

# Tennessee Motorcyclist



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## NHTSA Requests Motorcycle Safety Money

Administrator David Strickland of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has submitted his 2012 budget request to the Appropriations Committees. One item in particular jumped off the page when the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) examined the \$860 million request. Section 3011, Motorcycle Safety Grants, includes a \$7 million ask that specifically adds the promotion of DOT compliant helmet use to the fund.

In the past, the motorcycle safety grant program has solely put money toward two areas: teaching people to ride motorcycles and educating the rest of the motoring public to look for motorcycles while driving. Diluting this already small grant program to include helmet use promotion will certainly diminish the effectiveness of the two existing programs.

In a recent Senate hearing, Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood was asked by Senator Lautenberg (D-NJ) to include a mandatory helmet law in his budget request. LaHood responded, "This administration believes that is a State issue." Apparently Strickland did not get that information.

It is troubling that NHTSA, whose mantra should be "crash avoidance," continues to promote "safer crashing." The MRF believes that the best crash is the one that doesn't happen. The MRF will keep you updated on this important issue.

...Contact your US Senators and Representatives to attend a town hall meeting or face-to-face constituent meeting. Let them know you are not happy with NHTSA's requests and actions. Do not hesitate to contact the MRF should you need talking points or help scheduling a meeting.



## RIDING OUT THE RECESSION



With gasoline prices approaching \$4 a gallon, commuters are turning to more fuel efficient motorcycles to save money. Sales and interest are up across the country, and many motorcycle dealers anticipate the popularity of motorcycles to increase even more.

Signs that the two-wheeled world is getting back on the road to recovery are coming from not only improving motorcycle sales, but also by the financial health of bikers themselves. Fewer bikers appear to be making late payments or defaulting on their motorcycle loans, according to a report issued by Fitch Ratings, a credit rating agency working with Harley-Davidson's Financial Services (HDFS) division.

In addition, the report also notes the improving market for previously owned motorcycles is again gaining strength, in part due to reduced inventory levels at dealers. This would allow for any repossessed motorcycles to be sold for a better price than they may have the year before.

*Excerpts from NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES  
- Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish*

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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 insure 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.

<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      615-642-8025	1st Saturday of the month at 4, at Lolly's, 342 Lebanon Hwy, Carthage
<b>Dickson/Humphreys/ Hickman</b>	Terry Davis      615-642-8025	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
<b>Knoxville</b>	Maureen Quaranto      865-354-8813	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday @ 7, Famous Dave's Knoxville
<b>Montgomery County</b>	Wally Baez      615-977-1248	2nd Tuesday @ 7, VFW Post 11160 Lafayette Drive @ Gate 10, Clarksville
<b>Music City</b>	Wendell Baldwin      615-838-1490	1 <sup>st</sup> 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	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday @ 7, Sagebrush Kingsport
<b>Robertson County</b>	Roland Verchota      615-533-636368 <a href="mailto:Verchotaw@bellsouth.net">Verchotaw@bellsouth.net</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 7, Piggy Pit Springfield
<b>Smith-Wilson</b>	Kimberley Marlin      615-310-3436 <a href="mailto:Kimmarlinabate@yahoo.com">Kimmarlinabate@yahoo.com</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday @ 2, AJ's Bar & Grill 8283 Carthage Hwy, Lebanon
<b>Sumner County</b>	Mark Davis      615-859-3333 <a href="mailto:Sumnercocharter.abateoftennessee@comcast.net">Sumnercocharter.abateoftennessee@comcast.net</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7, VFW Hendersonville
<b>Tennessee Valley</b>	Mark Moore      423-570-0250 <a href="mailto:Yog1958@yahoo.com">Yog1958@yahoo.com</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ 2, Mac's Pub Brainerd Rd, Chattanooga
<b>Upper Cumberland</b>	Rob Erwin      931-879-3899	1 <sup>st</sup> 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>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

## STATE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

April 2011

CMT/ABATE is on the move!!! We decided to continue having our meetings at the VFW in Dickson. They treat us great and we appreciate it. I want to thank Terry the Director and Beefy.

