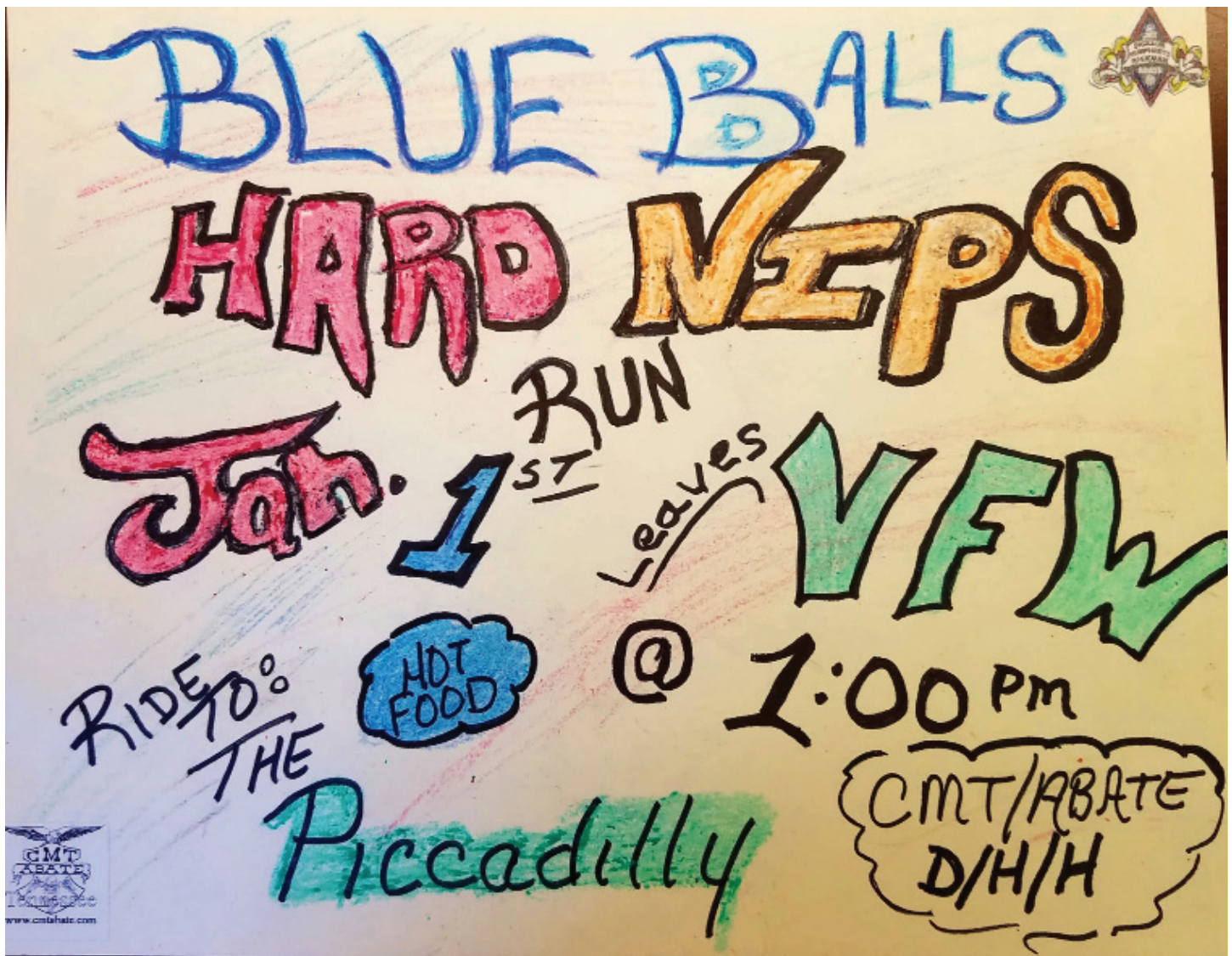


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Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman	Mark Proctor 615-477-0171	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
French Broad	Scott Smith (423)571-6608 wt1011@icloud.com	1st Tuesday of the month @ Apehangers Ontheriver Del Rio
Smoky Mountain	Kevin Haley 931-307-4031 kjhaley2012@gmail.com	1st Wednesday @ 7, Hooters in Maryville
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Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

# Director's Column

## A Message From The (Interim) Corporate Director

Merry Christmas! We are all wrapping up a busy year with our personal lives as well as CMT/ABATE and on behalf of the Executive Board I want to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I want to personally thank each one of you for remaining true to the mission of our Organization, and I want to personally thank Dean Lucas for his leadership during the past five years as well as all the other great things he does.

