of the E board Tammy, Moochie, Sue or Sheila or one of your delegates, Neck, Larry, Lee or Ed. It don't matter who Just DO IT. This is your Chapter and YOUR Organization. And remember if you don't vote you can't B**&^H.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters

I am literally writing this as I am running out the door to work Bike-week. I hope to have seen some of you up there putting in a few hours helping out.

First off the Legendary Party is coming up fast. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need the monies to keep our bills paid for the year. Please make sure to show up and bring lots of friends and family with you. We have a lot of fun things planned with a Bike Rodeo, Bike Show sponsored by Victory Lane Motorcycles, People games, vendors, 4 live bands, safety, membership and so much more. We do need help working security & front gate so call Bear or Moochie respectively.

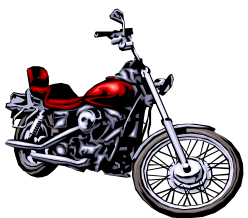
Next is The Freedom Rights Rally in April. We need as many people to go as possible. If you have never been it is an experience you will never forget. Just ask anyone who has ever gone. Please call me if you are interested in going. We are going to do our best to help pay for your expenses.

I just want to let you know how proud of you as a chapter. We are very strong and I have been told by other chapters how impressed they are with the way we communicate and work together as a whole. It makes me proud to lead you.

That's all for now
Till next time:

Ride Safe
Ride Free
Ride Happy

Tammy Brickley.



March is here where the time goes. February's chapter meeting was a great turn out lot of new faces. By the time you read this Daytona Bike Week will be over. I would like to thank everyone who went to the Abate campground and helped. Legendary Party is upon us March 26, 27 and 28 everyone is working hard to make this happen so come on out and enjoy the fun and no rain. If you get a chance, go on the web sight and check the other chapters in our area they have many events coming up if you are looking for something to do. Just go to Abate of Florida and the click on chapters and all are listed. In addition, our newsletter has all the events and things coming up. Do not forget Motorcycle safety is our main goal and motorcycle awareness. The state is working hard for us keeping a eye on our legislators'. Our membership is 342 and counting.

SO KEEP YOUR HAIR IN THE AIR "MOOCH"

Come See Kevin Race March 15 2009. Pre paid arm bands for 1/2 price admission available. Call Kevin 239-289-2445 for more details and to get your armband.

You can also call Tammy 239-289-2647.

Keep your eye on the bulletin board at San Carlos Country Club



CHAPTER MINUTES

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. ESTERO RIVER CHAPTER

CHAPTER MEETING

Date: Feb 22th Called to order @ 10:00A.m. Location: S.C.C.C.President: Tammy Brickley

1. Bike Tickets need to be turned in today.
2. Bailey Scholtz passed away, we will be going to a service for him after Chapter meeting.
3. Anyone would like a memorial patch for Bart contact Tammy.
4. Had a meeting with the Presidents Saturday about Caloosahatchee Chapter sponsoring an event the same weekend as the Legendary Party, this will not happen again, and there will be more communication from now on.

Vice President: Robert Shaffer "Moochie"Guests/New Members – Moe and Darlene as new members.

Front Gate sign up sheet will be hanging up on the board at San Carlos Country Club for volunteers for the Legendary.

Secretary: Sue Shaffer

1. Motion to except the minutes as e-mailed or sent out. 1st – Pam 2nd- Alaska

Treasurer: Shelia Bear

1. Motion to except Treasures report. 1st Granny Lee 2nd Lee

Sgt. @ Arms: Kurt Bear

1. A sign up sheet for Legendary will be posted at the Country Club for Security.

Quartermaster: John Reis

1. Quarted and mastered

State Delegates: Larry Peterson "Redneck & Kinsey Winstead "Neck"

1. the State is trying to get the National Sport Bike club into Abate, they have over 1200 members.
2. Need to vote on new fees that the State has proposed for Life Membership and Supporting Business Members, read the by-laws and will vote at March chapter meeting.
3. Bike Week starts Friday 27th goes thru March 8th need volunteers for the campground.
4. The State Party is over Labor Day weekend and at the Youth Ranch again.
5. National Coalition for Motorcycles is in Reno this year.
6. Tallahassee campground is all taken care of and Saturday morning there is a poker run going on.

Alternate State Delegates: Ed Fowler & Lee Fitzsimmons

Nothing

P R Communications: Open

1. Tammy and Renee are handling this.
2. Everyone needs to be working on getting flyers out for the Legendary Party.

Legislative Representative: Ana Amaro "Cha Cha"

1. Bill SB968 has been filed- Moving Violation bill.
2. Bill 6908 National Census on Health Insurance Limitations is dead.

Safety Director: Robyn Hall "Alaska"

1. Carl and I taught students at South High School.
2. Cypress still not returning calls, will start visiting all the schools for dates.
3. Sent Bonita Springs a proclamation for making May as Motorcycle Safety Month.

Advertising Director: Lynn Dillard

10 Advertisers have expired.

Trying to get new, but either owners are not in, or they do not have the money.

