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Caney Fork	Terry Presley 615-642-8025 presley7290@yahoo.com	2nd Sunday of the month @ 5 pm, Caney Fork Motors, 378 Cookeville Hwy, Carthage
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French Broad	Scott Smith (423)571-6608	1st Tuesday of the month @ Apehangers Ontheriver Del Rio
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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

August stayed hot and humid until the very end. It's almost hard to enjoy the ride when the air is too thick to breathe. On the seventh I rode down to Nashville for the Music City meeting. Nothing like a cool bar to ease the heat. By the time I headed home, the temperature had backed down a little.

Then there were two events on the 13th. I rode over to Gordonsville early to see if I could help Caney Fork set up for their Ride for the Cure. Everything seemed well in hand. About ten I split for Cookeville. Upper Cumberland was having a fun run. I had a full house, but someone else pulled all four aces. I still can't believe it.

On the 20th I went to Townsend. The Madisonville Charter was doing an ALS ice bucket challenge at River Rat Tubing. They took a lot of pictures. Look for some in this paper. The next day was Caney Fork meeting. No AC in the shop but we had all the fans going. I was sweating just standing there.

And then there was Southern Thunder Rally. I've been waiting years for another big party. They finally found a place that didn't take all the profit in rent. The Hickman County Fairground is almost the same distance from Nashville as Adams, it's just West instead of North. It's not bottom land with trees, but there's always a nice breeze up on that hill.

The structures were useful. They did the games in the horse arena. When it boiled up an afternoon shower, we just kept going in the dry. The bike show was also under roof in front of the stage. When the events were over, they had a couple of kicking bands to rock on. I could hear the music out by the gate. Now I'm already looking forward to going back there next year.

October first is the State Rodeo Finals in Lebanon. You should be able to see the point standings in this paper. Who will come out on top? I'll see you there.

Dean Lucas

Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE
State Director



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



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YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



I'm not going to ramble on about State issues this month. Our nation is facing the most crucial election in our history. We have a choice of allowing the socialist democrats to continue destroying our country or we can put our bets on a busi-

nessman that has contributed financially to both GOP and DNC candidates (in the past) but has now rallied the true Americans to take back our country and work to restore our Republic. Cast your vote for the man that believes in our found-



ing fathers or the woman that supports everything anti-American. In case you support her, you might as well go ahead and hand over your guns, your money, and your freedom. It's your choice and your vote.

Tony M. Dabbs

CMT/ABATE State Legislative Director



MRF State Rep Report –

I want to start off by thanking the members of the CMT/ABATE Board of Directors. At the September Board meeting they gave me the position of MRF State Rep for Tennessee for another year. I look forward to continuing to work with the Board and the rest of the membership for the next 12 months.

Several important issues were taken care of at the September Board meeting. Two long-simmering problems were put to rest by the Board, perhaps not to everyone's satisfaction, but decisions were made and we shouldn't have to discuss these again. Tony gave us some insight into our major legislative efforts for next year. Another new charter was introduced – Welcome to the French Broad Charter. And a group was introduced that are working on re-starting the Knoxville Charter – I wish them the success in that endeavor. The Charters reported on several very successful events that they held this summer, and announced plans for repeating those successes next year (It sounds like the South-

ern Thunder Rally will be back again!). On top of all that, the Board elected the new officers for the next year.

Surprise, surprise...the "new" officers are the same as the old! That's both good and bad. Having the same officers provides stability and officers with experience, but the lack of any new blood may limit the new ideas that we get. We really need some of the younger members to start thinking about taking an officers position. You don't have to jump in all at once, just pick a function you are interested in and start working with the current officers. They will appreciate the help, and you can get an idea of what's involved without taking the full responsibility. The old timers will eventually either be forced to move on due to other factors in their lives, or burn out from doing this for so long. If no one else is already beginning to learn the ropes, we are left with someone coming in cold, with no idea of what needs to be done, or worse - an empty position that no one wants to fill.