At the December 2016 State Board meeting, Dean resigned as Corporate Director; and as Corporate Assistant Director I moved to the position as interim. My tenure as Assistant Corporate Director ended immediately 11, December 2016 and is now open. We will have elections for several positions during the March 2017 State Board meeting occurring 1:00pm 12, March 2017 at Skully's in Old Hickory, Tennessee and I want all interested members to consider themselves for these roles.

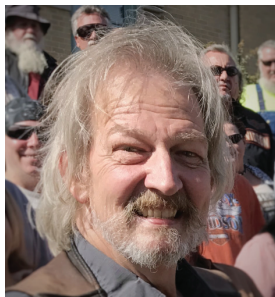
At the March 2017 State Board meeting, we have elections for the positions of Corporate Director, Assistant Corporate Director, Corporate Legislative Director, and Corporate Treasurer. These positions each require a resume to be submitted to the State Office or to the Newsletter Chairman at least 60 days prior to the March 2017 meeting, and that means the latest date for receipt of a resume will be Wednesday 11, January 2017, by email, snail mail, or both. Although we already have some folks who have submitted their names as candidates for these positions I want to make sure we reach everyone in the Local Charters and the Members at-Large.

We also have a position of Corporate Membership Director open, and although this position does not require a resume there is certainly no harm to submit one. The Corporate Membership Director works with similar positions in the Local Charters and supplements the Corporate Director and Corporate Assistant Director in their responsibilities of growing the membership. If anyone is interested to be a candidate for this position as well as any of the preceding positions, and if you have questions; please send me an email message or a telephone call and I can send you a job description.

Merry Christmas To All Of You!

J. Robert Forbus

(Interim) Corporate Director



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



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# YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



I have been asked a lot of questions on what our lobbyists do and how they do it, along with why we aren't running bills dealing with certain problems. I figure this is about as good a place as any to answer those questions, so here we go. This won't be a bumpy ride, more like a long slow stretch of Texas interstate.

In order to protect the innocent and speak no evil of anyone, the following will deal with myself. That way I can speak my mind and not piss off a soul. The lobbyists for CMT/ABATE, Inc. have the task of representing all the riders across the State, and in some cases, those that have an interests in the impact motorcyclists have on local businesses. We may seem like a small group, but in reality we are the face of approximately a half million riders in Tennessee. I take being their voice on the hill as serious as the oath I took when I worked for the DOD. As a lobbyist, my parameters are set by vote. Folks attending legislative meetings make the decisions on what we do based on information supplied by biker's State wide. Yes, there are times when I do have to make a judgment call on short notice, but I look at all the possible scenarios that might occur long before session starts. I do nothing based on personal feelings, even though sometimes you want to unscrew someone's head when they just don't want to listen to common sense. One of the hardest things a lobbyist faces is staying focused and not letting things become personal.

When I have an appointment with a legislator, it is not in my nature to jump right into business. I prefer to listen to what they have to say and answer any questions they might have. Many times this has nothing to do with our issues at first, but like I said, this is a long slow ride. The more you know about someone, the more you understand what it will take to work with them on whatever bill you might be running. Well let's be honest, you do develop personal relationships with folks when you spend a lot of time with them

and I have always taken time to listen to a friend. I make it a point to never leave on bad terms and always ask if there is anything I can do for them. Again this is just part of my nature and the proper thing to do. Treat folks the same way you want to be treated.

Those of you that have taken the time to visit Capitol Hill have seen the way most professional lobbyists look. We have even had lobbyists that have walked the halls in suit and tie. Every lobbyist has their own style, as for myself, most folks just call me the old man in the hat. Works for me as long as we get the job done. Well first off, I have never owned a suit, but I do wear clean clothes and take a shower before I show up. I am a great grandpa and I think that is the way most folks tend to react with me. I can't think of an easier person to talk to than your grandfather. As a note to anyone considering becoming a member of the lobby team, just be yourself. Legislators can spot a fake a mile off.

