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<b>Charter</b>	<b>Contacts</b>	<b>Meeting Times</b>
<b>Buffalo River</b>	Lisa Darden      931-796-4842	1st Thursday @ 7, Mike's Bar Hohenwald
<b>Caney Fork</b>	Terry Presley      615-642-8041	<b>New Charter</b> * 2nd Saturday @ 4, Jimmy Jacks or Golden Nugget, Carthage
<b>Dickson/Humphreys/ Hickman</b>	Terry Davis      615-446-0064	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
<b>Knoxville</b>	Maureen Quaranto      865-354-8813	4th Monday @ 7, Famous Dave's Knoxville
<b>Montgomery County</b>	Wally      615-977-1248	<b>NEW Charter</b> * 2nd Tuesday @ 7, Curtoros Mexican Restaurant, Clarksville
<b>Music City</b>	Wendell Baldwin      615-838-1490	1st Sunday @ 2, Scully's Madison
<b>Nashville</b>	Jack Jones      615-579-4112	3rd Thursday @ 7, Bikini Beach Antioch Pike, Nashville
<b>Northeast</b>	Eric Anderson      413-557-3758	1st Monday @ 7, Sagebrush Kingsport
<b>Robertson County</b>	Roland Verchota      615-533-636368 <a href="mailto:Verchotaw@bellsouth.net">Verchotaw@bellsouth.net</a>	1st Tuesday @ 7, Piggy Pit Springfield
<b>Smith-Wilson</b>	Kimberley Marlin      615-310-3436 <a href="mailto:Kimmarlinabate@yahoo.com">Kimmarlinabate@yahoo.com</a>	1st Sunday @ 2, AJ's Bar & Grill 8283 Carthage Hwy, Lebanon
<b>Sumner County</b>	Mark Davis      615-859-3333 <a href="mailto:Sumnercocharter.abateofennessee@comcast.net">Sumnercocharter.abateofennessee@comcast.net</a>	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Hendersonville
<b>Tennessee Valley</b>	Mark Moore      423-570-0250 <a href="mailto:Yog1958@yahoo.com">Yog1958@yahoo.com</a>	3rd Sunday @ 2, Mac's Pub Brainerd Rd, Chattanooga
<b>Upper Cumberland</b>	Rob Erwin      931-879-3899	1st Sunday * Call for Details
<b>Wheels of Thunder</b>	Bob Celmer      901-465-7381 <a href="http://www.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com">www.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com</a>	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

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. Directors Column For February

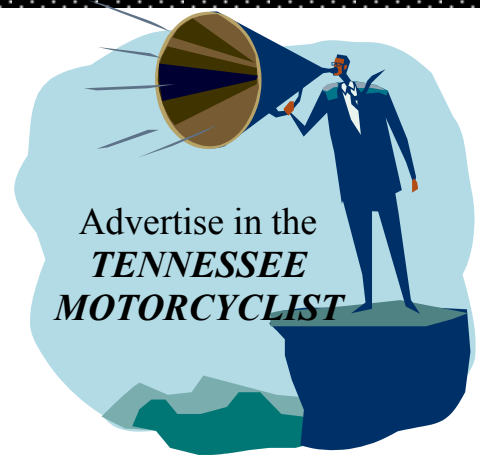
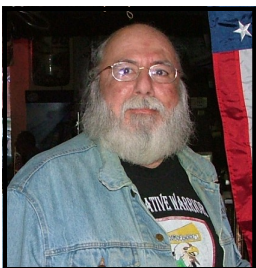
At the Feb BOD it was agreed we should look into buying land, we would use this land to hold our events and rent out to others. In order to get the process started, I have asked the Executive board members and our Parliamentarian and Activities person to meet on Jan 15, as an informal committee to discuss general ideas related to land purchase. No decisions will be made, this is to discuss ideas. In March at the BOD a formal committee will be picked. Since this is a large undertaking involving the full faith and credit of CMT/ABATE I feel it is essential that the Executive Board members be on this committee. Anyone who feels they have abilities to contribute to this committee should attend the March BOD.