One of my functions as the Motorcycle

Riders Foundation (MRF) State Rep is to promote Sustaining Organization membership with our Charters. As of the August 26 report from the MRF office, only our State Office and two Charters are currently active Sustaining Organization Members of the MRF. Thank you to Upper Cumberland Charter, Nashville Charter and the State Office – your support is appreciated. For the rest of the Charters, please consider becoming Sustaining Organization members. It's \$100/year, and is an important step in supporting our efforts in Washington DC on behalf of all motorcyclists.

By the time you read this newsletter, the MRF's Meeting of the Minds (MotM) will be over. I hope to have a report on the MotM in the next newsletter. But I am relying on other members to gather that information, since I will not be able to attend due to some surgery. Once I get these medical issues behind me, I'll be back in the wind (just in time for winter – my usual luck). But spring isn't that far away, and I'm already looking forward to getting out on some rides.

Ride Free,
- - Ed

Ed Domine
MRF State Rep
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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

CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

October 2016

- 10/1 SWSR State points field meet finals
- 10/8 CaFo Memorial ride
- 10/22 Nash Swap meet
- 10/29 DHH 29th annual toy run

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SWSR SP Field Meet
2 MoCo/UpCo SWSR	3 MoCo MoCo	4 FriBr MoCo	5 MoV	6 MoV	7	8 CaFo MoCo Ride
9 CaFo	10	11 Nash	12	13	14	15
16 TriVa	17	18	19	20 DHH SuCo	21	22 Nash Swap Meet
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 DHH 29th Toy Run
30	31					

OUTLAWS M/C
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SWAP MEET
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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

CANEY FORK

The meeting was started at 5:08 pm. The pledge was led by Jimmy Young. Terry started the meeting with Robin giving the treasury report.

We had a great turnout for the Bank Ride of Gordonsville for cancer cure. Sept. 10th is Fallen Members Ride. Meet at Parker's shop at 9:30am, kickstands up at 10:30. Sept. 11th is BoD meeting. Sept. 15th, 16th, and 17th is Junebug Boogie Rally. Sept. 24th is open ride. Izzy Ride is Oct. 1st and 2nd along with the Scott Allmon Ride. Need stuff for an auction. CMT/ABATE Caney Fork will be helping with both rides. \$20 for riders and \$30 for couples.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm by Terry Presley. Second by Jimmy Young and third by Robin Presley.

Minutes by Hanna Young

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN

Madisonville

September 7 2016 minutes

Treasury report was given and additional donations received.

A discussion of making monthly donations at every meeting in order to build up enough to open an account and being able to fund events was initiated by members. Donation jars were also utilized at events for obtaining funds.

Old Business: ALS donation to be submitted approved

New business:

Ride to the BOD on 9/11. Some members were interested in being in attendance. The Trail of Tears ride itinerary was distributed and questions were asked regarding the trip.

Moonshiners poker run details on Oct. 22. This will be a fundraiser ride for the chapter.

Toy run for Shiloh Riders was discussed with details on registration and toy collection. Early registration gives you VIP status and in front of the line for the ride. CMT Madisonville will be conducting a pre toy run gathering to get donations in order for the toy run.

Gatlinburg Christmas Parade was briefly discussed and further discussion will be held closer to date.

Suggestions for events for exposure and donations was mentioned and rides for fellow motorcycle clubs was also mentioned.

A schedule of events for the chapter was

distributed.

CMT/ABATE legislation process and involvement was an open forum topic. Contacting legislative persons and when to gain their support was a question that was asked.

Meeting adjourned

Trail of tears run was Sept. 17 with several members and nonmembers. Started in Bridgeport AL ended in Waterloo AL. All of us sore and tired headed back to TN after the festivities in Waterloo.. Pictures will be submitted at later date.

It's Shine Time Moonshine Poker run will be Oct.22..

all welcome to be part of it. see attachment in email for the details to put in the newsletter. Please put a copy of the poster in the newsletter.

