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Charter	Contacts	Meeting Times
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Nashville	Jack Jones 615-579-4112 jdj32K@yahoo.com	3rd Tuesday @ 7, Bikini Beach Bar Antioch
Northeast	Todd Cloud 423-963-8344 toddcloud9@gmail.com	1st Monday @ 7, Call for location
Robertson County	Roland Verchota 615-533-6368 Verchotaw@bellsouth.net	1st Tuesday @ 7, Piggy Pit Springfield
Smith-Wilson-Stones River	Jerry King 615-364-1378	1st Sunday @ 2, Smitty's Lebanon
Smoky Mountain	Kevin Haley 931-307-4031 kjhaley2012@gmail.com	1st Monday @ 6:30, Irish pub and sports grill in Maryville
Sumner County	Jeff Hollins 615-452-0409	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Hendersonville
Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin 931-879-3899	1st Sunday * Call for location
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

Director's Column

As with many that reach middle age, CMT/ABATE, Inc. seems to be having a mid-life crisis. No we aren't buying Corvettes and trading the ole lady in on a 21 year old air-head blonde, but we have gained members that know nothing of where we came from or where we have been, let alone how to get to where we are going. I'm glad I'm typing, because that would have been a might to spit out in one breath. I have spent my first few months as Corporate Director listening to many small problems come up that the founders of this organization dealt with in the beginning. We assume that some things will never return, but we forget time has a way of making everything new again. I have found that to be partly true due to things being forgotten by older folks and yet to be discovered by younger. So what does this have to do with us? We now have to educate newer members of our history and in some cases, how to conduct themselves properly in a biker's world. Simple respect is as rare today as a 10 year old "Jap" bike that ran in the 70s. We have our work cut out for us.

Now it isn't just the newer members, we have quite a few old timers that are a legend in their own mind and just can't wait for an opportunity to enlighten the rest of us on just how great they really are. Do not expect anyone to take you seriously when your historical dissertation begins with the word "I". CMT/ABATE, Inc. began with a "We". Before you try teaching, you might want to try learning. The bright side of this is that most of the older members did learn and still know what respect is and constantly are passing on our heritage to the next generation. It's like whiskey; you don't know the good till you taste the bad.

We will continue to move forward by getting back to our roots. That doesn't mean we won't be trying new ideas. That does mean that the main reason we exist is to repeal the helmet law in Tennessee and serve as legislative advocate for bikers across this State. If you don't agree with this, you might want to reconsider your membership.

We have a lot to do the next few months and we need the support of all our members. We are always open to ideas, but sometimes we just need a strong back or a little spare time. We want everyone involved. The same goes for our charters. Every charter could use more participation. Step up and take your share of the load and just maybe a little of your brother's. There will come a time when you will be proud you did.

I believe in this organization and what it can do. Yes, it needs some change to be more effective. If it didn't it would be perfect and perfection is only an unobtainable goal, but a goal none the less. I want to encourage everyone to gain a little more faith in CMT/ABATE, Inc. and a little patience when it comes to setting these changes in motion. I think you will appreciate the direction we want to take. If you don't, you will have the chance to give it a shot yourself the next time the Corporate Director's position comes up for election.

All of this might seem unimportant to many of our readers, but I think every word will hit home where it needs to.



Tony M. Dabbs
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



Legislative Director's Ramblings

Howdy everyone –We, CMT/ABATE, Incorporated are an advocacy group for Tennessee motorbike riders since our initial founding. Our mission remains that we work as a team for the rights, safety, and freedom of Tennessee motorbike riders. Faces and names may have changed – the core mission remains the same.

I apologize for last month's loooooong article and promise to keep it short. The General Assembly has gone home for the summer and fall, and they left a lot of unfinished business – a bit of it is ours. While I do not have an exacting list of names and Districts, suffice it to say that several seats will become open due to retirements, promised jobs elsewhere, appointments elsewhere, and perhaps a few losses.

As I speak to people who are “in the know” I will share information with Local Charter Directors and their Legislative Directors instead of publishing it here or on Facebook. A couple of our true Champions have a target on their backs – members need to support

them as much as possible. With retirements and possible appointments, there presents a chance to get the correct person in the job will appear in certain Districts.

