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Director's Column

Summer is finally winding down. I can tell by how nice it gets after the sun sets. A few days ago I rode over to Kingsport to attend the Northeast Charter meeting. It was nice when I left White County, but by the time I got to Knoxville, the road was stifling hot. The last 80 miles was like riding over a giant griddle. Thank goodness I could duck into Johnson City and spend a few hours with old friends.

I really enjoy going to Northeast meetings. The Director is a great organizer and keeps things moving right along. It's the only charter meeting I know where everybody gets an agenda just like at a State Board meeting. I also enjoyed the restaurant. Biggies has great food and a full bar. A couple of frozen drinks helped take the heat off the highway. By the time the meeting was over, it was almost dark. The ride home was extremely pleasant.

Well, there is lots to do this month. On the 12th you have the Caney Fork Memorial Run, and the very next day is Upper Cumberland's Wine Run. That'll be a great weekend. On the 19th is Northeast's Fall Colors Ride. I really hope I can make that. They have great rides through the mountains. And on the 26th, you have both the Points Field Meet Finals at the Roost in Lebanon, and the Bash in Memphis. I hate missing a good party. I'll look forward to seeing you on the road.

Dean Lucas

Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE
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Note: State Board Meetings are the second Sunday of March, June, September, and December



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rule breaking in the Senate, by Soldiering on and maintaining our own dignity, the bill's sponsors were able to move it to the finance committees.

It appears the truth is a subject that a lot of folks on the hill do not want

refused. If he would have stopped there my level of disapproval would have been left at the fact he was just a typical politician that has been bought. He continued to try to kill the bill even after we had the votes. You have to ask yourself if this is the type of man you want representing you in the State Senate, or, given his desire for a seat in the U.S House of Representatives, as a U.S Congressman. Maybe the voters in Rutherford, Bedford, Marshall, Moore and Lincoln counties will be able to find a more honest and respectable individual for their State Senate seat the next time around.

The continuing efforts to kill the bill have included adding foolish amendments in an attempt to change the fiscal note, asking the Attorney General to consider the constitutional validity of the bill itself, and now it would appear they have fired the man that calculated the fiscal note. It will be a tough fight to get this bill through the finance committees. We still need enough support to override a veto if it does make it to the floor. This is where you need to be contacting your members in the General Assembly and getting their "yes" votes.

We do have a policy of not putting anything negative in the newsletter, but when someone lies to us like Senator Tracy has, I think everyone has the right to know and We have the responsibility to inform them. I hope we are able to publish facts on any elected officials that conduct themselves with such little regard to their constituents. Part of the job of a legislative advocacy is that of a watchdog. This old dog will bite if you mess with him.

Finding a place to start this month is a little more difficult than usual, due to the fact I'm mad enough to hang every SOB on the hill. (Notice I only said the SOB's and not the statesmen.) During the years that I have lobbied on behalf of concerned voters of Tennessee, I have always treated everyone on the hill with respect and conducted business according to their rules. I have never resorted to lies to achieve my goals. It would only seem logical that one would expect to be treated in the same manner. One would also assume that would carry over to CMT/ABATE and the motorcyclists of our fair state. For the most part that has been true. Right up until the helmet law modification bill received a positive fiscal note. For the first time ever the real two faced politicians showed their true colors because they couldn't kill the bill due to what it would cost the State. The dirty tricks and lies were flying like Minnie balls at Shiloh. Even with the lies and

heard, especially when it deals with money. A positive fiscal note on second amendment issues and the helmet modification bill strikes fear in the hearts of the powers that be. What if the people were actually able to get legislation passed that protected their freedoms? The powers that be would be the people, as it should and not rich businessmen. We have the best government money can buy. The bad part is your rights and freedoms mean nothing to these traitors.

This month I want to highlight an individual that I have lost all respect for. Senator Jim Tracy of District 14 (Rutherford, Bedford, Marshall, Moore, Lincoln), has supported our efforts at least since Rhonda Williams was our Legislative Director. I have sat in on several meetings where he told us that we had his "yes" vote on the helmet bill. A man is worth no more than his word. We learned his actual worth when he had the opportunity to deliver that "yes" vote and

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Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, **pictures** etc. to keeblerg@yahoo.com. That being said, I am **BIG** on photos, I want more photos not only from events but of our members out there riding!