We are going to work with the U.S. Defenders program to help coordinate independents, ABATE members and Club members work on issues and legislation. We all need to work together on issues that affect us whatever group we may individually be a part of.

Our State wide poker run books will be out soon they are \$10 each and have over 100 stops in them some with discount coupons. Our treasury and membership continue to grow and grow.

The Charter Directors are going to be asking their members for people who want to work on the land purchase committee the will be set up. If you have expertise or want to be involved let your Director know. We will be setting up the committee at the June 12, BOD. It will consist of 9 to 11 members. If you have information that will help us find land in the middle of the state come to the next BOD and let us know. We are going to be setting up a land purchase account. Tennessee Valley has already pledged \$1,200 or 60% of their treasury. WOW.

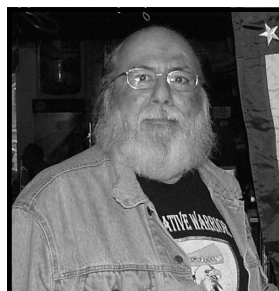
2012 is the 30th anniversary of the Founding of CMT/ABATE Inc. I am therefore setting the goal that we purchase land by the December 9, 2012 BOD.

This is of course the legislative season. There is a more favorable atmosphere since the November election. There is a no child under 5 can ride on a motorcycle as a passenger bill we are opposing and a bill to give a ticket on private property is you are not wearing a helmet which we oppose. We are submitting a Helmet choice bill to give riders over 21 who have \$15,000 in Insurance the choice to ride without a helmet. I have heard for almost 20 years the same cries of this will bankrupt the state yet 30 states have choice and are not broke because of it. Fact is 9 of the 10 safest states to ride in are choice states. Also of the 10 most dangerous states to ride in 9 out of 10 are mandatory helmet!!! So the struggle goes on between Truth and Freedom and Emotions and "Nanny" state.

The riding season is just around the corner and we will all be out having a good time. Remember a majority of the accidents are the car drivers fault so watch. (00 ) ( 00) out.

Brooklyn Tom

State Director CMT/Abate,  
NCOM Region V



### Want to be a part of this amazing organization?

Fill out the application below & submit with membership dues to the CMT/ABATE office.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Member ☐

Renewal ☐

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Type of Membership Desired:

Full Member \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Couple Member \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

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Junior \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime Membership \$200 \_\_\_\_\_

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# Ramblings

## LEGISLATIVE RAMBLINGS

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I want to thank everyone that made it to Legislative Day. I was very sick and unable to attend. I did hear that we had a very good day and the motorcycles went over very well.

I have been going over the "Who I saw & what they said" forms that were filled out. I plan on follow up appointments with several of them. In fact I have two this coming Wednesday. So everyone needs to keep up the good work.

Right now we need to be contacting everyone on the transportation committee. The members are:

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Everyone needs to call and ask for their support on HB1673 (Mathaney)/SB1466 (Bell), HB1810 (Tidwell)/SB1290 (Southerland), HB1811 (Tidwell)/SB1291 (Southerland).

Be polite and ask for their support. Remember, they will know if they have been getting a lot of calls on a bill or not. Everyone needs to take the time to call.

  
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So remember I can't do it by myself. It takes everyone to get involved. Or you can watch your rights fade away.

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**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**  
**Motorcycle Awareness Day**  
**At the Sounds Baseball Game**  
**Sunday, May 15th.**

## Upcoming Events

### APRIL EVENTS

**April 2 - DHH Bike Show & Tattoo Contest**

**April 9 - Caney Fork Motorcycle Show & Swap**

**Meet** (see flyer on pg. 6)

**Drag & Shine Event** (see flyer on pg. 13)

**April 16 - Tri County Swap Meet**

(see flyer on pg. 10)

**April 23 - Wheels of Thunder Legislative Ride**

**April 30 - Smith Wilson Bike Show & Swap**

**Meet** @ T&A Cycles in Lebanon

### MAY EVENTS

**May 6-8 Liberty Rally** (see flyer on pg. 15)

**DHH Poker Run**

**May 15 Sounds Motorcycle Night**

**May 21 Music City Event**

Governor's Highway Safety **"Share the Road" Event**

### Sad News...

Mike Marshall, 52 years old, left this earth on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. As a long time resident in the Nashville community and well known motorcyclist, he will be missed by many. Mike was not only well known as a motorcycle enthusiast but for his decades of employment as an exceptional diesel mechanic at Cummins.

