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Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman	Mark Proctor 615-477-0171	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
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Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

Director's Column

I really enjoyed April. The second was Mule Day in Columbia. Sam over at S & G always gives us a free table. There are people who expect us to be there so they come down and renew their membership. The food and drink were tasty and the band was kicking. The next day was UpCu meeting in Livingston, and then the ninth was CaFo / SWSR swap meet in Gordonsville. It was a little cool, but a beautiful day. They had everything so well organized all I had to do was have fun.

I made the Legislative Retreat on the tenth at Montgomery Bell State Park. That was very informative. There may be another one later this summer. Then on the 16th I got to do DHH's Celebration of Life ride. It was a wonderful ride down country back roads. We even had a great lunch in Centerville. The next day was TeVa's Mystery Fun Run in Chattanooga. The mystery started early when we got to the first stop and they were closed. Then only deepened later when we hit the Road Closed sign. But we did have fun. Where the DHH ride was serene, this one was much more spirited. We would charge up one mountain, and then fly down the other side. And it was a real mix of machines. Road bikes, sport bikes, Spyders and even a Slingshot.

There was nothing on our calendar for the 23rd, so I got to go do the ride for the Biker Medical Clinic out of Adrenaline in Lebanon. The people from the Nashville Bike Week were there. The first 50 people to sign up for the ride got a Bike Week t-shirt. I hear it will get you into the first day of the Rally for free. The ride itself was textbook. SWSR and the Misfits MC were road guards. Everything went smooth. Not only did they raise hundreds of dollars, but the Bike Week people donated another thousand on top of that.

Get out and have you some fun.

Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE
State Director



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The entire house and a third of the senate are up for your approval this year. The following information shows how legislators have voted on our agenda this session. As a representative of CMT/ABATE, Inc., you are not permitted to be involved in politics, but you may do so as an individual. Monetary campaign contributions are always welcome, but manpower is also needed. Working a fundraiser, door knocking and passing out campaign literature are important ways you can get

involved. You can help in districts other than your own. Seeing a biker working on their behalf might just change some critical committee votes next session. The common sense thing is to oppose those that oppose us, but we have some unique districts in the state that might require a gentler hand. Nashville and Memphis are two such areas. Legislators from these districts don't normally see bikers at their campaign events. Now would be a good time to form relationships with



some of these folks that hold seats on both transportation and finance committees. Yes, committee makeup can change, but nothing would be lost by building a better presence in these key districts. In some races we have incumbents that think the state and certain corporations should have complete control over "WE THE PEOPLE". One such race is in Williamson County. Charles Sargent may have voted yes on the respect bill, but fought hard to prevent adult freedom of choice. Riding without a helmet in a controlled situation suited him, but giving in to the will of constituents does not. The American Automobile Association controls the puppet and purse strings, not the voters. He has opposition that believes in letting those who ride decide. You can make a difference.

MRF State Rep Report –

OK, We lost . . .
. . . this battle . . .
. . . this time!

As Tony noted in last month's newsletter, our helmet law modification bill died in the senate finance committee, and was blocked from moving forward in the house finance committee. But this is only a temporary setback on this one issue, which will be revisited very soon, and we have plenty of other battles ahead of us to concentrate our efforts on.

Although the Tennessee legislative session is over, we continue to address a wide range of issues affecting motorcyclists both here at home and across the USA.

On the national front, there is another attempt to increase the amount of ethanol in our fuel supply. H.R. 4673, the Renewable Fuel Utilization, Expansion, and Leadership Act (the "REFUEL Act") would provide federal grants for blender pumps for E15 fuel, which has not been tested and approved for use in any motorcycle or small engine – in fact, EPA prohibits its use in motorcycles. Think about that – they want to use your tax dollars to provide more fuel that you cannot use – and if you did use it, it could damage your bike! You might want to call your US Representative to let them know you don't think this is a good idea or a good use of your tax dollars.

There are a few positive actions coming out of Washington DC. One of these is H.R. 4715 and S. 2659, the "Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016" (RPM Act). This act would protect the right of Americans to modify their vehicles for racing purposes. This legislation is in response to proposals by the EPA to regulate the conversion of street motorcycles and other motor vehicles into race vehicles, and would ensure that converting any motor vehicle (including street motorcycles) into a competition-only vehicle remains legal. Personally, I don't race, but I've known plenty of guys who've built some fine racers out of a stock bike (or car). If you don't want to see this type of hobby get tied up in regulatory red tape, call your US Senator and Representative, and ask them to support H.R. 4715 and S. 2659.

