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Meeting of the Minds

3rd Annual

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Director's Column

I hope you have all been enjoying your summer. I have certainly been making the most of mine. Last month I rode over to Dayton for the Legislative Retreat. I've made several of these over the years. Every time I have learned something new. Then the next day I rode over to Chattanooga for the Awareness Ride. Everybody seems to enjoy riding without a helmet even if you can't go over thirty miles an hour. I'm surprised more charters don't host one of these.

The weather has been so perfect; I have been able to get around to some of the local meetings. Sunday I was in Crossville for Upper Cumberland. Monday I got to ride over to Kingsport for the Northeast Charter, and tonight I made the Robertson County meeting in Springfield. With the election just days away, a few of the candidates came out and spoke to us. I hope this weather holds. I would like to ride over to Memphis Thursday and visit Wheels of Thunder.

Now there's plenty to look forward to in September. Caney Fork has their Memorial Ride on the 13th, and the very next day is our quarterly Board of Directors. Any Abate member is welcome to attend these meetings. And we'll be having our general elections. Since it's an even year, we'll be voting on State Legislative. Tony has done such an outstanding job; no one is running against him. If you are interested in any of the other positions, please feel free to throw your hat into the ring.

Also this month is the State Points Field Meet Finals. I can't wait to see who comes out on top. It has been a hotly contested race from the beginning. Before the games, we'll be drawing for the State Wide Poker Run. This is your last chance to get out and get those signatures. And then we'll close out the month with the Tennessee Valley / Upper Cumberland Wine Run. Come visit the finest wineries on the plateau.

See you on the road.

Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE
State Director



Note: There are several Position open. Please contact Dean at 931-761-8038 if you are interested.



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We now have a legislative agenda for the 2015 session thanks to the input from everyone and the thoughtful deliberation of those who attended the Legislative Retreat. The first item was a bill to protect the funding for the riders education program. This was apart from our normal legislative work due to it being more of a safety issue but something that has to have our attention. The list was a little larger this time around, but we should be able to work with it. Along with helmet legislation where we will work toward allowing all memorial rides to be helmetless state wide, addressing lane splitting and filtering, and our two bills from last year. Wheel tax on motorcycles will also be looked into, but that may have to be dealt with on a county basis since it is currently a county only tax. It will take some research in order to see what forms these items may take as actual bills. The early start should help us on that.

Why haven't we passed a helmet law yet? This is the most repeated question I am asked. I'm sure everyone involved in the legislative duties of our organization have heard the same thing time and time again. As with every other simple issue the government gets involved with the process for freedom of choice is now as clear as a muddy creek running through a hog lot on a rainy day. I will attempt to filter out a little of the mud and just maybe we might see the creek bottom.

When the Federal Government extorted the states and forced them to institute a helmet law or lose highway funding it was much easier to get a law passed. At that time a little greenback in the right place or an unspoken favor is all it took. The good ol' days are gone and now we have to deal with a lot of bureaucratic BS. First off, Tennessee, unlike many other states, must pass a balanced budget every year by law. This is a fine objective and has made this state one of the most financially sound in the country, but it does complicate matters when trying to get a bill passed. Every piece

of legislation going through the General Assembly has a fiscal note assigned. This will show a positive, negative or insignificant cost to the state. The latter being the most desired to have. Now on top of this State fiscal note, the powers that be have added a Federal fiscal note. I'm sure the intentions were good, but this has just added another hoop to jump through. During the 2014 session I was told there will be a Financial Impact statement added to bills for 2015. This one might help us if it brings in the Department of Tourism and actually shows that freedom of choice will bring more money into the state.

Our Governor, along with the Department of Safety and the Department of Health, have chosen to listen to groups claiming that helmets will ALWAYS keep you safe while riding a motorcycle. Even when facts have been introduced that contradict this. The only thing we can do in this case is to continually try to educate them on the truth. In this case, it is much easier to change a legislator's view point than that of someone in the medical and law enforcement field. As for the Governor, so far it has been impossible to even schedule a meeting with him in order to share our side of the story. It's hard to work a mule that don't know gee from haw and has no mind to learn.