Sometimes we work with other groups when our goals share a common ground or, in my case, folks just ask for help. If I can provide assistance without creating a conflict of interests, I am more than happy to oblige. I have lent a hand on several bills that directly affected motorcyclists on several bills the last few years that we weren't running but worked out on our behalf. There have been a few times I played humanitarian more so than Biker's Rights Advocate. I'm sure you remember the folks that camped out on Legislative Plaza. One morning they sent a small delegation of folks to speak with me. They had noticed that legislators would come up and speak to me in the halls and they wanted to know if I could give them some advice on how they could talk to some of the members on the hill. I suggested getting their real issues in order and electing a man and woman out of their group to make appointments and meet with whomever they could. They wanted me to go with them, but under the circum-

stances it was best for them to do it on their own. They followed through with my advice and most of those folks were gone within a few days. The so called "George Soros group" that stayed had to be removed. Another time I was able to assist a young lady in a group that worked with autistic kids. This time a little advice and a few introductions accomplished something that the group's paid lobbyist couldn't. You may ask why your lobbyist took time to help these folks, but have you ever thought how many times professional lobbyists have taken a little time to help us?

Why aren't we running our own bills to deal with certain issues? There is enough confusion and chaos on the hill without us adding to the fury. When more than one bill dealing with the same subject works its way through committees, things tend to get mixed up with the end result being the death of all. Yes, sometimes the pick of the litter will make it, but more than likely the whole litter is lost. We have found it much easier to assist and support larger groups running legislation that we want than it is to run such a bill ourselves. Cell phone use by distracted drivers and putting an end to high speed pursuit are two such problems. We voted to lend a hand to the folks already knee deep in these fights.

If you want to be a part of the lobby team or have what it takes to become one of our registered lobbyists, come on and join us. Just remember this is more of a servant's position than anything else. There is no personal glory or financial reward, but there is a hell of a lot of personal satisfaction knowing you are helping your brothers and sisters across the state. Like a lot of our membership, I started riding a long time ago when bikers were looked on as a bunch of outlaws and trash. Now it's the thing for rich professionals and celebrities to do. I miss the brotherhood that used to be, but I welcome the new breed of riders and I have a feeling they will develop the same passion we have for riding and it will be more than a "Billy Badass Biker" fad. As I said before, we are the face on the hill of all riders across the state. Representing all of you is an honor for the lobby team.

Is there anything we can do to help you?

Tony M. Dabbs

CMT/ABATE State Legislative Director



11, December 2016

CMT/ABATE State Board Executive Directors  
CMT/ABATE State Board Officers  
CMT/ABATE Charter Directors

#### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDACY FOR STATE BOARD LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

I today tender a brief resume for your review. I have chosen to present myself as a candidate for the position of State Board Legislative Director – CMT/ABATE, Inc.; one of several positions that will be chosen during the 12, March 2017 State Board meeting. At present I am the (Interim) Corporate Director – CMT/ABATE, Inc. and have resigned my position as Assistant Corporate Director - CMT/ABATE, Inc. effective immediately 11, December 2016.

#### Current

Current (Interim) Corporate Director CMT/ABATE, Inc.  
Current Assistant Director Robertson Local Charter CMT/ABATE, Inc.  
Current Lifetime Member of CMT/ABATE, Inc. in good standing  
Current Member of ABATE of Arkansas District IV in good standing.  
Current Member of the American Motorcyclists' Association.  
Sustaining Member of the Motorcycle Riders' Foundation.  
Proprietor of small engineering company and machine shop.

#### Background

Past Assistant Corporate Director CMT/ABATE, Inc.  
Past State Board Sergeant-at-Arms.  
Past Coordinator of at-Large Members.  
Past Member of Nashville (original) Local Charter CMT/ABATE, Inc.  
Past Member of Rutherford County Local Charter CMT/ABATE, Inc.  
Past Member and Safety & Education Director of Nashville Local Charter CMT/ABATE, Inc.  
Past Interim State Board Treasurer of CMT/ABATE, Inc.  
Past Legislative Officer, Board Member, and State Board Member of ABATE of Arkansas District IV.  
Past Member of Ride Free Arkansas PAC.

Respectfully,

J. Robert Forbus

(Interim) Corporate Director CMT/ABATE, Inc.

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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**. 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.