You can get updates on these and other federal issues through your membership in the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). You are a member, aren't you?

Locally, Montgomery County Charter had a big success presenting our "Don't Ride Fried" campaign at Fort Campbell. Of course, one of the biggest "local" issues is the upcoming elections. In addition to the highly publicized presidential election, quite a few state and local offices will be decided in November. At least one of those who worked against us is up for re-election this year. This may be a good

opportunity for you to exercise your rights as a citizen, and help ensure that the person elected to these positions is one who understands and supports our efforts to regain some of the freedoms that have been taken away from us. The difference of one or two seats in either the house or the senate could be the deciding factor in our legislative efforts, especially if that is one of the leadership positions.

Tony is hard at work setting up a series of legislative workshops. These will be important in deciding how we move forward with any helmet law modification efforts, defining other legislative issues we want to address, and helping our members exert a positive influence on the upcoming elections. Please, if at all possible, plan on attending these sessions. This is why we exist as an organization, and the input of all our members will be needed to be sure we continue to move in the right direction.

Ride Free,
-- Ed

Ed Domine
MRF State Rep
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ELECTION INFO

Here are the votes from THIS YEAR on the Helmet Freedom of Choice Bill
Remember when you go to VOTE in the Primary Election on August 4, 2016
More Tennessee Senate and House campaign info in July issue.
Let's stack the deck in OUR favor!!

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TO OFFER INSIGHT AND ASSISTANCE DURING THIS ELECTION CYCLE
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HOUSE VOTES ON HB 0700 FREEDOM OF CHOICE

HB 0700 by PRIMARY SPONSOR: ***Reedy**, COSPONSORS: Goins, Weaver, Casada, McDaniel, Rogers, DeBerry, Ragan, Keisling, Brooks K, Alexander, Butt, Hill T, Windle, Sexton C, White D, Todd, Sanderson, Matheny, Holt, Powers, Sexton J, VanHuss, Sparks, Carr

HB0700 by Reedy - **FINANCE, WAYS & MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE:**

Rec. for pass by s/c ref. to Finance, Ways & Means Committee 2/3/2016

Voice Vote - Ayes Prevail **Rep. Hawk, Sargent requested to be recorded as voting No.** Other members of FWM subcommittee present for the voice vote and assumed to be **AYES are: Alexander, Kevin Brooks, Camper, Fitzhugh, McCormick, McDaniel, and Todd.** (See list above for cosponsors)

HB0700 by Reedy - **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

Rec. for pass. if am., ref. to Finance, Ways & Means Committee 4/7/2015

Passed

Ayes.....8

Noes.....5

Present and not voting.....1

Representatives voting aye were: Alexander, Hill T, Keisling, Sanderson, Sexton J, Weaver, White D, Windle -- 8.

Representatives voting no were: Armstrong, Beck, Camper, Matlock, and Smith -- 5.

Representatives present and not voting were: Ragan -- 1.

HB0700 by Reedy - **TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE:**

Rec. for pass by s/c ref. to Transportation Committee 4/1/2015

Passed

Ayes.....4

Noes.....1

Present and not voting.....1

Representatives voting aye were: Hill T, Rogers, Weaver, Windle -- 4.

Representatives voting no were: Matlock -- 1.

Representatives present and not voting were: Ragan -- 1.

SENATE VOTES ON SB 925 (Freedom of Choice)

Votes for Bill SB 0925, primary sponsor Kerry Roberts.

May 22, 2016, Senate Finance Ways and Means Committee

Ayes----- 5

Noes-----6

Senators voting aye were: Randy McNally, Joey Hensley, Mark Norris, Bill Ketron, John Stevens

Senators Voting Nay were: Thelma Harper, Doug Overby, Reginal Tate, Bo Watson, Steven Dickerson.

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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.