Feb 23, 2011 is our legislative day. with the changes after the November elections we have the best chance in years to see our bill succeed. If you want to have success you need to be there in Nashville. you also need to contact your House and Senate representative and tell them you want our bills passed. I can tell you from my experience helping to pass the helmet choice bill in Florida that, only pressure from the members of CMT/ABATE on your representatives will get our bills passed.

We who have been in this fight for many years know that we all have a critical choice today. Either we will live in a country where the government tells us what to do, what to wear, what we can and cannot do or we can live in the country our founders wanted. A country where each person is free to work out for themselves their life, liberty and happiness. Will we have to tell our children and grandchildren what it was like to be free? Or will you pass on to them a country where each person's rights and liberties are respected. Your actions today will determine whether we have freedom tomorrow.

*Brooklyn Tom*

State Director CMT/Abate, NCOM Region V



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## CHATTANOOGA SUCCESS

**Grassroots efforts bring about Ordinance Change for Motorcycle Parking. CMT/ABATE Legislative Director Scott McColpin leads the Charge.**

On January 18, 2011 the Chattanooga City Council met and voted on several third readings of ordinance changes. One of them that received a favorable vote and is now a newly revised law in the City of Chattanooga, was an action to amend Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 24, Article X, Section 24-318. It now reads that multiple motorcycles, motorized bicycles and motor-driven cycles may park within one designated metered space.

For several months, Scott McColpin, the Legislative Director of CMT/ABATE worked diligently on this effort, with the support of the Councilman who represents the district where Scott resides. Councilman Jack Benson commented today, "The City Counsel was more than happy to work out this reasonable request and recommendation because we need to free up more parking spaces for all of our visitors to Chattanooga, as well as making our city more attractive to motorcyclists."

When Scott's presentation before the Council received enthusiastic response a couple of months ago, but no official reaction, Scott sent out a Legislative Alert to CMT/ABATE members and supporters, asking for phone calls to the Chattanooga mayor's office. The phones lines lit up!! And Scott diligently followed up with more visits and communications, building the momentum for the positive January 18 vote.

Scott McColpin's comments on the successful effort. "It is good to see the City of Chattanooga be so responsive to the motorcycle community. Citizen activism definitely works. This new ordinance change definitely shows Chattanooga's interest in expanding tourism. I personally would like to thank everyone that took the time to call. It just goes to show how a little effort can effect a big change."

Anyone wanting to discuss the process so they can enact similar efforts in their communities can contact Scott McColpin at [legislative@cmtabate.com](mailto:legislative@cmtabate.com).

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## Buffalo River Charter Minutes

January 6th, 2011 Buffalo River Charter Meeting at Mike's Place.

Meeting was called to order by Lisa Darden, Director at 7:15pm. Directors report-discussed the Jan. 15th Membership Drive Kick Off Part in Nashville on Jan. 15th. Several members said they were going to attend. Discussed about the March 19th Swapmeet at S & G Cycles. Need help with getting vendors and passed out the flyer. Tink will sew on patches at the swapmeet as a vendor. Discussed BOD meeting minutes. Jan. 11th Legislative starts at the Capital. Feb. 23rd will be Lobby Day please show up in force at the Capital.

Minutes from last month were read and approved. Treasurer's Report given and accepted. Education nothing to report at this time. Legislative Report -

Lobby Day and make sure to talk to people. With Mark deploying on June 11th we need someone to step up so Ugly will be taking over legislative until he returns. Safety Report - nothing at this time except have your motorcycle ready for riding coming up. Activities Report - went over events in the paper and April 16th will be a birthday party for Lisa at Mike's Place. No new business at this time so meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be February 3rd at 7pm. Ride safe and Happy New Year!!! See you on the 15th in Nashville.



**Buffalo River Gang at January Meeting**

## UPPER CUMBERLAND January Abate Meeting

Ron Called the meeting to order. Dave led us in the Pledge. The minutes of last month's meeting was suspended. Dean gave the Treasury's Report, The bank statement was given. Ron gave the Legislative Report. We will be meeting the new members when we go to Nashville in February. Lee gave the Activity Report. The Touring Sheets were discussed. He talked about the sponsorship for the paper. We talked about a new way to do our Fun Run Sheets. We want to

thank Kelly for being at the meeting. We are glad that you could make it. We had 10 members and 1 guest. Thank you all for coming. We discussed the Liberty Rally that is May 7,8 and 9. The new Caney Fork Charter is wanting to come in and help us. Dave was voted in as our new Sergeant of Arms. We talked about Abate buying its own land. The meeting about it is Jan. 15th at the Days Inn in Nashville. That is when all of the charters will be meeting. The State Poler Run was talked about again. We still needs sponsors for the Liberty Rally. We pledge to give \$25 to the state.

