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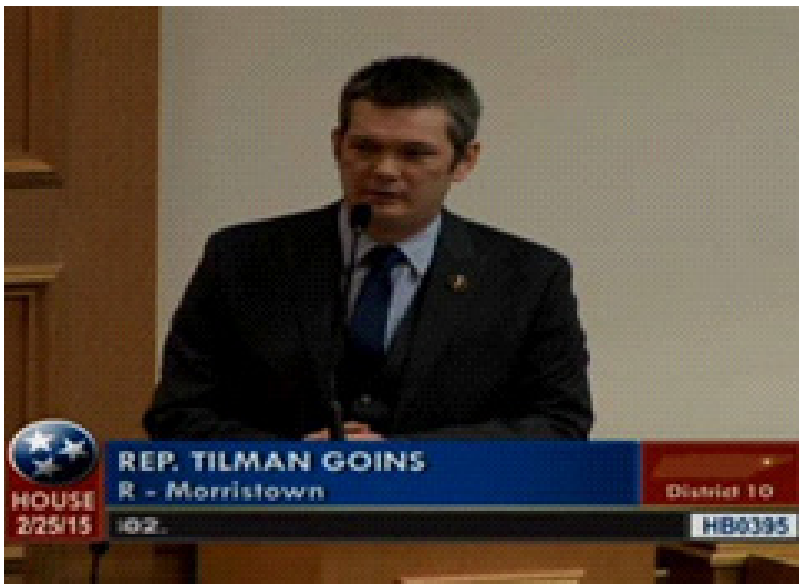
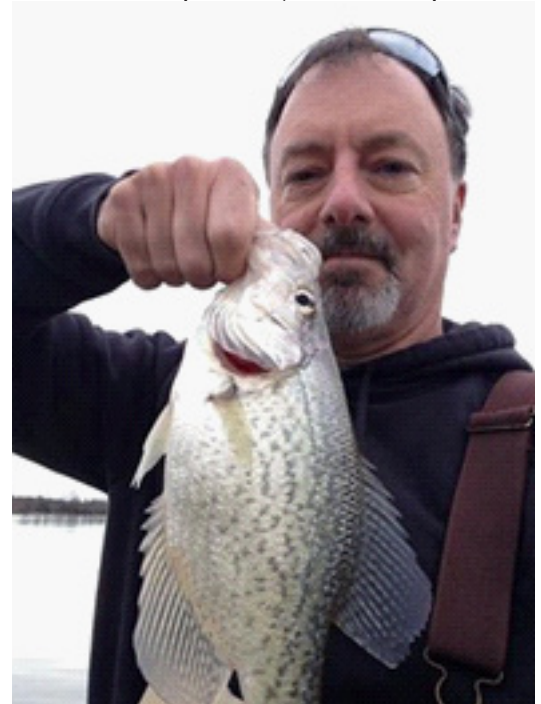
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## **HB 395/SB 469 PASSES THROUGH TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE, AWAITING GOVERNOR'S ACTION This is known as the RESPECT BILL**

In addition to the current law that allows freedom of choice regarding helmet use in parades, this bill expands the freedom to show respect by removing helmets during funeral processions, memorial rides, and body escort details. In some instances, a law enforcement escort is required, and the length of the ride cannot exceed 50 miles in distance. Included with this article are photos of the Senate SB 469 Sponsor, Senator Mike Bell, who "caught a big fish" for motorcyclists of Tennessee. His efforts, especially in the Senate Finance Ways and Means committee have been extraordinary--- especially when fishing for votes!!!

**Thank you!**



HB 395 Sponsor, Representative Tilman Goins Worked diligently during the entire session to round up a majority of votes, plan strategy extensively with CMT/ABATE Legislative Director Tony Dabbs, and encourage the grassroots efforts of CMT/ABATE members and other motorcycle rights activists.

**THANK YOU!!!!**

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

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## Director's Column

I read two good articles last month. One was in American Motorcyclist (American Motorcyclist Association) and the other was in The MRF Reports (Motorcycle Riders Foundation). They both talked about how motorcycle fatalities dropped in 2013. This was the second year in a row that deaths were down. Data from FARS (Fatality Analysis Reporting System) listed a decrease from 4,986 to 4,668. This was the largest improvement of all groups at 6.4 percent.

The number of alcohol related deaths were 117 less, or 8.3 percent. Also the biggest decrease in any category. Even the number of injured motorcyclists went down 5.4 percent, from 93,000 to 88,000. Sure, that's still a big number, but the number of passenger vehicle injuries in 2013 was 2,046,000. To my way of thinking, this has got to be a direct result of more and better training for people who want to ride.