Products: Lynn Dillard

1. Have a lot of products in and new lights.
2. Also have the big patches for the chapter now.

Newsletter Editor: Michele Beaken

1. We received 22 News letters back, so updating list so we do not have to pay every month for them coming back.
2. Need submissions for members and would like to start a Letter to the Editor page.

Membership: Michele Beaken

1. 333 Members
2. Handed out pins and new member cards.

Webmaster: Robert Shaffer "Moochie"

1. Everything is Webbed and Mastered

Special Events: Renee Kunkel

1. Legendary party passing out flyers and trying to get sponsors.
2. Need to have sponsors in by March 10th so the shirts can be printed for the Legendary.

Chapter Historian: Diane Trippany

Sunshine Lady: Cindy Fowler

Sent card to Mike Bates to cheer him up.
Also sent Baily Sholtz's wife Jill a card of sympathy.

Old Business:

1. Bikers vs Brainers found out 1 day in advance and got a team together. Lost by 2 points, but received a donation of a Chopper book.

New Business:

1. The 5 Start this year is July 25th and will be a one-day event at the Shell Factory and will be a Blues/BBQ Cook off.
2. Bike week starts Friday need people to go up and work the campground for our Chapter.
3. Tallahassee is over Easter hope to have people be able to go.
4. Relay for Life is May 1st till noon on May 2nd.

Good of the Order:

1. Chili cook off Country club Sunday at 3:00
2. March 15th having a run to Port Charlotte Speedway to watch Kevin race, and be in the lap around the track.
3. Swamp Cabbage Festival in Labelle, some of us will be taking a ride up after the meeting.

Next BOD Meeting: @ March 20th Mike and Sue

Next Chapter Meeting: March 22nd @ 10:00a.m. @ San Carlos Country Club

Motion to adjourn 11:03 a.m. 1st Lee 2nd Alaska

50/50 Colette T-Shirt Ed Fowler

Submitted By : Sue Shaffer

STATE MINUTES

**ABATE Of FLORIDA, INC.
DELEGATES MEETING Feb.14, 2009
Gulf Coast Chapter hosting @ Pensacola**

Called to order at 2:00 PM

President's report: "Doc" Reichenbach

1. Condolence's to family of Baily who passed away (Southwest)
2. Sport bike riders- 1200 people – 3 chapters in S. Florida. (Speak in Va. Next year)
3. N. Myrtle Beach put offer to do bike week there.

Vice President's Report: Doc Fish

1. Thanks to all.

Secretary's Report: Bob Alexander

1. Make sure your minutes and or newsletter get to the state office. Please send copy.
2. No corrections submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Patti Nasrallah

1. Treasurer's report in detail.
2. County Sales Sur tax information in packets about post office taxes.

Sergeant-at-Arms Report: Mudder

1. Put new floor in security trailer
2. Need help Mar 21 for set-up in Daytona
3. Need to train more people to help with security at Event's.

State Office:

1. No one to work the Office yet.

Membership Report: Val Loper:

1. Membership update
2. Life cards given to delegates

Masterlink Report: Bob von Bulow

1. Need inputs at least one month prior to publishing

PR/Communications: BG

1. New Business Certificate
2. Full Throttle inputs needed at least one and a half months prior to events

Safety Director: Ted Nugent

1. P.O. Box 1532, Orange Park FL 32073-1532
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3. op_flhtc@hotmail.com

Products Trustee: Steve Knee

1. New Price list

Legislative Report: Mike Price

1. Please sign up for legislative e-mails

Lobbyist: Doc

1. Reiterated it is all about "THE CAUSE" (to ride FREE)

Legal Council: Larry Crow

- 1.

N.C.O.M. (National Coalition Of Motorcycles)

1. In Reno, Nevada

MRF & AMA

- 1.

State Party: 2009

1. Labor Day weekend

Bike Week: 2009

1. Fire wood will be available. (right now there is a burn ban in effect)
2. Still need people to work

Tallahassee: 2009

1. Campground is Paid for, full hookups avail. At \$50
2. Poker run 9am sat. morning

Old Business:

1. none discussed

New Business:

1. Life membership Bylaw change
2. Vote on at Apr State Meeting

Good to the order:

1. Thanked Gulf Coast

Next State Meeting: Tallahassee April 12th 2009

Submitted by
Larry Peterson
State Delegate

FROM OUR SAFETY DIRECTOR

Hello All,

First of all I would like to congratulate Karl Bartling. He is now one of our new Instructors for the **MSAP** program. Karl helped me teach the **MSAP** class to 93 students at South Fort Myers High School on February 6th. They all enjoyed the class and are all aware of us out there riding the roads with them. We still have three more high schools to present the **MSAP** class to so if your interested please email me at **shalara_wow@yahoo.com** or call me at 239-826-5637 for more info.

Just a heads up, **May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month** and I have have sent a proclamation to the **Major of Bonita Springs** to sign. I will be calling soon to see what the status is. That's it for now, remember to ride safe and sober.