Our most difficult opposition from the state comes from the Department of TennCare (our form of Medicaid). They claim changing the current helmet law will cost the state big bucks. According to said Department, TennCare must cover anybody that comes to Tennessee and cannot pay for medical coverage. For example, If Juan is kicked in the head by a donkey in Juarez, Mx and his family can get him to Tennessee, if he can't pay his medical bills, then TennCare has to cover him. During a meeting I attended with TennCare officials, they blamed this on a Federal law. TennCare claims to have to cover out of state injuries due to the fact Tennessee has so many trauma centers that service bordering states. Common sense would suggest that those patients from other states would have to have the cost covered by their home state, no common sense involved here. (refer to Juan and the donkey)

The last and most vocal group when it comes to helmets is the medical field. With a shortage of doctors and nurses, not to mention how hard it is to get an appointment to see a doctor, they always have plenty of people and time to spend on the hill in their white coats telling horror stories about motorcyclists' crash-

es. Honestly I find this to be a conflict of interest. This is a group that actually profits from helmet use. The longer a body can be kept alive in a vegetative state, the more money they make.

These are the main obstacles we have in Tennessee when it comes to changing the helmet law. What can we do about any of it? As far as the fiscal notes are concerned, not a lot other than submitting accurate information to be factored into the notes themselves. The Governor, Department of Safety and Department of Health will just take time and patience to deal with. We must be consistent in providing up to date facts and maybe, most importantly, conducting ourselves in a respectful manner during intercourse with the aforementioned.

The Department of TennCare always hits us with the money. The only way to deal with that is to find a way to cover the hypothetical cost. We have suggested a tax on motorcycle tags to offset those costs, which in reality has the appearance of being unconstitutional. The Sexton-Bell helmet bill proposed not only a \$50 dollar tax on helmetless riders but also an extra medical policy. The most common sense method of dealing with the cost TennCare claims would be to require all automotive/motorcycle insurance policies sold in Tennessee to contain a medical coverage. I'm sure TennCare has more actual cost from car occupants than from motorcycle riders in the first place. This would spread the burden out equally among everyone using the roads and not just singling out a small group. I almost forgot. The Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) requires we all have medical insurance. It would help if we could get the federal law changed that makes Tennessee responsible for world-wide medical coverage, provided they can get to the state.

How can we change the viewpoint of the medical industry? I think that would be like getting Exxon to support electric vehicles. Giving adults the choice of wearing a helmet or not would take money out of their pockets. Of all the groups that have opposed us in committee, this is the only one that I have witnessed to just out right lie. We can provide facts during testimo-

ny but unless we continue to build more respect of the committee members, the doctors will win every time. And the makeup of committee members and officers changes every two years. More work for ALL of us.

I know all this may seem like the ramblings of an old fool, but I have put a lot of thought into this question and have tried to explain it as simple as I know how. Your legislative team is always open for suggestions and help. The funny thing I see after going over all this, is that we have basically been doing what we need to, but we have made a few mistakes along the way. We really need to work on respect and personal relationships with our legislators. Things are getting better but it only takes one wrong move to screw it all up.

I hear the bricks calling me, so ya'll get out and enjoy some of this fine weather. Contact me if you have any questions.

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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.



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You hear Carol and I mention Meeting of the Minds quite a bit. Usually this is connected to asking you for money to cover the costs. CMT/ABATE members are some of the most supportive folks I have ever run across. Some of you have asked what Meeting of the Minds is and I think this would be a good time to fill you in.

MOTM (Meeting of the Minds) is a gathering of representatives of SMROs (State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations) from all across the country, including Canada. Sharing information and educating ourselves on issues and concerns is what the whole thing is about, but time is taken for folks to get to know each other and share some food and fun. Thursday night is a time for introductions of both old and new faces. Friday and Saturday are both busy with four separate seminars going on at the same time. This happens three times each day. There are breaks between and usually some outfit will feed everybody dinner. Friday night is a time to go out with both old and new friends for a good supper. Saturday is a meal for everyone to share. Some of these folks really sport some fancy duds for this one. The meal is followed by an auction, if you can stay awake long enough after supper. Sunday morning is breakfast and the local CMA (Christian Motorcyclists Association) does a short service and bike blessing.