ALS fund raiser raised a great drop in the bucket for ALS East TN. College students, young kids and adults alike donated or took the dunk on each other or together. An elementary boy wanted to participate so bad and donate that he went and got some change out of the car while his parents were further back in the crowd. He was so proud to be part of it. Moments like these make events like this soooo worth it!

I will attach pics on separate email.

9/3 We had a mystery ride/destination to the mountains.. Had great weather and guys to ride with.

MONTGOMERY

MUSIC CITY

NASHVILLE

NORTHEAST

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at The Pitt in Springfield. Jeff lead off our meeting with the Pledge and Robert lead us in prayer. Roland started with Thanking everyone for coming to The Southern Thunder Rally. Had a good turn out, and everybody had a great time. Thanks to the vendors that showed up and the bands were awesome. Treva spoke about the Benefit for Cory Gaines that was in an accident will be held at Crazy Man Cycles on Sept. 10th. Will be from 10:00am to 4:00pm. There will also be a Benefit for Pam Cobb at the Firehouse in Springfield Saturday Sept. 10th . Time is 12:00 to 6:00pm. There will be a Silent Auction, food, corn hole, pool tour-

namment. Our In Memory of Ride will be on November 5th. If anyone has any names that they would like to add on to the T-shirts please let Samantha know by Oct. 25th. Our Toy Run will be on November 19th along with the Springfield Christmas Parade. If anyone is interested in using the Chicken Drop board for any events there will be a \$50.00 charge and the money will go to our Down Biker Fund. The Chicken Drop is always a big hit. Please keep in our prayers Jeff and Trish and Kelly. John Dean won the 50/50 and donated money back to our Down Biker Fund. Thanks to Donna for the beans and cornbread. Our next meeting will be held on October 4th. Hope to see you there.
Connie Jones

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER

The SWSR meeting of September 4, 2016 was called to order at 2:10PM by Jerry who also led the pledge. The prayer was led by Vern. All officers were present. There were 27 members in attendance. Secretary Report: Motion made and accepted to accept the minutes as printed in newspaper which was submitted by Resa due to Ruth's absence.

Treasury: Given and approved

Legislative: Danny covered current events with charter

Membership: Two new members today... welcome Terry and Shirley! We also had 4 renewals. September birthdays are Gary, Ryder, Nichole and David Campbell

Activities: Tommy thanked all for help at STR. He covered current events. He also went over finalities for the finals rodeo coming up. We also discussed a fund raiser for Bullit and Ruth to help cover medical expenses they have both incurred. Motion was made to donate \$100.00 to help. Motion carried. Discussion over dangers at events. Motion made and carried to change the way we do "Honey I'm Home" for safety reasons due to recent injury at STR. Tickets are still available for Raffle on TV and Gas Grill to be given away at upcoming rodeo. Proceeds will go towards our Christmas for the Vets program. Also everyone is encouraged to bring their aluminum cans to the Roost to be recycles with funds also going to the Vets!

Products: There are long sleeve oxfords available in black or magellon. TP from the Caney Fork Charter said they will have some orange and white tee's with pockets with logo's honoring fallen brothers and

ABATE.

Chaplain: Vern stated she has contacted and sent cards to all down/sick members.

Safety: Ernest said thanks for listening and commented on Mark's new orange bike which is very visible. Group discussion over blocking on larger rides. All agreed they should fall back to rear accordingly. Ernest also stated high beams need to be used in daytime to be seen and also watch for deer!

New Business: Large round of applause for Ted and Linda being in attendance today! We have missed you! Motion was made to move October meeting to October 9 due to Rodeo. Motion carried. Discussion also on having a trunk or treat at the Roost on November 5.

Motion to adjourn at 3:05 PM.....Later..... Ruth

UPPER CUMBERLAND

This month's meeting was held at Wagon Wheel in Crossville. The meeting began with the Pledge. Dean provided the Treasurer's report and provided a positive review of the Southern Thunder Rally (all whom attended had a GREAT time and highly recommend attending next year).