# 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

## CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

January 2017

### JANUARY

1 DHH Blue Balls and Hard Nips Ride  
1 SWSR Ride to Bridge to Nowhere  
7 SWSR meeting and Biker Bucks  
21 State Wide New Years Kickoff Party

### MARCH

4 CaFo Chili Cook off  
12 **BOD**

### APRIL

1 NoEa Membership ride  
8 MoCo Poker Run  
16 TnVa Fun Run  
23 SWSR Easter Egg Hunt  
29 CaFo Swap Meet

### MAY

7 FrBr Legislative Ride  
13 DHH Bike & Tattoo Show  
12-14 Liberty Rally  
20 SWSR Swap Meet  
27 CaFo Family Day at Agree Park

### JUNE

3 Nashville Canoe Run  
9-11 SWSR State Points Rodeo  
11 **BOD**  
24-25 FrBo State Points Rodeo

### JULY

4 Smoky Mountain Charter Parade Gatlinburg  
15 SWSR Robin Long Memorial Poker run  
22 Up Cu Memorial Ride  
22 CaFo Scavenger Hunt & Poker run  
30 TeVa Awareness Ride

### AUGUST

12 CaFo Canoe Run  
25-27 STR  
26 CaFo Bike Show

### SEPTEMBER

09 CaFo Poker Run  
10 **BOD**  
16 FrBr 2nd Annual Moonshine Poker Run  
23 NoEa Fall Ride

### OCTOBER

15 Smoky Mountain Toy Run  
13-15 SwSr State Points rodeo Finals  
21 Nash Fall Pumpkin Fest & Swap meet  
28 DHH Toy Run

### NOVEMBER

4 SwSr Toy Run and Chili Cook Off  
18 CaFo Turkey

### DECEMBER

1 Smoky Mountain Christmas parade  
Gatlinburg  
2 CaFo Toy Drive  
10 **BOD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 MuCu/UpCu SWSR	2 MoCo NoEa	3 FrBr NoCu	4 SmMt	5 WOT	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 TnVa	16	17 Nash	18	19 DHH SuCo	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 CaFo	30	31				



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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)



## **CANEY FORK**

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

November 17, 2016

10 D/H/H Charter members gathered at VFW Post 4641 for our regular monthly business meeting. Said the pledge and Chaplain Mike said a prayer. Talked about several of our late friends, Roundman Curtis, Balinda "Patches" Sweeney, and Gary Belcher and our thoughts are with their families. Best wishes to our folks Tracey Wilson Rich, Judy Haskins & Pamela Batey and just ask that you keep them in your thoughts also. Coming up this weekend is the Robertson County Charter Toy Run and the Music City Charter Chili Supper supporting elderly in the area – everyone is encouraged to support our sister Charters if you can. D/H/H Charter 29th Annual Toy Run & Food Drive on 10/29 was so much fun and lots of toys & food was collected for the causes.

T-shirts were a hit, In Memory of RD Pendegrass, and those profits went to the causes also. VFW Post 4641 Poker Run on 11/12 was successful and the Post is providing Santa with goodies to share with kids at their annual Christmas "Cookies with Santa" event. Reminder to all that the Post houses a Food Pantry year round for Veterans & families in need, and ask that you always keep them in mind and bring an item with you when you visit. Coming up on January 1, 2017, is the annual Blue Balls & Hard Nips Run. Meet as always at 1:00 at VFW Post 4641 and ride to the Piccadilly. D/H/H Charter members voted to rescind the letter sent to the Piccadilly earlier in the year, Unanimous. Suggestion was made to consider a "No Ride Poker Run" in January or February so we can enjoy each other in the cold months, and raise a little \$\$, too – let's work on that. Meeting adjourned.

### **FRENCH BROAD**

CHARTER MEETING December 6, 2016  
CALL TO ORDER (7:00 pm) BY, Scott Smith  
PLEDGE: Lead by Dave Mills  
PRAYER: Lead by Dave Mills  
CALL ROLL: 5 members present  
APPROVED MINUTES for November, (Vote count) Unanimous  
SECRETARY REPORT: State New Year kickoff, each member will receive email on event. French Broad will donate helmet for Chinese auction.  
TREASURY REPORT: Account has been opened with Lowland Credit Union (LCU)

with a balance of \$226.00 and checks received.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Calendar of event for 2017-events planned: Newport Christmas parade December 2nd, 2nd annual Moonshine Poker run 16th September, Native American Pow-Wow last week in Aug., October Festival 1st weekend (Newport, Cosby, Del Rio) Legislative Spring Ride May 7th. State Poker Run Rodeo June 24-25 at Ape hangers On the river, CMT/ABATE French Broad Kids Free Fishing Day June 10th