It's not cheap to go, but the information received and given can be invaluable. The CMT ABATE state treasury always helps with expenses and many charters and individuals too. Call Tony with your pledges. The same can be said of the relationships and contacts

formed during the event. With four separate classes going at the same time, you can see why we need more folks going than just Carol and me. I hope ya'll continue to support MRF in Tennessee and right now we could sure use a couple more bodies to go.
themotorsickledoc@yahoo.com 931-232-8519

LISTEN UP, PLEASE! WE NEED AT LEAST TWO MORE PEOPLE TO GO TO MEETING OF THE MINDS IN KANSAS CITY MISSOURI September 25-28. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN OFFICER OR A LONG TIME MEMBER OF CMT/ABATE TO ATTEND. I PROMISE THAT ONCE YOU GO, YOU WILL BE "HOOKED". NO WORDS CAN DESCRIBE THE BENEFITS AND ENJOYMENT OF LEARNING AND LAUGHING WITH FREEDOM FIGHTERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. Call Tony for more info.

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CHARTER MEETINGS CALENDAR

September 2014

- 9/13 CaFo Memorial Ride
 9/14 **Board of Directors**
 9/19-21 SWSR State Rodeo Finals
 9/28 TeVa/UpCu Wine Run
- 10/4 RoCo In Memory Ride
 10/// SWSR Swap Meet
 10/12 UpCu Poker Run
- 11/2 SWSR Toy Run & Chili Cook Off
 11/8 UpCu Toy Run
 11/15 KeCo Toy Run
 RoCo Toy Run
- 12/7 SWSR Needy Family Run
 UpCu Christmas Party
 12/14 **Board of Directors**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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“Points Rodeo”

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Slow Race

- 1st Tommy Jones
- 2nd Jeff Hollins
- 3rd Dave Shaw

Ball & Cone

- 1st Tommy Jones & Michael Steven
- 2nd Tommy Jones & Sharon Jones
- 3rd James Sullivan & Sarah Lipinski

Barrel Roll

- 1st James Sullivan
- 2nd Jeff Hollins
- 3rd Rex Nelson

Weenie Bite

- 1st James Sullivan & Sarah Lipinski
- 2nd Tommy & Sharon Jones
- 3rd Sparky & Hornet

State Points Field Meet Standings

Riders

Tommy Jones	17
James Sullivan	15
Jeff Hollins	4
Fount Jones	1
Scott Dean	1
Dave Shaw	1
Rex Nelson	1
Sparky	1

Passengers

Sarah Lipinski	8
Sharon Jones	8
Michael Steven	5
Kerri Jones	2
Hornet	1



Member-At-Large, Greg Alverson and his Mom, sitting on each other's bikes.

KNOXVILLE - Next Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 28,
1:00, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson, Knoxville

MUSIC CITY - Next meeting: Sunday, Sept. 7, 2:00,
Skully's, Old Hickory

NASHVILLE- Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 16,
7:00, Bikini Beach Bar, Antioch

PINEY RIVER- Next Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 21,
1:30, Senior Center, Spring City

SUMMER COUNTY - Next Meeting: Thursday,
Sept. 25, 7:00, VFW Hall, Hendersonville

TENNESSEE VALLEY - Next Meeting: Sun-
day, Sept. 21, 2:00, Call for Location Mark (Yog)
423-570-0250

CANEY FORK - Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 2,
7:00, Golden Nugget, Carthage



DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN-Next
Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 18, 7:00, VFW, Dickson

The July meeting started with 16 souls saying the pledge to our flag. Cycledellic Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting and told of an old boy from Poland who had a flat tire on his sportster on the interstate close to the Dickson exit. His friend in Texas got hold of Commander Jim at our VFW who got hold of Mark -through Bub and Carol Davis- and in a roundabout way got help from our members. They got his bike to a local bike shop, him to a motel and next day got him on his way to Texas. Big ole drink to all who helped this dude!