Dear Mike – Rest in Peace & Ride Free Forever!

The next **Board Of Director's**

Meeting will be

**June 12, 2011**

at the **Dickson VFW.**

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



## April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 CAN FK DHH Bike & Tatto Show
3 SMW UPCU MUSCTY	4 NE	5 ROB	6	7 WOT BR	8	8
9 CF Swap Drag & Shine	10	11 MON	12	13	14	15
16 TV Tri-Cty Swap	17	18	19	20 DHH NASH SUM	21	22
23 WoT Legisla- tive Ride;	24 KNO	25	26	27	28	29
30 SMW Swap						

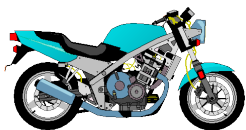


**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

## CANEY FORK CHARTER MARCH 4 2011

The meeting was started out with Dean Lucas led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Our first business was to appoint a new secretary Mindy Hortan she first and scott allmon [sec-ond.so](http://sec-ond.so) congratulations to mindy ..we had discussions about the swap meet and trying to get all the details worked out we decided it would need more of our members to decide so we made a date for another meeting so everyone of the members needs to be there it will be at caney fork motors @ 3:00.then we talked about our new shirts we decided on a logo and karla went and ordered them they should be back around march 29.we also got our bank account set up and karla reported to have 378.00 in our account. Plus the 20.00 we had for our 50/50 drawing that Robin Presley donated back to the charter so thanks robin..dean lucas..toby cherry..jeff parker for our 50/50 winning donations...we also had a new member Emily Thackxton..so that about wrapped it up and we adjourned at 5:30 ... karla parker



### AMERICA'S MOST DANGEROUS DRIVERS BY PROFESSION

Chances are the car that cut you off in traffic was driven by an attorney, or a judge, or government worker or maybe even a dog groomer, according to a new study listing the most dangerous drivers by profession.

A study conducted by an online insurance agency found that **lawyers snared the No. 1 spot** on a Top 10 list of "Most Dangerous Drivers By Profession," with 44% claiming a prior accident when receiving a car insurance comparison quote from insurance.com. Findings were based on accident claims as a percentage of quotes, the agency said, and used its proprietary data.

Here is the full list Insurance.com's study of most dangerous driver's by profession: 1-Attorney/Judge; 2-Financial professionals; 3-Government worker (GS6); 4-Bartender or Waiter; 5-Business Professionals; 6-Dog Groomer; 7-Marketing/Advertising professionals; 8-Barber/Stylist; 9-Coach; and 10-Nurse. So why did these folks rank so high? **Distraction.**

That was apparently the opposite for those on the other end of the study, deemed the least dangerous drivers. To that end are athletes and homemakers, the agency said. "Professions that demand multi-tasking - being on the phone, moving fast on a tight schedule - are prone to more distractions and, from there, more accidents," said Sam Belden, vice president at Insurance.com. "On the other hand, though the job of a homemaker demands multi-tasking, young children are often along for any car ride. And when children are involved, people tend to take their time and use greater caution."

# MOTORCYCLE SHOW & SWAP MEET AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW 1980 & OLDER CANEY FORK CMT/ABATE, INC