Sadly, motorcycle fatalities are now 14 percent of the total. Of course, more bikers are on the road every year. The Motorcycle Industry Council says licenses and registrations keep going up. Next year Oklahoma State University is supposed to finish the Motorcycle Crash Causation Study. All this data should really show what's happening out there on the highway. I suspect more riders are injured by inattentive drivers than rider error.

Perhaps the study will prove once and for all that freedom of choice states have a lower death rate than the ones with mandatory helmet laws. Not that it would stop the doom slingers. Just last month, the Pickett County Press ran an article by some Vanderbilt doctor. He claimed our State's helmet law has saved "tens of thousands of lives and hundreds of millions of dollars." I wonder who makes up these numbers, like I wonder how many Tennessee bikers died because they were forced to ride with a bucket on their head.

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



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



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# YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



The Riders Education Funding bill, HB201/SB315 sponsored by Rep. Kelly Keisling and Sen. Joey Hensley was killed in finance committees, but did not die in vain. Passing this bill was a long shot

Roberts. Following this bill made the tail of the dragon seem like riding I -10 across the Florida panhandle. One thing for sure, this bill showed us who our true supporters are. We will continue working this piece of legislation in the 2016 session and between now and then it is up to YOU to convince Your legislator to support it. For the first time ever the motorcyclists of Tennessee have a helmet bill that they can work on between sessions to pass. It will take all of us working together to be able to enjoy the same freedom as the riders 31 other states, but We CAN DO IT! (Damn, I sound like an Obozo supporter) There will be strategy planning meetings held across the state for those wanting to get involved. Watch your emails for updates on time and locations. This isn't just for members of CMT/ABATE, Inc. These meetings are open to anyone that really wants to help.

After some of the things I saw this year a good scrubbing with bleach, lye soap and steel wool followed by a Sunday trip to the river and being baptized again just might be in order. I have never witnessed members of the General Assembly lie to one another as they have this session. Even with all the turmoil and chaos, our organization kept their heads above the BS and conducted themselves with dignity. This did not go unnoticed by others on the hill. I will admit that I was treated with more respect this session than in any of the past seven that I have lobbied at the capitol. Let's hope this is a sign of things to come.

The best place to start might just be with what we were able to pass. HB395/SB469 sponsored by Rep. Tilman Goins and Sen. Mike Bell, which became the first piece of helmet related legislation passed since the it became legal to wear a bicycle helmet in the state. (Wayne Shaub was doing this job then.) The bill gained amendments as it made its way through committees, but nothing that can't be dealt with in the future. As it stands riders and passengers 21 years and older could ride without a helmet in a law enforcement escorted funeral, memorial ride or body escort detail not to exceed 30mph and a distance of 50 miles. There will be more information coming to everyone on this bill very soon. Don't let the speed and distance get you down. We are waiting to see if the Governor will at least permit adults to show respect to the deceased by signing this into law.

due to the fact it changed the way the General Assembly could handle the money. What the bill accomplished was making legislators aware of the Motorcycle Riders Education Program and the fact that when they vote to pass the budget, they could be voting to take funding from programs such as this. The other positive side to this bill is that John Milliken will hopefully be encouraged to spend the funds rather than let them accumulate and become a target. As an added bonus, I was told the governor promised not to touch these funds as long as he is in office. If that is the case, then the program should remain solvent for three more years. I may be wrong, but I can't recall any governor ever promising CMT/ABATE anything.

Rep. Tim Hill and Sen. Joey Hensley both showed some backbone by sponsoring lane splitting legislation, HB1102/SB1281. We did not intend on running the bill in 2015, but we did need to have a fiscal note and something to work with for 2016. This bill is alive and well and is part of the work that every Tennessee motorcyclists should be involved in between now and January. We will have to educate legislators on what lane splitting and filtering actually is and how it will benefit the state. More to come on this later.

I reckon it's time to uncork the good stuff. By now everyone has read or heard of the multiple deaths of the helmet law modification bill, HB700/SB925, sponsored by Rep. Jay Reedy and Sen. Kerry

In 2013 ,while Rhonda Williams was Legislative Director, Sen. John DeBerry went that extra step and earned a champion's trophy. Rhonda was able to come to Legislative Plaza and personally present the senator with this honor. Whenever you get a chance, take time to thank the man yourself for what he has done for you.