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

- 6/4 DHH Celebration of life
CaFo/SWSR State points field meet
- 6/12 Board Of Directors
- 7/9 SWSR Robin Long memorial ride
- 7/31 TnVa Motorcycle awareness ride
- 8/13 CaFo Relay for Life
- 8/20 CaFo Canoe run
- 9/11 Board Of Directors
- 9/18 TnVa/UpCu Wine run
- 10/1 SWSR State points field meet finals
- 10/8 CaFo Memorial ride
- 10/15 Nash Swap meet
- 10/29 DHH 29th annual toy run

CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				WOT	SWSR/CaFo	DHH Run Field Event
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
MuG/UpCu SWSR	MeCo MeCo	MeCo				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BOD TnVa				DHH SuCo		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
TnVa		Nash				
26	27	28	29	30		

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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

CANEY FORK

Read minutes. Dean took copy to put in paper. No legislation. Dean Lucas led the pledge. Raised \$233 in bottles for Pregnancy Home. Talked about Liberty Rally. Helping with gate. Ordering remembrance shirts for members that passed. Get flyers to give to bikers for joining Abate. Ride in Honor Ride. BoD meeting on the 12th. Relay for Life in place of canoe run at Wilson Bank Trust august 13 at Gordonsville branch. Made \$700 at swap meet. Motion made to donate \$100 to Lynn Barrett. Sparky 2nd the motion. Discussed moving date of swap meet 2 weeks later in april.

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN

April 21, 2016

D/H/H Charter meeting on April 21, 2016, came to order and 21 members, 1 junior member & 5 guests rose to say the pledge led by Mark Proctor. Then Shelia Triplett, our new Road Captain, led us in prayer. As Mike Boehm was donating his time to the Dickson County Help Center – Thanks Mike! The guests who were present spoke of Jay Reedy & his determination to help fight for our cause. He is a fighter and believes we as riders should have the freedom of choice to wear helmets or not. Then it was business as usual as Mark began to discuss sickness & injury in the community. Baby Olivia went into cardiac arrest this morning but she is still fighting. It's a day to day changing battle. She faces a lifetime of surgery. Bob & Kathy Jackson are out of the hospital and in Rehab. It's going to be a long road to recovery for them. Please keep them in your thoughts & prayers. D/H/H is hoping that they all get better soon!!! Barry Hagewood came in & made his rounds & even Mark gave him a kiss on the cheek! It was hilarious! The whole room was rolling! Our ride on April 16, 2016, went fantastic. It was a beautiful ride and over 50 bikes showed up to ride. It was a success. Shelia Triplett signed up 3 new members at the event. No other officers had anything else to report... not even Bobby Burgess. But Shelia was officially voted in as the new Road Captain. Congrats Shelia! You did a great job on the April 16th ride. Steve Teston began to discuss activities. May 14, 2016, is our Bike & Tattoo Show. 8 Classes, trophies for each class and Best of Show. Gates open at 9 am, and our ride that day will begin at noon. Come on out and join us for food, fun & a great

ride! June 4, 2016, will be our 2nd Annual Celebration of Life Memorial Run. The Road Riders for Jesus will be putting on a pancake breakfast that morning from 9-10 am. Then we will have chicken for lunch. It's gonna be a great day for a great cause. D/H/H received a Thank You note from the Dickson County Help Center for our food donation. Yay! After that a motion was made, 50/50 was played & we went our separate ways. Meeting adjourned. Jess Capps, Secretary

MONTGOMERY

MUSIC CITY

HEY GIRLHERE'S WHAT I HAVE AMANDA CALLED MEETING BOB DID PLEDGEWENDELL ACOUTANCE STR WAS SET FOR AUG WENDELL ASK ABOUT SPONORS SHEET AMANDA SAID SHE WOULD SEE SHE COULD ABOUT THATSWAP MEET AT SKULLYS MAY 7 TH LIBERTY RALLY MAY 13-15SPAGHETTI DINNER 150.00TALK ABOUT A BRESKFAST BEFORE A RUN DID SET A DATE GOING TO HAVE A TOY RUN IN JULYWENDELL IS TO PICK UP TICKETS FOR STR TUESDAY HOPEFUL FLYER TOOIF WE HAVE FLYER BOB AND WENDELL ARE A RUN TO ALABAMA ON MAY 21 MEET AT SKULLY'S AT 9 WHO EVER WANTS TO GO IS WELCOMEALSO VISTA CHURCH IS HAVING FIS FRY ON THE MAY 21 AT THE CHURCHJUNE 18 RIDE TO FAT DADDY IN DOVER TN JOEL AND GLEN WILL ROUTING OUT THE WAY50/50 19.00 I THIN KS IT IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION CALL ME HATTIE