## Buffalo River Charter

of CMT/ABATE, Inc  
Presents Old-School Biker Event

# SWAPMEET

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**REFRESHMENTS**

For Event Info:

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Lildevil65@rocketmail.com

Ronny Mangrum (931) 374-8368

Vendors Info: CMT/ABATE: Mark Darden (931) 224-0802



**COME AND ENJOY**  
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Our February meeting will be at J&P Sandwich Shop in Cookville. Our March Meeting will be at Porky's in Crossville. April's meeting will be at Gearheads in Cookville. Kelly won the 50/50 and gave it back to the charter. Thank you Kelly. Membership Drawing was not won. Happy Birthday to Dean and Sybil. Thank You Moonrunners for having us.

'Til next month...Take Care and Stay Safe. ....**Barbara**



# Happy Valentines Day!

Pictures from 2011 Membership Kick-Off Party  
Jan. 15th—Thanks for a great time!

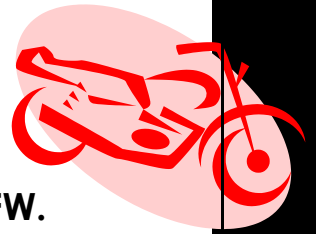


The next **Board Of Director's**  
Meeting will be

**March 13, 2011**

at the **Dickson VFW.**

**BOD meeting @ 1:00pm CST**



## CORRECTION!

DHH's Poker Run is  
actually on  
Saturday, May 14th .

The **Liberty Rally** has  
been changed to  
May 7th, 8th & 9th.

Please make these changes  
on your calendars.

## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

**February 23rd —**  
**Legislative Day on**  
**Capital Hill**



### MARCH EVENTS

**March 11—Buffalo River Swap Meet**

- See inside front cover for charter meeting times.

*Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed.  
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## D/H/H Charter Meeting

20 of our 100+ members were present in Dec at VFW to say the Pledge to our Flag. Bub then wanted to Thank everyone who came to the BOD & brought food & helped clean up. Everyone from each Charter said Good Job to us on the B.O.D. of Snow. He asked if we could cut a check for \$200 to the VFW for letting us use the dance hall & all the help they give us. A Vote was taken & everyone agreed. Be it So!

Derk then stood & told us that he was too busy with work to continue to be our Treasurer. Beefy nominated Lil John, everyone agreed, Be it So! Lil John is our new Treasurer. Thank-you so very much Derk for your hard work to your Charter. Then Derk told us we have \$2378.89 in the bank.

Bub then turned the floor over to Bob Bitchen for a MRF report. He told us that Georgia is taking the money from the USA to use to stop Bikers Only. This is very serious & we need to make sure that it don't happen in Tennessee!

We talked about the State Wide Poker & the need for each Charter to get 10 Sponsors for the book. We must have it in by the end of

January.

Beefy went over our Dirty X-mas Party for the 18th. Everything is Groovy for that. The Blue Balls & Hard Nips Run on Jan 1st was went over next. Hope to have a good turn out (See Article)

A bunch of our members were borned in Dec. A Big ole Happy B-day to Darla - Bob E - Sandy - Phillip - Gabby - Steff - & C.J.! If you want a B-Day in the paper, you got to let me know by comming to meetings! Ya Dig?

Check out our WWW Dot & the Face Thing. Check your X-pire Date & Re-Up when ya need to.50/50 was done & won by

George the Cowboy who gave it back.