Beefy told of Lizard's sister Janet who had a heart attack. She got a stint and is home doing very Groovy! Get off them Cigs Janet! We sent her a card. Steve told of Fred Zeppelin's wife Vicky, she has cancer and they could use our help. In October we will do a benefit for her to help them out. Family Bar-B-Q has helped us out many times. That's Fred & Vicky's place, we gonna help them. Best of luck to Vicky and her family.

Lil John gave us a money report with \$\$\$ in the bank and all bills paid. Mark Burns and Wayne Dykus were at the meeting. They are friends of Big R and got in on our Poker Run for him. They will cook chickens to sell to help us raise money for ole Ronnie (Big R).

Canoe Poker Run will be done August 16th. STR is Aug 22024. Barry H. will be watched very close. The Freak Show 27th Annual Toy Run is October 25th. Check your membership date,

Re-up, Don't X-pire man! Look on the World Wide Web to see our Facebutt thang. Some far out pictures on that thing!

50/50 done and won by V.D. which she donated back. Thankx V.D. This report was wrote by hand with chisel on limestone.

Nuff said, we scattered. That's all from me, Beefy

UPPER CUMBERLAND - Next Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 7, Call for Details, Ron 931-879-3899

WHEELS OF THUNDER Next Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 4, 7:00, Pancho's, Memphis

MONTGOMERY - Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 2, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville

1. Meeting came to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Members in attendance: Guests in attendance:
John & Jackie Ahlers Larry Anderton

Cody Wells
Wally & Debbie Baez
Ashley Keels
Paul Pavovich
Fran McCarthy
Kenn Larimer
Suzetta Lynn Bartlett
Tracy Porter

Susan Anderton
Nicholas Ahlers
Shelby Ahlers
Michael Kelly
Brandi Post

4. Wally –

a. Introduced the attending guests Larry and Susan Anderton from the Music City Charter.

b. There will be three members that will attend the Southern Thunder Rally 22-24 August 2014.

c. We have the Blood Drive on 16 August and the Post 233 American Legion in Oak Grove, KY. Next year will be a change of venue to keep the events in Montgomery County.

d. BWC Toy Run 19 - 21 Sept. Next meeting will have sign ups to work booth, shirts are ordered, new color added to this year's inventory

5. Ashley Keels –

a. Any interest in handing out flyers or getting a table for Riverfest 5-6 September 2014...Ashley owes details to John so an electronic vote and info can go out ASAP

b. John Jackie and Tracy's Birthdays are this month.

6. John motions to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Kenn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Jesse Henne, Director

NORTHEAST- Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 8, 7:00, Call for location

Met at Rush Street Neighborhood Grill, Kingsport, Tn.

We had four guests including State Director, Dean Lucas. Made mention of the upcoming Motorcycle Safety Roundtable which Tom will attend in Knoxville. Mentioned local motorcycle activities. Discussed the September 20, 2014, Fall Ride. This will be an enjoyable scenic ride Starting at Kingsport Cycles in Kingsport and ending in Rogersville. See attached flyer for more information.

Next meeting Monday, September 8, 2014, 7 PM, Rush Street Neighborhood Grill, 1229 East Stone Drive, Kingsport, TN, Come early or stay late to eat a good meal. Note that for this month only our meeting is on the second Monday since the first Monday is Labor Day.

Tom Kyner 8-05-14

ROBERTSON COUNTY- Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 2, 7:00, Piggy Pit, Springfield

We would like to thank The Pit for the delicious pizza and bread sticks and the cold ones that Destiny was slinging and thanks to Penny for the delivery of the pizza and bread sticks...lol

Sgt. of Arms, John called the meeting to Order. (Attendance tonight was approximately 50 plus people. There was standing room only.) George, Chaplin led us in the prayer.

We had a special guest tonight, Republican Candidate for U.S. Congress TN 6th District, Jerry Lowery. "Please allow me to be your voice in Washington, D.C." He is a strong supporter of our 2nd Amendments Rights. Thank you Mr. Lowery for speaking to us tonight and we certainly wish that you win your election...good luck!

