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The objects and purposes of the Corporation shall be to form a united motorcyclist's organization both at the individual local level and at the State level. The Members of the Corporation shall be dedicated to promoting fair motorcycle legislation and shall ensure their freedom by working to prevent enactment of, or to repeal/modify existing unfair motorcycle legislation. The Corporation's Members shall promote and maintain motorcycling safety and awareness programs in the community.

Charter	Contacts	Meeting Times
Caney Fork	Jeff Parker 615-683-7982	1st Tuesday of the month @ 7, Golden Nugget 374 Cookeville Hwy, Carthage
Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman	Mark Proctor 615-477-0171	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
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Tennessee Valley	Mark Moore 423-570-0250 Yog1958@yahoo.com	3rd Sunday @ 2, Call for location Chattanooga Area
Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin 931-879-3899	1st Sunday * Call for location
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

## Director's Column

I just read a good article in the June issue of Motorcycle Consumer News. They did two full pages on that new road tax that is being considered. The Roadway Usage Charge pilot program was supposed to begin in Oregon on July first. Participants will be charged one and a half cents for every mile they drive. This is on top of the State gas tax, which is 30 cents a gallon. California, Florida, and Wisconsin are also developing such a program. Money to fix the roads comes from the State and Federal tax on every gallon of gas. Over the last few years, these funds are running low. Of course, when gas was high during the recession, a lot of people were driving less, and there are more electric and hybrid fuel vehicles on the road now. Federal law even says new vehicles must increase fuel economy. This is known as CAFÉ (Corporate Average Fuel Economy). So how will they collect this information? New cars in this country have an OBD-II data port. They have developed a device that plugs in there. When you turn off your key, it uploads the current mileage to the data contractor. For older cars and motorcycles, they have a GPS device about the size of a credit card. You would have to mount this on your bike and hook it up to the power supply. Every registered vehicle would have to have one, and I doubt they'd be giving them away. For now, motorcycles are not included in this program. It would be great if they could be left out. But I would bet money that won't happen.

**Dean Lucas**  
**CMT/ABATE**  
**State Director**



Note: State Board Meetings are the second Sunday of March, June, September, and December



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# YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



Tennessee and spending their hard earned dollars? These same politicians will be looking at increasing our taxes this next session. I would rather see out of state money coming in than more of my money being taken to finance

become one of the best motorcycle legislative advocacy groups in the nation. We are growing, but with growth come added responsibility. Riders now don't necessarily have the same values and needs that some of us older folks do. Are we prepared to deal with what the future holds? Most successful legislative organizations also have a PAC (Political Action Committee). This is a way to contribute financially to campaigns. Is this something that we need to look at? This is just the tip of the iceberg for some of the mental discussions I have had with myself as of late. This has all been discussed by others in the past. This wasn't meant to influence you one way or the other, but it is food for thought. My personal goal is to do the best job I can, but even more so, to give you the job you deserve. I'd like to hear what you think would make us better at what we do. We have already seen a group come in and try to run a helmet bill that wasn't very biker friendly. I would rather see us improve and have other groups wanting to work with us, than have them pop up and make us look like fools. I think I'll shut up now.

TONY DABBS, CMT/ABATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR, [themotorsickledoc@yahoo.com](mailto:themotorsickledoc@yahoo.com)

If you have been trying to keep up with what has been going on involving the lane splitting and helmet law modification bills the last few weeks, we might appear to be as lost as last year's Easter egg, but it ain't as bad as it seems. We have had to make some adjustment as to when certain pieces of information have been released. Part of this has been due to waiting on our sources and some merely for more effective timing. The letters of proposed tourism dollars from other states have started coming in along with those from across the state that want to spend their money here, if the helmet law is changed to permit freedom of adult choice. As with nearly all legislation, this is all about money. We are now showing the State just how much money. Would you re-elect someone that voted to prevent tourists from coming to

the State. There will be more information sent out on both bills, so please bear with us as work to involve more parties in our endeavors. We aren't lost, but we are blazing some new trails.

Where would you like to see CMT/ABATE, Inc. in the future? As most of you are aware, I do my best thinking in the wind. Lately this has been on my mind. Should this organization become more of a legislative and political force, should it be more of a safety and awareness oriented group, or just stay the same and ride out the time it has left? I hope the rest of you have had these things on your mind as well. The helmet law might have formed this outfit, but we have shown that we are capable of handling any and all issues concerning Tennessee's motorcyclists. We have reached a point, where with a few changes we could



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Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, **pictures** etc. to [keeblersg@yahoo.com](mailto:keeblersg@yahoo.com). That being said, I am **BIG** on photos, I want more photos not only from events but of our members out there riding!