Nuff Said - We Scattered

That's All From Me

### Beefy

*\*\* Please note, I portion of DHH minutes were inadvertently left out of the January issue. It have been corrected. The complete minutes are found in the Jan. newsletter posted on the CMT/ABATE website. Sorry DHH ! \*\**

## Smith/Wilson Charter

Meeting of January 2, 2011 was called to order by Kim. Pledge was lead by Scott. All board members present except Peach. Kim started by thanking everyone that participated with the VA-Veterans Christmas. It was a huge success. Then Kim read the wonderful thank you card that Lisa & Jeff sent to the Charter.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from last months meet were reviewed aloud and motion to approve.

**Treasurer Report:** Shelly reported our monthly balance as \$1,016.51. Motion to approve.

**Activities Report:** Tommy stated we had a great 2010 year of events and would like to see an article put in the local newspapers to let people know about us and to thank our sponsors for all their help. He also, thanked Eddie and Sharon for their extra work with the VA-Veterans. Our next event will be the May Swap Meet. Duck ask if anyone was attending the Corporate Meeting/party at Days Inn on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Legislation Report:** Bullit stated the new governor will be sworn in on January 15<sup>th</sup>, and that Legislative Day is February 23<sup>rd</sup> and some of us should try to

attend and show our support. Kim will setup a meeting place and time so we can go as a group.

**Membership Report:** Skeeter thanked everyone for being at the meeting today and announced we have:

- two renewal – Skeeter Tipton and Robin Vance
  - one new junior member – Keyona Harris
- Kim congratulated Bullit on being elected Sergeant of Arms at Corporate.

### New Business:

- Kim brought up making the VA-Veterans a year round project. Everyone agreed to do something with them each quarter. We discussed planning a ride to visit them on Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussed again about moving Charter meetings to another location. Motion was made and approved to move February's meeting to Coach's of Eastgate. Meeting adjourned at 2:45.

"Ride Safe"

Debbie

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*Created by Nancy Nanci*



### Resume for State Assistant Director's Position

To the BOD and members of CMT/ABATE:

After thoughtful consideration I have decided to announce my candidacy for the CMT/ABATE Assistant Director's position and humbly ask for your support. I joined CMT sometime in the latter part of the mid 1980's and have been involved (to varying degrees) from that time on. I have served as Director and Assistant Director of Robertson Charter, chaired the Southern Thunder Rally for several years and currently serve on the Tri-County Swap Meet committee. I am a member of the AMA and am recognized by them as a representative of CMT/ABATE. I started and currently manage the Robertson Charter facebook page. My primary reason for ever getting involved in politics and for being a working member of CMT/ABATE is because I want to ride free and be FREE! It is God that has made us free and none other. Only you can fight to keep your freedom or regain freedoms lost. No standing army, no police officer, no civil servant or elected gov't official can or will fight for your freedom. Only you can make up your mind to be free.

Secondary to freedom, I support motorcycle safety and awareness, educational programs, public relation campaigns, advertising, etc only if we have the means. I support the maintenance of the Tennessee Motorcyclist and the CMT/ABATE web site as long as we have means. I support the purchase of property(s) for a permanent home and event grounds for CMT/ABATE only if we have the means.

I believe that CMT/ABATE's future depends on retaining and recruiting members and effectively motivating them to act. Strong leadership can strategically direct this organization on to victory. I can help.

DeoVindice!

**Col. J. Marlin Rood**

### Blue Balls & Hard Nips 2011

*Written by: Beefy (DHH)*

On Jan 1st around noon, Real Bikers showed up at the VFW. Lots of friendly faces, some hungover, some still partying, came in grabbed a beer or Bloody Mary & sat to tell of what they did just 12 hours earlier. Good Munchies were set out for us to eat on as we waited on others to roll in. About 1:20 we all headed out the door where they was 32 motorsickles waiting to be fired up & rode.

Now usually the weather is not good. Last year only 13 biker rode in the 30 degree first Day of 2010. But this year we had a dry 45 degree first Day Ride. Everyone was eager to ride to the World Famous Piccadilly Club. Some rode bikes that belonged to their Bro's. Beefy was on Bubs badass Softtail, Bub was on Bens bike, Buddy rode Luke's bike, Lil John rolled on Kellys Custom, & everyone else was on their on bikes, I think. THE Pack looked very

impressive as we rolled threw Dickson towards our destination out Hwy 70 west of town. As Kick Stands went down & the Evil Helmets came off, all the hung over, spaced-out looks at the VFW had turned in to Smiles & laughter. Some of the laughter was caused by watching Bub try to turn down the radio on the Ultra with his big thumb in a big glove & instead of hitting the Kill button.