CMT/ABATE, Inc. is not a "Biker Club", but a non-profit, political organization that was formed to preserve freedom and safety for all Tennesseans who enjoy motorcycling. Our major goals are to modify existing laws that are detrimental to motorcycle safety and enjoyment, and to enact new legislation in support of all motorcyclists who ride in Tennessee. If you are concerned about preserving personal freedom and motorcycle safety, please join us.

Motorcyclists gather on July 26 in Chattanooga more Awareness Ride



Rebecca Starnes presents Awareness Banner to Director Yog of Tennessee Valley Charter. This banner was purchased by Steve Gilbert (RIP) when he was director of Piney River Charter.



Senator Gardenhire; Geof, GM for Thunder Valley HD; Scott McColpin, Legislative Director of TN Valley Charter.



Senator Gardenhire and TN Valley Charter Director, Yog.



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I hope everyone is paying attention to what is going on in DC. Yes, the ethanol content of gasoline is important to some as well as motorcycle only checkpoints. I know you are paying attention to both of these, but what I really want to encourage you to do is look at how the government is using little things like this to usurp your rights and freedoms. When a man keeps his eye on the door it's pretty easy to slip in through a window and clean him out. We as individuals may not be able to watch everything the federal govern-

ment does, but we can become members of advocacy groups that will do this on our behalf. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, the American Motorcycle Association, and the National Rifle Association are three good examples of just such groups. When the folks we send to congress don't want to look out for our well being it's good to know there are groups that we can be members of that will. Why don't you help by becoming a member of the MRF to start with? Who knows where it will lead you?

Our state has had a decline in MRF mem-

bership over the last few months. I contribute part of that to the fact I haven't been able to attend many events due to health reasons. You deserve an MRF State Rep. that can get out and build membership as well as spread the gospel of MRF. For this reason I will be stepping down and have asked Assistant State Rep, Carol Simpson to step in until the position is up for election again. All of this will be pending on the Board's approval at the next BOD.



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- 9/12 CaFo Memorial Run
- 9/13 UpCu Wine Run
- 9/19 NoEa Fall Colors Ride
- 9/25-27 Points Field Meet Finals
- 9/26 WoT Bash
- 9/26 UpCu Ride to Cycle Mo's
- 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

September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CaFo NoCu	2	3 WoT	4	5
6 MoCo/UpCu SWSR	7 MoCo NoCu	8	9	10	11	12 CaFo Memo.
13 UpCu Wine	14	15 Nash	16	17 DHH SuCo	18	19 NoEa Fall Cl.
20 TelVa	21	22	23	24	25 Points Field	26 UpCu Ride WoT Bash
27 Knee Meet	28	29	30			



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June 1, 2015

To ALL MOTORCYCLING FREEDOM FIGHTERS: TIME TO ACT IS NOW!!!

This is an extensive effort put forth by CMT/ABATE to gather numbers regarding the likely increase in motorcycling tourism should the 109th Tennessee General Assembly pass HB 700 Reedy, SB 925 Roberts, which would legalize freedom of choice for those 21 and older regarding the use of motorcycle helmets. 2016 is the second session of the 109th GA. During 2015 the bill passed House Transportation Sub and Full Committees as well as Senate Transportation committee. In 2016 the bills need to pass House and Senate Finance Committees and Floor votes in each body. Every bill has a fiscal note. For the first time in almost 20 years, this bill does NOT, at the current time, have a negative fiscal impact on the Tennessee State Budget. There are forces at work to change that. This project before you is our urgent effort to offset those efforts. The Department of Tourism has never weighed in with the Fiscal Review department to purport an increase in tourism dollars and taxes for the state due to increased motorcycling should Tennessee have Freedom of Choice regarding helmets.

YOU can make a difference.

Please, using the template provided, send a letter addressed to Rep. Reedy and Sen. Roberts, the sponsors of the bill. The figures of your increased spending in Tennessee are vital to the sponsors' efforts to have PLUS tourism dollars included in the Fiscal Note. CMT/ABATE will be gathering the letters and working with Legislative research staff to build a presentation that the sponsors will take to the Department of Tourism and the Fiscal Review Department.

Both sponsors are PERSONALLY and WHOLEHEARTEDLY engaged in this effort. Please be sure to thank them in your personal comments.