We also have another special guest tonight, Republican Candidate for State Senate, Kerry Roberts. "As your State Senator, you can count on me to fight for you with courage and integrity." Thank you Mr. Roberts for speaking to us tonight and we certainly wish that you win your election...good luck!

J.D. spoke on behalf of Republican Candidate for State Senate, Josh Evans. Mr. Evans wasn't present due to prior engagement. Thank your J.R. for speaking to us tonight and we certainly wish that you win your election...good luck.

Director, Roland announced welcome... tonight we have a great attendance...good to see everyone! Good to see Donna Monfette present tonight. A huge thank you to Dean Lucas, Corporate Director; Tony Dabbs, Legislative Director; Smith Wilson Charter; Sumner Charter and Nashville Charter...thank you guys for attending our meeting tonight and we certainly invite you all back.

Roland announced that he and Jeff Taylor got the Southern Thunder Rally CMT ABATE sign put up at Red River. Thank you Roland and Jeff.

George, Chaplin had nothing to announce. Good to see you George. **Secretary**, Pamela had nothing to announce. **Assistant Director**, Tim had nothing to announce.

Treasurer, Treva announced good numbers.

Activities, Samantha announced STR is fastly approaching. We have STR presale tickets tonight for \$20 and they will be \$30 at the gate. Presale tickets will be sold until August 15th. STR is August 22nd, 23rd and 24th this year at Red River in Adams, TN. Treva and Samantha will be over the Vendor's this

year and yes our Charter is head of Security this year. See Jon after the meeting if you can help with Security...all help is needed. Everyone seek Sponsors for this event and then knows that their name will appear on STR Flyers as a Sponsor.

Membership, Kathy announced we have had 4 new members to sign up tonight...yeah! As a reminder on the back of your newsletter is your expiration date of membership...so if you about to expire let's renew!

Legislative, Marlin announced we have had enough legislative tonight...lol. Again, thanks to our speakers.

Sgt. of Arms, Jon announced anyone interested in helping with Security at STR see me after the meeting.

Samantha announced that everyone remember BIKE NIGHT every THURSDAY at The Pit...come on out and join us! Also, Samantha announced that the Pine/Samantha building is coming along. She has been told that it will be ready for our In Memory Ride on 10/4/2014.

Kevin announced that Lynn (Pickle's wife) is not doing well and everyone please keep her and her family in your prayers. Lynn we hope you get to feeling better soon!

A thank you to Tim for your donation tonight

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Treva ...2nd was made by Samantha and Roland announced all right we have a Motion, a 2nd...all in Favor...response everyone ...any opposed nope...meeting adjourned!

Be sure to check out Events in your Newsletter...lots of good things going on! Everyone is invited to come join us on the 1st Tuesday of every month at The Pit...we would like to see you there!

LOOK TWICE AND SAVE A LIFE...be careful riding out there!

Pamela.....LOL



SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER - Next Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 7, 2:00, Smitty's, Lebanon

The Smith/Wilson/Stones River meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by Kim who also led the pledge which was followed in prayer by Vern. All officers were present except PR Communications. There were 34 members and 3 visitors in attendance. Kim wel-

comed all. Rockers were presented to Secretary and Chaplain.

Secretary Report: Given and approved

Treasury Report: Given and approved

Legislative: Bullet said get out and vote! Also offer support to other charters meetings and events! Help support all charters with your presence! If you have the time and can attend...go and bring a friend!

Activities: Tommy thanked all for the support with past events. He also covered current and upcoming events. He welcomed Jeff Parker from Caney Fork. They have a Memorial Ride to Fall Creek Falls on September 14th!

Membership: Leslie said we have 2 renewals. Tricia Millar and Ernest Adams. Thanks for renewing! August Birthdays are John Adams, Diana Thornton, Leslie Sullivan, Sarah Lipinski and Ted Rutan. Happy Birthday everyone!

Products: Brief discussion over shirt logo and ideas etc. Resa said get with her if you have any input.

Vets Rep: Sharon discussed yard sale and fund raising ideas. We will try to get a booth at the Watertown Mile Long yard sale on September 27.