LEGISLATIVE: Nothing new to report
ACTIVITIES:

Still looking for a nominee for an Activity Director.

September 18th is the Charter's Wine Run starts 1:00 PM at Northfield Winery, 515 Ray Cemetery Rd, Sparta (931-761-9463); 2nd stop Cellar 53 Winery, 115 Oakview Dr E., in Brush Creek.

September 24th meet at Hardee's in Livingston (kickstands up at 11:00AM) ride to Cyclemos Antique Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet in Red Boiling Springs (615-699-5049)

October 2nd meeting at Mike & Lillian's home in Jamestown (call 586-718-8936 for directions)

November 6th meeting at Bull Frogs, in Crossville, 4668 Hwy 70.

December 4th meeting and Christmas Gala at Hawg Barn, 950 W Broad St, in Cookeville

Meeting concluded with 50/50 drawing – Mike Stager won and donated winnings to the Charter ... thank you Mike.

The day was still young and the group headed out to obtain signatures for the Upper Cumberland Charter Wide Tour Run.

Ride Safe.

SUMNER COUNTY

TENNESSEE VALLEY

WHEELS OF THUNDER

STATE POINTS RODEO

Points totals after 6/04/16

Rider

13	Tommy Jones
12	James Sullivan
10	Jeff Hollins
5	Ryan Waters
3	Terry Presley
3	Cody Toungett
1	David Marlin
1	Cowboy Roy

Passenger

9	Sarah Lipinski
5	Becky Foss
4	Powder Puff
3	Leslie Sullivan
2	Sharon Stout
1	Kim Marlin

STATE POINTS RODEO 8/27

SLOW RACE

1st	Ryan Waters
2nd	Tommy Jones
3rd	Beefy

BALL & CONE

1st	Ryan Waters & Leslie Sullivan
2nd	Jeff Hollins & Becky Foss
3rd	James Sullivan & Sarah Lipinski

BARREL ROLL

1st	Tommy Jones
2nd	Jeff Hollins
3rd	Ryan Waters

WEENIE BITE

1st	James Sullivan & Sarah Lipinski
2nd	Jeff Hollins & Becky Foss
3rd	Bishop & Sarah Lipinski

The One That Got Away

by "Batman" Hawkins

When I was younger, my dad and uncle used to like to fish between jobs. We cleaned windows on private homes. Being in Chicago, there are many lakes. On this one particular day, it was so beautiful. After we had cleaned one residence, and on the way to the next job, we stopped at this wonderful spot next to the road with a picnic table next to the water. Some of the equipment to be loaded in the car was our fishing poles and tackle boxes. Well, I piled out to get my pole and fish quickly because we only had a couple hours for lunch to do it. I was pulling my fair share, along with my uncle Wayne and Dad. All at once, Dad said to my uncle Wayne, "Here comes the game warden!" My uncle stood up with pole in hand, locked eyes with him and reeled his line in quickly and threw down his pole. Then, took off around the lake to get away, the game warden right on his heels. After a small chase, he just turned around to meet him. "Saw you fishing back there. Any luck?" said the game warden. "Naw", said my uncle, "not biting." Game warden said, "Well, even if they're not biting, you still need a license. You have one?" After a few minutes of card shuffling, he produced one and handed it to him. He examined it and said, "It's good. Why did you run away when you have a license?" Uncle Wayne smiled and said, "My brother doesn't have one." Game warden looked back and we were gone. We were in a little bar about five minutes walk from the spot where we were fishing. Uncle Wayne came in and told my dad "will be glad when it's your turn to buy the license!" True story. All other stories I go by fisherman's credo "I fish, therefore, I lie".

(Dedicated to Tony at Project Healing Waters and the vets there for reawakening the spark long after my dad's passing. Fish on!)