Looking forward to receiving lots of letters. Already have a couple dozen. Hoping for hundreds.

Please keep all of the basic information in the template, as our compilations for Department of Tourism and the Fiscal Review department depends on having consistently reported numbers.

What state are you from and how will you be requesting responses from your area of influence? Please forward this to any and all riders that will spend the money for a stamp and help with this effort!!!! We will continue to collect letters through the second week of October, 2015.

THANK YOU!!!!!!!

Carol Simpson
PR/Communications Director
CMT/ABATE, Inc.
Tennessee Assistant State Rep MRF
615 944 9797

Honorable Senator Kerry Roberts
Honorable Representative Jay Reedy
c/o CMT/ABATE, Inc. Legislative Team
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Name _____
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Date _____

Dear Honorable Legislators:

Thank you, very much, for sponsoring HB 700/SB 925 in the Tennessee General Assembly, which will make it lawful for motorcycle riders 21 years of age and over in Tennessee to choose whether or not to wear a helmet.

CHOICE 1-NON-TN RESIDENTS--I live in _____, _____. When this bill becomes law I will (once again, or, for the first time) ride my motorcycle in Tennessee. The total average amount I would most likely spend during my ____ day visit on my motorcycle would be \$_____ for food, tourism, lodging, shopping. I would most likely make ____ trips in a year, for a total amount of annual expenditures in Tennessee of \$_____.

CHOICE 2 – TN RESIDENTS-- I live in _____, TN. When this bill becomes law I will be so happy to tour and travel and vacation in Tennessee instead of having to ride to other states where I can exercise my freedom of choice. The total average amount of money for gas, lodging, food and tourism that I am likely to spend in Tennessee while riding my motorcycle instead of in other states, per year, is \$_____ per year.

Additional comments:

Again, thank you for your commitment to promoting Freedom in Tennessee.

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Signed _____

Honorable Senator Kerry Roberts
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I live in _____, _____. When this bill becomes law I will ride my motorcycle MORE OFTEN AND MORE MILES in Tennessee. The total average amount I would most likely spend during my additional travels on my motorcycle in Tennessee would total \$_____ for food, tourism, lodging, shopping per year.

Additional comments:

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Sign _____

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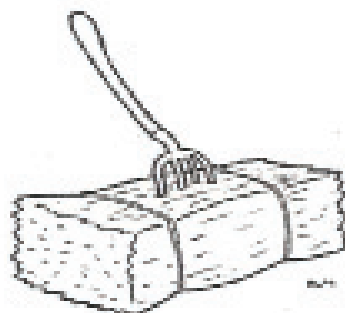
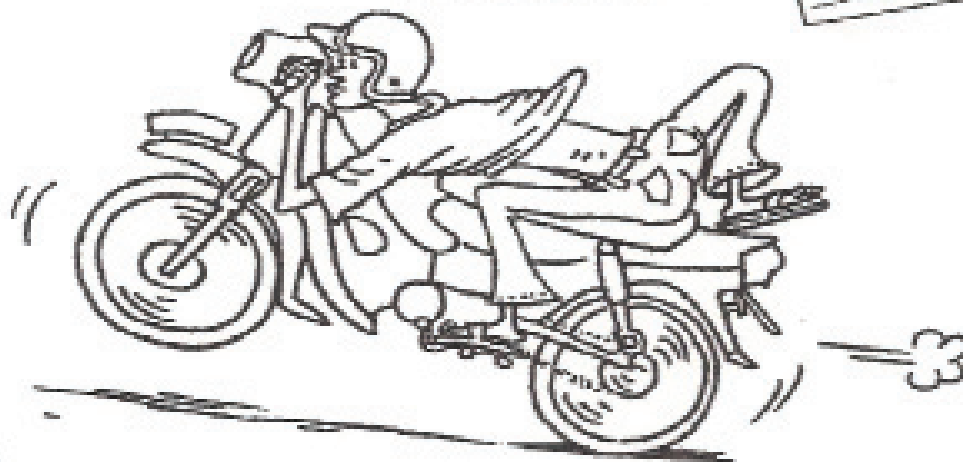
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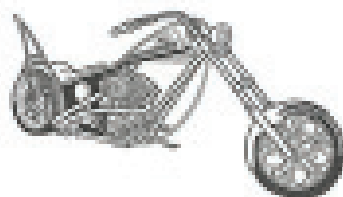
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Maybe he just got tired of leadership forcing him to lie through his teeth...