Several of you have a particular Legislator who either did not represent your desires, or who has a habit of “changing their mind” during votes. If you have not yet instructed them, you have a choice – instruct them to repair the error of their ways or seek the views of their opponent and provide instruction. I cannot remember such a large (estimated) number of Legislators making a planned exit from the General Assembly. Let's take advantage of this unique situation.

What do I want? – Well, I'll tell you exactly what I want. I want each Local Charter to invite candidates and incumbents to their meetings. If you want me there to guide the discussion or just be a part of the audience, please ask me to be there and I will work it out.

Invite the gubernatorial candidates too? Well. Why not? I know at least one of those candidates who would be absolutely at ease

discussing the freedom-of-choice and other matters.

Bills we need to discuss with candidates and incumbents:

The Freedom of Choice Bill.

The Breakdown Lane Bill.

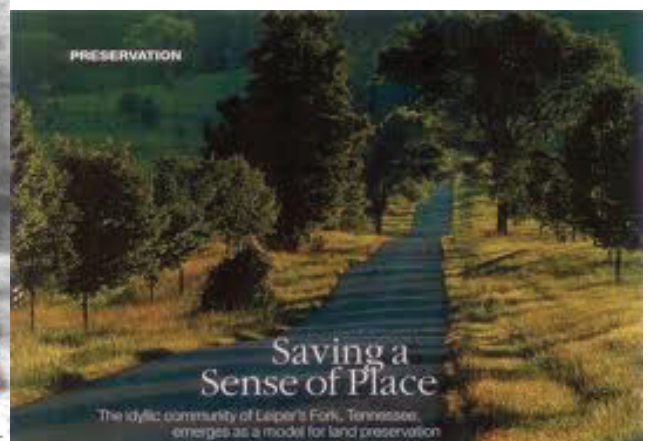
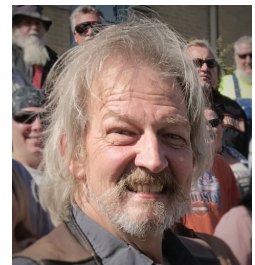
We want to work out the issue of “Road Guards” and do this without legislation, if possible. The Lobby Team will speak to Transportation Committee members and see if we can resolve this with a bit of minor changes to what is already allowed. Now, if we need your assistance we will be prompt to ask you.

I'll close with this; if you were at the State Board meeting you heard me say something to the effect of “in years past we told people that the Governor's opinion really did not matter. Just get your Legislators to pass the Bills and things will happen”. Yes, that is the way it used to be. The office of Governor is supposed to be very “weak” compared to the authority of the General Assembly. That has been allowed to change, and it now really matters WHO IS the Governor if we want to get our legislation passed. So, choose wisely.

Okay – Riding season is well underway and let's all be safe out there.

J. Robert Forbus

Corporate Legislative Director





MRF State Rep Report –

Wow! What a season the Predators had! Talk about a team that came out of the shadows to really take the spotlight. They started out the season as one of many teams, with a lot of promise, but no real expectations of going far into the playoffs. But they astounded everybody, not only by making it to the post-season, but by demolishing the Blackhawks (my personal favorite), followed by thoroughly stomping both the Blues and the Ducks. Which put them in the last place anyone expected them to be...in the Stanley Cup finals! They played some great games against the Penguins, and but also had a few less-than-stellar performances. It all came down to that final game in Nashville, where both teams had an exceptional night. The fight was fierce on both sides, but the defense was even tougher, and kept the game scoreless until near the end. One questionable referees call prevented an early lead for the Predators, and potentially the win. And the late-game score by the Penguins sealed the loss. The season is over, but the fans are already looking forward to next year, with a young team that has already proven they have what it takes. It should be an exciting season, starting with much higher expectations than the past season.

It was a great effort, with a rather disappointing chapter, and a very bright future.

But it's just a sports story, right? Well maybe some of this mirrors our own struggles in CMT/ABATE and the MRF.