Commentary

I would like to take this time to thank the BOD for the acceptance of the French Broad Charter into the CMT/ABATE Inc. organization. As my wife and I made our journey back to Johnson City I had noticed many bikers enjoying their freedom to the roads of Tennessee. With their vest and jeans kicked back enjoying the wind blowing upon their faces, on a beautiful sunny day after the heat of the upper 90-degree weather had finally broke. As we drove in our cage I also noticed that some of these riders were becoming too relaxed in their riding habits. One gentleman was riding with silk shorts and sandals on his big Harley, also seen a middle age women riding her Harley with her platform shoes on the passenger foot pegs riding it like a crouch rocket. You could see her bike shimmying as she was going through Knoxville. All I could think is what would happen if they had gone down. We as rider have to stay on our toes when we ride, become too relaxed and over confident can spell disaster. We still have plenty of riding time left before the season ends so let's make sure we stay alert to our riding skills and keep safe. I look forward to seeing many of you riders on the road. Ride safe, ride free French Broad Charter Scott Smith, Director

It's Shine Time! Moonshine Poker Run Oct. 22



START: Bobarosa Saloon Del
Rio, TN

TIME: 11:00 am

RIDE: Three Moon shine

Distillery stops

END: KNOXVILLE HARLEY

DAVIDSON 5:00 EST.

\$25.00 first hand per bike

\$5.00 additional hands

Highlights

- TOUR A DISTILLERY
- VISIT POPCORN SUTTON'S DISTILLERY
- MEET AND GREET MYSTERY SHINERS FROM "MOONSHINERS"
- DOOR PRIZES
- 50/50 DRAWING
- GREAT MOUNTAIN RIDE

CMT/ABATE FRENCH BROAD AND MADISONVILLE CHAPTERS INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE FUN AND GREAT RIDE! Ride safe and drink responsibly.

CONTACT PERSONS:

Kevin Haley(Madisonville): 603-820-2532 Scott Smith(French Broad) 423-571-6608



**ROBERTSON COUNTY CMT/ABATE PRESENTS
9TH ANNUAL**



*In Memory Of
Ride*



NOVEMBER 5. 2016

Riders will gather downtown Springfield on the Square and pull out at 1 PM.
Ride will end at the party.

All Proceeds to Benefit Robertson Co.'s CMT Downed Bikers Fund!

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with the person's name (of your choice) printed on the T-shirt.

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Members -

Please see attached the announcement of Robertson County's annual "In Memory of Ride". We have all lost a brother or sister of the wind to many monsters; crashes, diseases or the length of old age. This annual ride is an open arm invitation to come one, come all and celebrate the life of our lost loved ones.

Best part is that the funds raised go to the Downed Biker fund to help those in need. Second best part is that in case you don't know, our Robertson County Charter knows how to put on an authentic biker ride and party! So be sure to plan and treat yourself to an unforgettable memory with your CMT/ABATE family.

But don't be confused!!! This is not a member only event. So please forward this email along to any other bikers you know that might be interested. Robertson County would love to have those additional funds to help downed bikers!

*** SPECIAL NOTE *** Read the flyer to find out about early registration in order to make sure you get a shirt with the name of the person you are riding in memory of. This is a very unique opportunity & I don't want to you to regret knowing to register early.



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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COALITION MEETING

Wednesday August 31, 2016, 10 a.m-1 pm

CMT/ABATE continues to represent the motorcyclists of Tennessee throughout this project. Over two years ago, we were invited to the table to provide “intake commentary” on the ten step program proposed by NHTSA through their contractor, Cambridge Systematics. The goal was to design a program for motorcycle safety for the State of Tennessee through the Governor’s Highway Safety Office. Now, the program is fully vetted and established. The three day intake period was discussion by a panel of motorcycle safety experts from across the country, and questions and rebuttals by the invited members of law enforcement, department of safety, department of transportation, computer experts, dealership representatives, and MREP personnel along with a sprinkling of safety advocates from motorcycle organizations across the state. CMT/ABATE, MAFT, AND Gold Wing Riders were the three advocate groups invited.