Fiscal Review Director Resigns. Rep. Mark White Cites “Tension.”



By rockytop on July 28, 2015

Jeff Spalding announced he was leaving as the state's chief Fiscal Review guru, less than 9 months after he took the job. Joint Fiscal Review chairman Mark White said there was “tension” between some of the lawmakers and Spalding. In this case, RTP speculates “tension” is nothing more than a euphemism for Spalding being asked to essentially lie through his teeth to come up with bogus numbers leadership needed to kill bills they disagreed with.

Anyone with half a brain knows that leadership and committee and subcommittee chairmen like Mike Harrison, Charles Sargent, Mark White, etc. regularly used the fiscal note as a bludgeon to kill legislation they didn't like – especially legislation that likely would pass if the entire legislature got a chance to vote on it. More often than not, controversial and dubious fiscal notes are produced with no one claiming or accepting responsibility for having requested them. It's a tactic people like Harrison learned at the knee of Jimmy Naifeh.

Big fiscal notes are then used to kill legislation outright or as an excuse to put a bill “behind the governor's budget” – an almost certain sentence of death.

Abusing the fiscal note is a slimy, dishonest and underhanded tactic, using highly questionable criteria, sometimes created

out of thin air and within hours or minutes of when it is needed to kill legislation that leadership doesn't like. RTP has exposed the practice before (See “Lies, Damn Lies and Fiscal Notes”). In that article RTP suggested that then-Fiscal Review Director Lucian Geise might want to get his resume updated. In fact, Geise was gone less than 9 months later, replaced by Spalding, who lasted a mere 6 months.

A great example of how it's done was the open carry gun bill sponsored by Rep. Micah Van Huss a while back. He got his bill out of subcommittee, and then magically, overnight, a ludicrous \$100,000 fiscal note gets attached to his bill. The Van Huss bill's fiscal note was almost comical in its reasoning: It claimed the state would have to reprint permit cards to reflect the new privilege of open carry. And just where did the anonymous \$100,000 calculation come from? It was obviously pulled right out of leadership's butt.

One of the more notorious examples of fiscal note abuse by the leadership was a Hall Income Tax bill by Rep. Billy Spivey. For weeks, his bill carried a nominal \$50,000 fiscal note. One afternoon, his bill got put on notice to be heard the next day. Then at 3:00AM (as in the middle of the night) someone anonymously had the Finance Review staff put a \$5 million fiscal note on

Spivey's bill – an astronomical increase. Hours later, the bill was defeated with the excuse that it just “cost too much money.”

What's more, leadership has for years blatantly ignored or twisted their own rules on fiscal notes. Fiscal notes are supposed to be calculated and attached to a bill shortly after a bill's introduction or being placed on the calendar, to give legislators time to research, consider, discuss and/or dispute the note and the merits of the bill. That rule is rarely followed and many bills not favored by the leadership are jerked around and slapped with a B.S. fiscal note at the last second.

RTP also reported on this phenomenon: (“Let's Get Fiscal”). We are nothing, if not thorough.

We will likely never know for sure if Spalding resigned over such shenanigans, but what is clear is that the fiscal note process is regularly used to cheat the process and to deny the voters the right to have legitimate floor votes on legislation.

Word is Speaker Harwell is going to replace Spalding with some former Enron accountants who are now out of prison and looking for work. Or maybe one of the bean-counting geniuses at Lehman Brothers?

Any way you add up the numbers, count on the taxpayers to get screwed.

Rep. Mark White



July 18, 2014

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Lone complaint forces CHP to remove lane-splitting guidelines from website

PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- A single complaint from a Sacramento man has forced the California Highway Patrol and other state government agencies to remove information from their websites that was intended to help motorcyclists safely execute the allowed lane-splitting maneuver.

Kenneth Mandler, a longtime state employee who now conducts training sessions on how to get a state job, petitioned the California Office of Administrative Law in 2013, claiming the CHP created an "underground regulation" by formulating and distributing guidelines for safe lane splitting.

Lane splitting, also called lane filtering, is the practice of riding a motorcycle or scooter between lanes of stopped or slowly moving traffic. The practice has been permitted in California for decades and no statute prohibits it. No other state allows the maneuver.