"Alaska"

Safety Director
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We have LOTS of new products. Come and take a look! We have:

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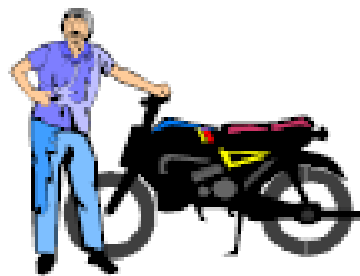
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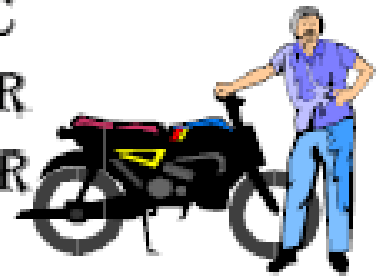
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http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=13303

Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

Bikers Enjoying
The Handiwork of God

In the last few years, we have done many bike blessings. Usually, during the prayer portion of the blessings, we make mention of riding our motorcycles and enjoying the creation God allows us to ride in. We are blessed with really great riding weather, almost 365 days of the year. If the weather turns bad while we are riding, we can ride through until we get to the good "stuff" on the other side. How many of us have ridden at night and marvel at the stars and the "heavens?"

If you really take the time to enjoy God's creation on a motorcycle (it sure beats riding in the cage), then take time to read the scriptures, which were written thousands of years ago by David. David must have had some prophetic knowledge that bikers would sometime in the future, appear on the earth! Ha, Ha!

Now, just imagine David having been transported to our time and riding on his motorcycle as he is calling out...

In the Contemporary English Version of the Bible (1995) from the American Bible Society, it reads, *"¹The heavens keep telling the wonders of God, and the skies declare what He has done. ²Each day informs the following day; each night announces to the next. ³They don't speak a word, and there is never the sound of a voice. ⁴Yet their message reaches all the earth, and it travels around the world. In the heavens a tent is set up for the sun. ⁵It rises like a bridegroom and gets ready like a hero eager to run a race. ⁶It travels all the way across the sky. Nothing hides from its heat."*

If we take time to read the account of creation in Genesis, we will begin to understand the handiwork of God as He takes nothing and forms something really beautiful, as well as functional. In the same way God can take our empty lives and give them purpose. Many scientists see the process of creation, being a form of organizing the chaos of all the elements. In the same way God can take our lives, which many times seem like they are in chaos, and organize them into something of what we never could have imagined, something as beautiful as the heavens. When we ride our bikes and enjoy His creation, we accept it the way it is. In the same way, why can't we further accept His provision for us? By allowing Jesus Christ into your life, let Him finish the creation He started in you!

Please pray this prayer: **"Dear God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, 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."**

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*

Blessings,

Tom (Estero River and Southwest ABATE Life Member and SW Chapter Chaplain) and Kathy (SW ABATE Life Member)- www.messiahsmessengers.org – tprovenz@comcast.net - 239-267-8641

PS. The next Biker Bible Café is set for April 3rd, 7:45 PM in our home. Be there!



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Relay For Life of Bonita Springs
SIGNS OF HOPE - Order Form**

For ACS Use Only:

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**MAY 1-2, 2009
BONITA SPRINGS YMCA
27200 Kent Road**

Annual Cost: \$175.00

Purchase Deadline: April 15, 2009

Name on Sign: _____ Purchaser's Name: _____

Business Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Please Note:

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**Form of Payment: Check - Payable to: American Cancer Society
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Team Member Name: _____ Phone: _____

Team Name: _____

Please mail this form, along with your payment and description/logo (if applicable) to: American Cancer Society, Buzzy Ford, 990 1st Avenue South, Naples, FL 34102 OR return it to the Team Member seeking your contribution.

If you have any questions or are interested in finding out more about Relay For Life, please call the American Cancer Society office at 261-0337 x 113.

Size of Sign: 18" x 24"

Business/donor is listed in the event brochure and signs are placed on the fence around the walking track.

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Relay For Life of Bonita Springs 2009

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Your donation for each bag will place a luminaria along the pathway to memorialize or honor someone you love. The luminaria remain lit throughout the evening, reminding us that HOPE lives among us.

Join the FIGHT against CANCER!

Relay For Life of Bonita Springs
May 1 & 2, 2009

The Bonita Springs YMCA!

If you would like to volunteer on the Relay For Life committee, serve as a team captain, or for more information call 239-261-0337 x112

Luminaria Order

Your name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

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We invite you to become Part of the Celebration at Relay For Life of Bonita Springs 2009

Relay For Life isn't only about walking around a track. For survivors and caregivers, the steps taken at this life-changing event are just the first of many opportunities to provide hope to others facing cancer. In honor of your battle against cancer, we invite you to attend Relay For Life & Celebrate the lives of others who have also battled cancer. The strength of survivors like you inspires others to continue to fight. Please come join us the Survivor Victory Lap. There will be a complimentary reception for all survivors and caregivers. Your strength courage are a testament to the progress we are making in our fight against cancer. We hope that you will stay and enjoy the festivities after the Opening Ceremony.