But we all made it to the Piccadilly where Ginger & Jessie had us some more good things to eat, cold beverages to drink & chairs for us to sit & laugh & have a good time like we always do.. When we have a ride, we have a good time. Come hang with us & see for yourself. Jan 1st 2012 we will do it again - 30 or 60 degree don't matter coz if your a Real Biker, you will Ride!

We want to Thank Too much THE VFW & The Piccadilly Club for all you did for us. See ya Next Year - IF you're A Real Biker that is!

## Tennessee Motorcyclist Boosters

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Letter received at CMT/Abate office 1/1/11

**Attn: All CMT/Abate Members**

**I believe we may have our best chance of getting our "Freedom of Choice" bill passed this year.**

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**Jack Rollins**  
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Kerry Roberts at Robertson Co. Charter Meeting



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## Kerry Roberts wins Primary Election for State Senator

**Kerry Roberts** has won the Republican nomination to replace Diane Black in state Senate seat, District 18. vote on January 20. We look forward to supporting him even further in the general election on **March 8.**"

CMT/ABATE members heard Candidate Roberts speak at their Robertson County Charter meeting on January 4, 2011. He "wowed the crowd" and many CMT/ABATE members pledged their votes and their support at the end of the evening. Mr. Roberts is a FIRM supporter of freedom of choice, a complete switch from the previous Senator, Diane Black, who has gone to Washington, DC as US Congresswoman.

Kerry Roberts of Springfield won by wide margins in Robertson County and ran a strong third in Sumner, while Gallatin candidates Bryan Bondurant and William Slater split the Sumner vote. The 18th District covers all of Robertson County and all but one precinct in Sumner County. Roberts, 49, will face Democratic nominee Ken Wilber in the **March 8** general election. Wilber is mayor of Portland.

Robertson County CMT/ABATE charter director, **Roland Verchota** commented: Our members are thrilled with the outcome of this primary election. Kerry Roberts' ideas on government, especially motorcycling issues, are very much in line with the goals of our organization. I feel strongly that the support from members, friends, and family garnered for Kerry when he spoke at our meeting was instrumental in the successful

"I hoped to win but it was a very close race, and I'm just very excited and thrilled by the outcome," Roberts said Thursday night.

A certified public accountant, Roberts also owns a consulting company and several bicycle shop. Unofficial results showed Roberts with 2,310 votes to Slater's 1,703 and Bondurant's 1,570. At press time, about 60 absentee votes remained uncounted in Robertson County but would not change the results in Nashville.

### Resume for State Treasurer

I, Bette Stewart, will seek re-election as Treasurer of CMT/ABATE, Inc. for the next 2 years. My background is Accounting and I work as an accountant 40 hours per week. I will continue to do my best for CMT/ABATE if I am re-elected.

### Resume for State Office Manager

When I took on the duties of Office Manager years ago, I assumed that eventually someone else would step up and take this position. It seems however, that no one is really interested in doing this job. Therefore, I would like to declare my candidacy for this office. I ask for your support of votes at the March Board meeting.

Thank You.  
*Dean Lucas*



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Robertson Co.	\$125
Smith/Wilson	\$10
\$212.30	
Sumner	\$50
Tennessee Valley	\$25
Upper Cumberland	\$20



## Pledge System to Continue

At the December Board of Directors meeting, everyone agreed to not change the way the State has been receiving money from the charters. Each charter should set a monthly pledge for 2011 and get that into the State Office. What is a reasonable pledge? It should be at least 2.5 % of whatever is in your charter bank account. Have your treasurer multiply the current balance by .025. It works out to \$2.50 for every \$100 on hand. I don't believe anyone should think this is too much. We had several charters last year give much more than this. Robertson County pledged almost twice as much and the Dickson Humphrey Hickman pledge was over two and a half times that baseline figure. If we're going to move this organization forward, it's going to take everyone doing their share.