The CHP posted its guidelines with the intention of helping motorcyclists and motorists understand safe practices and to discourage unsafe lane splitting.

"Some have interpreted the recently published Motorcycle Lane Splitting Guidelines as rules, laws or regulations that could or would be enforced by the department," according to a CHP statement. "The guidelines were never intended for this purpose and were prepared simply as common sense traffic safety tips and to raise public awareness."

The Office of Administrative Law sided with Mandler, noting that CHP Commissioner J. A. Farrow certified that his department would not "issue, use, enforce, or attempt to enforce the public education information." The OAL determined that posting the guidelines on the website was "issuing" them.

"By forcing the California Highway Patrol to remove its guidelines, Mr. Mandler and the Office of Administrative Law are denying the public vital safety information," said Nick Haris, AMA western states representative and a member of the California Motorcyclist Safety Program Advisory Committee, which helped write the guidelines.

"Lane splitting is still allowed, and motorcyclists are still using this long-recognized riding technique to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety," Haris said. "But now, neither riders nor motorists have a place to turn for authoritative guidelines on the practice."

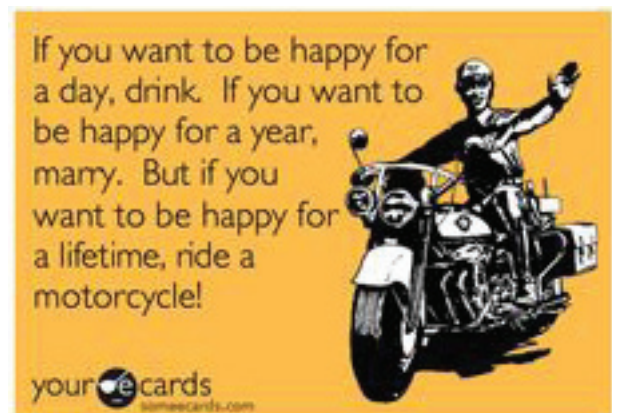
The AMA supports the continued use of safe lane splitting in California and the implementation of lane-splitting laws in other states, coupled with extensive rider and driver education programs.

The AMA position statement reads, in part: "Reducing a motorcyclist's exposure to vehicles that are frequently accelerating and decelerating on congested roadways can be one way to reduce front- and rear-end collisions for those most vulnerable in traffic."

Denny Kobza, of the Bay Area Riders' Forum and a member of the California Motorcyclist Safety Program Advisory Committee, said he was extremely disappointed that the CHP was forced to take down the guidelines.

"It is very disturbing that one person can affect three years of hard work," Kobza said. "We put a lot of hard work into those guidelines, because lane splitting is a safer way to go than waiting for a motorist to make a mistake."

Kobza said he has full faith in the California Highway Patrol's continued advocacy for motorcycle safety, and he hopes the guidelines can be reposted to state government websites soon.



CANEY FORK - Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 1, 7:00, Golden Nugget, Carthage

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN-
Next Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 17, 7:00, VFW, Dickson, TN

Due to UFC (Un Foreseen Circumstances) this retired reporter had to fill in for the newly elected Sec. Mary. You ain't even had time to miss me yet.

But on the 3rd Thursday at the VFW in Dickson 20 souls said the pledge to the United States Flag. Dir. Cycledellic Mark welcomed all peoples & gave a big Howdy & welcome to 2 guests - Mr. Silvester Grandpa Caldwell, the 94 year old WWII vet who sang Amazing Grace at the C.O.L. event, & the Grand Poopah of CMT/ABATE Mr. Dean Magoo Lucas. He then went over & introduced the new officers which made everyone clap their hands. Went over the injured or worse list with Jess Capps mom doing lots gooder. Mz Kelly Pig had surgery & doing great. The Tony Porter Benefit did good. Tony is in rehab in Ashland City making progress. Rep. J. Reedys's mother in law passed away. Traci Rich lost her mom also. Gruder is doing good with his heart prob. & some said he didn't have one! Mary's aunt was headed to hospital that's why she is a no-show. A good friend, Fisherman, and Old Skool Biker Freddie Vettters passed away Aug 10th. Had a lot of good times & memories of Freddie. And Dog Killer Wayne is still whinin about that dog he killed.