Opening Ceremony begins: Friday May 1, 2009, 6:00 PM

The Survivor Victory Lap will immediately follow the Opening Ceremony

Caregiver Lap will begin: Friday, May 1, 2009, 8:00 PM

May 1-2, 2009
Bonita Springs YMCA
27200 Kent Road
Bonita Springs, FL

Survivor Registration

Your Name: _____

Type of Cancer : _____ (latest if multiple)

Date of diagnosis (latest) _____

Your Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (H): _____ (W): _____

Sex: Male _____ Female _____

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Thank You for Your Support

Hello everybody.....Here goes.....

A sympathy card was sent to Gator Alley Chapter for the passing of Bart Beck. I did not know him personally, but I've heard alot about him and he is greatly missed by all.

A sympathy card was sent to Jill, for the passing of Baily Scholtz, he was a good man and missed by all.

A card was sent to Mike Bates to let him know that we all miss him and we are thinking of him.

A card was sent to Ed Baker, his brother just passed away. We all feel for you.

A card was sent to Crissy Covingtons husband Ed, who got hit by a car while on his motorcycle, the person ran a red light, he's banged up, but he's getting around. We're glad your here with us.

I can't stress enough to PLEASE be careful out there while riding, you never know when these people are just going to come out of nowhere, just because they just don't pay attention or whatever excuse they may have, evidently, they just don't understand that their stupidity causes us a great deal of hardship and punishment that we should not have to endure!!!
Sorry everybody, this just really P.O.s the Sunshine Lady!!!

In the meantime, everybody have a nice day and keep smiling, it'll make you feel better.
Cindy Fowler.



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6 ~ LARRY "REDNECK" PETERSON

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7 ~ KENTON GUNN

20 ~ JOHN OMER AUDETTE

8 ~ VICKIE GUNN

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MOTORCYCLISTS REAP REWARDS FROM ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

Motorcycling will reap some benefits from the historic two-year, \$787 billion economic recovery and stimulus bill recently signed into law by President Barack Obama. Language in HR 1, the largest spending measure ever enacted by Congress, provides for a tax credit for people buying new passenger cars and light-duty trucks, and now thanks to eleventh hour lobbying efforts by motorcycle groups and manufacturers, federal tax relief will extend to purchasers of new motorcycles as well.

Section 1008 of the legislation includes motorcycles as "qualified vehicles", and individuals purchasing a new motorcycle will be allowed to deduct the sales and excise taxes on their 2009 tax returns.

Four senators successfully lobbied for including motorcycles in the compromise measure: Bob Casey, D-Pa.; Christopher Bond, R-Mo., Russell Feingold, D-Wis., and Herb Kohl, D-Wis.

"The issues of consumer confidence and tight credit markets have not evaded motorcycle dealers," the four senators wrote to congressional leaders who put the finishing touches on the stimulus bill. "The effect of the downturn not only impacts the dealers - it has hurt manufacturers as well."

Expansion of the tax credit should attract more motorcycle buyers, Feingold said in a joint press release with Kohl. To be eligible for this "above the line" tax deduction, you must make less than \$125,000 (\$250,000 for those filing jointly) and purchase a new bike in 2009 for up to \$49,500.

GET THE LEAD OUT

With Congress saying "get the lead out," motorcycle manufacturers and local businesses are wondering if common sense gets chucked along with it. Retailers across the country are yanking shoes, toys and any goods marketed to children from shelves to comply with a strict lead law enacted nearly unanimously by Congress.

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, which went into effect February 10, 2009 is meant to protect children from lead-laden products, but unintended consequences of the new legislation are decimating the industry as thousands of motorcycle and recreation vehicle retailers across the country scramble to obey the federal law: all of them had to cease selling small off-road motorcycles and ATVs designed for kids, because according to a provision of the Act the machines are dangerous. not because a child might have an accident on the diminutive machines, but because if a child develops an appetite for the vehicle's brakes or battery terminals and decides to nibble on the ATV or motorbike, lead poisoning may result.

The ban encompasses some 19 models from just Yamaha, Honda, Kawasaki and Suzuki. The economic impact of the CPSC's ruling will be substantial for both dealers and manufacturers in an already weakened economy. The regulation takes an estimated \$100 million worth of inventory off the sales floors of some 13,000 dealers immediately. It also impinges on manufacturers, makers of aftermarket equipment and everything from racetracks to distributors.

Honda has already informed dealers that their inventories of new and used youth motorcycles and ATVs will become worthless and legally unsalable effective Feb. 10. "In fact, under the terms of the Act you cannot even display these models on your showroom floor, distribute brochures, or advertise them on your website," Honda told their dealer network.

According to motorcycle and ATV industry sources, most motorcycle and ATV components are compliant with the CPSIA's lead limits, but some components unavoidably contain small quantities of lead in excess of the CPSIA's limits. However, the nature and location of these components suggests a very minimal exposure risk. Industry reps say the lead used in motorcycles and ATVs is embedded in alloys but is not easily transferred to humans through typical use, the way lead in paint or infant toys would be.

Motorcycle riders, activists and enthusiasts are requested to contact their Congressional representatives and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and ask them to exclude youth model off-highway vehicles from the final rule governing the law.

