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February 2012

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Charter

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Meeting Times

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Caney Fork	Terry Presley 615-642-8025 presley7290@yahoo.com	1st Saturday of the month @ 4, at Lolly's, 342 Lebanon Hwy, Carthage
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Smith-Wilson	Kimberley Marlin 615-310-3436	1st Sunday @ 2, T&A Cycles Lebanon
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Upper Cumberland	Rob Erwin 931-879-3899	1st Sunday * Call for Details
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381 www.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

DIRECTORS COLUMN

I write this Directors Column with confidence and nostalgia. This is the last Directors' Column I will be writing as you State Director after six years as Director of this fine organization. I want to thank you all, the general members and the board members.

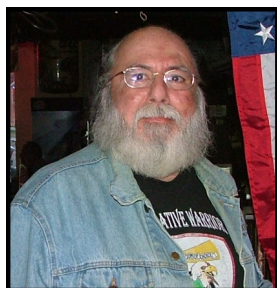
We have worked together through hard times to make this organization the success it is today. I will miss the most working with the board on the issues concerning CMT/ABATE Betty our treasurer a calm steady force, Johan our parliamentarian a sharp and insightful guy, Marlin steady as a rock and calm under fire, Brenda our state secretary efficient and funny who sat next to me on the board, Yog who was the State Director before me and asked if I would consider the position. Of Course, Dean not only my Assistant and right hand man but also a good and loyal friend. He will be a fine State Director. All the board members helped me in different way to succeed. The Board is changing but it will continue to lead CMT/ABATE in an upward direction. I urge you all to put the organization first and what you may want second. Only by uniting together can we succeed.

By the time you read this our yearly party will be over and I am sure from the past ones it will be a great event. On Feb 4 is the easy rider event in Knoxville. On Feb 7th is our lobby day on March 11, our BOD meeting after which I will ride off into the sunset to go where all former State Directors go.

Only you the rank and file member can make out helmet choice bill succeed. Your representatives have to hear from you about what you want passed. It is easy to blame the State Director or the Board when things don't turn out our way. The board are members and volunteers just like you trying to do the best they can.

When the weather warms again, and you are riding, may the sun shine on you and the wind be at your back, may you way be clear of obstacles and with God's help may you arrive safely at your destination.

That I survived my accident in 2003 is a miracle that I became state director after that was a stunning surprise, to leave now with the organization doing so well is a gift from God



Brooklyn Tom

State Director 3/12/2006 - 3/11/2012



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By the time this report makes it to print, a lot will have happened. So I want to begin by repeating that if you have not requested to be added to the email update list, please do so by emailing csfreedom@aol.com. Carol Simpson, our Public Relations and Information officer will be happy to add you so that you will be informed as information is shared rather than waiting for the newsletter.

Session has started by now and got an early start January 10th. Word is from all sources that without exception, session will be concluded by the end of April.

This and a few other unprecedented circumstances place our adult choice bill in what I will call "the perfect storm". And in that perfect scenario we obviously experience restored liberty in Tennessee, something we have not known since 1967.

For that reason, it is imperative that all of our membership realize that I am not acting as a cheerleader for a football team that has no hope for regional finals. I am cheering from the sideline in a championship game to a team that is far more talented & equipped than our opponents. The fact is that we have the most potential to become champions as ever in our 30 year history of fighting for restored liberty in TN!

Leadership has changed in all 3 positions of government for the first time in TN history. We are a non-partisan organization. We do not choose parties. We support friends no matter their party and we have many on both sides. I am saying that within this historical change lies a desire to insure that it is not lost. This is the first area of favor we can put to practice to enjoy the R E S U L T S!

Then we have redistricting. There are several House and Senate members whose districts have been changed so much that they will be meeting one half of their constituency for the very first time in this year's election. They need friends who will help them with votes. What is more important than campaign contributions? Votes! When motorcyclists ask for support on their legislation they should also conclude their conversation with "how can I help you?" This is our second area of favor that we can use to V I C T O R Y!

Additionally in our favor would be our outstanding performance in Summer Study last year. It has served as the ideal opening dialogue with members of the House Transportation Committee. It opened eyes and has spawned dialogue where none was present prior. It will serve as a fantastic stepping stone to L I B E R T Y!!!

Believe it or not, the rapid session planned so that House and Senate members can get out into their new districts and win votes is in our favor. This has already required that I be available at the Capitol on the first week of January. No complaints here! It has been a very good week.

We have three bills to lobby this year, five if you count the two we have in reserve. The first is our Adult Choice bill. It has been commonly referred to as the "Helmet Bill" for decades.

We have sub-captioned the bill to be titled "Motorcyclist Liberty Restoration Bill" and for good reason. We are not arguing the helmet. We are arguing the law.

There are more details for this strategy in our email update. I encourage you to request all emails sent out since the 1st of the year be sent to you with your request to be listed. Please also calendar your *necessary appearance* at Lobby Day on **February 7th** where everything will be explained in detail.