**April 9, 2011** CMT/ABATE

**Tennessee National Guard Armory**

**100 Transport Drive**

**Gordonsville, TN**

**Gates open at 9:00am**

**Admission \$5.00 Kids under 12 free**

**Bike & Car Show**

**Trophies for Best in Show and  
Best in Class**

**Vendors and Music**

**Bikes \$10.00 (ride in only)**

**Cars \$20.00 1st car,**

**\$10.00 2nd car**

**Judging starts @ 11:00**

**Bullpen will Be set  
up for you to sell  
your bike**

**Portions of the proceeds go to the Armory**

**For more info on vendors contact Carol @ 615-281-7279**

*Created by Fancy Nancy*



## Northeast Charter, CMT/ABATE

Meeting Agenda for Monday, March 7, 2010

Location: Sagebrush Restaurant, Kingsport

7:00 PM Open Meeting/Welcome Members and Guests

Members Present: Eric & Deborah Anderson, Tom Kyner, Scott Smith & daughter

Secretary Report: Read and approve notes from last meeting

Statewide Run: March- September 2011 Sponsorship Agreements sent in Feb. 15th.

The following vendors in our area are participating: Woodstone Bar & Grill, Ken's Cycle Center, Stateline Bar & Grill, Cappy's Apex, Johnson's Jewelers, Jim's Motorcycle Sales,

John's Auto Electric (aka WJ's), CMT-ABATE Northeast Charter Treasurer's Report: Balance: \$655.84 Membership Report: Please attend. Legislative Report: No speaker scheduled this month.

CMT/ABATE supports the following bills this year:

HB1810 by Tidwell/ SB1290 by Southerland

HB1811 by Tidwell/ SB1291 by Southerland

HB1673 by Matheny/ SB 1466 by Bell

CMT/ABATE opposes the following bills this year:

HB0081 by Hardaway

HB0153 by Ramsey/ SB0074 by Overbey

Upcoming Activities:

Saturday, April 9th Northeast Charter

Legislative Run (see flyer)

Prizes: \$150 first place, \$75 second place, 1 year membership in CMT/ABATE third place, two meals at Woodstone Deli for worst hand.

New Business:

You can now receive TN Motorcyclist newsletter by e-mail. Notify [edi-tor@cmtabate.com](mailto:editor@cmtabate.com).

Next Board of Director's Meeting March 13th, 2011 at Dickson, TN VFW at 1pm CST

Next Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2011 at Sagebrush Restaurant, Kingsport Adjourn

## Wheels of Thunder

Meeting Minutes

Pancho's Mexican Grill

March 3, 2011

Director Bob C. called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

We had 15 members and 5 ½ guests present at tonight's meeting. We also had 4 members renew their memberships, and one new member join.

Lynn reported we have \$2885.58 in the bank.

Bob introduced Molly and Lauren, from Le-Bonheur. They thanked us once again for being the single largest donor of toys to Le-Bonheur.

Bob encouraged everyone to visit the website ([wheelsofthunder.us](http://wheelsofthunder.us)) to view the list of ways to get involved. Click on "Volunteer" and pick out the things that you can do!

Bob gave a quick recap from the Lobby Day in Nashville. We had 6 members in attendance. It was a great opportunity to talk to representatives, sign up new members, and fun to show up in leathers. Tidwell rode his motorcycle and parked it inside the capitol. DeBerry signed on the reciprocal bill after talking to some constituents.

Bob will be picking up State Poker Run books at the March BOD (March 13, 2011). They are \$10 each. You have from March until

October 1<sup>st</sup> to get them signed at the locations. Based on the number of places you visit, your name will go into buckets for chances to win prizes. If anyone wants to help sell them, let us know. Dave wants 20, Drifter wants 5. Joy will take a few too. Bob listed the bills supported by CMT/ABATE and the bills we oppose. Go to <http://www.cmtabate.com/Legislative/Legislative.htm> for more information.

**April 23 - Legislative Run** – The purpose of this event is to raise money for the state to help with legislative expenses. It was decided to go with the scavenger hunt and make it open to cars too.

**April 28 (Thursday)** - Proclamation recognizing the Look Twice Sign Program, and proclaiming May as Motorcycle Awareness Month – all mayors will be present at the Arlington Sheriff sub station at 9:00 a.m.

Ron would like to see us set up booths at dealerships on Saturdays to help build membership.