Set monthly pledge to CMT/ABATE Inc.- Charter voted by unanimously at \$10.00 a month and to go ahead and pay the year in full. (\$120.00) motioned by Dave Mills, 2nd by Dana Unger

STATE BOD MEETING, Up for election, State Director-Tony Dabbs, State Legislative-Robert Forbus. Members of the charter notified of upcoming election.

OPEN FORUM: Membership drive at Ape hangers on the river-Chili and Football January 22, 2017 1:00-4:00 pm. Presentation by Charter director (Scott Smith) the history of CMT/ABATE.

NEXT MEETING:

January 3, 2017 @ 7:00 pm Ape hangers on the river

ADJOURN, motioned by Dana Unger, 2nd by Dave Mills

## **MONTGOMERY**

### **MUSIC CITY**

### **NASHVILLE**

NOVEMBER 15, 2016 MINUTES

DIR: Oct Swap Meet Pumpkin Fest was successful had a really good time. Last week went to the Smokies Rode a KLR 650. Rode Cades Cove had fun; Nov 5th went on the Memory Ride Lots of fun; Drove in the Bus for the Senior Citizens in the Veterans Parade in Hendersonville; ABATE State Wide Poker Run Shorty won \$100. Dean won 1st and donated it all back to the organization.

Asst Dir: He won 3rd place in the State wide Poker run. Went on the Boswells Toy Run, Veterans Day Parade in Hendersonville, also Nashville Veterans Day Parade. First time that State and Federal Workers were off; Foothills Parkway should be finished soon by Wears Valley in East Tn that's a pretty ride if you haven't been you should take it.

SEC: Read last month's minutes they were accepted.

TREAS: Great Pumpken Fest helped our budget a lot we made a nice profit, We will be using this money to support the January Kick Off Party.

LEG: Glen Casada running of r caucus leader. East Tn Rep Mike Cooper is running against him; Had a good Legislative Meeting at the Pumpkin Fest Swap Meet. 7 Charters were represented. We will be working on Helmet Law and any other small bills that other legislatures are trying to pass that could get us help. Went on the Robertson County Member ride, Cary Robertson attended he was given a trophy.

Carol, Yohan, T Dobbs, met at the legislative plaza with the new Chief of Staff Dept of Safety. They shared our Trifolds with him and other information about who we are and what we are about. You cannot be detained for not having a DOT Sticker on your helmet. Can be ventilated helmets and CP Safety commissioned. We should be getting our Safety money back as it is used for support of our Safety and Organization fund. Discussed Safe Riding tips. Hope to get Money to buy and Dispense Products. March 18th in the spring we hope to have in time to promote our Don't Ride Fried program, Old Bus: Pumpkin Fest, Legislative Meeting helpers.

New Bus: January Kick off Party is at the Clarion again this year Rooms are \$105/plus Tax Cut Off Date to reserve a room at this price is January 14, 2017. The Party is scheduled for January 21, 2017. Prizes suggested to have a Drawing for a \$400 Gift Card for Home Depot, Hand Gun Carry Permit, Free Riders Ed Class at any Middle TN Location or a Free Tattoo. \$100 Surprise Gift Card. Faith will be doing a Chinese Raffle or Auction.

We need to change our Communication Advocacy for Motorcycles and show that 49% of the rest has to be for Safety and Awareness. This will allow us to keep our status.

Discussed Activities for Nashville Charter for this next year.

State Rodeo was before our Pumpkin Swap meet this year Would be nice to switch these dates so we could use the Swap Meet as a stop in the book. We need to see if Smith/Wilson might agree to this.

Jan KickOff Party is January 21, 2017  
Easy Rider Convention – January  
June 3 or 10th Canoe Run Booze Cruise  
September 2017



October – Swap Meet – Pumpkin Fest  
Motion to Adjourn . Our Next meeting is  
December 20 at Bikini Beach.