SALES OF DUAL PURPOSE MOTORCYCLES AND SCOOTERS OUTPACED CRUISERS AND SPORTBIKES

While cruisers and sportbikes were wondering the consumer love went, dual-purpose motorcycles were riding off the showroom floors in 2008 according to tentative numbers from the Motorcycle Industry Council. Dual-purpose bikes as well as scooters were the brightest spots in last year's MIC Retail Sales Report, which reveals percentage growth or decreases among all categories of bikes last year.

Scooter sales through December were up 41.5 percent compared to all of 2007. Dual-purpose bike sales jumped 22.8 percent last year for the major brands tracked. No other categories in the report showed an increase.

"Overall, motorcycle sales were down 7.2 percent, not nearly as sharp a decline as many other consumer products in today's economy," said MIC President Tim Buche. "We'll look at 2008 as a big year for scooters, dual-purpose bikes and small-displacement motorcycles. If it was smart-sized, offered great value and high fuel mileage, then chances are it was a sales success."

The MIC Retail Sales Report compiles U.S. sales information every month from 12 leading motorcycle distributors: BMW, Can-Am, Ducati, Harley-Davidson/Buell, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, the Piaggio Group, Victory, Suzuki, Triumph and Yamaha. It provides an indicator of market trends. Among these 12 Retail Sales Report brands, the on-highway segment slipped by just 5.6 percent last year. This includes cruisers, sport bikes, touring bikes and traditional or standard motorcycles.

The off-highway market dropped 30 percent among six leading brands.

As it seemed to several times in the past, a rise in gas prices may have pumped up sales of smaller, more economical motorcycles. Preliminary findings from the 2008 MIC Owner Survey suggest that Americans are looking at motorcycles more for transportation, not only recreation.

CONSUMER REPORTS TESTS MOTORCYCLES

Fueled by painfully high gasoline prices, 2008 saw many consumers looking for new alternatives to big-bucks fill-ups at the pump. With rising consumer interest in lower-priced two-wheelers that sip rather than guzzle gas and thousands of new riders on the road, Consumer Reports has tested small motor scooters and motorcycles for the first time since 1981.

"When fuel prices crossed the \$4.00 per gallon mark, some consumers shifted gears and two wheels became a cost-saving alternative," said Rik Paul, automotive editor, Consumer Reports. "And, despite current low gas costs, interest in scooters and motorcycles may continue to increase, especially in urban areas where parking space is at a premium."

Consumer Reports tested a total of eight fuel-sipping, small-displacement motorcycle and scooter models. Like Consumer Reports in-depth auto testing process, scooters and motorcycles were subjected to an extensive sequence of standardized tests to determine their performance in categories such as acceleration, braking, fuel economy, noise/vibration, top speed and comfort.

The full report is available in the March 2009 issue of Consumer Reports and online at www.ConsumerReports.org.

MAKING NOISE ABOUT NOISE

As states like New York and New Hampshire wrestle with anti-noise legislation that would prohibit modifications to factory-installed exhaust systems, the Motorcycle Industry Council is seeking to postpone further legislative action pending their development of a new sound test.

In comments to the N.H. House Transportation Committee, the MIC stated that they and the Society of Automotive Engineers are finalizing a new stationary sound test, SAE J2825, which will provide a quick, easy, economical, and science-based tool for accurately identifying motorcycles with excessively noisy exhaust systems.

"Our goal is to provide a consistent tool nationwide for identifying excessively loud exhaust systems without failing those that pass the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency federal sound limit," said Pamela Amette, vice president of the MIC. "This sound test will effectively achieve the sound control goals of New Hampshire, and other states and municipalities, and more so than some of the proposed legislation currently being considered. On a national level, it will eliminate a lot of the confusion and frustration for motorcyclists when they ride through different jurisdictions."

Amette said that California, numerous local jurisdictions, and Canada have expressed interest in the new test that was developed through extensive sound testing during 2007.

ROW BILL FILED IN NEW MEXICO

A Failure to Yield the Right of Way bill has been introduced in New Mexico by State Representative Rick Miera, a longtime motorcyclists' rights advocate and member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF).

The bill will increase the penalties imposed for Failing to Yield the Right of Way. The current penalties for Failure to Yield is a fine of \$25.00 to \$50.00 no matter the severity of the accident. Careless driving which also falls under the Failure to Yield Statutes is only a \$125.00 fine! HB 290 would increase the penalties to \$200.00 or 30 day suspension of driver's license causing NO great bodily harm or death. Great Bodily harm would hold a penalty of \$500.00 or 30 day suspension of driver's license. Failing to Yield causing Death would hold a penalty of \$1000.00 or 6 months suspension of driver's license.

HB 290 is now headed to the Transportation and Public Works Committee, and concerned riders are being asked by the New Mexico Motorcyclists Rights Organization, ABATE and the Confederation of Clubs to contact their legislators seeking support for the proposed ROW legislation. Your state rep can be contacted by calling the switchboard at (505) 986-4300.

WEIRD NEWS: MOTORCYCLE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM INSTALLED IN U.K.