Joy made a motion to buy the bus sign again. Ron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dave reported for Cecil that they have nailed down 4 more towns (Brownsville, Covington, Galloway, and Mason) for the Look Twice program. Recycle Biker Donated some signs (Thank you Dave and Amy!) so we would have enough to give the towns to get them

started. Stanton is the only one left in Tipton County, and they are also working on La-Grange and Summerville in Fayette County. Germantown is the only one in Shelby County that is not on board.

It was mentioned that small Look Twice decals (stickers) would be nice to have. Carol is looking into getting them with some of the grant money.

Preacha is trying to organize a joint effort in having a major safety rally including car clubs and motorcycle riders from all walks of life. He wants it to be a very diverse event and would like to see it become an annual event. He wants the media to be involved too. The Wolfchase Mall would be the venue. They have a meeting room where we could have seminars, and would allow booths inside and out as well as other outdoor activities. Steve Scheer reminded us about the Governor's Highway Safety Council Share the Road event being organized by MAFT. All riders are encouraged to ride to Nashville for fun and games on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Carol Simpson told us about building a circle. This year our grant increased to \$57,000 because they really saw us using the money wisely and making a difference.

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and approved by the membership. It's 8:48 and we're outta here!

### Upper Cumberland Minutes

Ron Called the Meeting to order. Dave Led us in the pledge. The minute from Last Month's Meeting was suspended. Dean then gave the treasury report. Lee then gave the legislative report. Lobby Day in Nashville was a good day for us all. We had 6 members go. The new legislators were very friendly and made us feel very welcome. We have 2 bills in the works this year. We talked about them. Lee talked to Kelly Kesley. He was very interested and said he would help us all that he could. Caney Fork is having a Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet April 9. Remember that the Liberty Rally is the 6,7,8 of May. We hope that all of you can attend. It's at the fairgrounds in Gainsboro, Tennessee. We voted to buy another cooler for the event. We talked about the charter going to the Wheels of Time in North Carolina. The Touring sheets are due in April. I am going to fix Upper Cumberland a Facebook page. I will be giving all of the members the info to it. We decided to change our business cards and add some new things to them. We are going to them. We are going to be sending our 100.00 renewal forms. WE had nominations for next year's officers. We had 6 member present and 3 guests. We gained a new member, Teresa Hale. We want to thank you Teresa. The membership drawing was not won. Ron won the 50/50 and donated it back to the charter. Thank you Ron. Our April meeting will be at Gearheads in Cookeville, TN. The May meeting is at the Dinner Bell in Cookeville. The June meeting will be at Lee's Garage. The meeting was then adjourned. Thank you Porky's for having us. Take care and ride safe. **BARBARA**



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## Dickson / Humphreys / Hickman County Charter

Bullwinkle Buchanan asked for a sign to hang in his store with info about laws passed by CMT/ABATE. Should have that by next meeting. R.D. Monkeebutt asked about progress on the Humphreys and Hickman County Meet and Greet. A meeting place has been located in each County. An ad is being wrote up to be in each county paper 2 weeks prior to us being there. All should be done and ready to pick a date by March meeting. Ms. Cassie Hall took the floor to say she went to the Montgomery County Charter meeting and offered our help and invite them to her bar – Scooters. She then invited everyone to her B-Day Party. Happy birthday to Herk on 14<sup>th</sup> and Cassie on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Check out our web site and facebook. Don't X-Pire - Re-Up! 50/50 done and won by George Cowboy SinSing, who didn't need it. Remember Bike and Tatto Show is april 2<sup>nd</sup>, Elections April 21<sup>st</sup>, Poker run May 14<sup>th</sup>. Nuff said, We Scattered, That's all from ME,