The second bill is written to remove the individual discretion of law enforcement agencies to decide whether to arrest an individual after causing an accident without possessing a license to drive and/or insurance for liability. Like our ROWV law, this legislation is a good thing for all Tennesseans rather than just motorcyclists.

A beloved Capitol officer has retired and intends to be our 'poster child' champion in this piece. The individual who killed his brother-in-law was illegally driving without a license. He was permitted to leave the scene without citation. Now that the District Attorney has approved various citations to be issued for prosecution, the person is nowhere to be found. Jerry and Angie are lifetime members of CMT/ABATE, Inc and they are raising the six year old granddaughter of the victim as a result of the loss of their family member. While this can't help their specific family situation, they wish to put a stop to future travesties.

No less important is our proclamation that May is Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. This Joint Resolution helps to remind every TN motorist that our livelihood is at stake when they forget to look out for us. It has helped this organization become the champion for the SAFETY & AWARENESS grant which has indisputably reduced motorcyclist deaths by one half since it's beginning in 2004.

I appreciate that there are thousands of motorcyclists who have attended rallies, lobbied their members & stirred up the troops without success of restoring liberty over the decades. I know that our grassroots leaders are hearing the same thing I am... "That all sounds wonderful Rhonda and no offense but I've heard really good reports for so many years that it is hard to really get my hopes up."

So at the last Board meeting I introduced a new carrot to help foster 'acts of constituency'. It is a limited-issue patch incentive program. There are too many details to take up in the newsletter so if you want to know more, check with your charter director or better yet, get signed up for the email update list!

There is so much more that I would love to share. The only problem is that once it is in print, I loose control of who sees it. So for a 4th and final urging, get registered on our email update list.

We have a very **B-I-G** year ahead of us. We can do it WITH you. We just can't do it FOR you. Please get involved to enjoy your restored liberty.

Rhonda Rae Williams

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"Government exists to protect us from each other. Where government has gone beyond its limits is in deciding to protect us from ourselves."

Ronald Reagan 1911 - 2004



2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

FEB 2012

- 2:4 Easyriders Bike Show, Knoxville
- 2:7 **Legislative Lobby Day**
- 2:17 Deadline for State Wide Poker Run Book Sponsors

MARCH 2012

- 3:24 Shellyville Swap Meet-Spring Thaw
- 3:11 Board of Directors
- 3:31 Mules Days-Columbia

APRIL 2012

- 4:14 CaFo Sway meet
- 4:14 MoCo Poker Run
- 4:21 Tri County Swap Meet-Nashville
- 4:28 Caney Fork Benefit for Pastor Ron
- 4:28 DHH Bike Show and Swap Meet

MAY 2012

- 5:5 DHH Poker Run
- 5:12 Liberty Rally
- 5:19 SmWi Bike Show and Swap Meet
- 5:19 MuCi Poker Run
- 5:20 CaFo Fun Run

JUNE 2012

- 6:9 Legislative Retreat
- 6:9 Sum Hog Roast
- 6-16 Nash Union Mission Charity Event
- 6:10 Board of Directors
- 6:23 DHH State Points Rodeo

JULY 2012

- 7:1 State Event
- 7:14 SmWi Robin Long Memorial Poker Run
- 7:21 CaFo Canoe Run
- 7:21 DHH Canoe Poker Run

AUGUST 2012

- 8:11 MoCo Second Annual Blood Run
- 8:24,25,26 Southern Thunder RALLY

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 9:7,8,9 SmWi State Point Rodeo
- 9:9 Board of Directors meeting
- 9:28,29,30 WOT BASH
- 9:15 CaFo Fun Run
- 9:15 MuCi Toy Run

OCTOBER 2012

- State Rodeo Finals
- 10:6 State Rodeo Finals
- 10:13 CaFo Houli at the Moon Toy Run
- 10-20 Benefit for Pastor Ron
- 10:27 DHH 25th Annual Toy Run

NOVEMBER 2012

- 11:3 RoCo Memory Ride
- 11:4 SmWi Toy Run and Chili Cook Off
- 11:10 DHH Toy Run
- 11:17 RoCo Toy Run

DECEMBER 2012

- 12:1 Sum Food Drive
- 12:8 Legislative Retreat
- 12:8 WOT Toy Run
- 12:9 Board of Directors
- 12:15 MuCi Christmas Party

Board Of Director's

March 11, 2012

1:00pm CST

VFW Post 9851

73 New Shackle Island Rd
Hendersonville, TN



February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 BR WOT	3	4 Easyriders Bike Show
5 SMW UPCU MUSCTY	6 NE	7 ROB Lobby Day	8	9 MON	10	11 CF
12 PINEY RIV	13	14	15	16 DHH NASH SUM	17	18
19 TV SR	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 KNO TV	27	28	29			

CMT/ABATE

is celebrating 30 years this year!
Watch out for special activities
celebrating this milestone!

Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, pictures etc to editor@cmtabate.com no later than the 12th of month prior to when you would like information to appear.