Just as the Predators started out the season in the shadow of the "big name" teams, we motorcyclists are often working in the shadows of the big lobbyists in Nashville and in Washington. Nobody really expected the whole motorcyclists' rights movement to really go anywhere. But through our continued dedication and effort, and constantly getting better at what we do, we have had some tremendous wins. And with each win we gain more respect and more influence. We've had some hard fights, and some games we have lost. A questionable call can change the course of a hockey game, just as a questionable action can change the course of a legislative bill. But just like the Predators, we will come back next season stronger, with higher expectations. And in the end, we intend to hoist our own Stanley Cup in celebration of even bigger victories.

An important part of "constantly getting better at what we do", as noted in my previous rant, is educating ourselves, improving our skills and becoming more effective at our legislative efforts. There are several ways for our team to "get better", including working with our legislative team to gain more experience, participating in lobbying days or responding to requests for your ac-

tion such as submitting letters or e-mails to your representatives. One of the best ways of educating yourself is to attend a seminar dedicated to motorcyclists' rights issues, and the granddaddy of these is the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Meeting of the Minds. This year's event will be held September 21-24, in Williamsburg, VA. Details and registration are at: <http://mrf.org/events/>

Improving our team by "constantly getting better at what we do" is important, but we also need to build that team. It is difficult to win in any contest if we do not have the team members and the support needed. You've joined the CMT/ABATE team, and that helps us win our battles in Tennessee, but have you also joined the MRF? We need your support on our national team as well. The fights we win here in Tennessee can quickly lose to federal legislation. A growing trend towards law enforcement profiling of motorcyclists is being addressed through a resolution in both the US House & Senate. The EPA is pushing for higher ethanol content in gasoline, which can be extremely destructive in motorcycle engines. And the rapid development of self-driving cars can put all motorcyclists at risk without appropriate regulations and guidance on how they will detect and interact with motorcycles on the road. Please join our team at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation to help ensure our freedom to ride is protected at the federal level. With the two teams working together, CMT/ABATE here in Tennessee, and the MRF in Washington DC, we can ensure that roads will be open and safe for us to . . .

Ride Free,

-- Ed

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BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY BRINGS HUNDREDS TO WASHINGTON

May 31, 2016

WASHINGTON, DC – Last week, over 100 motorcyclists made the trek to Washington, DC to connect with elected officials from across the country in support of motorcyclists' rights. Participants included Members of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, State Motorcycle Rights Organizations (SMROs) and representatives from NCOM, as well as motorcycle clubs all across the country. More than 300 meetings with Members of Congress and their staff took place on May 23.

Dozens of motorcycles lined Third Street in front of the U.S. Capitol as rights advocates prepared to discuss issues critical to the 2017 legislative agenda. Among these included supporting the RPM Act, ensuring motorcyclists had a voice within the emerging area of autonomous vehicles, and the reestablished Motorcycle Advisory Council, as well as recommendations concerning the definition of a motorcycle. Notably, participants asked their legislators to support and co-sponsor recently introduced legislative measures citing concerns over the profiling

of motorcyclists (H.Res.318 and S.Res154).

Every meeting marked another critical step forward in building and maintaining relationships with congressional offices, and each meeting provided the opportunity to communicate directly with a wide array of lawmakers who are currently considering legislation that would affect the rights of motorcyclists. The event also helped to educate and raise awareness among elected officials about the challenges many motorcyclists face on our nation's highways. This was demonstrated in an event held in Cannon House Office Building, which allowed Members of Congress and their staff to experience these challenges first hand by using a SMARTrainer which simulates some of the situations riders experience. The SMARTrainer event, sponsored by MRF Awareness & Education, was hosted by Congressman Dave Loebsack of Iowa and was widely-attended.

President of the Board of Directors for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Kirk 'Hardtail' Willard said, "This mobilization of riders from across our nation delivered crucial messages ensuring our voice is heard in Washington. With every Member of Congress representing hundreds of thousands

of constituents, this event allows riders to deliver our message in person and hold our lawmakers accountable for protecting our right to ride."

About Motorcycle Riders Foundation The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.

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Note: The above article is a posting distributed to MRF members through their legislative alerts e-mail. If you find this interesting, please consider joining the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

- Ed

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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 keeblersg@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.