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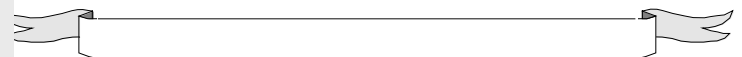
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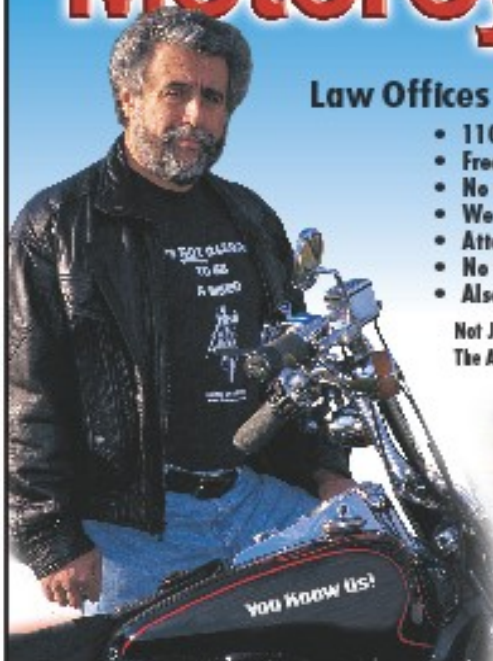
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## MOTORCYCLISTS AWAIT ROADBLOCK RULING

Motorcycle riders across the country are anxiously awaiting a decision from the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York which they hope will declare New York's "motorcycle only" roadblocks to be unconstitutional. The so-called "safety checkpoints", which target well-known motorcycle events, force motorcyclists to leave the roadway, regardless of any wrongdoing, and have their persons and property inspected for equipment violations, proper paperwork, DUI and stolen VIN numbers. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) is now providing Federal funding for law enforcement to conduct such motorcycle-only checkpoints nationwide despite objections raised by members of Congress and legal challenges from the biker community.

The New York lawsuit is the first to challenge the constitutionality of motorcycle checkpoints. The plaintiffs are being represented by Proner & Proner, led by **N.Y. Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Mitch Proner**, a motorcycle-riding lawyer who has a long history of doing "pro bono" (free) legal work to protect the rights of motorcyclists. The Proner law firm commenced the lawsuit on behalf of four motorcyclists who were detained at two separate checkpoints, as well as representing the interests of ABATE of New York and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM).

The checkpoints in question are funded by a grant from the New York Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and the troopers who work them are paid overtime. Although the stated purpose of the checkpoints is to promote safety, the majority of the more than a thousand tickets which were issued during the first year of the checkpoints had nothing to do with safety and instead focused on non-safety violations such

as loud pipes. The written guidelines for the checkpoints specifically state that one of the purposes of the checkpoints is to look for stolen and forged VINs and the police readily admit that they often have undercover members of their gang and auto theft units working the checkpoints looking for signs of criminal activity.

According to Proner, the Supreme Court of the United States has repeatedly made it clear that any roadway checkpoint whose primary purpose is general crime control constitutes an unreasonable search and seizure under the Fourth Amendment and is presumptively unconstitutional. Notwithstanding that fact, the progress reports which the police prepared on the checkpoints specifically state that the grant funds are used "for overtime for intelligence gathering and the subsequent criminal and traffic enforcement." The police admit that the checkpoints, which focus only on equipment violations and forged and stolen VINs, do not address any of the major causes of motorcycle accidents such as reckless driving, driver inattentiveness and alcohol impairment. The case, *Wagner et al. v. The County of Schenectady, et al.* could wind up in the U.S. Supreme Court. The future of motorcyclists' rights hangs in the balance.

**ADDED note from Carol Simpson, PR/Communications, CMT/ABATE regarding the Roadblock issue.** "In conversations with Department of Safety of Tennessee over the last year and half, it was determined that Tennessee, at this time, would not apply for the federal grants from NHTSA to garner funds for motorcycle only roadblocks. If this determination changes at any time in the future, the information will be published in the Tennessee Motorcyclist and through mass email communications."



## Buffalo River Charter Meeting March 3rd.

Meeting called to order at 7:36 pm late due to waiting on members to arrive. 6 members present no guest. Pledge.

Director's Report: 23 members at the present time. Dr. Joey Hensley's membership expired in February. Motioned by Mark and seconded by Cavie to renew Dr. Joey's as our State Representative's membership. Legislative Day was a great turn out unfortunately only 1 member from us made it this year which was Tony Gob-

ble. We have only added 2 new members for this BOD meetings so we will probably be given up the Membership Trophy this time unfortunately.

