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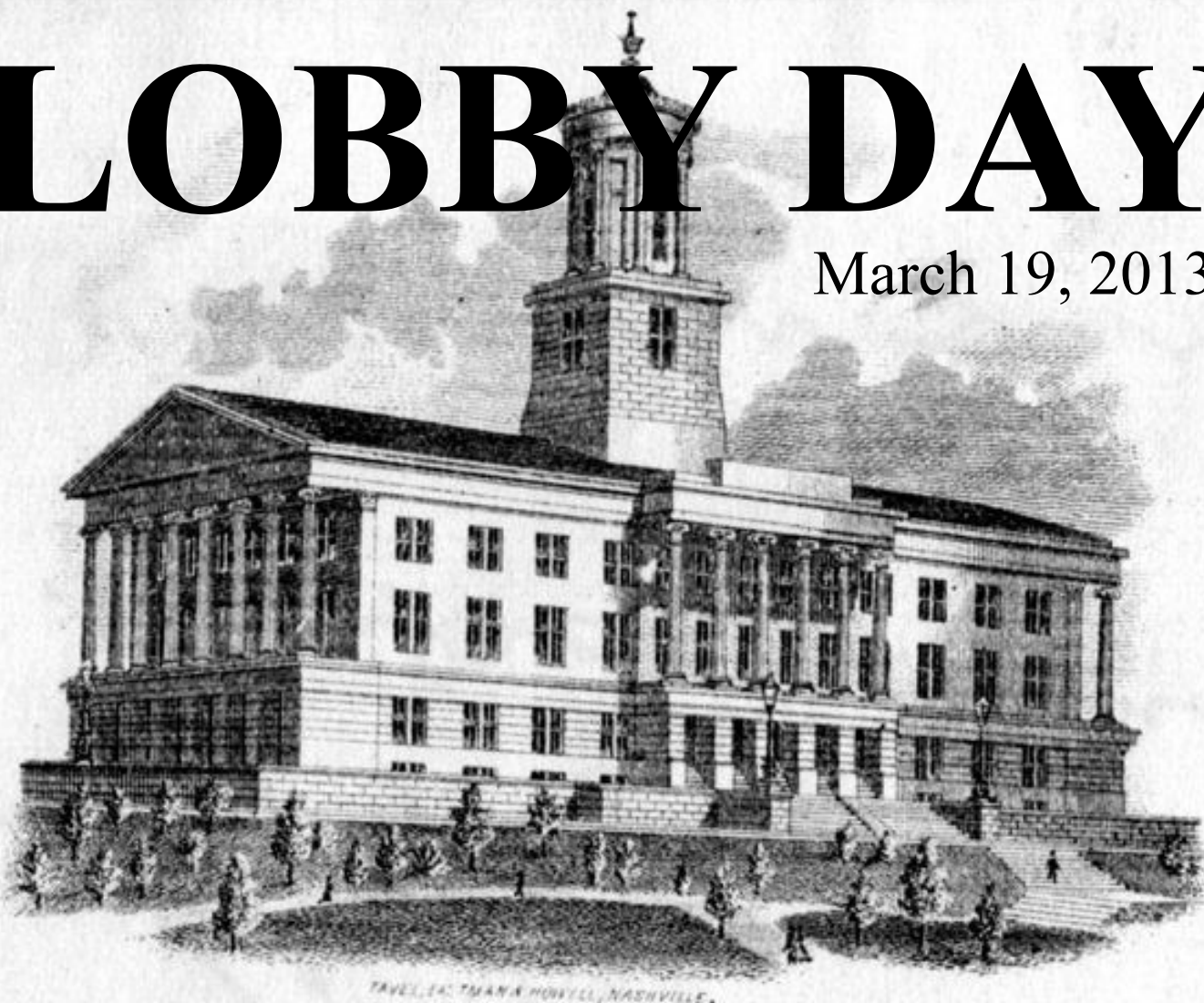


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LOBBY DAY

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The objects and purposes of the Corporation shall be to form a united motorcyclist's organization both at the individual local level and at the state level. The Members of the Corporation shall be dedicated to promoting fair motorcycle legislation and shall insure their freedom by working to prevent enactment of, or to repeal/modify existing unfair motorcycle legislation. The Corporation's Members shall promote and maintain motorcycling safety and awareness programs in the community.