NEWS & EVENTS
(Mark Your Calendars)

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Music City Charter

Meeting was called to order @ 2pm on New Years day by Wendell and the pledge was led by Billy. We had 22 members present. Not to bad for New years day! Several probably still getting over New Years Eve. LOL

Wendell discussed the BOD meeting. Rose informed us that the charter was able to help 110 families with food and toys. We also got 7 more kids and 6 elderly at the last minute and was able to help them all. We were also able to help "The Vision Youth Group" and "The Christian Community Outreach Center". Great Job Music City Charter and friends!!! Kickoff party will be done by the time this goes to print. I'm sure everyone had a riot of a time!!! LOL

Faith said the Nashville Charter is looking for a new place to have their meetings. Rose okay'd Skullys if they wanted to have them there. Statewide poker run will going on again this year. It's looking like STR will be at Red River in Adams TN again. Everybody be sure to check out the upcoming events in the January issue. We want to welcome Tony & Kim, who joined us last month. We want Carol Simpson to know she's in our thoughts and prayers. Get well soon Carol!!! A motion to adjourn was made at 2:30pm by fruitcake. To all: Everyone have a safe 2012!!! Made we all ride with the wind and sun in our face!!!

Sharon

At this time, I regret that I will need to withdraw my bid for Corporate Secretary to CMT/ABATE. Due to changes in my work schedule, it makes it impossible at this time to commit to this most worthy position. I plan on continuing my work with the Wheels of Thunder Charter in Memphis.

I have enjoyed my position as Corporate Secretary with our Organization, and I know the next person to step up and take this responsibility will also enjoy working at the Corporate level.

Brenda Redditt

Wholy Smokes!!!

Randy-n-Rhonda Williams



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Please let us know if you would like your letter via email or regular mail, that would be appreciated!

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Robertson County CMT ABATE

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CMT Abate minutes for our
meeting of January 3, 2012 at The
Pit. We would like to thank The Pit
for the great chili that was
prepared for us. We sure do
appreciate what you gals do for
us!

Sam called the meeting to
order and we opened with the
pledge. Sam lead us in prayer.
Roland thanked everyone for
coming (attendance tonight
approximately 30 people).

Our deepest sympathy
goes out to Jeff Hinkle and to
Wade Garrison for their loss of
their Mom's recently. Both of your
family's are in our thoughts and
prayers! Samantha read a kind
and thank you card from Wade
and Treva for the Angel that we
had sent to Wade for his loss.

Roland announced that
George our Chaplin wasn't
present. Pamela had nothing to
announce. But I would like to
thank everyone for the applause
and the kind words that I received
tonight as to the job of the

secretary position which I hold. I
appreciate it way more than you
know!

Treva announced that our
General Fund is up from last
meeting...yeah this is good!
Samantha announced that she
has shirts tonight for sale if anyone
is interested or if you want to place
an order for one....see her after
the meeting.

Kathy announced that there
is 6 memberships and renewals
tonight. Marlin announced that
there is Legislative meeting on
February 7, 2012 and invited
everyone to attend. Samantha
announced and handed out flyers
for the CMT New Years Party.
Everyone be sure to
attend.....guaranteed to have fun!

Tim had nothing to
announce. Sam had nothing to
announce. Kevin announced that
we are still seeking a place to
have the 2012 STR. Anyone with
any suggestions please see Kevin
after the meeting tonight. To
reassure everyone we will
hopefully have a place soon....so
let's not stress on this.....lol...
lol....lol! Kevin we appreciate
your hard work.

Roland announced that our

Christmas Party went very
well....had a great time. I hear
that Jeff Taylor brought the BEST
covered dish there was
there....lol...lol...lol! And oh yeah
.....we sure are grateful for all the
Farmer's that grew all kinds of
corn this year without them we
would have been without a few
covered dishes at our Christmas
dinner.....lol...lol.....lol!

Just to let Carol Simpson
know that the Robertson County
CMT/ABATE is keeping you in our
thoughts and prayers for a speedy
recovery. It was great to hear that
you are able to go back to work.
We certainly hope that the gift that
we sent you helps you out at this
time. Hang in there girl.....let us
know if we can do anything for ya!

Meeting was adjourned!
Have a safe and great 2012 year
from the Robertson County CMT/
ABATE Charter to every other
charter and everyone out
there.....lol...lol..lol!

Come join us on the 1st
Tuesday of every month at The
Pit..... we would love to have you
come visit! Ride safe out there!

Pamela Cobb





12 January 2012

Meeting came to order at 7:07 pm.

Members Present:

Michelle C. Gardner-Assistant Director

Tamara Henne-Secretary

Deborah Baez

Wally Baez

Ashley Keels

Rick McCarthy

Eduardo Martorony

Pledge of Allegiance.

Sang Happy Birthday to Wally

Minutes read by Tamara Henne from last month-
motion to accept minutes by Debbie and Michelle
seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Michelle - Poker run lock it down for locations to
be determined by Jesse, Lance and Rick.
Charge will be \$20.00 and a can of food to be
donated. Rough Draft of Flyer to be
completed by Tamara and Michelle by next
meeting.

Michelle – SOP on the Yahoo page, asked
everyone to please read and give Jesse feed
back by 1 Feb 12.