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

July 2017

JULY

4 Smoky Mountain Charter Parade Gatlinburg
15 SWSR Robin Long Memorial Poker run
22 UpCu Memorial Ride
22 CaFo Scavenger Hunt & Poker run

AUGUST

12 CaFo Relay for Life
19 CaFo Canoe Run
25-27 STR
26 CaFo Bike Show

SEPTEMBER

09 CaFo Poker Run
10 BOD
16 FrBr 2nd Annual Moonshine Poker Run
23 NoEa Fall Ride

OCTOBER

15 Smoky Mountain Toy Run
13-15 SwSr State Points rodeo Finals
21 Nash Fall Pumpkin Fest & Swap meet
28 DHH Toy Run

NOVEMBER

4 SwSr Toy Run and Chili Cook Off
18 CaFo Turkey

DECEMBER

1 Smoky Mountain Christmas parade
Gatlinburg
2 CaFo Toy Drive
10 BOD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 MUCU/UpCu SWSR	3 NoEa MoCo	4 SMT Parade	5 FrBr	6 WOT	7	8
9	10	11 RoCo Nash	12	13 SuCo DHH	14	15 SWSR Ride
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 UpCu Ride CaFo Ride
23 CaFo	24	25	26	27	28	29
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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

CANEY FORK

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN

FRENCH BROAD

June 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER (7:00 pm) by Scott

PLEDGE; Lead by Scott

PRAYER; Lead by Karen

CALL ROLL; 9 members

SECRETARY REPORT; Corporate is asking volunteers to sit on committee for funds from the State. Check Facebook page..

TREASURY REPORT; Legislative ride brought in \$ and deposited. Checking Mary unable to fill position. A nomination for Karen Mills for Treasury position by Dave Turner 2nd Dave Mills. Vote unanimous.

APPROVED MINUTES; For May 3, 2017 meeting (Vote count) 1st by Dave, 2nd by Will

OLD BUSINESS; State Points Rodeo is ready, concerns arose for the good of the charter. After a lengthy discussion it was to call to vote to cancel Rodeo. 1st Dane 2nd Shawn, Vote 6 to cancel, 0 for not to cancel, 2 abstain.

NEW BUSINESS; Set a meet and greet for the same weekend as the cancelled Rodeo. Band to play at 6:00 pm, we to serve free hamburgers and hot dogs? Now have Cross-bow and tickets are on sale.

OPEN FORUM; Every Charter in State have someone certified safety trainer. Low support from other State charters support. Explanation of the "Don't ride fried" carnival. What can be done to make "cagers" more aware of us.

NEXT MEETING;

July 5, 2017

ADJOURN; Motion to Adjourn by Will 2nd Shawn

MONTGOMERY

MUSIC CITY

NASHVILLE

NORTHEAST

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Johann lead off our meeting with the Pledge and George lead us in prayer. Roland welcomed everyone that attended. Our next meeting for July will be held on July 11th instead of the first Tuesday which would be on July 4th. We are happy to hear that George's son is doing very well, but will still have a long recovery from bike wreck. Please keep him in your prayers. Tim Hollis just lost his brother. Please keep Tim and his family in your prayers. Southern Thunder Rally tickets are now being sold. If you buy your tickets

early they are \$20.00 if you wait until you get to the Rally they are \$30.00. So get your tickets early. It is August 25th and 26th at Hickman Co Fairgrounds.

Connie Jones

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER

JUNE 4, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

The SWSR Charter meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by Jerry who also led the pledge followed by Vern leading us in prayer. All officers present except activities. There were 17 members and 2 visitors in attendance.

Secretary Report: Given and approved

Treasury Report: Given and approved

Legislative: Danny said he likes his position and knows that people at the Capital likes us. Activities: Kim and Jerry covered current activities and upcoming events.

Products: Resa had products and will be setting up at the Rodeo. Please see her if you have ordered anything.