Thank You,  
**Dean Lucas**



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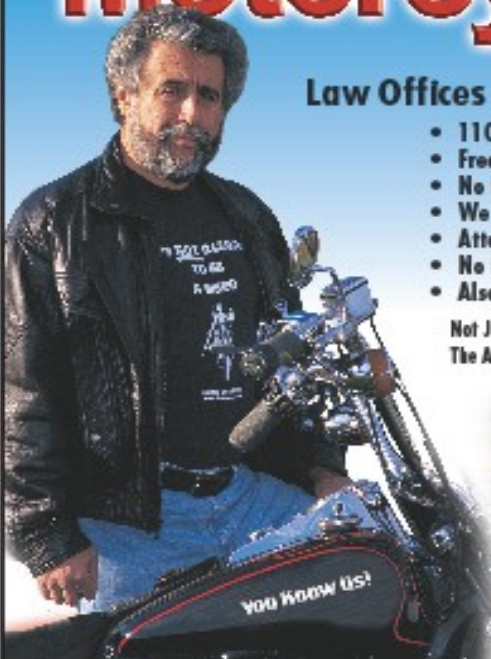
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## CMT/ABATE at-Large Members

Folks, it's a new year, and we have a new Legislature, a new Governor, a few new faces in CMT/ABATE, Incorporated, and a renewed vigilance to attain some serious legislative victories. We now have what is perhaps the best chance we ever had at modifying the present helmet law. There are other things to work on as well, but I know this helmet law modification is near and dear to all of us.

That said; it is most important that I stay in touch with all of you as I best can, and for me that means using email as much as possible. I know that some of you do not have email access, and for those members I must use the telephone when time allows,

and it seldom does.

I need your help here. During the past couple of years you should have received semi-regular messages from me concerning the activities of CMT/ABATE, Incorporated as well as the information I forward to you from the MRF. I keep a fairly current list of at-Large Members so I can match your email to your name and address. Mistakes happen when the email addresses are entered at the State Office as some of the handwritten information is tough to figure out. We get it right about 85% of the time, and I've made a mistake or two when adding the addresses to my distribution list.

If you have **NEVER** received an email from me, or **NO LONGER** receive emails from me – we need to

change that. My email address and telephone number are shown below so just send me an email and tell me who you are. I remain fairly accessible on a 24/7/365 basis so I promise I will see your email messages within less than twenty-four hours. Can't wait that long – just give me a call.

In closing, I appreciate all the work you guys do for the success of our organization, and I know the remainder of the organization does as well. Here's to a fantastic 2011 for all the Members of CMT/ABATE, Incorporated.

### ***J. Robert Forbus***

Coordinator of at-Large Members  
State Board Parliamentarian

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## Nashville Charter Minutes

Nashville Charter meets every 3rd Thursday of the Month at Bikini Beach Bar on Antioch Pike in Nashville. Everyone who attended the meeting brought food (yum yum). December Meeting was called to order at 7:25 by Director Jack Jones who also led us with the Pledge to the Flag. We had 11 members and 1 guest present. Secretary Report: motion was made and passed to waive the reading of the last month's minutes and to accept them as published in the newsletter. Treasury Report: Bette reported we paid \$800 for Hotel (Days Inn) for the Membership Kick Off Party. We have an account balance of \$2742.41. Legislative Report: Carol asked Jesse to talk to Jim Gotto and find what the Law on parking spaces reads and how it applies to motorcycles. If unfavorable ask how to go about getting it changed. Activities Report: Kevin reports at the time of the meeting we need at least 70 more sponsors for the Statewide Poker Run. We are off to a slow start. Motion was made and passed for Nashville Charter to

pay \$50 to sponsor for Poker Run to visit one of our meetings. Poker Run Books will be \$10 each. Books will go on sale 1st week in March. Poker Run will end on October 1st and Drawing will be held at Dickson Points Rodeo. Participants need not be present to win but their books must be. Mail books to Office 1 week to 10 days prior to drawing on October 1st, 2011.