CMT/ABATE, Inc. is not a "Biker Club", but a non-profit, political organization that was formed to preserve freedom and safety for all Tennesseans who enjoy motorcycling. Our major goals are to modify existing laws that are detrimental to motorcycle safety and enjoyment, and to enact new legislation in support of all motorcyclists who ride in Tennessee. If you are concerned about preserving personal freedom and motorcycle safety, please join us.



Braxton is VERY HAPPY that his grandparents, Dave and Judy Brown, have just joined the Smith Wilson/ Stones River Charter of CMT/ABATE.

Thanks to Leon Lightburne for "bringing them in". Oh, yeah!! Braxton DEFINITELY wants everyone to remember DON'T RIDE FRIED!!!



MANY THANKS to John Milliken and the Motorcycle Rider Education Program of the Tennessee Department of Safety for trusting CMT/ABATE with the task of distributing Safety and Awareness products to our members and the driving public of Tennessee. We have several dozen do-rags that are a clever reminder to "DON'T RIDE FRIED". The do-rag idea came from Ernest Adams, Smith Wilson/Stones River Charter Safety Director.

The other product is tire pressure gauges with the Message: "Watch for Motorcyclists--- Ride Safe". This is a good handout to both car drivers and motorcycle riders. The tire gauges are a salute to our retiring Safety and Education Director, Clarence (Batman) Hawkins. He was CONSTANTLY checking bike tires in parking lots!! Thank you, Batman for your years of service to CMT/ABATE and your succinct wisdom in guiding the Grant Programs!! Proper pressure in your tires increases gas efficiency as well as SAFETY!! One of my tires on my Explorer had only 21 psi in it, and it looks fine. That kind of deficit can cause bad braking and lots of other problems!!

Model for the products is my grandson Zachary Miller, age 11. (Hey! There are occasionally a few perks to years of volunteerism.) Your charter should have a few of these products for distribution.

If you have no way of getting a couple of these items to share with our friends and family on the road, contact me directly and I'll try to put a couple in the mail to you... Carol Simpson 615-944-9797, [csfreedom@aol.com](mailto:csfreedom@aol.com)




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Although Meeting of the Minds is about three months from now, the cut-off date of Aug. 24 for room reservation and early registration is fast upon us. Charters sponsoring attendees and individuals that want to take advantage of the reduced rates need to have their money turned in to me no later than Aug.14. This is the single most important national event for the exchange of ideas and information on motorcycle related legislation in the country. It would be beneficial to have at least four people to go, but the more the better. It's a long haul to Milwaukee and

the logistics of getting there may be better dealt with once we have a head count of who will be going. If you chose to register on your own, could you please let me know?

The EPA doesn't want to give up on the increase in ethanol percentages in fuels. The Supreme Court has even stepped in on some of the issues. For some reason the EPA assumes to have far greater power and authority than the combined Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches of our government. I'm more curious as to how an advisory body has been

able to rise to such a position. If you are concerned about your bike's fuel, you just might want to join the organization that is working on your behalf in DC.

If your charter would like for a representative of MRF to come to a meeting or event and provide information on whom and what we are, feel free to contact me and myself or another member will make a showing. As usual, if you have any other questions that MRF can help you with, just shoot. TONY DABBS, CMT/ABATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR, themotorsickledoc@yahoo.com



## \$10 for the 2015 Statewide Poker Run book



**On sale now! Check with your closest charter to purchase one, or the State office. Can pay with PayPal.**

D/H/H Charter welcomes newest member, WWII VETERAN SYLVESTER CALDWELL.

D/H/H Charter member Jess Capps with her motorcycle training classmates. Congrats Jess for passing the course and earning your motorcycle license endorsement!!