Mark went through officer's report. Retired but not Sec. Beefy read mins. from June meeting & everyone said "Dig It"! Asst Dir. Fry Daddy had nothin to report. Money man Lil John was late but made it & gave his report with \$\$\$\$ in the bank. Anytime any of you Freak Show members want to know details of your charters coin Lil John will be happy to show you the in & out of our bucks.

Mr Yardman Steve took off on his activities report which was the very cool & groovy Canoe Poker Run in its 18th year. Freakshow update - we done the Canoe thang at Buffalo River resort & had 30+ people float the clean & beautiful Buffalo River and for a man that was in the Navy - Steve must of turned over or fell out of his ship 20 times, 6 times just leaving the gravel bar! She Trip got a scarface when 4 boats wiped out like a wreck at Taladega. Wipeout Barry Hag even made it with family. Then the whole bunch of us went to Buffalo Roadhouse where Fry Daddy & Bay

had 2 butts cooked up & sellin damn good sandwiches. Everyone had a blast, Charter made some coin & Wayne didn't kill no dogs! Steve then said we'd do a fish fry at Bottoms Up in Oct.

Mark & Becky got State Wide Poker Run Books for sale. Got till Rodeo Finals in Sept. Get you a book! Nothing from Rd. Capt. Pigpen or Sgt. at Arms Dog Killer Wayne.

We took a big ole drank to Jesse Capps who took Rider Safety Course & got a M endorsement on her liscense! Hell Yeah!

We made a motion to pay for Grandpa Caldwells membership & every soul said "Oh Yes"! Be it so - Welcome to you Mr. Silvester Grandpa Caldwell our oldest member at 94! He got his first bike a 1946 Indian & had 5 different Harleys but stopped riding in 1979 and he drove Nascar for a few years. He's a kool dude!

Check your date your membership runs out & RE-UP man - Don't Xpire! Should be some good pics on our D-H-H Facebutt thang check it out!! Magoo had nothing to say and the congregation said a big Howdy to Kernal R.P. Monkeebutt who rolled in & cussed me! Now as far as I know this is my last report. Thanx again for reading my words. Long live the stars & bars! Nuff Said, We scattered. That's All From Me?? Beefy #757

KNOXVILLE - Next Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 27, 1:00, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson, Knoxville

MONTGOMERY - Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 7, 7:00, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville

MUSIC CITY - Next meeting: Sunday, Sept. 6, 2:00, Skully's, Old Hickory

NASHVILLE - Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7:00, Bikini Beach Bar, Antioch

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

ROBERTSON COUNTY - Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7:00, Piggy Pit, Springfield

Jeff led our Pledge of Allegiance and Samantha led us in prayer. Roland started the meeting. Treva went over finances, and Samantha talked about events. Please join us August 15, 2015 for Cancer Benefit Ride for Dewayne Groves. It will be held at OUR PLACE, 3838 Cross Plains Rd. Springfield, TN 37172. Registration is \$10.00 per bike. Kickstands up at 11:00am. All money raised will help family with medical bills.

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Event, will be held August 29, 2015 at 5870 Fred Perry Rd Springfield, TN 37172. \$20.00 entry fee includes dinner at 5:00pm and the band Buzzard Creek will play at 7:00pm. There will be a silent auction and raffle. Also we will have a chicken drop. BYOB.

Intervention Ride Sept. 12, 2015 a non-drinking ride. \$20.00 per bike and get a T-shirt, and poker run at Oak Hills Assembly of God. R2 won the 50/50 and donated money to our Down Biker Fund. Thank You.

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER - Next Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 6, 2:00, The Roost, Lebanon

Meeting called to order by Mike followed by pledge of allegiance at 2:09 pm.

All officers present except activities. There were 24 members present at the meeting. Nominations for filling the treasures position made as follows: Vern Hatfield, Jeanette Adams and Danny Youngs. The charter will vote next meeting on this topic. Please attend if possible.

Secretary Report: Correction from last meeting is Robin Long's birthday is in September. The date of his passing was in July.

Treasury Report: Report given by Ruth and motion made to accept.

Legislative Report: Bullit covered letter from Dean about the Lundwall case and the matter being dissolved. Everyone is out riding so MAKE SURE YOU STAY HYDRATED!!!

Membership Report: 1 new member Shelly Sanchez and 4 renewals. Birthdays for August are Jesse, Sarah, Luann, John, Ted and Shelly.