Tamara –Meeting Night change requested for
either Sunday or Monday night. Talk tabled
until next meeting.

Michelle- Banner for the Charter, suggested taking
out of the fund. Tamara suggested everyone
donate towards it until we get more funds in
the chapter fund.

Michelle-New bumper stickers will be out soon,
suggestions on letter colors were black or
white.

Michelle-Feb is BWC Swap meet, Jesse and Dean
are attending.

Michelle- Litter bags Have to set a date for
Dyersburg, Date set by members is 17th of
June, Montgomery County TBD at next
meeting.

Old Business:

Michelle-Patches we will get Lance to bring to at
the next meeting everyone should have their
money at that time.

Ashley - Angel Tree for Christmas enough money
donated to get for 3 children and the rest was
donated to the Salvation Army.

Rick motioned to adjourn, Tamara seconded, meeting
adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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Wheels of Thunder

Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Minutes

Perkins Restaurant

January 5, 2012

Director, Bob Celmer, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Brenda made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes and to accept them as posted on the web site. Gary seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. Minutes can be found on our web site, www.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com, under the meeting date.

Lynn reported our current bank balance, and we reviewed deposits and bills paid for December. Brenda made a motion to accept the report.

Gary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

We had 10 members and 0 guests present at tonight's meeting. We had 1 member renew at the meeting. Lynn made a motion that we renew Rose Gaines membership. Joy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Director's Statement -

Brenda made a motion that we write a check for \$120 for our annual pledge to the state. Steve B. seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Director, Bob Celmer, reminded us that elections are coming up in February. Positions up for election are: Charter Director, Secretary, and all Chair positions. Nominees who accepted nominations and were present gave their speeches. We still have 2 positions open: Activities and Products. Elections will be in February. Please make plans to attend this meeting.

Bob reported that at the March BOD Elections will be held for State Director and Secretary. Tom has announced that he is not running. Brenda has agreed to run for Secretary again.

February 7th is lobby day in Nashville. Meet in the lobby of legislative plaza at 10:00 a.m. Be sure to wear leathers so that we will stand out. Usually the proclamation about May being motorcycle awareness month is made on this day. There will be information packets available when you get there. Be sure to call your representatives ahead of time to make an appointment to meet with them.

We will introduce two new helmet bills. The first will be clean and the second will have an amendment that includes having to provide proof of medical insurance.

After some confusion at the BOD, it has been corrected and decided that Carol will remain the coordinator and Johann will be the comptroller for this year's grant.

It is time to get sponsors for the 2012 Statewide poker run books.

February 17th is the deadline. Please reach out to anyone who might be interested. Sponsorship forms were passed around. The poker run will begin in April and end on October 6th.

Kevin reported that AMA referees must now renew every year.

Legislation- To reach Gary use this email: political_stuff@cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com

Gary handed out a summary page that included information about Lobby Day. Some websites that you can go to if you want to get more information about Legislative information.

He also discussed some information about the Motor Vehicle Safety Act on 2011 – a bill that governs the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) activities. They have also requested comments on a proposed motorcycle study.

There was some discussion about cell phones being banned even when using a hands free device. Will be difficult to enforce even if it passes in TN.

Activities –

Toy Run – Was a big success. Over 900 toys collected. Malisa and Lynn went and bought lots of toys with the donations and Malisa delivered them. LeBonheur was overjoyed. The comment was made that we need to try not to schedule our event on the same day as the Toys for Tots event or the St. Jude marathon.

January 21st is the New Year Kick off Party in Nashville – Will be at the Days Inn at 1st and Spring Street. Members get in free with a covered dish, otherwise it is \$10 per person. Also, BYOB.

Legislative Scavenger Hunt – Will be in April. We need to begin discussing at the February meeting.

Safety and Ed – ABATE has presented the 2012 application for the Grant to the Department of Safety. Included in the plans for the grant are the litter bags, Don't Ride Fried campaign, Bus advertising, yard signs, and finishing up the Look Twice sign program this year.

Mike mentioned that there has been a recall on Goldwings from 2001-2012. There is a brake component that has caused some fires.

He also said that 1/100 people driving were doing something with a hand held device. Most said it did not effect their driving, but then continued to state that they were uncomfortable being in the car with someone else who was driving and using the device.

Mike also has the window clings and litter bags from Cecil. He is working with Cecil to continue the sign program.

New Business – There was some discussion about our current location. It was decided unanimously to move back to Panchos beginning in March. Joy will contact them to confirm availability.

Club News and Announcements –

Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics will be held at Mud Island on February 4th. Malisa and Papa plan on having a chili team again this year. Everyone encouraged to come out and have fun for a great cause.

SCMC will have their Sweethear Poker Run on February 12th.

Gary will have more information if you are interested.

April 22-24 Southern Cruisers will have a rally at the Holiday Inn in Millington.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. It passed unanimously. Its 8:25 and we're outta here!

WANTED!

Professional web design services for cmtabate.com. The Board is accepting proposals for professional web design services. Proposals should include references and pricing details for two possible scenarios:

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All work will be supervised by an elected CMT/ABATE Webmaster. Finders fee commissions for sales of advertising are also available.