New Business: Motion was made and passed to change Meeting Day for Nashville Charter from 3rd Tuesday to 3rd Thursday of the month. Same time, Same place. Lobby Day will be February 23rd, start making appointments now. Want to welcome 2 new charters to CMT/Abate: Montgomery County (Director: Wally Baez) and Caney Fork (Director: Terry Presley). Good work guys; welcome and good luck. Motion was made and passed to continue the \$100 per month to the State. Motion was made and passed for the Nashville Charter to present \$250.00

each to CMA and Patriot Guard which will be done at our Membership Kick-Off Party January 15th. Meeting adjourned at 9:17. I was asked to create a Nashville Charter Facebook Page. Check it out: Nashville Charter (CMT/ABATE) If you don't already know we now have a State Facebook Page: Tennessee (CMT/ABATE, Inc.) , If anyone wants anything posted please let me know. I am so glad that CMT/ABATE Charters are setting up Facebook Pages. It is another great way to get our name out there and for people that don't know what CMT/ABATE is, they will be able to see what we are all about.

See ya'll next month.

Ride Safe. Ride Free. ***Vicky***

# Wheels of Thunder

## January Meeting Minutes

Pancho's Mexican Grill

January 6, 2011

Director Bob C. called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

### Membership –

We had 25 members and 0 guests present at tonight's meeting. We also had 6 members renew their memberships.

### Treasurer's Report –

Lynn reported we have \$4134.39 in the bank.

**Director's Statement** - Bob gave us an update from the December 12<sup>th</sup> BOD:

-The idea of the 1% "tax" on Charter Bank accounts was withdrawn.

-Bob read a list of Amendments to the Helmet Bill that may be offered, if necessary, to get it passed.

-A Reciprocal Helmet Bill will also be pushed this Legislative year.

-State Pledge -Bob read the list of what other Charters pledged and what they actually paid.

Lynn made a motion to keep the amount at \$600.00, Joy seconded the motion and it passed with 18 yeses to 2 nos.

-Good news! There are 2 new charters and may have a 3<sup>rd</sup> in April.

-Nominations and Speeches. Those who accepted nominations were given a chance to speak. Here are the nominees and the positions for which they agreed to serve if elected:

Assistant Director – Gary Acton – said he would be happy to serve whatever position we wanted him to serve.

Treasurer – Lynn Wheat – said ok if no one else wants to do it.

Membership Chair – Joy Copous – said Happy to serve in every way possible.

Legislative Chair – Gary Acton – Ok

Activities – Papa D – ok, Ron Cornish – not at meeting to make speech.

Safety and Education Chair – Cecil – will accept for one more term then someone else needs to do it so that others with talent can have a turn.

Products – at the meeting Neal Pope agreed to run for this position.

Right of Way Watchdog – Al Nelson –

Webmaster – Bob Celmer – ok.

Elections will be next month (at the February WOT meeting). All are encouraged to attend. Nominations can still be made up until the time of

the elections.

### Activities –

**LeBonheur Toy Run Recap-** Papa gave a recap: It rained, but we had 3 bikes, and registered 43 people. We filled the truck about half full of toys, approximately \$5000 worth of toys, and we raised an additional \$628 to buy toys with.

**Christmas Party** – Was December 19<sup>th</sup> – at Pancho's. There were 19 people present.

**Bill Haslam inaugural celebration and CMT/ABATE New Year's Kick-Off** – Bob passed out a flyer with all of the details about these two events to be held January 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Lobby Day in Nashville** - Will be held February 23<sup>rd</sup>. – All are encouraged to attend.

**Legislation-** To reach Gary use this email: political\_stuff@cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com  
Gary reported about the MRF announcement that the gas tax is not a tax but actually is a usage fee. Safety fee must be used for safety. In the past congress has re-appropriated that money.

**Safety and Education** – We were reminded to beware of black ice. Also, Hernando now has Look Twice Save a Life signs, and just the other day, someone spotted our bus with our sign on it!

### Club News and Announcements –

**February 23** – Lobby Day in Nashville.

**April 23** – CMA blessing bikes at Bear's – we need some volunteers to help work a table for WOT.

We drew for the \$20 Pancho's gift certificate. Congrats Geno!

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and approved by the membership. It's 8:10 and we're outta here!



## December Meeting Minutes

Pancho's Mexican Grill

December 2, 2011

Director Bob C. 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.

### Membership –

We had 10 members and 0 guests present at tonight's meeting. We also had 2 new members join.