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ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Pit in Springfield. Jeff started off our meeting with the pledge and Robert said the prayer. Please keep in your prayers for Lee Groves that he found out that he has cancer, and for Jeff's Taylors cousin. Trish's Dad is doing better and we are thankful for that. They are talking about doing a ride on May 15th to Hickman County Fairgrounds to check out the area for the Southern Thunder Rally 2016. Advance tickets are on sale now for \$20.00 and if you wait until the weekend of the Rally August 26th and 27th they are \$30.00. If anyone knows of any vendors that might be interested for the Rally please get in touch with Samantha Stubblefield. Thanks to the Pit for our

sandwiches and chips to eat. Donna won the 50/50 and half of the money went to the Down Bikers Fund. Thank you. Connie Jones

SUMNER COUNTY

WHEELS OF THUNDER

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May 2016 Minutes

The SWSR charter meeting of May 1, 2016 was called to order at 2:10 PM by Jerry who also led the pledge. Prayer was led by Shrek. All officers present except Products. There were 33 members in attendance.

Secretary Report: Given and approved
Treasurer Report: Given and approved
Legislative Report: Bullit said May if Motorcycle Awareness Month. Get your road signs out and in your yards! He stated there have been 25 deaths already this year. Group discussion followed. Jerry said unless we only want to ride our bikes in parades, we all need to be careful and safe. Look in your mirrors and know your blind spots for large vehicles and stay out of them.

Membership Report: Welcome all. It is good to see Roger Peach back and renewing!! May Birthdays are Bullit, Tommy Jones and Paul Brown.

Activities Report: Tommy said we got a refrigerator for the Roost. He is still working on getting wood though. He said he appreciates all the help he has been getting at the Roost. It is still a work in progress. He covered current and upcoming events. The gas grill raffle is still in the works. Vern also mentioned the member of the year award. It was decided to table discussion until October. There was a motion made to have our June meeting at the Roost after the rodeo event. Motion carried and passed. We will meet at the Roost Sunday, June 5 at 10 AM.

Products: N/A

Safety and Ed: Ernest said think about your surroundings while riding alone and in groups. Group discussion over rules for road riding in groups. Peach said stager (lead) shouldn't speed and everyone stay in formation.

Old Business: Nominations for Officers.
Director: Jerry King. Assistant Director: Terry "Shrek" Rosson and Kim Marlin.
Secretary: Ruth. Legislative: Bullit and Danny Youngs. Activities: Tommy Jones. Treasurer: Kay "Vern" Hatfield and Mark Waters. Products: Brian Kent and Resa

Cooper. Safety and Ed: Ernest. Membership: LuAnn Rosson and Leslie Sullivan. Sgt at Arms: James. We will vote at the June meeting.
New Business: NA
Motion to adjourn at 3:26 PM....later.....
Ruth

TENNESSEE VALLEY

UPPER CUMBERLAND

May 1, 2016

This months meeting was held at Poe's DinnerBell in Cookeville. Ron opened the meeting and Dave led us in the Pledge. The reading of last month's minutes was waived. Dean gave the Treasurer's Report. All is in good order.

LEGISLATIVE: We are renewing our MRF membership

ACTIVITIES: \$50 is being sent to the STATE for insurance

LIBERTY RALLY – By the time you read this the rally will be in the history books. Hopefully we had a great turnout and super weather. Will report on it next month. Medallions ready for the rally. T-Shirts are in and look great/

CHARTER FUN RUN (AKA POKER RUN) – sheets go on sale today. We need to get out and support the businesses that are on the run

Groundhaws poker run on April 16th went well. They are having a Veterans run June 4th. \$20 PP includes a T-Shirt
June 16th – 19th - June Bug Boogie in Cookeville, Has been a good time in the past

June 24th-26th – Harley Drags in Bowling

Green, KY

June 23th –26th – Red Ass Bike Bash, Irvington, KY Small but fun rally

OLD BUSINESS –NONE

NEW BUSINESS – Go to Poe's more often. They are on the Summer Fun Run
June 5th Meeting is at Trina's home in Pall Mall

July 3rd Meeting is at Dean's House in Sparta

August 7th Meeting GroundHaws Social Center in Jamestown

September 4th Meeting – Obed Hideaway 50/50 winner – Jack

Membership drawing – Keeta Hamilton, not Present

Thanks to Poe's for having us.