State Director Dean Lucas visiting D/H/H Charter July meeting





## 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

August 2015

- 8/15 CaFo Canoe Run
- 8/21-23 Southern Thunder Rally
- 9/12 CaFo Memorial Run
- 9/13 UpCu Wine Run
- 9/19 NoEa Fall Colors Ride
- 9/25-27 Points Field Meet Finals
- 9/26 WoT Bash
- 9/26 UpCu Ride to Cycle Mo's
- 10/3 RoCo Memory Ride
- 10/10 Nash Swap Meet
- 10/31 DHH 28th Annual Toy Run  
& Food Drive
- 11/8 SWSR Toy Run & Chili  
Cook Off
- 12/19 SWSR Labeling Party
- 12/20 SWSR Christmas for the  
Vets

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Here are a few pics from the ride Caney/Fork did for Tennessee Biker Medical Clinic. Hope you can get these in next issue. Thanks again, Carol Crowson

NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

June 1, 2015

## To ALL MOTORCYCLING FREEDOM FIGHTERS:

This is an extensive effort put forth by CMT/ABATE to gather numbers regarding the likely increase in motorcycling tourism should the 109th Tennessee General Assembly pass HB 700 Reedy, SB 925 Roberts, which would legalize freedom of choice for those 21 and older regarding the use of motorcycle helmets. 2016 is the second session of the 109th GA. During 2015 the bill passed House Transportation Sub and Full Committees as well as Senate Transportation committee. In 2016 the bills need to pass House and Senate Finance Committees and Floor votes in each body. Every bill has a fiscal note. For the first time in almost 20 years, this bill does NOT, at the current time, have a negative fiscal impact on the Tennessee State Budget. There are forces at work to change that. This project before you is our urgent effort to offset those efforts. The Department of Tourism has never weighed in with the Fiscal Review department to purport an increase in tourism dollars and taxes for the state due to increased motorcycling should Tennessee have Freedom of Choice regarding helmets.

YOU can make a difference.

Please, using the template provided, send a letter addressed to Rep. Reedy and Sen. Roberts, the sponsors of the bill. The figures of your increased spending in Tennessee are vital to the sponsors' efforts to have PLUS tourism dollars included in the Fiscal Note. CMT/ABATE will be gathering the letters and working with Legislative research staff to build a presentation that the sponsors will take to the Department of Tourism and the Fiscal Review Department.

Both sponsors are PERSONALLY and WHOLEHEARTEDLY engaged in this effort. Please be sure to thank them in your personal comments.

Looking forward to receiving lots of letters. Already have a couple dozen. Hoping for hundreds.

Please keep all of the basic information in the template, as our compilations for Department of Tourism and the Fiscal Review department depends on having consistently reported numbers.

What state are you from and how will you be requesting responses from your area of influence? Please forward this to any and all riders that will spend the money for a stamp and help with this effort!!!! We will continue to collect letters through the second week of October, 2015.

THANK YOU!!!!!!!

Carol Simpson  
PR/Communications Director  
CMT/ABATE, Inc.  
Tennessee Assistant State Rep MRF  
615 944 9797

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Honorable Senator Kerry Roberts  
Honorable Representative Jay Reedy  
c/o CMT/ABATE, Inc. Legislative Team  
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Dear Honorable Legislators:

Thank you, very much, for sponsoring HB 700/ SB 925 in the Tennessee General Assembly, which will make it lawful for motorcycle riders 21 years of age and over in Tennessee to choose whether or not to wear a helmet.

I live in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. When this bill becomes law I will ride my motorcycle MORE OFTEN AND MORE MILES in Tennessee. The total average amount I would most likely spend during my additional travels on my motorcycle in Tennessee would total \$\_\_\_\_\_ for food, tourism, lodging, shopping per year.

Additional comments:

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Again, thank you for your commitment to promoting Freedom in Tennessee.

Print \_\_\_\_\_

Sign \_\_\_\_\_



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CHOICE 2 – TN RESIDENTS-- I live in \_\_\_\_\_, TN. When this bill becomes law I will be so happy to tour and travel and vacation in Tennessee instead of having to ride to other states where I can exercise my freedom of choice. The total average amount of money for gas, lodging, food and tourism that I am likely to spend in Tennessee while riding my motorcycle instead of in other states, per year, is \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year.

Additional comments:

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Again, thank you for your commitment to promoting Freedom in Tennessee.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**CANEY FORK** - Next Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 4, 7:00, Golden Nugget, Carthage

Meeting called to order @ 7:05 and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jimmy Young.

The discussion started with the Robin Long and the Kevin Wooten rides.

Carol discussed the Pastor Ron ride and the B.O.D. meeting. Everyone at the meeting took up a donation of \$10.00 to give to Kevin Wooten, any other donations will be greatly appreciated.

We voted on getting a memorial plaque with the names of every fallen member of the Caney Fork Charter to carry on the ride with us.

A motion was made by Carol to give a T-Shirt and a Koozie to Kevin along with all the money from the ride. Pete second the motion.

We also want everyone to know that the insurance that abate provides only covers for accidental death only.....PLEASE READ THE POLICY.....