01/15/2012

Rocking Chair Café

Meeting was called to order by director Teresa. Richard led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 30+ members and guest that attended our first Charter meeting. What a great turnout!

Richard Peoples gave a Treasurers report.

Teresa discussed upcoming events and encouraged all members to attend. The first one being the New Years Kick off Party on Jan 21st at Days Inn in Nashville. If you were attending, please bring a covered dish, beverages, 50/50 will be held and proceeds will go to the Downed Biker Fund.

Teresa reminded us about Lobby Day at Legislative Plaza in Nashville on Feb. 7th. She encouraged members to attend and to arrange meetings with their Senators and Representatives. April 21st is the Tri-County Swap meet at Lane Motor Museum. The Southern Thunder Rally in August sounds like it would be fun. It is a 3 day event and all should plan to attend.

Kim Marlin from the Smith/Wilson Charter gave a report on several things that they have going on. Kim and the Smith Wilson Charter have been extremely supportive and offered any assistance to our new charter. We are very appreciative and kudos certainly go to her and her charter!

We discussed participating in delivering litter bags to

the welcome center at Ardmore. A date will be discussed at a later meeting. It is anticipated that the group will ride to Ardmore to deliver the litter bags with an opportunity for photos to deliver to the press. A CMT/ABATE logo and patch design to include the lettering "Stones River Charter" was presented to the members to vote on. The embroidered patch for the back of a jacket or a smaller design for the front. There was discussion on the final design and was decided that perhaps we could incorporate either a river or cannons in the design.

There were several activities presented for the charter to do, and will be discussed by the officers and dates put into place.

Teresa asked if anyone would like to volunteer for several officer positions that are open. Tricia Miller volunteered to do Activities and Public Relations with the help of Missy White. Richard Peoples said that he would do membership with his office of Treasurer. Thanks to Tricia and Missy and also Richard.

JC and Richard Meeks gave a report of going to a pancake breakfast at Sloan's and recruited eight new members. Good Job Guys!!

During this meeting, four additional members were obtained! Our charter is growing!

Richard is our products person and is working on getting shirts and sweatshirts that can be screen printed with the logo. He showed us the products that he had. Denise had nothing to report on Legislative.



Teresa gave a report on the state coupon book, which will be different than last year. This year will be done more like a poker run. She asked for members to get sponsors.

Meeting was adjourned with the reminder that our next meeting would be on the 19th of Feb.

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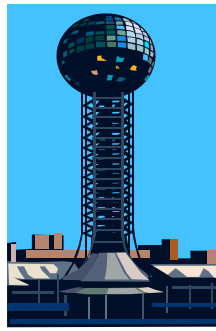
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Knoxville Charter CMT/ABATE



Meeting Minutes from
November 27, 2011

Meeting brought to order by Spencer (Director)
at: 1:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Dean Lucas
Roberts Rules of Orders suspended.
Welcome to Upper Cumberland Charter guests –
Lee and Trina
Minutes from October meeting read and
accepted.

Carl: Treasurers Report: Report is accurate
and accepted as read. Brooklyn Tom has
reported to Spencer that he will deliver the
previous treasury for Knoxville Charter to the
December 11, 2011 BOD meeting.

Angel: Legislative Report: Discussion on
proposed helmet modification bills for TN, the
insurance bill we will support, lane splitting and
land sharing. Update on the NCOM conference
from November 12, 2011 and the CMT/ABATE
postcard initiative.
Discussion on the proposed Operations Manual.

Carl: Events Report: - Update from the
October 2011 Shiloh Riders Toy Run and the
CMT/ABATE Knoxville Charter participation.
Angel did an awareness class for a Knoxville
Driving School at their request on Nov. 19, 2011
and it was well received and they want her to do
more. Discussion on a Polar Bear event at
January 22, 2012 meeting.
Discussion on the Easyriders Bike Show on
February 4, 2012. Spencer, Karen, Angel and
Carl will be attending.

Motion by Carl to suspend the December
Knoxville Charter meeting because it falls on
Christmas Day. Second by: Angel – all agreed.

Meeting adjourned: 1:45 pm.
Respectfully submitted by: Angel

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From Carol Simpson, Safety & Awareness Grant Coordinator.

The writings of Counselor Lannom are greatly appreciated, and we all need to be on the lookout for Unfair or discriminatory actions against motorcyclists. For the past three years, the Department of Safety has consistently vowed that the State Troopers would not be involved in any roadside stops aimed specifically at motorcyclists, and they haven't.

We are grateful.

The Department of Safety has no authority of local or county law enforcement entities, so this type of activity could possibly show up from those agencies, and the Department of Safety would still be true to their word. All sorts of things happen in government, so please be aware, and again, many thanks to Frank Lannom for his wise essays.

DEFENDING FREEDOM

ROADBLOCKS TARGETING BIKERS ARE ON THE WAY AND WE ARE PREPARED TO FIGHT

The latest effort by the government to target motorcyclists and circumvent the American ideal of freedom comes from the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA). Across the Nation, motorcycle riders' advocacy groups are preparing for road blocks federally funded by NHTSA represented to be "Motorcycle only" checkpoints.