The last thing I need to mention is the need for two volunteer lobbyist for 2016. The session should run from Jan. through April. There will be about 12 weeks of actual time on the hill and usually requires two to three days a week. We will take time to train those interested in doing this. It is time to stand up if you can do this. This was my last session as lobbyist and we need a couple of good replacements. If you are interested shoot me an email.

Next month we will be publishing a list of how legislators voted on our issues and give a little more insight on the direction we need to take. If you have questions, just send me an email or give me a call and I will get back with you as soon as possible. [themotorsickledoc@yahoo.com](mailto:themotorsickledoc@yahoo.com) 931-627-5370

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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.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**, week ending April 17, 2015

CMT/ABATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR themotorsickledoc@yahoo.com

Don't believe everything you see in the media. HB700/SB925 (helmet bill) is still alive. We rolled it to the 2016 session. Now the work has been put on the bikers across the state. For the first time ever we have a year to convince folks on the hill to vote for Freedom.

We will be holding meetings over the next few weeks to solidify a plan. If you would like to attend these meetings and contribute, please let me know in advance. This is not just for CMT/ABATE members. This is for all motorcyclists, clubs, and motorcycle organizations in the state. We need every individual interested in our efforts with the Tennessee State Legislature and the Governor that has ever had even a glimmer of

interest in motorcyclists' rights.

This bill has been heavily attacked and will require a lot of hard work and dedication to pass, but we have a good shot at doing just that. If you are serious about getting rid of the lid this is your chance.

House Sponsor Representative Jay Reedy and Senator Sponsor Kerry Roberts have gone above and beyond in their efforts to see Freedom of Choice become a reality. You will have opportunities over the next few months, in roundtable meetings near you, to sit down with them and offer your individual efforts of support.

This FREEDOM of Choice bill--HB 700/SB 925 has passed thru Transportation Committees in both the House and the Senate. It goes to Finance Committees next year. We have not had hearings in Finance Committees in House **OR** Senate in over ten years!! The bill has traction and we

need to make sure we have a **SOLID** majority of votes. Can't do it without **YOU!!!**

Look up all the details on Tennessee's legislative website. It's very user friendly. [www.capitol.tn.gov](http://www.capitol.tn.gov)

HB395/SB469 (funeral/memorial ride - RESPECT -bill) should be heard Monday. We will let you know how that vote comes out.

I want to ask everyone to not make or post any comments on legislative issues other than those we are making public. It's not a control thing, but just trying to prevent incorrect information from being put out. Contact me (email above) if you have any questions or comments. Thanks for everyone's support so far.

Tony

## CHAMPION AWARD PRESENTED TO REP. JOHN DEBERRY

Sometimes delays have the BEST outcomes.

The legislative team voted in 2013 to present Representative John DeBerry with a Champion Award for his repeated efforts in behalf of Tennessee motorcyclists, especially his successful sponsorship and success of the legislation to allow tags to be displayed vertically on motorcycles, saving piles of tow charges and fines for the our supporters. Unfortunately, members of the Memphis area that John DeBerry represents were not able to take time from work to visit the legislature since that vote of the committee. Luckily, during 2015, former Legislative Director Rhonda Williams was at the Plaza to help Tony Dabbs with some "vote getting". She was director of the committee that made the initial decision. On that day we were able to present the trophy and get some photos of Rhonda, Tony, and Rep. DeBerry. HE LOVES IT!!! THANK YOU REP. JOHN DEBERRY!!!

Submitted by PR/Communications Director Carol Simpson



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# Keep Our Interstates Toll-Free

How would you like to see the number of tolls on America's interstates multiply like rabbits? That's just around the corner unless we make our voices heard.

You may think the interstate in your backyard is safe from having tolls slapped on it by politicians and bureaucrats, but the interstate tolling murmur is growing in Washington DC, and it's coming from both sides of the aisle.

Under current law, States are prohibited from tolling any roads that were built since the inception of the Federal Interstate Highway System in 1956.

Last spring, President Obama proposed eliminating the longstanding ban on tolling existing interstates and giving every state the option of tolling them to raise transportation revenue. That means continuing to pay for roads with the current gas tax and

then tacking on an additional toll for each interstate you use.

How bad can it get? Have you ever traveled through New Jersey and New York? Imagine suffering that tolling nightmare everywhere across the country. We're talking about the possibility of hundreds of dollars in tolls for a single long trip.

But it's not just Democrats who want to toll our existing interstates. Powerful Republican Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI) recently voiced strong support for letting states toll any interstate they'd like. If this idea continues to get traction and the interstate tolling levee breaks, expect riding on interstates to get a lot more expensive, unsafe, and inconvenient.