Safety & Ed: N/A

Old Business: N/A

Marked talked about needing 2-7 people to form a committee for the Don't Ride Fried events and Grant money usage. Vern spoke to the charter about members with needs and thoughts of support for them. She has been busy sending cards and visiting etc. She has given 3 wind chimes to members who have lost family members. Jerry said we dropped ball on nominating for our 2017-2018 officers. Motion was made and carried to keep current officers with the only change being that David Marlin will take over as Safety & Ed. TP from the Caney Fork Charter welcomed all to their 2 July events. Motion to adjourn at 2:53 PM. Later.....Ruth

SMOKY MOUNTAIN

June 2017 Minutes

Open of the meeting

Approval of last meeting minutes and updates given to absent members.

Treasury report approved: no new changes

Old Business: July 4th parade

Details were discussed, jobs were dispersed among members and needs were identified. Flyers were handed out for distribution and replication.

New Business:

Grant monies opportunity possibly in the future: Shirts, road signs, and yard signs Bod Meeting the 11th. Officers were chosen to attend

Local run on June 17th for Christianson fundraiser and memorial. Voted to participate Card for fallen brother and his family. Further

support will be evaluated at later date as information is obtained.

Open Forum

Local radio station has invited us to do a PSA that will air numerous times during the day and invited us to be part of events at no cost for table.

Hat was passed for parade needs

Meeting adjourned

SUMNER COUNTY

WHEELS OF THUNDER

UPPER CUMBERLAND

The June Upper Cumberland meeting was called to order about twelve thirty. Reading of the minutes was waved. Treasury report was given and accepted by the members. Under legislation it was noted that Representative Keisling had a small operation but was back home and doing well. All our best wishes to him. It was also reported that Senator Beavers had declared her intent to run for Governor. This was greeted with enthusiasm. She has always been a supporter of ours. We would like to get some bumper stickers that say "Bikers for Beavers". Next were activities. Final report on Liberty Rally was presented. Congratulations to our own Lillian for winning the Ms Liberty Rally Contest. Our next event will be our Memorial Ride on July twenty second. We will meet at the Whistle Stop at ten in the morning. Finally we talked about Southern Thunder Rally. Just like last year, the charter will buy a ticket for any member who wishes to go. Our July meeting will be at Dean's, August is Northfield Winery, September is Highway Hawgs, and October is The Docks. Membership drawing was done and it was Lillian. Everyone ride safe,
Lora Beth Taylor



SOAP BOX

This is a new page I am including to give everyone a voice in our paper! As long as it is kept fair and clean... by that I mean no calling out people or calling them names... They will be edited for grammar, punctuation, content and clarity.

Please submit your comments and thoughts about whatever...

Thank you

The editor

Commentary



Hello From Smokey Mt Chapter!

I wanted to share the great word that is out there with the other charters in the state. East TN has a character of its own just as

any region. Many travel here for our numerous roads like "the Dragon", "Devils Triangle", "Moonshine 28" and more. Because of these great rides we also hear lots of ambulances travel these roads. For this reason, our passion and mission has been to focus on bringing back the Look Twice campaign for motorcycle awareness.

Last year as a charter we identified needs, interests, desires of the riding community. A plan was devised for the following year. We raised some funds for our initial order of Look Twice bumper stickers and then sought sponsorship/donations from businesses with motorcycle interests at heart. From the start of presenting the candles for fundraising and handing out the stickers at local events we have gotten a great response. Here are a few comments we have gotten:

"I am so glad these are back again, I have been looking for them!" (General Public)

"Can I have more for my other vehicles at the house too?" (General Public)

"My Dad rides can I take one for him!" (General public)

"Do you have any more for the police vehicles on ya?" (Local police sergeant)

"I like that buddy! I am going to put this on my horse trailer" (Gunner WIVIK).

There are so many opportunities that we have gotten because of our mission this year. Gained membership, gained sponsorship, and more people out there with helmet stickers and vehicle stickers reminding drivers to be aware that we are here. We have also been able to enjoy a hockey game and other events because of our support. But most important of all this campaign has given us the door to be able to share the message of Motorcycle safety rights and awareness as well as support to the community. We have made hospital visits, sent cards etc. to injured local motorcyclists as well.