## **NORTHEAST**

### **ROBERTSON COUNTY**

Our meetings our held the first Tuesday of each month at The Pitt in Springfield at 7:00pm. Jeff lead off our meeting with the Pledge and Johann lead us in prayer. Please keep in your prayers for Roland which is having surgery on Thursday. Also pray for Mrs. Bush who just had surgery too, and for Toe Joe and Stanley England and Donna's daughter in law. Our prayers are with each of you. Treva went over the Treasury report and Samantha went over events. Don't forget The CMT/Abate New Year Kick-Off Party which will be held on 1/21/17 at the Clarion Hotel on Spring Street in Nashville. Please let Samantha know if you want to book a room as soon as possible. Crossroads Band will be playing. Always a great time everyone mark your calendar to attend. We had our election for officers. Johann went over the Legislative. Pine won the 50/50 and donated back to our Down Biker Fund. A big Thanks to The Pitt for our chili supper. Connie Jones

### **SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER**

The SWSR meeting of December 4, 2016 was called to order at 2:20 PM by Jerry who also led the pledge followed by Vern leading us in prayer. There were 19 members in attendance. All officers were present except activities.

Secretary Report: Given and approved  
Treasury Report: Given and approved  
Activities: Kim covered upcoming events and thanked everyone for their participation in our Toy Run to Kymari House and helping Caney Fork with their Toy Run Drive along with the visit to the US Military Vets who were raising money/ clothes/food and awareness for Homeless Veterans.

Membership: Leslie said we have a new member. Welcome Richie Kowalski! December birthdays are Johnny, Lynn, Alan and LeAnne.

Products: Resa said we have products available! We have tee's long and short sleeve along with some Oxfords. Get with Resa we need some sales!!!!

Chaplain: Vern covered the needy family she found. We passed the hat and collected \$80.00 to help with clothes. We donated more to help with her January

rent. Vern and Mark will cover some additional cost of repairing their car.  
Safety: Ernest said be aware and watch for leaves in driveway and roadway!  
Legislative: Danny touched on current and upcoming events that we will see in 2017.

New Business: Jerry presented Sarah with a plaque from the State for winning the State Rodeo Points. Congrats Sarah, we are very proud!! It was also decided our January meeting with be at the Roost at 4 PM followed by our Biker Bucks Auction! Please bring Auction items! This is a fun and very competitive event!!! Jerry also touched on 2 recent Veterans who had committed suicide.

Old Business: Motion was made and approved to keep our Pledge amount the same (\$50.00 a month) and also keep our Boosters pledge the same. Shoutout to James, Johnny, Jerry, David and Scott for going to the Kymari House and cutting a huge part of a tree off of their roof!  
Motion made and approved to adjourn at 3:20 PM.....Later....Ruth

### **SMOKY MOUNTAIN**

### **SUMNER COUNTY**

### **TENNESSEE VALLEY**

### **UPPER CUMBERLAND**

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer provided an update.

Old Business: None

New Business: Need to start obtaining sponsors for the Summer Tour Run Sheets and Liberty Rally. We plan to schedule winter activities – should have flyers and dates to post in next month's newsletter. We would be pleased to have attendees from other Charters.

Next meetings schedule:

January 8th at Curt & Cheryl's home (in Crossville); call 931-788-1141 for detailed directions)

February 5th at Scooter's (Cookeville)

March 5th at Obed Hideaway (Crossville)

April 2nd Whistle Stop (Static)

Meeting was brief due to the excitement of kicking off our annual Christmas gala.

Meeting adjourned with 50/50 drawing – congrats Jack! The Membership drawing – Yowza! I was the lucky winner (Lillian) – “Thank You”. The Summer Tour Run winners: Curt 1st Place, Trina 2nd Place, and Ron 3rd. Dirty Santa was a blast (very interesting gift exchanges). And on behalf

of the Upper Cumberland Charter, we sincerely thank Trina for cooking us an

AWESOME meal – and thanks to all that brought sides and desserts. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, safe, New Year. We hope to see new faces and increased attendance in the coming year. God Bless.