The stated reason for these checkpoints will be to check safety equipment on motorcycles. It is believed that the intended method is to post signs on interstates directing motorcyclists to leave the interstate to off-ramps set up with roadblocks. The latest state to indicate its intention to utilize these checkpoints is the State of Georgia. It is not a stretch to presume it will continue to be utilized to coincide with major biker events. The checkpoints appear to be intended to harass and intimidate motorcyclists attempting to attend motorcycle events. The result will be increased harassment, more citations, and even more disturbing, might result in the searching of our bikes, detaining us from our destinations, and subjecting our private belongings to being rifled through by police officers. We should expect more criminal charges brought against riders from these searches.

As an attorney practicing criminal and constitutional law for almost 20 years, it is clear to me that we will constantly be required to challenge the power of government to prevent the eroding of our right to ride free and without harassment. While many times the most successful way to combat this governmental intrusion is through the assertion of our rights to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures under both the Federal and Tennessee State Constitutions, we should also be concerned about abridgment of our First Amendment Right to Freedom of Assembly. It is reasonable to believe the new motorcycle only roadblocks are intended to harass and deter motorcycle club activities by timing them with national club meetings and rallies. Further concern arises as we face the constant targeting of those riding with colors. No one with experience on the road can doubt that someone declaring allegiance to an organization ranging from Motorcycle Ministries to the most widely known MC's will be targeted and harassed to an additional degree with even more intrusion than other motorcyclists.

While we have observed a constant eroding of our constitutional rights, the Federal Government is likely to run into some problems enforcing this targeted intrusion into our biker rights, especially in the State of Tennessee. In the State of Tennessee, there are specific constitutional requirements

which must be met in order to justify a stop that is not conducted based on reasonable suspicion, informally known as suspicionless stops. The road blocks that NHTSA is seeking to implement fall under this category of a stop. These seizures are applied indiscriminately to bikers and are not based on any articulated suspicion that the person is guilty of a certain crime. These rights are elaborated on in case law precedent, which establishes that there must be a deterrent factor and an immediate danger in order to conduct the suspicionless stops.

The Tennessee Supreme Court has thus far strictly limited roadblocks to DUI only checkpoints based upon the imminent danger of impaired drivers while they are on the road. Prior notice of roadblocks is required in the hopes of deterring impaired driving. Attempts by law enforcement to use road blocks to check driver's licenses thus far have been struck down by the courts as a violation of the constitutional rights of Tennesseans. The rationale for this striking down of driver's license only checkpoints should equally apply to motorcycle only checkpoints for safety equipment. It is unlikely that sufficient danger from a motorcyclist's tail pipes is anywhere near that of detecting the imminent danger of impaired drivers and thus would likely be found unconstitutional. It is arguable that these checkpoints will not achieve the intended purpose of "motorcyclist's safety". Funding safety programs to prevent crashes would be more beneficial than motorcycle-only checkpoints and present a lesser degree of intrusion into our constitutional rights.

Fortunately, if bikers, bikers' advocacy organizations, and dedicated constitutional law attorneys take stand and challenge the illegal detentions and stops of motorcyclists through federally funded road blocks, the law for once may actually be on our side. For those who enjoy reading about the Constitution and your rights, the Tennessee Supreme Court cases of *State of Tennessee v. Downey* and *State of Tennessee v. Hicks* will increase your knowledge as to why these roadblocks can successfully be defeated in Tennessee. You can access these cases from my website article located at: <http://www.lannomwilliams.com/news/Laws-Target-Motorcyclists>

It is important for all riders to know that when on the road, attempts to challenge police authority will seldom result in any positive results. I admire those who desire to assert their constitutional freedom, but it is important to realize that it may come at a cost when on the side of the road. The place for a meaningful win and to put a stop to these abuses and waste of tax dollars will come in a different setting than on the side of the road. It will take place in the court room through the assertion of rights guaranteed by our Constitution.

In Defense of the Citizen Accused,

Frank Lannom

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2012 New Year Kick Off Party!! (Quick Glimpse at the Fun!)



More to follow next month!



STATEWIDE POKER RUN 2012

Contact: 615 804 4426
Kevin Chapnick Activities Director

We have revived the State Wide Poker Run event to fund our efforts and promote fun and safe motorcycling in Tennessee. The Poker Run project will begin in March 2012 and conclude Oct 6, 2012. Any and all motorcyclists and supporters may buy a Poker Run Book from our organization. It will contain at least 100 destinations of Motorcycle-friendly businesses. Individuals will present the booklet with your coupon at your place of business and you or your employees will sign the coupon and verify the visit. Many cash prizes up to \$1000 will be awarded at the final event.

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Faithfull Readers: So sorry for no report last month, coz of UFC (unforseencircumstances) I was unable to provide words for you!