A new surveillance system installed on eight routes in Derbyshire, England designed to track movements of motorcyclists on the roads will be operational by Easter.

The technology can tell motorcycles apart from other vehicles, measure their speeds and will be able to read number plates under plans. Data such as the routes taken by individual motorcyclists along with time and date will be collected and kept even if they have committed no offense.

The project has prompted civil rights groups to express grave concerns about the potential for invasion of motorcyclists' privacy.

Speed camera bosses behind the scheme have named it the "motorcycle data project" and the equipment a "motorcycle detection system". It will scrutinize movements of motorcyclists in particular and be switched on to coincide with the start of the riding season in April, they say.

The Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership said the aim was to "gather intelligence" to "prevent motorcycle casualties" through measures such as speed warning signs, extra police patrols and safer roadside barriers.

But Isabella Sankey, Director of Policy for the civil rights group Liberty, said: "The road to massive-scale real-time surveillance is paved with good intentions. We have no problem with ANPR being used to locate vehicles whose owners the police firmly suspect of having committed an offence but it shouldn't be used as a tool of mass surveillance."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground."
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Dear

I wish to congratulate you on your successful campaign and election.

Many issues will come before you in the months and years ahead, and some of those will involve motorcycling concerns. As motorcycling continues to grow in popularity it becomes more important then ever to maintain a safe riding environment for our citizens, and the thousands of visitors to our great state.

As a concerned member of ABATE of Florida, Inc., I wish to make myself available to you in any capacity concerning these important issues. Any time that motorcycling information, statistical facts, or personal experiences are needed, please contact me. I will do all that I can to provide the needed resources to insure good future decisions.

As your constituent, I look forward to working with you and wish success as you take on these important responsibilities.

Sincerely,

Your Name

In lieu of no Legislative reports I have taken this letter, the page to the left and the picture of the future motorcycle from the legislative info section of our State web site.



14th ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY

April 10th - April 13th, 2009

State Meeting: Sun. - April 12th at 2:00pm

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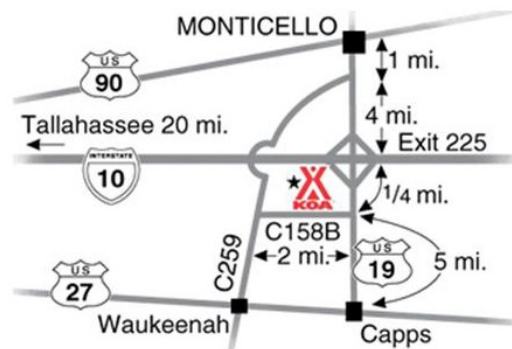
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The YMCA needs you help and support. Please Join the YMCA in Bonita Springs.



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- ♦ The YMCA distributed over \$115,000 in scholarship to children and families in 2008.
- ♦ The YMCA provided another \$131,000 worth of free or subsidized programs in 2008.
- ♦ The YMCA Summer Camp served 1,055 children and provided \$35,808 in financial assistance for summer camp kids, representing 42% of the campers.
- ♦ In 2008, a total of 800 kids participated in youth sports. There were 896 practices, 336 games and over 110 volunteer coaches and referees.
- ♦ Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of accidental death in children in Florida. The Bonita YMCA provided swimming lessons to over 600 children in the community, with 150 of those children participating during our free Splash Week.

If you don't want to join but still want to help feel free to contact us at the phone number on this flyer.

We appreciate any and all the support we can get.

This is a very good thing for the most precious part of our Communities. The children. Call Sue for more information and all the Y has to offer.

Sue Stevens Office Manager
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Bonita Springs, FL 34135
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STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During last year's Legendary Party, our brother Scotty suffered a stroke. He is doing as well as can be expected; personally I am very proud of him. He fought hard and he is back, not 100%, but darn near. We love you, Scotty.

I know I ran something similar to this in April's Issue, last year, but in honor of Scotty, it bears repeating. If we would have known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps he would not have had such a long hard battle.

Now here's some good news. A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

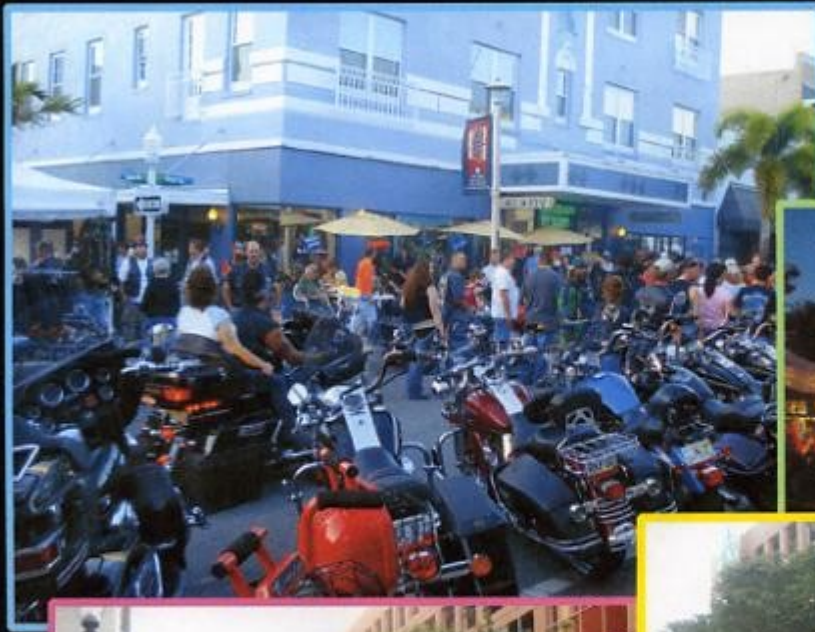
S Ask the individual to **SMILE**.