## **WHEELS OF THUNDER**

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### **Commentary**

By the time this makes the newsletter, the election will be over and a start of a new year. Once again it's the start of a new legislation in Nashville and another chance for the Freedom of Choice Bill. The mandatory helmet law has been in effect since it was first put into effect in 1967. I grew up in a choice State and have always rode without a helmet. Every year my wife and I take a trip out west to visit with family and I can't wait because I know I can take my helmet off and ride in real freedom. What doesn't make sense to me is when I leave the house without a helmet on, and an Officer of the Law see this, he will turn his bike or cruiser around and proceed to chase me down at a high rate of speed to write me a ticket for not wearing one. What's amazing is the ticket is for equipment failure, yes equipment failure (Tenn. Code Ann. 55-9-302 Chapter 9, Equipment—Lighting Regulations). So you have to ask, who is endangering whose life? Me riding without a helmet or the officer traveling at a high rate of speed? It's the same ticket for a head light out or a break light. Not only that but there is no warranty that your helmet will even save your life or prevent any injuries. United We Ride, Divided We Drive is one of our mottos. This year on Legislation Day, every bike in this State should ride right up to the Capitol doors just like back in the 70's when every farmer rode their tractors to U.S. Capitol building in D.C. With 15 charters in this State, we need to make our voices heard and heard loud. We need to get more involved with our Representatives and Senators. One our goals for our charter is to get more involved with our Representatives and Senators of our District. Wish everyone well and Godspeed.

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# OBJECTIVE

Resume: Corporate Assistant Director

## EXPERIENCE

### SRS CONSTRUCTION

Owner/past 30 years

- Build Hud Houses for the Federal Government in the State of Tennessee, Replacement windows, Sunrooms, Entry doors.
- Coordinate subcontracts, scheduling, supervise overall performance, scheduling material deliver, Obtaining necessary permits Maintain an employee base.
- From 1991-2002 I also managed Heritage Park of Johnson City with 219 lots 5 apartments and 15 RV lots. Receipts totaling around \$30.000 a month deposits. While maintaining the common areas and pool. Doing this while committed to my responsibilities above.

# EDUCATION

High School education, State of Tennessee Contractors Board. State of Tennessee Electrician, Advertising skills

# AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- With my skill set, working with others and bring fellow people together. I feel I can do very well and contribute many attributes as Assistant Corporate Director of CMT/ABATE Inc. as a whole. The unification of working as a team is so much more effective than as an individual. A current life time member of CMT/ABATE Inc. and the Director of the French Broad Charter.

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Deadline to cancel reservation: January 14.

I have been asked by several members to run for State Director and after a lot of thought have agreed to do so. I haven't written a job resume in almost three decades so bear with me. I will try my best to list qualifications for the job, and unlike most I figure it best to list any disqualifications as well. With me what you see is what you get.

**Qualifications:**

1. Been riding for right at the past half century.
2. Have managed jobs with upwards of 2500 workers and multiple sub contractors.
3. Have owned my own businesses.
4. Have worked with others to form other advocacy groups in the western and middle part of the state.
5. Have been involved with legislative efforts on the hill for the last few years now.
6. The most important thing I think is a desire to serve Tennessee bikers to the best of my ability and continue moving this organization forward.


**Disqualifications:**

1. Health problems that can take me off my feet at anytime.
2. Haven't been a member as long as most folks that would consider this position.
3. A lot of folks really don't know me.
4. Some folks might not agree with my desire to move forward.
5. I'm partially deaf, although some might consider that a qualification. Oh well, just talk louder.

Whatever the charters want is fine with me and no hard feelings if elected or not. What we need are more young and healthy folks to take over running this outfit anyways. If elected I would consider it my duty to get my replacement ready. We all need to be mentoring the younger members and getting them ready to take the reins.

Tony M. Dabbs

CMT/ABATE State Legislative Director



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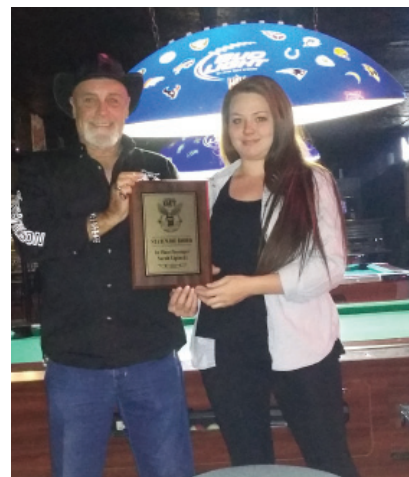
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*Updated Jan., 2017*

## Welcome New Members!

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Sarah Lipinski receiving plaque from State for winning points!



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