Now, the Motorcycle Strategic Safety Plan is modified and set for action. CMT/ABATE continues to attend every public roundtable and group meeting. We have a seat at the table and a voice.

The August 31 meeting was notable in that Cambridge Systematics are finished with their involvement. It is up the to Coalition of Tennesseans to produce action.

Robert “Johann” Forbus, CMT/ABATE Assistant State Director attended this springboard meeting, and Carol Simpson attended as well. The Governor’s Highway Safety office has been dissolved and now exists as The Tennessee Safety Office based in the Department of Safety. Along with this “move” the coordinator for our program, Jessie Seagroves, has changed employment to the Federal Department of Defense. Jessie has been a great coordinator for the forming of the Coalition, and very encouraging of CMT/ABATE, Inc. and most of our Freedom Based philosophies. Taking the helm is a vivacious young woman named Shawndree, who hopefully will breathe some exciting action into the work of the group.

Much of the conversation revolved around enforcement and the Tail of the Dragon.

Number one on the ten step list is impaired riding. And correctly so. Johann is an expert on this topic. Ask his about the CMT/ABATE opinion on this important line item of motorcycle safety.

Johann’s primary goal of the meeting was to ensure that “no one steps on the Snake”—referring to the Icon on the “Don’t tread on Me” flag! Most of the meeting was pretty much bureaucratic details, but we were able to interject some lively conversation regarding the new “auto-cycle” definition passed into the Tennessee Code this past legislative session. At this point in time “auto –cycle” mostly defines the rules for operating the Polaris Slingshot. The different law enforcement groups had different opinions about the requirements for helmet use while operating these vehicles. We rightfully insisted that UNLESS there is an entirely enclosed cab, a helmet must be worn. Hopefully, elsewhere in this newsletter will be a chart of the changes that went into effect on July 1, 2016 regarding the definition of “auto-cycle”.

Unfortunately, if the outcome of this legislation had been a little different, these vehicles would have allowed operators to go helmet-free. Thus, we would have had another tool in our tool-box for Freedom of Choice. As it is, we will find a way to use this new law in our Freedom Battles. Hopefully, we will find a way to use the new Auto-cycle law to our advantage in the battle for Freedom of Choice. Tony Dabbs, our legislative Director is seriously “studyin’ on it” Stay tuned.

Respectfully submitted by
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Autocycle Information 2016 Public Chapter 1015

	Before 7/1/2016	On and After 7/1/2016 2016 PC 1015
Definition	"Autocycle" means an enclosed motorcycle that is equipped with safety belts, rollbar, windshield, wipers, steering wheel, and equipment otherwise required on a motorcycle, and which has not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the roadway at any one (1) time [55-1-103(a)]	"Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is equipped with safety belts, steering wheel, and nonstraddle seating, and is manufactured to comply with federal safety requirements for motorcycles. [55-1-103(a)]
Registration	Registered as a Motorcycle	Registered as an AutoCycle
Driver's License	No Motorcycle Endorsement required ["A Class M license shall not be required for the operation of enclosed motorcycles that weigh less than one thousand five hundred pounds (1,500 lbs.)" 55-50-301(a)(5)]	No Motorcycle Endorsement Required ["A Class M license shall not be required for the operation of an autocycle." 55-50-301(a)(5)]
Safety Belts	Required to be installed and worn during operation (see Definition)	Required to be installed and worn during operation (see Definition)
Helmet	Not Required if fully enclosed [55-9-302(b)(2)]	Not Required if fully enclosed [55-9-302(b)(2)]; if open, must have helmet.
Insurance	Required	Required
Multiple Vehicles in a Single Lane	No more than 2 abreast [55-8-182(d)]	No more than 2 abreast [55-8-182(e)]

Other provisions of the new law:

Children as passengers - prohibited unless the autocycle is fully enclosed, meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for child restraints (49 CFR 571.231 and 49 CFR 571.225), and the child is secured in a manner in according with the child restraint laws in 55-9-602.





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