In Nov 25 souls said the pledge to our flag. Bud welcomed everyone & asked them to sign 2 cards being passed around for Anny Lutz Family & one for the family of Neal Worthington. Neal was about to become a D/H/H member & a very fun & kool young man. We miss him. We voted to re-up our MRF membership all agreed - Be it so! We will have the meter pulled at Blue Hole as we don't need a lite bill until May. Cycledellic Mark had copies of Post Card Campaign. He told us a Look Twice Sign had been destroyed by a City Tractor. Poindexter raised hell about it. Also, a Look Twice Sign was stolen from Chardette. No Hell raising - yet! Letters will be drawn up to send to mayors of Dickson & Waverly asking to come talk to them about the signs. Debra got us 7 new members at our Toy Run. Big Howdy to Shelia Triplett, Phillip Wallace, Phillip Broadway, Randy Wells, Randy Smith, John Emory, Shane Scott. Dec, 25 souls said the pledge to our flag. First thing addressed was that Carol Simpson escaped from the hospital, she was home, doing gooder, wanting to go back to work! We love Carol!. The D/H/H traveling Freak show wish you a Nitro Quick recovery. Letters prepared by Ms. Becky to Mayors of Dickson & Waverly were signed

by all officers & will be mailed. We had 2 new members. The prestigious & Righteous trophy for CMT/ABATE State Points Rodeo Champion was on display for all to see (but not touch) The owner of this Mother is BEEFY (Boulder), after many many years of 2nd,3rd & 4th (for which they is no trophy) me finally got it! on 4 different bikes. Be warned, 2012, the return of Pearl the Shovel. Damm good job to our friend Patches (Boulder) for winning female points champ. She's a hard one to beat. We hope for her a Nitro Quick recovery from Rodeoing with Beefy.

Finally we talked about our very dear & special friend R.O. Pendergrass (monkeebutt). He had his foot removed and is trying to get back to his ole ways. We owe R.O. anything & everything we can to help this man whose heart is as big as his head. Please come out to the ABIFF Pub and help R.D. when we do something for him soon! R.O. is the man, he's our man!

Correction: In the November paper it should have read: Thankx to Ms. Becky, not Ms. Beefy! There is no Ms. Beefy!! Articles on Nitro Blast & our 2 toy runs will be on WWW. thang.

The American Legion in Humphreys Co helped 267 Kids have presents at X-mas thankx to our Toy Run & all you good Hearted Bikers! Very Groovy Job People!

Nuff said for 2011 we scattered, That's all from me,

Beefy

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Smith Wilson Charter

Jan 8, 2011

Meeting called to order by Kim who also led the Pledge and Vern in Prayer. We had 27 members and 7 visitor's in attendance.

Welcome to all and Happy New Year. Bullitt reminded all of Feb 7th Legislative Day and urged to attend. Products report: Kim stated corp. would like a count of interested people for Blue Jean shirts. Discussed Liberty Rally and Scott with Rough-Nick's was recognized and welcomed all to attend July 23rd Ride.

Old Business: Motion made to give gift certificate to Lorain. She was our needy family resident at Emanuel House. She still needs help for her 4 girls and herself. Also, motion made to purchase microphone & speakers for ABATE meetings & functions. Both voted on and approved. Motion to adjourn at 3pm.

Later, **Ruth**

Tennessee Valley Minutes

1/18/12

Meeting called to order

Pledge

Guest recognized and welcomed

Officers Report:

Membership Report: We have 44 members in the charter.

Treasury Report: Expenses for the last month balance reviewed.

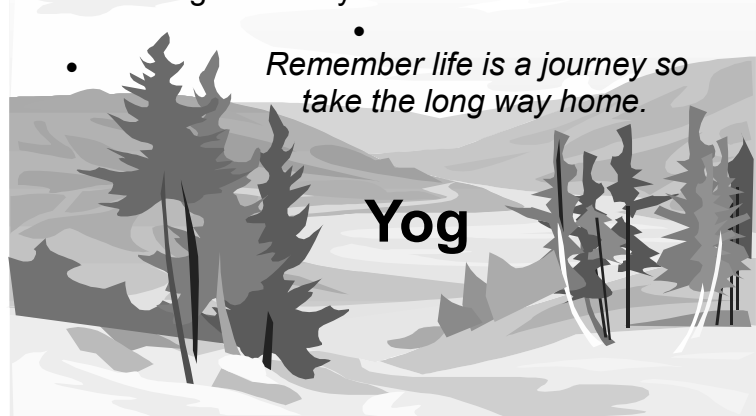
State Legislative Report: Legislative report and strategies reviewed. Members encourage to participate on Legislative Day.

Events Report: Statewide poker run details reviewed.

Open Forum: Discussion on various topics affecting motorcyclist here and around the world. Meeting at Spectators Grill and Bar next month.

Meeting adjourned:

Next Meeting: February 19th 2012\



Caney Fork

January 7, 2012

Meeting called to order @ 4:23. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robin Presley. Treasurer's report was given. Minutes were read by the Secretary. Dave gave a donation to the Charter.

Carol talked by upcoming Bike Show April 14th. We will need to have all Bike Show sponsors by March 1st. The logo on our sign will be used for new shirts, they will be ordered.