Secretary report given and accepted. Treasurer report given and accepted. Reimbursement to Mark for Oriental Trading order for St. Patty's Day Run.

Education - absent

Legislative-3 bills are up go online and check out more information on them. Email from Carol was given out regarding them.

Safety-get bikes ready for riding if

you haven't already.

Activities-Valentine's party went over well. We made \$81.50 to reimburse account for expenses. Swap meet we have 8 vendors so far is weather holds out. We need to be at S & G by 6-6:30am to help get set up.

Open forum. March 13th is BOD meeting in Dickson. Swap meet is March 19th at S & G from 9am til 4pm. Next meeting is April 7th at our usual time and place. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.



## Buffalo River 1<sup>st</sup> Swap Meet was a huge success!

We had a wonderful turn out for our first time. The crowds came and left, the sun came out and made the day even better. We ended up with 21 vendors that day which was great and they all asked to be at next year's. Special thanks to Carol and Betty for helping with our advertising in Thunder Roads Magazine. Thanks for all the help and the support in this event and we are looking forward to doing it again next year. All and all it turned out to be a great time. We would like to send a special thanks to S&G Staff, Sam and Ronny from S&G because we couldn't of asked for a better place to have it at, Betty, Dean, Carol and Kevin for helping at one of the entrance gates and manning the Membership and Safety Tables, Mary and Donnie for rejoining and stepping in to help at a moments

notice and our junior member Taylor Darden and her boyfriend Lucas Wisdom for all there help in this event from manning a gate, running to find someone, and even running coffee out to one of S & G's guys that was helping with parking. All and all it was a great success because we handed out lots of event flyers for the other Charters, membership information, answered questions about advertising in our monthly newsletter and added new vendors for other events. We ended up with 3 renewal memberships that day and several took our information to join later.

Thanks again and hope to see you next year at this event. Ride Safe.

*Lisa and Tink*

## Nashville Charter

Nashville Charter Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month at Bikini Beach Bar on Antioch Pike in Nashville. February Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Director Jack Jones who also led us with the Pledge to the Flag. We had 10 Members present and 1 Guest. Jack and Bette brought Pizza for everyone that had attended. Secretary Report: Motion was made and passed to waive the reading of December's Minutes and to except them as published in the Newsletter. Notation was made of January's Meeting was cancelled due to Bad Weather.

Treasury Report: Bette reported we paid \$300.00 for first Quarter of this years pledge. We have \$1786.91 in our account after all expenses have been paid from the January Kick-Off Party. Jeff Ferguson won the 50/50 at the Kick-Off Party, he then joined CMT/ABATE as a Lifetime Member the next day. ( WELCOME JEFF) Legislative Report: Carol reported Bills we are supporting A) House Bill 1810 By Tidwell, Senate Bill 1290 By Southerland, These are the Reciprocal Helmet Bills; B) House Bill 1811 By Tidwell, Senate Bill 1291 By Southerland, These are the Reciprocal

Equipment Bills. C) House Bill 1673 By Matheny, Senate Bill 1466 By Bell ( The Freedom Of Choice Bills ) The Bills we are Opposed to this year are HB0081 By Hardaway and HB0153 By Ramsey/ SB0074 By Overbey. I am sure everyone knows what these Bills are by now, if not Please check them out at ( WWW. CAPITOL.TN.GOV ) Carol reminded all of us and encouraged every one to attend Legislative Day ( On the Hill ) February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am. Congratulations to Montgomery Charter, after only 2 months of service they are putting up 20 SIGNS ( LOOK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE ) GREAT JOB MONTGOMERY CHARTER!!! Also would like to Thank Scott McColpin for the GREAT JOB he is doing for CMT/ABATE. Activities Report: Kevin gave us an update on the upcoming Poker Run. We had 89 Sponsors as of 2-17-11. Still needed 11 more to make our goal of 100. Discussion was held on how Prize Money would be given out. Kevin should have the books at our next BOD Meeting. The books can be ordered a head of time on our website at a cost of \$12.00, the extra \$2.00 is to handle additional expenses from ordering on the website. Books will be \$10.00 each when