Pete made the motion to end the meeting @ 8:05...

### **DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN-**

Next Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 20, 7:00, VFW, Dickson, TN

And just like every 3rd Thursday of the month, at the Dickson V.F.W, bout 7:00, 20 souls said the pledge to the Stars & Stripes to start the meeting of your D.H.H. Charter. Director Cycledellic Mark said "Welcome to All" & that prayer man Mike was in Laconia on his new Beemer. We then heard about Gabriel, a three year old boy who has liver cancer. Traci Rich's mom is not doing good at all, extra prayer for her. Tony Porter run did rite good. July 11th, the Moose lodge is having a benefit for Tony. He is doing a lot gooder. Sad to hear of the passing of Pam Collins, wife of Ray. They helped this charter a lot back in the 1900's. A ride for Timmy Story will happen in Sept. Tripp's grandson is doing good, getting fat. And we got a thank you card from Kim Marller.

Asst. Dir. Fry Daddy was in Oklahoma and Lil John had to work late. Mark & Becky got State Wide Poker Run Books. The Tennessee Thunder Race Team will be in Memphis & Bowling Green the next two weeks! Wayne hit a dog on his bike -the dog is dead - Wayne is limping.

Activities was next and we took a big ole drank to Yardman Steve for the great job he did on the Celebration of Life episode. He went on bout what a groovy job everyone did to make it happen. He also said the

details of the merit award & how I received the very first one, even tho he made it sound like I'm old. Coz I been a member for 25 years! There are a few, very few, C O L T-shirts left, XL only. The real Kool & Fun Canoe Poker Run is July 25th at Buffalo Resort & Canoe on Hwy 13 with after Canoe Run Party at The Buffalo Roadhouse. We gonna have a fish fry in the fall at our Humphreys Co. meeting and we all want the Raw Country Band to play for us again. Bill Edwards said the 2nd annual.

Rodney Edwards run is June 27th, starts in Danville. Legislative report from the June B.O.D. said the Respect Bill goes into effect 7-1-15. We wanna thank too much sponsors of the Helmet Bill.

A motion was made to give \$100 to the V.F.W. for their 4th of July fireworks. All said yep be it so! We also helped Traci Rich, Rodney Gruder who is having heart problems. We then finally had our charter elections. Here are your officers for 2015: Returning for another year -Director Cycledellic Mark, Asst. Dir. Fry Daddy, Treasurer Lil John, Activities Dir. Yardman Steve. New officers - Sgt at Arms Dog Killer Wayne, Rd Capt. Pigpen, Sec. Mz Mary Edwards. Mighty fine bunch of people. Do you know when your membership runs out? Holler at She Tripp your membership gal. Don't x-pire - re-up man! Have you seen the very groovy photos on Dickson-Humphreys-Hickman Facebutt? Support your righteous charter, its easy & fun, just show up!

And so ends my time of telling ya'll what I hear. This is my last report, which is also the last time I get a newsletter in the mailbox. My Mom & Dad are disappointed bout that. I have enjoyed putting my words on paper for you to read. Hope you understand what I wrote. I write the same way I talk. Used to write it, address an envelope, lick a stamp, raise the flag on my mailbox and done. But now I can't, and the post office in McEwen never have any email stamps. I ain't into the whole world-wide web thang & that's another reason I can't hang in there. Keep it simple ain't getting it no more. The cyber space is ok I reckon, but it can't make the smell of spring, sunshine & lots little thangs we take for granted everyday like bologna on white bread, the sound of a shovelhead on a gravel road, grass between your toes, or the sun setting low. Thanx for reading my words for all these years. Hope I at least made you smile. Thank you to my beloved Freak Show D-H-H Charter members.

Always wrote by hand with a pencil or pen. This is where groovy, far out, & freak show end. I'm sure that Mary Ed will do a very groovy, far out job! Z-ya down the road on my shovel!