Activities Report: Not present, however Mark covered current and upcoming events.

Products Report: Resa said NEED SALES!! We are in the hole for what we have now.

Brief group discussion resulted in more ways to make money instead of spending.

Safety and Education: Ernest handed out do rags with "Don't Ride Fried" and air gauges from state office "watch for motorcycles and ride safe" as well. These are a salute to our previous Safety and Education Batman! Thanks for the service!

Old Business: Still have state poker run books for sale, see Mike for them. Swap-meet rain-date from May is September 19th at HDP MOTORCYCLE CONSIGNMENT 14346 Lebanon Rd, Old Hickory, TN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015 9 AM - 4 PM

Popsicle sticks idea motion made and carried but you must be present to win. Idea is you have to be a member in good standing, and present with your dollar donation to be able to collect winnings if your name is drawn that month. If you chose to donate your winnings back you will receive the same amount in Biker Bucks Motion made and carried.

New Business: Note next meeting date changed to September 13th due to the holiday weekend.

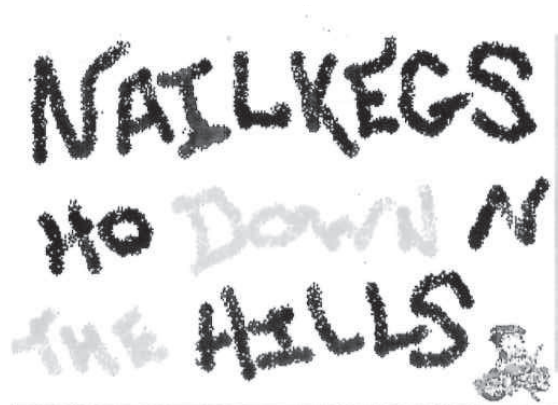
Later, Ruth

SUMMER COUNTY - Next Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 17, 7:00, VFW Hall, Hendersonville or TBA

TENNESSEE VALLEY - Next Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 20, 2:00, Call for Location Mark (Yog) 423-570-0250

UPPER CUMBERLAND - Next Meeting: Sunday, Sept. 6, 12:00. Call for Details, Ron 931-879-3899