The new highway bill could be up for debate at the end of May, and we need to fight hard against interstate tolls. One step the

Motorcycle Riders Foundation has taken is joining the Alliance for Toll-Free Interstates, a broad coalition of interstate users and businesses who want to see our interstates protected from new tolls.

ATFI is building momentum through a national petition to keep our interstates toll-free. Please take 30 seconds to sign the petition today. You can also spread the word and help make tolling impossible for politicians by liking ATFI on Facebook and following them on Twitter. They put out a lot of good content, and the wider it gets circulated, the more public opposition there will be.

It is important to visit [www.TollFreeInterstates.com](http://www.TollFreeInterstates.com) to learn more about ATFI and sign the petition today. Help spread the word by directing your riding friends to also sign the petition.

Hello All,

I am contacting each of you because you are currently or have been in the past connected to a State Motorcycle Rights organization that supports the MRF. I have noticed recently that some of the newsletters

are still using the MRF membership application that is out of date and has the old Massachusetts address.

I'm attaching the MRF Membership Application. Please update your records with this new form or pass it along to the appropriate

person in your organization.

Thank you for your support of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

Dawn Riba

Director of Communications

Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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# 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

## CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

May 2015

- 5/9 DHH Bike & Tattoo Show  
*Liberty Rally*
- 5/16 SWSR Swap Meet (rain date 5/23)
- 6/6 SWSR Points Field Meet (rain date 6/27)
- 6/13 CaFo Biker Medical Clinic Run
- 6/21 UpCu Memorial Ride
- 7/11 SWSR Robin Long Memorial Poker Run
- 7/26 TeVa Parade Ride
- 8/15 CaFo Canoe Run
- 8/21-23 Southern Thunder Rally
- 9/12 CaFo Memorial Run
- 9/19 NoEa Fall Colors Ride
- 9/25-27 Points Field Meet Finals
- 9/26 WoT Bash
- 10/3 RoCo Memory Ride
- 10/10 Nash Swap Meet
- 10/31 DHH 28th Annual Toy Run & Food Drive
- 11/8 SWSR Toy Run & Chili Cook Off
- 12/19 SWSR Labeling Party
- 12/20 SWSR Christmas for the Vets

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 DHH Bike & Liberty Rally
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HB 395 takes second successful step towards success for being able to choose when and if to wear a motorcycle helmet in a funeral procession, memorial ride, or human remains escort. Annette Robeck, long-time volunteer and leader for the Patriot Guard Riders, gave excellent testimony at the request of the bill Sponsor, Mark Goins. The only other person giving testimony was Col. Trott of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. Tony Dabbs, Legislative Director for CMT/ABATE, Annette, and Johann Forbes, grassroots activist and parliamentarian for CMT/ABATE. Great appreciation for those who care!! Awesome work, Annette!!

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**DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICK-MAN**-Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 7:00, Bottoms Up Bar & Grill, 3861 Clydeton Road, Waverly, TN

Sorry folks for no report last month, didn't make the Feb. meeting. So my pencil didn't have nuthin to say to my paper!!

I was at the meeting in March at the VFW, where 30 souls said the pledge to our flag. Director Cycledellic Mark welcomed everyone, said Chap. Mike was gone to National Meeting of the Road Riders for Jesus. Mark told us these are the people sick and having a hard time rite now: Jess Barker's mom having liver problems, William Christen is in nursing home not doing good. Vicky Lynch is home, and tough as a pine knot. Tony and R.P.'s mom passed away in March. Bill Brewer's brother died in Feb. Army Special Forces Green Beret SGM John L. Miller also died in Feb., he was Lil John & Bugheads dad. Stan Harlington died in a truck wreck at work, he worked for Elliot. We are thinking bout these people and they are in our prayers. We wish the best for them and their families.

And on a more gooder and positive note - Sheila Triple H grandson Mr. Roger E. Hicks is doing a lot better and now weighs 9 lbs. and 4 oz. He be eatin beans and taters before too long. Happy for that little boy!!

We got an officer report next with Ass. Director Fry Daddy was seen the night before at the VFW. Sec. report was "Have ya'll seen my video with Tim McGraw?" Google Big and Rich The Gravity Quadrilogy, the 2nd song was shot at the Piccadilly. Lil John was workin but called in. Our new and very groovy membership gal Sheila "Trip" had 10 new members and 4 renews. Good holeshot!! A big howdy and welcome to: Renea & Randy Brewer owners of Bottoms Up Bar, Maria & Candice Meyers, Phillip & Chssidy Cramer, Ole Wayne & Rosie, Jimmy Reeves, and Jessica Capps.