The Gatlinburg parade is a huge tool to use for safety and awareness and other CMT-Abate purposes. This year we hope to include some special guys from the local area. Wait and see who it may be! Last year we had people and businesses from Colorado to Florida saying.. "Hey were you those

guys.! Way to go!" This and other efforts shows others what CMT/ABATE stands for and how they can be part of our efforts that affect their freedom as riders. Support from the other local organizations have asked if we could put bumper stickers on tables at events such a Joy of Music Ride in Maryville.

In conclusion, there are so many ways that we as CMT ABATE can spread the word and each community and region has to reach each a different way. What works in West TN may not work in East TN. What works in North East TN may not work in Middle East or Southern East TN. We must respect each other as to what gets the job done. Judgements must not be made or jealousies get in the way of the purpose that we are all serving. We had to find our way of reaching our communities and folks we have here in East Tn. Together the state as a whole will succeed if we all try to do as we did. I am proud of our community, thankful for our supporters in the community and our charter! We look forward to increasing our goals in the awareness campaign. Smokey Mountain will not sit still but thrive and join the efforts of the state to decrease lives lost or injured and represent motorcyclist legislatively.

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Smokey Mountain is spreading the word!



The Smokey Mountain Charter has been out in full force spreading motorcycle awareness throughout the Blount, Knox, Loudon and Monroe county areas. Members have taken stickers to all the places they work and play to remind people to LOOK TWICE and SAVE A LIFE this summer! Great Job Everyone!

Hello Everyone:

Sorry for the late report, Happy Memorial Day! Please honor and remember our Veterans.

The 32nd Annual NCOM Convention took place May 11th through the 14th, at the Silver Legacy casino and resort, in Reno Nevada.

Attendance in my opinion was down with not as many COC's in attendance. Please make plans to support and attend a NCOM event near you! This year's convention was one of the most informative, with great speakers presenting much needed knowledge in their sessions.

It all started with the Board of directors meeting on Thursday with your chance to meet and talk with representatives from each region.

Friday started off with the AIM Attorneys conference. Great information about the Waco, Texas tragedy, RICO and its effect on your organization, and discussion about cases of unlawful terminations of patch holders from their jobs.

After lunch we had the opening ceremonies, where we was Welcomed from the Mayor of Reno. A beautiful and entertaining woman who did a question and answer quiz about Reno, with some members from the audience.

A legislative task force meeting followed, for people to be aware of what is happening in Washington and around the states, and world. What is being done and what you

can do.

Break out sessions followed, where you were able to choose to attend a meeting of your choice. Topics to choose from during this time were; Women in Motorcycling, Clean and Sober round table, Veterans Affairs - Your Rights as a veteran, and Christian Unity.

All of these courses are very good and informative.

Following these was an update on Federal Anti-profiling Legislation, then the Confederation of Clubs General Patch Holders Meeting.

Saturday was another day full of great information. Started off with the General Session, with the ringing of the bell, for riders who are no longer with us.

Regional meetings happened next. Where you could attend a meeting with people from your region, to discuss and find out what is happening in your area. Slider Gilmore presented a class on the Diabetic Rider. A must do, if you get a chance to attend one of his classes.

Bowtie a local attorney gave a course on civil rights and how to protect them. What to do and say during traffic stop. Everyone who attended received a book, to keep with them explaining our rights when dealing with law enforcement. A very entertaining speaker, Rick Mellon, gave a class on Driverless Vehicles and what it means for Motorcyclist. This is scary stuff, and is going to play an impact on

motorcycling as we know it very rapidly. Our future is at stake! Be informed and get involved!

The night ended with the Silver Spoke Award Banquet. Awards handed out were.

Government - Joni Ernst - Senator, Iowa

Media - Thunder Roads Magazine, TN

Legal - Christopher Slater - AIM Attorney - OR & WA

Entertainment - American Picker - Frank Fritz

Special Recognition - Stephen "Bowtie" Stubbs - NCOM Attorney, NV

Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award - Boar - BOD - NCOM, Liaison for Confederation of Clubs.

Up coming events, with Flyers and more information to follow. Please plan to support and attend. Region 2 and Board of Directors meeting - November 11th 2017 - Oklahoma City, OK.

Region 5, Yes our very own Region will hold our 1st Event. February 17th 2018 - Springfield, TN.

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