Meeting adjourned

Ride Safe & Free



Proposed Expansion of E15 Fuels Could Endanger Motorcyclists

April 25, 2016

In March 2016 a bill was introduced in Congress that would provide grants for developing the infrastructure to deliver fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol.

Introduced by U.S. Rep David Loebsack (D-Iowa), the Renewable Fuel Utilization, Expansion, and Leadership Act (H.R. 4673, otherwise known as the "REFUEL Act") would provide federal grants for the purchase and installation of equipment (pumps, storage tanks, pipes, etc.) specifically for "dispensing fuel contain-

ing covered renewable or alternative energy". This equipment would be key in expanding the availability of E15 fuel, a blend of gasoline that includes up to 15 percent ethanol.

In cooperation with our Sustaining State Motorcycle Rights Organizations, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) opposes the implementation of any fuel blend that contains anything higher than a 10 percent ethanol content without further research on the effects of these blends on motorcycle engines.

To date, none of the motorcycles in use

in the United States are certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to operate on fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol, and use of E15 fuels in motorcycles may damage fuel systems and void manufacturers' warranties.

Because this bill directly violates the Agricultural Act of 2014 (also known as the FARM Bill) that prohibited funding for special ethanol blender pumps, and because E15 fuels can damage motorcycles, the MRF encourages you to contact your U.S. Representative and ask him or her to oppose H.R. 4673.

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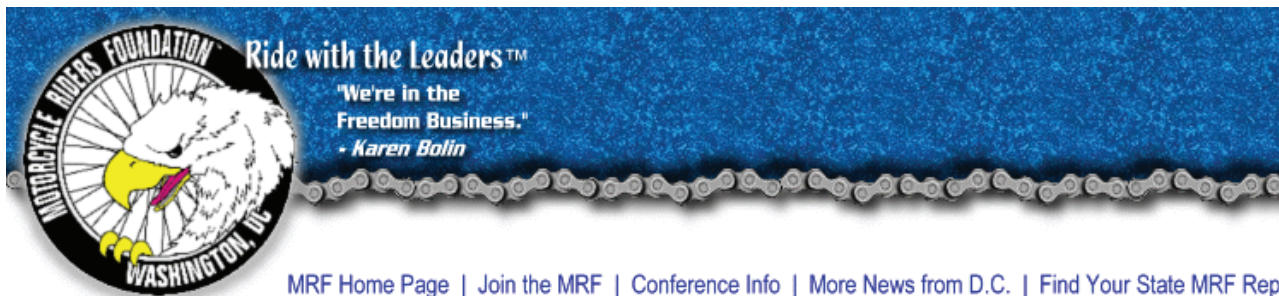
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To: LEADERS, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS
ALL TENNESSEE MOTORCYCLE CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

As I have said in past communications, CMT/ABATE, Inc. is your legislative advocate at the Tennessee State Capitol. We work for you, but we need your input to do the job. For the next six months we will be doing legislative meetings across the state. If your club, riding group, motorcycling organization would like to host a meeting we will be glad to be there to provide information on why we are where we are with freedom of choice helmet legislation and listen to what you have to say about future bills. No group is too large or small for us. The more folks we get to meet with, the better off we all are in the long run.

Contact me at themotorsickledoc@yahoo.com to set a date.
These meetings are not membership drives for CMT/ABATE, but we will have applications with us.
I hope y'all keep us busy the next few months.

Tony M. Dabbs
Legislative Director
CMT/ABATE, Inc.



Members of both Houses of Congress have introduced proposed legislation that would protect the rights of Americans to modify their vehicles for racing purposes. Dubbed the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016 (RPM Act, H.R. 4715 and S. 2659), this legislation would ensure that converting any motor vehicle (including street motorcycles) into a competition-only vehicle remains legal.

This proposed legislation became necessary after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under the guise of maintaining emissions as outlined by the Clean Air Act, announced plans to regulate the conversion of street motorcycles and other motor vehicles into race vehicles. This attempt is reminiscent of the EPA's

efforts back in 2003 to regulate motorcycling through another unrelated proposed regulation aimed at heavy equipment, steam engines and diesel engines that would have prohibited owners from changing anything on their motorcycles except for paint color or chrome.

Through the Color and Chrome initiative, the MRF was successful in separating motorcycles from the EPA's regulations and created exemptions to protect the custom and aftermarket industries and our lifestyle.