### Treasurer's Report –

Lynn reported we have \$3884.95 in the bank.

**Director's Statement** - Bob read his job descriptions for charter director, assistant director, charter secretary and charter treasurer. Nomination forms were passed out to everyone and then collected. Here are the nominees:

Asst. Dir. – Cecil Redditt, Gary Acton, Dave Marek, Papa D

Treasurer – Lynn Wheat, Brenda Redditt  
Membership – Joy Copous, Dale Berryman (declined nomination)

Legislative – Gary Acton

Activities – Papa D, Malisa, Sarge

Safety & Ed – Cecil Redditt

Sgt of Arms – Sarge, John Rivera, Al Nelson (declined nomination)

PR – Jim Hendricks, Amy Marek

Products – Amy Marek, Dave Marek, Brenda Redditt, Dale Berryman (declined nomination)

Right of Way Watchdog – Al Nelson, Gary Acton, Pontiac

Webmaster – Bob Celmer

### Activities –

**LeBonheur Toy Run** - December 11, registration at Bumpus on Whitten at 11am.

**Christmas Party** – December 19<sup>th</sup> at Pancho's. WOT will buy a ham, everybody bring a dish and dirty Santa gift. (2 steals limit). Limit of \$20.00 on dirty Santa gift. Papa is checking with Jan to play at the party. Can purchase drinks from Pancho's and also can order from the menu.

**Legislation-** To reach Gary use this email: political\_stuff@cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com  
Bob shared a report from the NTSB (Most Wanted List) and MRF response to this. The only action the NTSB is recommending to the states is that they require motorcyclists to wear helmets.

**Safety and Education** –Watch for ice and wet leaves this time of year and be safe.

We drew for the \$20 Pancho's gift certificate.

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and approved by the membership. It's 8:15 and we're outta here!

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## **Robertson County Charter Minutes January 4th**

We would like to say thanks to Donna at The Pitt for a great home cooked meal that she cooked for us. We appreciate you gals!

Sam called the meeting to order and opened with the pledge. Marlin led us in prayer.

Roland thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Attendance was approximately 40-45 people. Roland announced that we have a special guest tonight to speak; Marlin introduced Mr. Kerry Roberts. He is a candidate for State Senator in the 18th District in TN. You can check out his website at [www.kerryroberts.com](http://www.kerryroberts.com). It was a very educational speech. We appreciate him coming to our meeting.

Next Roland said on to new business. At our December 7th, 2010 meeting we elected officers. Roland Verchota is Director. Tim Sugg is Assistant Director. Secretary is Pamela Cobb. Treasurer is Treva Garrison. Activities is Samantha Stubblefield. Chaplin is George Mooneyhan. Thelma Vanmaldeghem is products. Donna Monfette is Membership. Frank Monfette is Legislative. Sam Jones is Sergeant of Arms.

Thelma announced that she is working on products and will have more for us next meeting since this is our first meeting with new officers. Donna announced we have 1 new member tonight. We have 70 active members, so if your membership has lapsed please come see her

and renew it. Pamela announced that she is passing out a sheet to put email addresses and/or a contact number for each member. Treva announced that our general account is \$4,1888.28. Samantha handed out flyers for the New Years Kick Off event date of January 15, 2011.

Sam announced the loss of a CMT Abate member, Kim Clouse who passed away at Christmas. We are sorry for her family's loss and they are in our prayers.

Jeff announced that The Pitt is having a benefit for Randy smith on January 8, 2010. He has a broken hip. He fell down in his backyard.

Kevin announced Swap Meet of February 13, 2011. Carol announced that Lobby Day is February 23, 2011. Also, she announced Swap Meet of April 16, 2011. Check your emails for Swap Meet Information.

Donna announced that Randy Carr has throat cancer. We made a donation to him and his family.

We are still working on getting Look Twice and Save a Life signs posted in the Robertson County area. We have been approved for Adams, Cross Plains, Cedar Hill, Orlinda at this time and are awaiting other approvals. We are working on getting more signs.

Marlin is running for State Assistant Director. Good Luck Marlin!

50/50 Lorie won \$42.00 and donated \$21.00 to the general account. Roland adjourned the meeting.



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