Nuff Said, We Scattered! This is all from me, Beefy #757

**KNOXVILLE** - Next Meeting: Sunday, Aug. 23, 1:00, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson, Knoxville

**MONTGOMERY** - Next Meeting: Monday, Aug. 3, 7:00, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville

July 2015 Minutes

MoCo held our monthly meeting at 7pm 6 July 2015, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville, TN. There were 14 members in attendance and six guests. The meeting kicked off promptly at 7 pm and the first topic discussed was membership. We discussed different ways to try to increase both our local and State membership numbers. The next thing discussed was recent law changes; this included both the recent changes to the Tennessee parade and memorial helmet requirements and the new Kentucky red light law that takes effect on 15 July. Elkton, Ky. was the next topic and how they hold a Thursday night bike night in the town square with live bands, karaoke, and great food. Flyers where handed out with the band list on them. The last topic discussed by the director was the BWC Toy Run that will be held 18-20 Sept. this year. MoCo Abate will once again have a both set up and maximum participation from our local members is highly encouraged. We will have Shirts & Kickstand Pucks for sale along with plenty of free hand outs to help spread the word about who we are and the CMT/Abate mission. The floor was then turned over to the Legislative Director, Tony Dabbs, who gave a great update on the past session and what to look forward to for the upcoming session on the hill. The meeting ended at 7:45pm. May everyone Ride Safe & Keep the Rubber Side Down...

John Ahlers, MoCo Director

**MUSIC CITY** - Next meeting: Sunday, Aug. 2, 2:00, Skully's, Old Hickory

**NASHVILLE** - Next Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 18, 7:00, Bikini Beach Bar, Antioch

**NORTHEAST** - Next Meeting: Monday, Aug. 3, 7:00, Call for location

**ROBERTSON COUNTY**- *Next Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 4, 7:00, Piggy Pit, Springfield*

Robertson County CMT/Abate meeting was held Tuesday night at the Pit. Treva lead with the pledge and Robert lead us in prayer. Roland started meeting. There will be a benefit for Dwayne Groves at Our Place in Cross Plains on August 15th, mark your calendar Also talked about Intervention Ride on Sept. 12th at 12:00 pm. They will have BBQ Chicken and sides for \$5.00 a plate. Will be a poker run and T-shirts. Everyone plan to attend. Robert talked about the legislative bikers going between lanes, and new law on having insurance on bikes, cars; trucks make sure you have proof of insurance. Our STR Party will be held August 29th a one day event at Pine & Samantha's in Springfield. We will have a band and cost will be \$20.00 a person and will include a plate. Wade will be doing the cooking which is always good. Robert won 50/50 and donated back to the down biker fund. We also had one new member to join. Welcome.

**SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER**  
- *Next Meeting: Sunday, Aug. 2, 2:00, The Roost, Lebanon*

Smith/Wilson/Stones River ABATE meeting of July 5, 2015 called to order @ 2:07 pm by Mike who also led the pledge. All officers in attendance except treasurer. There were 24 members plus two visitors in attendance. Mike opened with sad news that Duck's brother has passed away and he and Vern will not be attending due to circumstances.

Jerry spoke to charter about everyone stepping up and assuming duties whole hearted.

Secretary report given and approved.  
Treasurer report N/A.

Legislative report Bullit Covered upcoming events and current as well as respect to Bill's passing on July 1st! Still a dire need to correspond with state officials; call, write and email!

Membership/PR Mary said we have renewals and new members. Welcome John and Chapel to the meeting! Welcome to Shrek and Fiona as well!! Also a welcome back to Cadillac and new member Steve Carey. July birthdays Tabitha, Brian Kent, Leon, Dorthy, Ernest, Vern, James and Rob-in Long.

Activity Tommy covered upcoming events and current. Motion to have event for Skeeter August 22nd at the roost carried. Saturday August 8th after breakfast ride all hands needed to help with games for Crazy Preacher. Details for Josephs Store House covered.

Products Resa said nothing to cover, just need sales.

Safety Ernest said awareness is the key. Jerry spoke of formation on group rides (as a side note). Group discussion followed. Be attentive and safety in numbers.

Old business Four State poker run books left for sale. Mike said breakfast rides need to start again with the first being on July 12th. Date for rained out swap meet was made for August 19th with location TBD. September meeting date moved due to holiday weekend to Sunday Sept 13th.

New business Shrek from CMA Steel welcomed all to attend bike night at the Chic-Fil-A in Mt Juliet every second weekend @ 4:30. Also service, meeting and dinner at Courtney's in Mt Juliet every first Sunday 6:30 pm. Mary said she was planning on calling all past and expired members to try

and boost membership again. The topic of popsicle stick drawing came up as a money maker for the charter as well as to entice membership showing at meetings. We will cover details at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn made @ 3:15. Later, Ruth

**SUMMER COUNTY** - *Next Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 20, 7:00, VFW Hall, Hendersonville or TBA*

**TENNESSEE VALLEY** - *Next Meeting: Sunday, Aug. 16, 2:00, Call for Location Mark (Yog) 423-570-0250 6/21/15*

Meeting called to order

Membership Report: memberships reviewed

Treasury Report: Balance reviewed. No expenditures for June

State Legislative Report: Legislative strategies reviewed & discussed for 2016

Events report: Motorcycle Awareness Ride Sunday July 26th. Will start at "Hooters" 2:00pm and end at Thunder Creek HD. Raffle tickets available.