Bout half time biker chic Phyliss showed up. Upcoming events wuz next so Yard Man Steve got busy. March 21st membership ride to McEwen Irish Picnic. March 28th 1st annual Celebration of Life / memory ride. Money from this ride goes to Down Biker Fund. You can sponsor a name on t-shirts for \$40.00, info on this and other stuff is on our facebutt thang. April 11th VFW Ladies Aux Cancer Walk,

we will help them by blocking roads with our motorcycles. April 18th Benefit Ride for Roger E. Hicks a big Thank You to J.D. and Wanted Saloon II. May 2nd Old Timers Day in Dickson. We will have a CMT/ABATE booth there. May 9th Bike and Tattoo show at the VFW Bub Davis & Crew will have Tennessee Thunder Pro Fuel Drag Bike on display. June 6th Freak Show will be in White Bluff at the Feed Store with live music. Tell a bro, bring a friend out to these events and help support your charter and have fun at the same time. Don't X-pire Re-up your membership man! Your charter elections are in April. Big Ole drank to the VFW for all they do for us. This report wrote by hand on a fence with whitewash!

Nuff said, We scattered!

That's all from me, mem.#757 (Beefy)

**KNOXVILLE** - Next Meeting: Sunday, May 24, 1:00, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson, Knoxville

**MONTGOMERY** - Next Meeting: Monday, May 4, 7:00, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville

MoCo held our monthly meeting at 7pm 6 April 2015, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville, TN. There were 14 members in attendance and five guests. We handed out "Spring Thaw" flyers for our annual Poker Run. We locked in everyone's jobs for the poker run and set our arrival time for setup. We agreed that we would all meet up at Scooter's Bar at 9:50am on Saturday the 11th. Wally put out info from the last BoD meeting. Motion to adjourn came at 7:35pm.

Our annual Poker run was a big success! Andi and Dennis where the winners of the \$200 & \$75 High and Low hands. Congrats to both of them. We raised over \$275 for local children's charities. This year's route was another great 75+ miles, back road adventure that had folks talking for hours about the beautiful scenery and countryside they travelled through. We had over 30 bikes and 40 participants. This included members from Bikers Who Care, CVMA 18-2, and others. A huge "Thank You" to all of those riders that supported us this year. All of MoCo Charter will be sure to support our TN Abate Charters the way they helped support us this year. To all of them that showed up, Thank You.

MoCo Charter will be finalizing the presentation to the local charities at our next meeting on 4 May. May everyone Ride Safe & Keep the Rubber Side Down...

John Ahlers  
MoCo Director

**MUSIC CITY** - Next meeting: Sunday, May 3, 2:00, Skully's, Old Hickory

**NASHVILLE**- Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 7:00, Bikini Beach Bar, Antioch

**NORTHEAST**- Next Meeting: Monday, May 4, 7:00, Call for location

**ROBERTSON COUNTY**- Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 7:00, Piggy Pit, Springfield

**SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER** - Next Meeting: Sunday, May 3, 2:00, Smitty's, Lebanon

**SUMMER COUNTY** - Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 7:00, VFW Hall, Hendersonville or TBA

**TENNESSEE VALLEY** - Next Meeting: Sunday, May 17, 2:00, Call for Location Mark (Yog) 423-570-0250  
3/15/15 Meeting called to ordered  
Officers Report:

Membership Report: new membership program reviewed

Treasury Report: Balance reviewed. \$50.00 for state wide poker run sponsorship.

State Legislative Report: Legislative strategies reviewed & discussed

Events report: Fun Run April 19th, Motorcycle Awareness Ride July 26th, Wine Run with Upper Cumberland in September  
Meeting adjourned:

Next Meeting: April 19th will also the Fun Run starting at "Fanatic's Sports Bar" and ending at Champy's Famous Chicken. Remember life is a journey so take the long way home. Yog

4/17/15 Meeting called to ordered

Officers Report:

Membership Report: memberships reviewed

Treasury Report: Balance reviewed. No expenditures for March.

State Legislative Report: Legislative strategies reviewed & discussed for 2016.

Events report: Fun Run date changed to May 17th due to Sunday's bad weather  
Motorcycle Awareness Ride July 26th, Wine Run with Upper Cumberland in September.