T Ask the person to **TALK** and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today)

R Ask him or her to **RAISE** BOTH ARMS.

New Sign of a Stroke Stick out Your Tongue Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number **immediately** and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.



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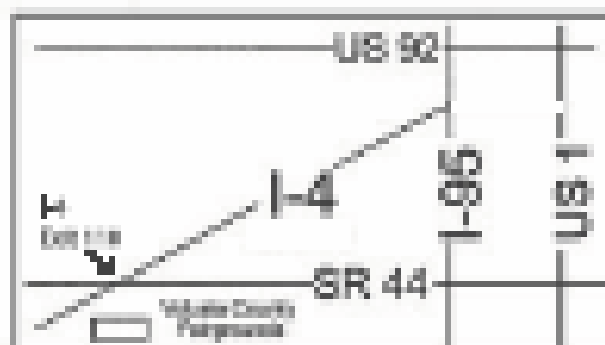
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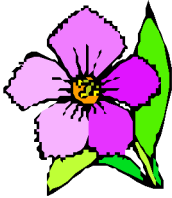
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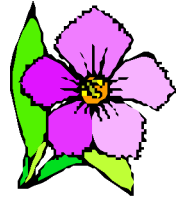
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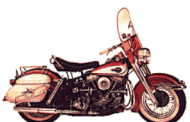
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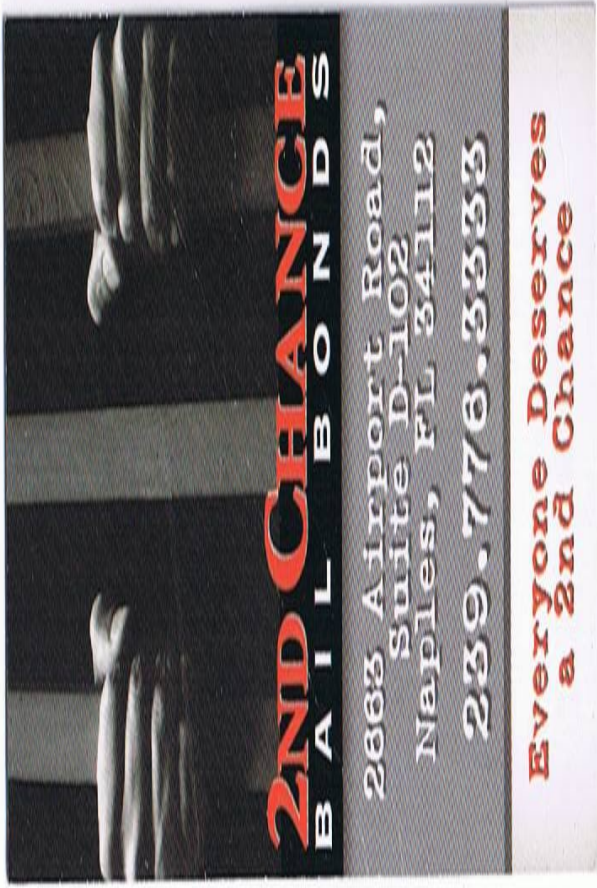
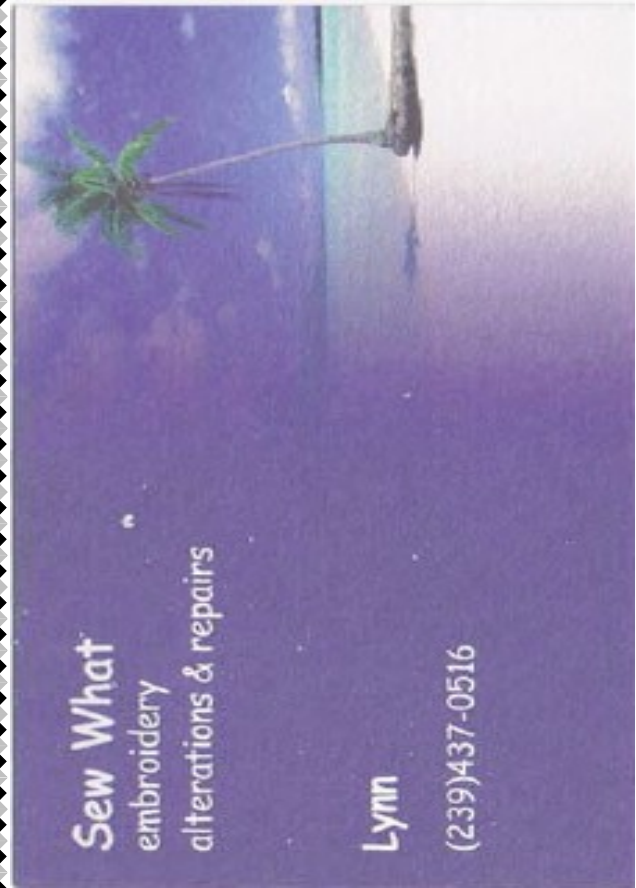
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I did get a new computer. All is well except that I backed up my hard drive and my enclosure is not recognized by Windows Vista, but the company is sending me one that will work, I just haven't received it yet. On that hard drive is my back up for membership. The only information I am missing for this month in April's renewals, but I will be sending out post cards and I am missing the update for the membership drive. Sorry about that, but I want to get this newsletter out before the middle of the month. So I will not add anything more, except that the info below is NOT accurate.