On April 15, 2016, the EPA announced that, under pressure from Congress, it would drop the language from its proposed regulations; nevertheless, it shows

the clear intent of the EPA to attempt to overstep its bounds, as outlined by the Clean Air Act, in an effort to strip motorcyclists of the rights to modify their motorcycles as they see fit.

The MRF urges its members to contact their U.S. Representative and Senator and ask them to support H.R. 4715/S. 2659, the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016, so that the EPA makes no further attempts to erode motorcyclists' rights.

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"What are YOU doing?"

June is the final push to have any influence in the primary elections. Many times the primary offers the best chances if you wish to unseat an opponent. More critically, if your House Representative or Senator is challenged in the primary by a well funded opponent, they need you more than ever!

Some may remember our most recent campaign election upset in 2004. He was the Chairman of the Transportation Committee. He continued to claim to his constituents that he would not oppose or stand in the way of our helmet bill while we watched him do the very opposite.

This Chairman thought that he had his 9th term in the bag. He even told a prominent biker constituent that there weren't enough bikers in his district to prevent his assumed reelection. Ahhhh, the memories of the day that changed the face of the constituent biker in the Tennessee Legislature!!!

Earlier that election year bikers came to lobby the legislature with shirts that read "I RIDE & I VOTE." I very well remember how our presence was received. Employees were not ungracious but were very obviously 'tolerant' of our presence because their job required it. Some even opted not to get on the elevator with us on it if it stopped at their floor. In worst cases there were actually House and Senate members who refused to be available to meet with their visiting constituent biker.

When bikers banded together to put a message out that we will be heard with our votes, everything changed up at the Capitol. Mine and Randy's House Representative had his first reelection bid and a very challenging one at that. We had a thriving charter in Warren County at the time and made sure to invite Judd to

our events to help with votes. We even convinced other motorcycle events in his district to welcome him to speak about our liberty as motorcyclists.

We weren't the only bikers working to help our friends get reelected either. So when 2004 rolled in and the legislature kicked back into swing, the absence of mister chairman getting fired by bikers was of top discussion among members. Helping even more, Judd made sure to chime in that his constituent bikers were a tremendous help in his reelection campaign as did other members who received our help.

All the sudden we had much greater impact than just the 3% of the motoring populace. We were valuable door knocking, event introducing, baby kissing & vote getting members of their district. When we returned to the Capitol in 2005, we were very highly received & graciously welcomed as highly esteemed members from their community.

So back to why June is so important. July 4th is a Monday. By Tuesday folks have returned to their daily grind. Early voting opens the following Monday, July 11th. The majority has made up their mind by July. So June is truly do or die for primary races.

Do you know if your House or Senate members are friends or foes? NOW is the time to ask them this question - "When CMT/ABATE, Inc presents a bill to restore my liberty to choose what to wear when I ride my motorcycle, will you support it or oppose it?" Don't accept a waffle of "I'd have to read it before I commit to it." If your incumbent says they will oppose it, ask the same question of his/her opposition.

What motorcycle events are happening in your community during June? Can you get in touch with the event promoter to secure an opportunity to introduce a candidate that commits to supporting our

liberty in front of a motorcycle targeted audience?

In a couple cases, Randy and I set up a table to promote Judd when he could not be present. We made sure to share pictures of doing so in our newsletter and then took him a copy to make sure he knew we working for his reelection efforts.

Right now Judd has a primary opponent who has been funded \$200,000 in an effort to beat him for his seat. Randy and Rhonda have jumped into action. With the help of other bikers in our community, we're promoting a Liberty Bike Show June 25th in his district featuring a helmet optional parade.

I will be preparing corporate information that suggests how to represent CMT/ABATE, Inc while helping your candidate's election bids in the main race of November. Due to time constraints and my own personal demands, this may not be available until after the primaries. I would be happy to help make suggestions to anyone who asks "how can I help my candidate" if you will reach out to me. But time is of the essence if they have a primary race to first win!

Please do whatever you can to make sure that members return to the 110th General Assembly with stories of how their biker constituents helped them get elected or reelected! Make pictures of your efforts and get them to Keebler for the newsletter. Your lobby team deserves that kind of power and legacy when they go to the Capitol to work for YOU.

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds." - Francis Bacon

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HASLAM ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE OF BILL GIBBONS

Department of Safety and Homeland Security commissioner has led public safety subcabinet

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam today announced Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Bill Gibbons will leave the administration at the end of the summer.