Charter

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Meeting Times

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Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin	931-879-3899	1 st Sunday * Call for Details
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer www.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com	901-465-73812	1 st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

DIRECTORS COLUMN

In March of 2012, the Legislature passed House Bill 2729 and Senate Bill 2529. It was an act to study motorcycle crashes in Tennessee and do a report on them. The report is out now and I have read all 67 pages of it. Some of the statistics were pretty basic. More riders get injured in the summer than the winter. More crashes happen on the weekend. Hardly nobody gets hurt between 3 and 5 am, while the greatest number of accidents occur between 3 and 5 pm.

As expected, the four large cities accounted for almost a third (32.5%) of the 25,330 crashes from 2003 to 2011. It broke down to Shelby – 2,708, Davidson – 2,418, Knox – 1,569, and Hamilton – 1,530. Now this I don't understand. Blount County had the highest crash rate for 2003 to 2011. For every 1,000 licensed motorcyclists, there were nearly 21 crashes. What's happening over there?

The age of the victims did not surprise me. From 2003 to 2011 the riders from 45 to 49 had the greatest number of injuries (2,460) and deaths (145). The three least injured groups were 80 to 89 (22), 75 to 79 (53), and 14 (88). The deaths were 0, 7, and 4 respectfully. Perhaps if more people took the class. Yet of the 21 states that require motorcycle training, only 5 charge more than Tennessee. Why can't the Safety Fund subsidize the classes to bring the cost down? Isn't that what that money is for?

Finally, the report states that in 2008 there were 2,809,235 registered autos in Tennessee, while 4,351,868 people had an operator's license. However, with only 161,032 people having a motorcycle endorsement, there were 151,368 registered bikes. Sounds pretty dedicated to me.

I would imagine this whole report is available on line. If you can't find it, perhaps we can help you with that. I'm really looking forward to Lobby Day on the 19th. I hope to see you all at the Capital.

Thank you,

Dean Lucas

CMT/ABATE State Director

Note: The Statewide Membership Position is open. Please contact Dean at 931-761-8038 if you are interested



Want to be a part of this amazing organization?

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Member Number: _____

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Full Member \$25 _____

Couple Member \$40 _____

Associate \$15 _____

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Lifetime Membership \$300 _____

Change of Address: ☐

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State: _____ Zip: _____

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“TO THE HILL!”



I am happy to report that our bill has been filed and all signals are “GO!” on the Hill. At the time of this writing we have enjoyed meetings with the leadership and their ever wise counsel. Our bill Sponsor is about to have a meeting with Director Luke Geise, the man in charge of scrutinizing every bill to determine whether it will have a negative, positive or zero impact on Tennessee citizen’s pocket books (the fiscal note).

We have used his figures from last year, compared them to the current number of motorcycle registrations and determined that a \$2 fee on every registration should be enough to cancel out the negative fiscal note we received last year. We hope that he finds that it is a big fat ZERO because even a positive note must carry through the House Finance Committee.

Our bill goes further to include the requirement to study actual dollars and cents related to the bill be performed after two years much like Pennsylvania did in 2002. We even went further to describe the exact considerations of the study to be sure that only un-helmeted head accidents that occurred on Tennessee roads be used. This way they cannot include the trauma center runs into Arkansas and Kentucky.

We also eliminated the inclusion of accidents that were caused by a motorist whose liability for such damages are still under litigation. You’ve got a pretty good bill in the hopper.

It has also been discovered that we have a new Ally at the Capitol. They have developed their lobby as the helmetfreetn.com group of merchants from the Natchez Trace to the East TN boarder who want to enjoy the tourism commerce that helmet liberty has fostered in other states.

Their bill is a collection of several things we have attempted over the past ten years – *all in one bill*.

It has age 21 and over, mandatory rider education and two years riding experience. There are two insurance requirements on it as well with a sticker identifier on the license plate. It is quite a collection of language.

This means that there are two helmet modification bills in the hopper and both of them have financial relief. Our Liberty opponents are already running their tails off between offices!

Chairman Dean was ever gracious with his time to thoroughly look over the language of our bill. He not only pulled out the codes to reference but he even went so far as to recommend to us how we need to answer some tough questions. His diligence and devotion convinces me that he is going to be mighty fine Chairman to this Committee for all things transportation.

Chairman has laid down the rule that in the spirit of smaller government, Sub-committee will not hear any discussion on the bills. All discussion will happen in full Transportation Committee.