Safety: David handed out flyers with hand signals for group riding!

Old Business: Ronald McDonald House was tabled

from last month. We will do an event with can tabs for the Al Menah Shriner's instead. Possible date for that is October 18. Kim will get with them and confirm at September meeting. Our October 11 swap meet will possibly be held at Hillbilly Willie's (Old Brew & Cue). Tommy and Sharon will talk to the new owner and confirm. STR advance tickets are still available. Thank you James and Leslie for hooking us up with Missy Garnett and the Two Dollar Pistols for our Finals Rodeo which is September 19-21, 2014. Joseph's Storehouse was discussed and we it was agreed to do again in February or March 2015.

New Business: Thank you card from New Lease on Life was read. There was a group discussion on how the charter can make money at STR. We need donations for 50/50 prizes for September rodeo and also sponsors. Tommy showed us the new Medallions and will bring back info on size/price at September meeting. Motion was made to have the next meeting at Smitty's. Motion carried and approved. SEE YOU BACK AT SMITTY'S IN SEPTEMBER!!!! Tommy still needs hands with building. We need windows, doors and insulation installed before winter!!! Motion to adjourn at 3:10 PM....

Later.....Ruth

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As the Battle of Franklin raged, Confederate General John Adams was felled by numerous bullets as he rode his horse into the Federal works. Among his effects that day was a unique brigade flag, and today the Save Our Flags Initiative has announced they are sponsoring its conservation.

Many historic items were donated to the Tennessee Historical Society after the American Civil War, and among those is Adams's headquarters flag, which was donated in 1907 by the general's widow. Currently maintained at the Tennessee State Museum, this flag finds itself in dire need of conservation. James Turner, chairman of the Save Our Flags Initiative, says that this flag is different from any he's ever seen, and he's glad to involve Save Our Flags in its conservation. The brigade flag of General Adams has raised to the top of the endangered list at the State Museum, says Turner, and with the 150th anniversary of the battle upcoming,

heirlooms from our ancestors, said Michael Beck, commander of the Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and we intend to do everything we can to be sure they remain intact for future generations.

Meanwhile, the group is asking the public to let them know if they have any particular information on this flag, or its maker. Records show that it was made by an unidentified Mississippi woman in 1863, says Battle of Franklin historian David Fraley, but we know little beyond that, and would like to hear from anyone with more details. Because we know that brigade flags were carried forward at this particular battle, an educated guess would be that this flag was unfurled in the midst of the fighting.

The estimated cost of the flag's conservation is \$6,500, and the Save Our Flags Initiative typically relies on small donations to conserve these items. People often say that they'd like to be involved in things like this,



Photo courtesy of Tennessee State Museum.
Museum curator Dr. Candace Adelson inspects a historic flag. Conservation of Unique Civil War Flag. Headquarters Flag Of Confederate General John Adams. Franklin, Tenn. July 21, 2014

we're optimistic that this project will grab the attention of the public.

Confederate originals such as this flag are rare, and we're excited to help with a flag that went into the melee that was Franklin.

Dr. Michael Bradley of the Tennessee Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission added, in this past year I've watched the Save Our Flags people lead the way for the conservation of the battle flag of the 14th Tennessee Infantry, the famous kepi of General Cleburne, and the Sam Davis overcoat.

While other organizations are asking for money, it's refreshing to see these folks volunteering to raise it.

The Save Our Flags Initiative has raised and donated tens of thousands of dollars to help conserve items preserved by the Tennessee Historical Society and Tennessee State Museum. We care about these tangible

said Turner, and because every penny donated goes toward conservation, even a ten dollar donation makes a big difference.

The Save Our Flags Initiative is an outreach of the Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and its sole purpose is to help conserve endangered flags and textiles from the War Between the States. Founded in 1896, the Sons of Confederate Veterans is a genealogical, non-profit organization of over 30,000 descendants of Confederate soldiers.

If you'd like more information on this topic, or to schedule an interview with James Turner, please call James Turner at 931-325-9860 or by emailing at jturner@saveourflags.org

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