Four new members this month, Ken Strony, Sharon Winfree, Teresa Steven, and Charles Bane. Welcome to all. We now have 53 members.

The following is a list of members who's memberships have expired; Ken , Ray, and Scott Allmon, David and Joan Austin, Ricky and Missy Brown, Karen Carmichael, Jesse Hesson , Mikal Key, David and Clydette Rickard, Dean Robertson, Kristie Silcox. The following will expire in February; Karen Cook, Mindy Horton, John Johnson, Johnny Moore. The following will expire in March; Daryl Haughton, David Hickman, Jannah Maiers, Emily Thackxton

Travel information cards will be available at the next meeting. CMT/Abate would like you to document monies spent on lodging, food, fuel, etc. in helmet-free states. The information will be used to show the State of Tennessee the travel revenue being lost.

Next meeting February 4, 2012 4:00 at Lolly's

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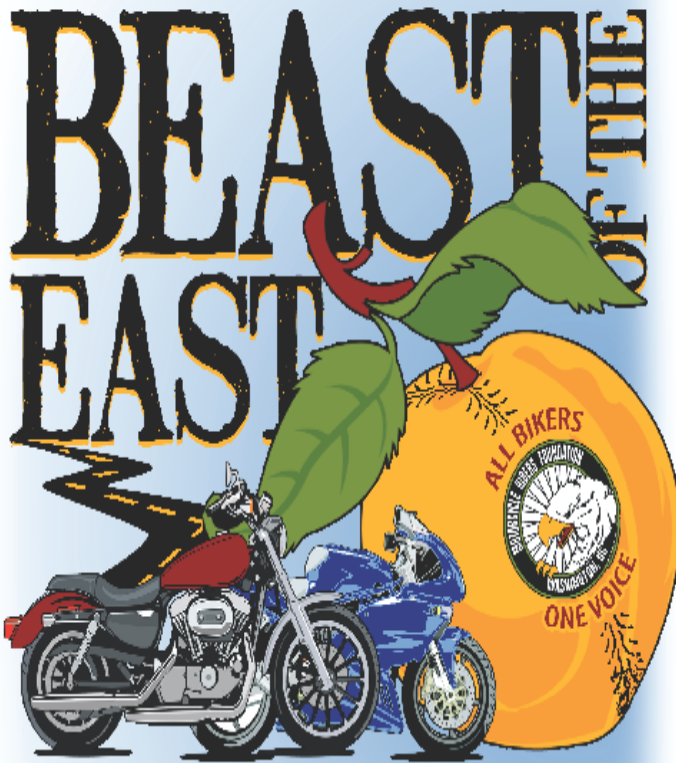
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*Upper Cumberland Charter presented four **LOOK TWICE—SAVE A LIFE** signs to the Mayor Chris Thompson of Byrdstown on December 9, 2011*

Pictured from left to right:

Lee Francis, Activities Director; Trina Goodsell, Secretary; Chris Thompson, Mayor of Byrdstown; Ron Erwin, Director; and Dean Lucas, Treasurer

Upper Cumberland CMT/Abate

Jan 1, 2012

Dale led us in the Pledge, Ron opened meeting at 1:30pm. Trina read Secretary report. We have 9 members and 4 guests present. Happy birthday to Dean and Sybil. Look Twice Save A life presentation was Dec 9, 2011 in Pickett Co. We made front page in Pickett Co. Newspaper, Thank you Ron for all the work you put into this program. Welcome aboard Stones River Charter. Legislative Day is Feb 7 in Nashville. Postcard campaign let's get them sent back in. From BOD Report: Lifetime membership will increase to \$300, next BOD is March 11. Activities by Lee: New Years Kick Off is Jan 21, Nashville. Charter will pay motel room for any members that wish to go. Discussions on Liberty Rally, Socks for Senior Run and Teddy Bear Run. Ron volunteered to organize everything with Pickett Co Sheriff's Office and Nursing Home.

Next meetings: Feb 5, Scooters Biker Bar, Cookeville, Mar 4 Gear Heads, Cookeville, April 1 My Place Bar, White County.

Thank you Moonrunners Bar & grill for having us. Lynn motion to adjourn. Happy New Years to Everyone!

Ride Safe and Free,

Trina Goodsell
(MERMAID) 



Piney River Charter

Howdy Youins', We had our pledge led by Tom, we had old news and new news took care of. We got us two new members, A big howdy to Charles "the Ogre" and his lovely bride Sharron Miller. We have a few signs going up in Rhea county, we will now direct our attention to Roane and Morgan counties. Our Christmas/ Brooklyn Tom's retirement party went off without a hitch. I really didn't know Tom was so agile...yuk yuk, thats another story... Keith presented Hitler...errr Reed with a gavel. When he bangs the table, everything is suppose to get quite...yeahhhh rightttt. Oh yeah before I wrap this up, I'd like to congradulate Ogre on being voted in as our new Legislative Rep...ha ha, never go to the rest room at one of our meetings... Till next month...Tootles....

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