Gibbons has led the department since the start of the administration in 2011 and has also served as the chair of the Governor's Public Safety Subcabinet. Under Gibbons' leadership using a data-driven approach, traffic fatalities in Tennessee have decreased – five of the six lowest years in the last 50 years have happened under this administration. He also directed improvements to the driver services division, including the addition of new technology, that have resulted in the average wait time dropping from 35 minutes in 2011 to less than 20 minutes and better customer service for Tennessee taxpayers.

"Bill's passion for public safety has been an incredible asset to our administration and to our state. He has been instrumental in creating and carrying out a coordinated public safety action plan that helped make Tennessee safer, and I am grateful for his service to Tennessee," Haslam said.

As chair of the Governor's Public Safety Subcabinet, Gibbons led the group of 11 commissioners and agency directors, developing an action plan that resulted in reduced methamphetamine production, an increase in the number of drug treatment court participants, tougher sentences for repeat domestic violence offenders, and more family justice centers across the state. Gibbons also co-chaired the Governor's Task Force on Sentencing and Recidivism, reviewing the state's sentencing structure and helping shape the Public Safety Act of 2016.

"I am thankful to Gov. Haslam for giving me the opportunity to serve as commissioner and as chair of his public safety subcabinet. It has truly been a special opportunity to make a tangible difference in state government and the lives of many of our citizens," Gibbons said.

Gibbons joined the administration after serving 15 years as Shelby County District Attorney General. Prior to that he was a partner in the Memphis law firm of Evans & Petree and served as a member of both the Memphis City Council and the Shelby County Commission. Gibbons first started his state government career in 1979 as a special policy assistant for former Gov. Lamar Alexander.

Gibbons' last day as commissioner is August 31.

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Most motorcyclists I know engage in safety conversations on a regular basis. Sometimes they are full of angst, anger against government intervention in our lives, and disgust at the fact that so many motorists do not watch for motorcycles. All true.

But what can YOU do? I'm not going to tell you. But I am grateful for conversations, long ago and recent, that has helped me to navigate my motorcycles along many, many miles. One small wreck. One tip-over when I shouldn't have even been in the saddle, and one wobble and fall down when I first got my 82 Sturgis. And many, many, many near misses.

Have that conversation with other riders; put the good tips in an easily accessible area of your brain.

Don't Ride Fried.

Find the Watch for Motorcycles messages on the internet and pass them along through your Facebook and Email to EVERYONE.

You can check this website EVERY DAY to see how the motorcycle fatalities are stacking up this year and last year—as well as other pertinent information about traffic fatalities.

<http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/safety/attachments/dailyfatality.pdf>

As of May 13, 31 motorcycle fatalities in 2016 in Tennessee. 34 last year same date. Seems like more, because we are more aware of the crashes because of Facebook and other social media. Also, seems like the bulk of the fatalities are due to right of way violations. I will be researching this as far as the data available allows. More, soon.

Very sad at the loss of lives. Tremendously grateful for the accidents in which lives were spared, including my son Chris and granddaughter Ava. Miracles do happen.

Carol Simpson, Life Member



Tennessee Traffic Fatalities - Daily Report
YTD 2015 vs. YTD 2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	YTD Total
2015	70	57	68	68	41	302
2016	59	79	85	74	38	335

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	YTD Diff
YTD Difference	-11	22	17	8	-3	33

Passenger Vehicle Occupant Restraint Usage

	Rest.	Unrest.	Unk.	Total
2015	92	114	23	229
2016	120	119	27	266

Teen Driver Involved

	Age 13-19
2015	25
2016	35

Senior Driver Involved

	Age 65+
2015	85
2016	78

Land Use

	Rural	Urban	YTD Total
2015	164	138	302
2016	167	168	335

Non-Motorists

	Pedestrians	Pedalcyclists	YTD Total
2015	34	4	38
2016	34	2	36

	Rural	Urban	YTD Diff
YTD Difference	3	30	33

	Pedestrians	Pedalcyclists	YTD Diff
YTD Difference	0	-2	-2

Large Truck or Bus Involved

	Large Truck	Bus
2015	31	3
2016	38	1

Motorcyclists, ATV Riders and Other Vehicles

	Motorcyclist	ATV Rider
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2016	31	2

As of: 5/13/2016

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