purchased in person. Kevin also gave us a Brief Review of upcoming Swapmeet on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Lanes Motor Museum. Kevin also brought to our attention that we need more AMA Members in our organization to qualify for AMA Insurance, etc. At our Activities- This is vital due the reduced price of insurance, etc. A Motion was made and passed for Nashville Charter to pay for Bette's membership in AMA. We still need more members in the AMA to guarantee future qualification of AMA Benefits. Old Business: We discussed how great of a turn-out we had at the January Kick-Off Party, got several New Members signed up. We would like to Welcome all New Members to CMT/ABATE. New Business: A Motion was made and passed after a brief discussion to Loan Montgomery Charter money for the signs they will be putting up which will be paid back by April when Grant Money is Received. We have a lot of Events coming up by ALL CMT/ABATE Charters, so GET READY TO RIDE!!! Meeting adjourned at 8:15

**See ya'll Next Month**  
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*Vicky*

# NEW! Members

Welcome New Members!

Sum	Pete Bostego	Ca Fo	Karen Cook
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### Smith/Wilson Charter

Meeting of March 6, 2011 was called to order and pledge lead by Director Kim. All officer present with Scott and Peach absent. Kim stated that she is planning a cookout for our charter when weather gets better.

**Secretary Report:** Debbie read aloud the minutes from last month's meeting. Motion made and approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Shelly reported our monthly balance as \$1,016.51. Motion made and approved.

**Legislation Report:** Bullit reminded everyone that the Corporate BOD meeting will be Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at Dickson BFW.

**Activities Report:** Tommy is still trying to get in touch with a contact regarding the Jackson County Rodeo/ Liberty Rally. As far as he knows, we are still handling the games and hopes they are taking care of the trophies. Kim advised that she and Tommy would like to put together an activities committee. (volunteers requested) Tommy is planning to meet with Mark Waters and check out his place to host our Rodeo. Several of us rode and checked out the Wild Turkey Ranch location and they are completely booked this year and their cost is way outside of our budget and will not work.

VA-Veterans Nursing Home quarterly ride will be March 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone inter-

ested in riding to Murfreesboro will meet at T&A Cycle in Lebanon at 12:00 or meet at the Nursing Home at 2:00 to visit with the Vets. Kim suggested that we plan a poker run later this year that will end at the nursing home with proceeds going toward funding their Vets Night Out program. Everyone agreed and approved the idea.

Our Swap Meet-Bike Show will be April 30<sup>th</sup> at T&A Cycles in Lebanon. Anyone interested in meeting and riding to the Liberty Rally will meet at 8:00 at AJ's.

**Membership Report:** Skeeter reported the following:

Renewal: Art and Jane Kingsland  
Ruth & Bullit Patrick

New: Tony Ferrell

#### New Business:

- Kim stated she received a message on facebook that Sioux River ABATE would like us to participate with them in a T-Shirt swap on March 19th. Everyone agreed it would be fun.
- Kim announced that Cory Willett's son made it home the other day from Afghanistan.
- John Adams is planning to meet with City of Lebanon Mayor Craig-head about getting the "Look Twice - Save a Life" signs on the Lebanon City roads.
- Richard Peoples from Murfreesboro HOG chapter thank everyone for

what we did for the VA-Vets at Christmas. It was greatly appreciated. His group works with the Vets each month on the Vets Night Out program and welcomed our involvement. Donation hat was passed and proceeds present to Richard to help with his program.

- Kim stated that our charter will be one of the sponsors for the state-wide poker run.
  - Everyone agreed that we still want to go to the Ronald McDonald house this summer. Kim will contact them about dates. Also, we will look at sponsoring a family for a one week stay at the house.
  - Congratulations go out to John and Jeanette Adams. They are proud grandparents of a grandson that choose to come into this world 10 weeks early. All is good.
  - Debbie announced the members with March birthdays. Kim listed she had information flyers on several different events in our area and if anyone was interested to see her after the meeting
- Meeting adjourned at 3:30.  
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### Debbie

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