Meeting adjourned:

Next Meeting: May 17th will also the Fun Run starting at "Hooters" and ending at "Clyde's on Main"

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

**UPPER CUMBERLAND** - Next Meeting: Sunday, May 3, 12:00. Call for Details, Ron 931-879-3899



Annette Robeck in committee chambers before hearing.

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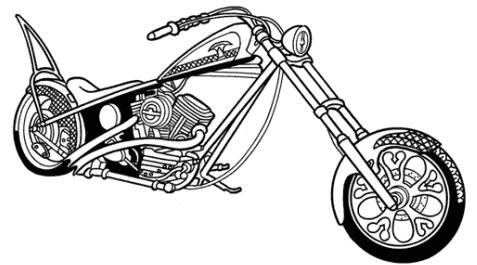
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## RECAP OF MOTORCYCLISTS OF ARIZONA'S 2015 LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

Chalk one up for the good guys. We got a big one this time. HB2345 passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor. This bill eliminated the restriction on handlebar heights. It wasn't easy, and it took a hell of a lot of participation from everyone. From educating legislators, to having the people calling and emailing them, it was a team effort. Over the last several years we have fought so many battles. And while we have not achieved all of our objectives, we have had successes on many levels. One of our greatest accomplishments was convincing a majority of legislators that we have actual grievances with law enforcement and having them take us seriously. This handlebar height bill was almost a slam dunk. We had the votes lined up in 2013, the research presented to many legislators was faultless. Karen Fann was actually telling other lawmakers that ARS 28-964 was a tool LE used to harass bikers. I wish everything we wanted to do was this easy. By easy I mean it only took a little over two years. There are so many laws that are used to harass us. Many people can't believe some of the reasons we get pulled over.

Some years ago several lobbyists saw that not every biker had a motorcycle endorsement. When I learned about this problem my first thought was to help make it easier for people to get their endorsement. What I found was that in Maricopa County there is only one MVD that does the testing and only Monday through Friday during business hours. What I knew was that if you took a rider safety course you could take the certificate to any MVD and get an endorsement without testing. I also found out that NHTSA had been giving Arizona more than \$200,000 a year for motorcycle safety

and awareness for five years. When I asked what was being done with that money I was told it was none of my business. So I went to a congresswoman on the House Transportation Committee for help. They were then willing to show me the latest grant and it's disposition. I had an idea that we could use that money for subsidies on motorcycle training courses. That actually became a reality. We probably can't retrieve the \$1 million plus that the legislature took but we can stop the future confiscation of our funds. The training courses are snatched up as soon as they are available. In past years the same problem was treated differently. The idea then was to coerce people into getting their endorsement for fear of punishment. A law was passed that criminalized the lack of proper endorsement. Being in an accident without it became a misdemeanor, if someone was severely injured or killed it became a felony. They didn't really advertise this new law much. It basically created a new class of criminals. Imagine a young man buying a new bike. He takes his girlfriend on a ride and they get hit by a left turn cager. She goes to the hospital with a broken leg, he becomes a convicted felon. The "lobby team" member who bragged about that law made me sick. My goal is to make life easier for the biker community. I don't see any need to make life harder.

I personally have a laundry list of laws I would like to pass but I serve at the pleasure of the ACMC board and I defer to them for guidance. They do give me some room to move but I am beholden to the members for my position. That said the greater biker community, having come together for this last bill, should come to decide what exactly they all want. We need to

work together because it is effective as we have seen. Coming into this MRO world is a great experience. I am constantly amazed at the amount of dedication and hard work so many people put into these efforts. I am equally astonished at how many do this with no concern for self aggrandizement. This is an area where one should leave their ego at the door.

People who contributed to this effort are- Deborah Butitta, Kat Grovers, Billy Larson, Paul Price, Bobbi Hartmann, Vic Grady, Mary K Donnay, Dave Kopp, the members of The ACMC, ABATE, MMA, MRF, The Defenders Program, and independent riders all over the state.

HB2345 goes into full effect on July 3, 2015

On to the next battle.

John P Dreyfus

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Note from Carol Simpson, MRF Assistant State Rep: Folks, sharing what other states have achieved in the past and brainstorming about strategy techniques is what the Meeting of the Minds is all about. After CMT/ABATE left a handout on the information table about handlebar height laws last September, three states have repealed their handlebar height restrictions this year!!!! We also learn soooo much from other states!! We need about six people to go to the MOTM in Milwaukee this year!!



D/H/H Charter members gathered at Waverly Elks on a cool March morning before riding through beautiful Humphreys County for a great cause. A good time was had by all!

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Updated April 2015

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