Estero River Rocks

Membership Drive Update 2009

If you are in the contest and want a list of who I have you as signing up. let me know. I will get it to you.

Renewals has 0

ESTERO RIVER WELCOMES OUR NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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**If you know where these members are, please remind them they are about to be pulled and have them contact me*

THESE 22 MEMBERS EXPIRE IN MARCH

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Andrea "Kat" Stramara-1, Aldo Veteese-1, Kathy Carlson-1, Les Harvey-1, Adam Shaw-1,
Dorothy "Crazy" Bowman-1 and Scott Aly-1

THESE 26 MEMBERS EXPIRE IN APRIL

I am waiting on equipment to read my back up on Windows Vista (see my report on previous page)

**If you renewed early, your name will still appear italicized and underlined under expirations until your
renewal month, but rest assured you are renewed*

FEB LIFE ANNIVERSARIES

Jama Shaw-Wyatt Feb-4, Karl Bartling Feb-9, Michelle Beaken Feb-8,

Hugh "Boomhauer" Galyon Feb-8, William Groth Feb-7,

*If you are owed a pin, come see me or give me a call. Exception is 1 year pin, see products, also if you lost
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330 MEMBERS

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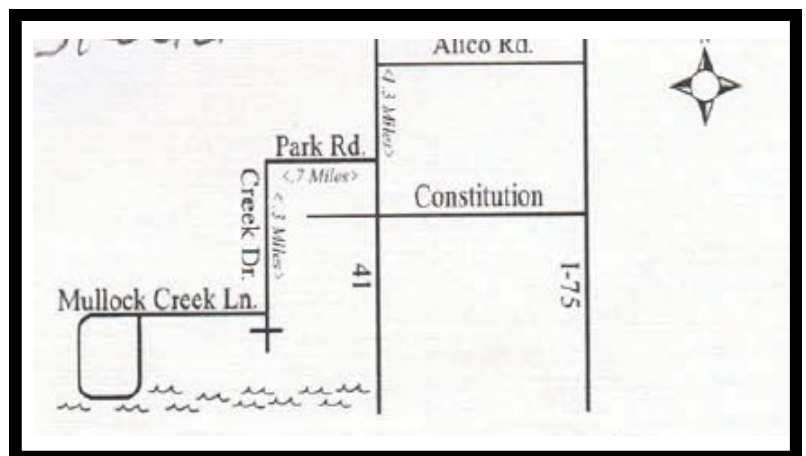
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please remember you do not have to ride or even own a motorcycle to join!

NEW  RENEWAL  INFO

 TRANS-  LIFE 

Member Credit: _____ Date: _____

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP \$150.00

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP \$20.00

Please make checks payable to Estero River Chapter

MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO: Membership Trustee

ABATE of Florida, Inc. ESTERO RIVER CHAPTER

PO Box 366760 Bonita Springs, FL 34136-6760

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP+4: _____

YOUR HOME PHONE WITH AREA CODE: _____

YOUR CELL PHONE WITH AREA CODE: _____

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS: _____@_____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER (and name) _____

DO YOU OWN A MOTORCYCLE: _____ DO YOU RIDE?: _____ HOW LONG?: _____

HOW DID YOU HERE ABOUT OUR CHAPTER?: _____

IF YOU ARE ALSO A MEMBER OF ANOTHER ABATE OF FLORIDA CHAPTER, PLEASE
DECLARE YOUR HOME CHAPER HERE: _____

WILL OCCASIONALLY SERVE AS A CHAPTER VOLUNTEER?: _____

WHAT SPECIAL ABILITIES OR INTERESTS CAN YOU SHARE WITH YOUR CHAPTER?

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?: _____ House _____ Senate _____ Congress _____

(Information can be found in your voters registration card)

YOUR BIRTHDAY (optional) _____

Thank you for your support of the ESTERO RIVER chapter of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

CHAPTER MEETING

MARCH 22 10AM @

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BOD Meeting

Friday March 20th@ The Shaffer's
Call 239-948-7783 for directions

All Estero River Members are
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Please call and let us know you are coming

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