Meeting adjourned:

Next Meeting: July 19th at Hooters because the Motorcycle Awareness Ride is the following Sunday.

August 16th meeting will be a rolling meeting ( we're going to ride somewhere that day).

Remember life is a journey so take the long way home. Yog

**UPPER CUMBERLAND** - *Next Meeting: Sunday, Aug. 2, 12:00. Call for Details, Ron 931-879-3899*

**WHEELS OF THUNDER** - *Next Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 6, 7:00, Pancho's, Memphis*



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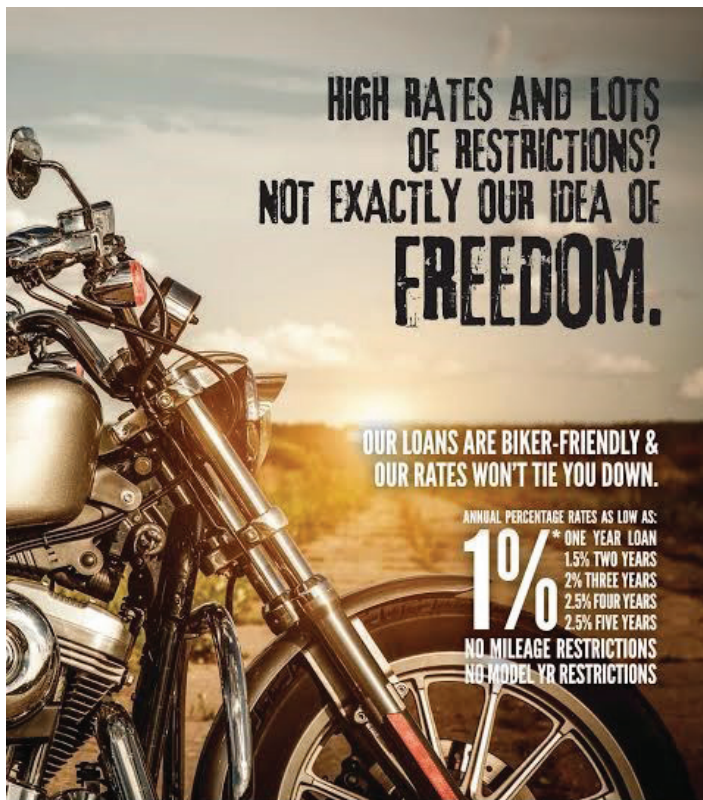
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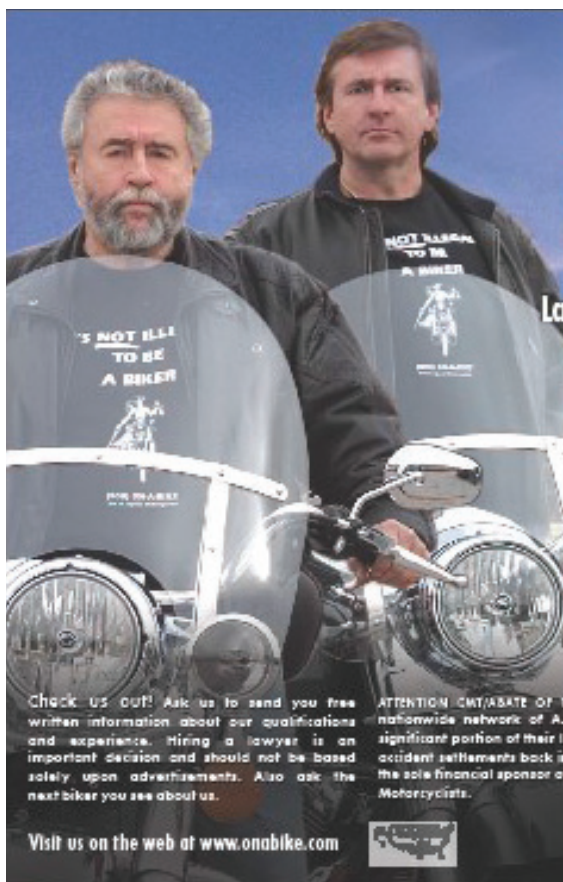


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