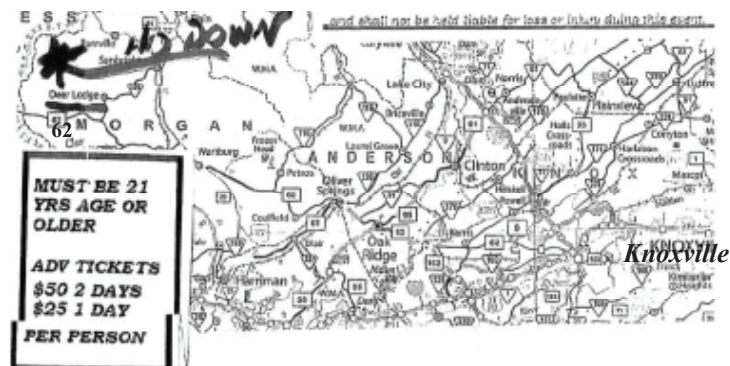
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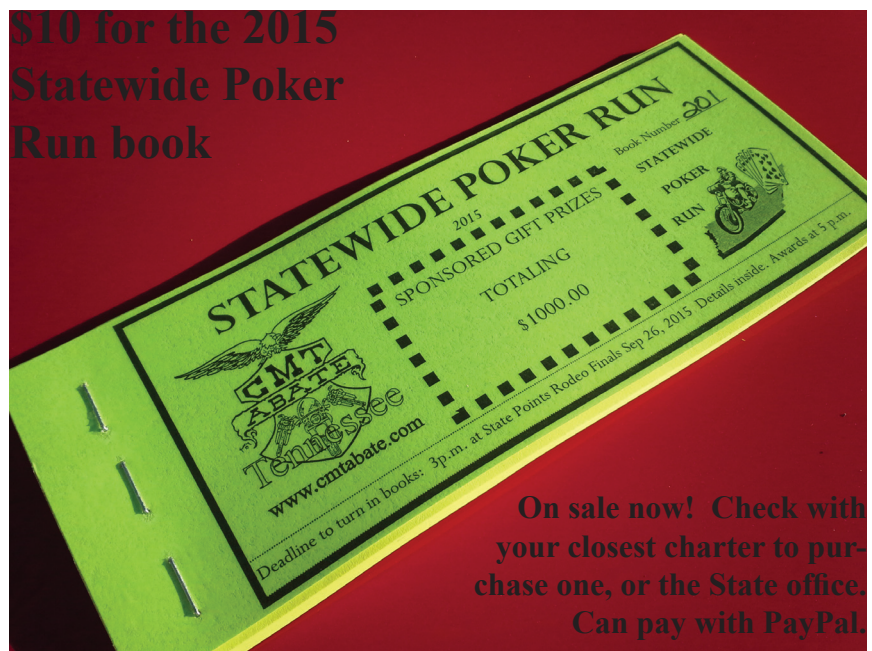
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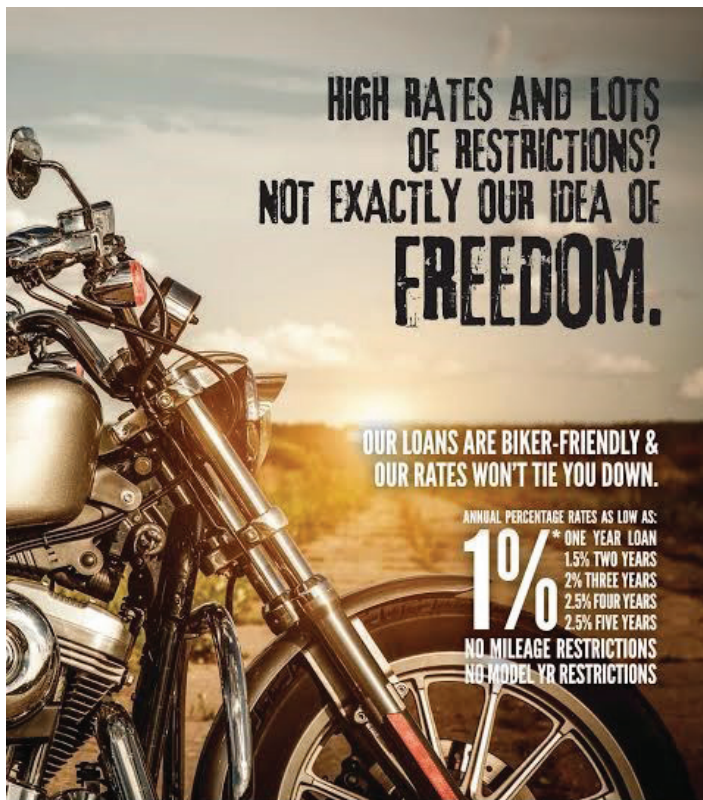
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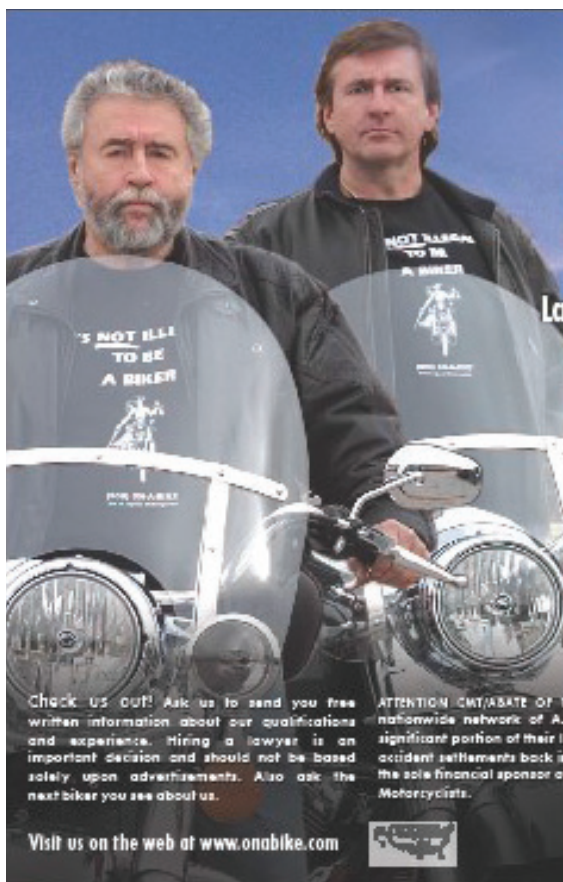


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