And in his devotion to render the best possible decisions from his Committee, he decided this week that both helmet modification bills will be heard together on the same schedule. He also stated that he is not going to his Committee members how to vote. If they want to pass both out of Committee it is up to them.

So by the time this Newsletter reaches your mailbox, our bill should already have been heard in at least one committee. If you would like to be in the ‘know’ as it happens, you can do two things: 1) sign up for our email update list by asking Carol Simpson, PR/Communications (csfreedom@aol.com) to include your email on the list; or 2) check in on the Legislative page of our website. Every email blast goes on the page as well. And might I point out that neither of these options requires membership.

But if you are old school and stuck in the 20th Century for good reason, this hard copy will keep you up to date within 21 days or so. I wish I could welcome good old fashioned phone call check-ups but I’m working overtime as it is.

Also by the time this Newsletter reaches you we will be roughly 15 days away from our big Lobby Day on March 19th. If you have not made plans to be there, you are going to miss an epic experience. Metro has issued us parking permit to put bikes on Charlotte Avenue... *right in from on the State Capitol!!!*

The parking is going to be first come, first served. We may enjoy some overflow but there are no guarantees.

We have nearby trailer parking in the works for long distance travelers and in the unfortunate case of lousy weather. So don't let waiting for the forecast be your deciding factor. Tony and I are up there announcing that motorcyclists are coming on two wheels for Lobby Day and we need you to help us honor our word!

That means if you haven't set an appointment to see your House and Senate members, well...what the hell are you waiting for?!?. A sign to fall out of the sky that says "make your freaking appointments!"

If you've never set an appointment to see your Members there is a simple "How to" located in the box to the right on this page.

Things have changed in Tennessee for motorcyclists. Tony, myself and many other team members promised you that if we turned up the boots on the ground for campaigns that our efforts would be remembered. Many of you met that conviction. We didn't lie and the proof is in the past week

When a brand new and totally unknown lobby group was introducing a new helmet medication bill to members of the Transportation Committee, guess what the prevailing question was.. "What does CMT/ABATE want?"

Yes my friends. A determined few worked their tails off to show our support for the right candidates to represent us. They pulled permits for awareness parades. They put signs out on the biker lawns. They donated to campaigns, attended fundraisers and wrote letters to their editor. Dozens were walking billboards of evangelism at every possible motorcycle event and helped to win really tight races of our *really good friends* at the Legislature. They simply asked "How can I help?" and then followed through

If you couldn't help, well that is the past. Today you only have the present and Lobby Day is going to be a powerful day. We are hoping to have our bill scheduled for a vote on the House or Senate floor first thing that morning.

Ten years from now when brothers and sisters of the wind reminisce their day at the Capitol back in 2013, don't you hope to chime in with them? Now more than ever..

***We can't do it FOR ya...
But we sure can WITH ya!***

Seize the day!

Rhonda Rae Williams

Your Legislative Director

CMT/ABATE, Inc.

Lifetime At-Large Member

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"Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

Thomas Paine, The American Crisis, No. 1,
December 19, 1776

The Liberty Restoration Act

House Bill 0894 (Keisling)

Senate Bill 1143 (Green)

How to find your House & Senate Member:

<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/legislators/>
or call your County Election Commission

How to request an appointment with your House & Senate Members:

If you know their name but do not know their number call 615-741-1100

- 1) Introduce yourself as a district constituent
- 2) Inform them you will be at the Capitol for the motorcycle Lobby Day on March 19th
- 3) Request an appointment to see your member that day to discuss the bill number listed at the top of this box. (Shoot for a time after 10:45am if possible)
- 4) **Let your lobbyist know you have an appointment by calling 931-205-2644.** This will allow us to put a package together in advance for you to take with you to your appointment.

NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS

**28th Annual
NCOM CONVENTION
May 9 - 12, 2013**

SILVER LEGACY
RESORT-CASINO-RENO
407 N Virginia St., Reno NV 89501
Reservations: 800/687-8733
Room Rate: \$95.00

ALL MOTORCYCLISTS WELCOME

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Name Phone

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Organization

☐ \$80.00 Convention Registration (includes Silver Spoke Award Banquet)
Please check main course preference: ☐ Chicken ☐ Beef ☐ Vegetarian
If you do not choose - a beef entree will be provided for your dinner.

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Male checks payable and mail to: Richard M. Lester, 7334 Topanga Canyon Blvd, Suite 200, Canoga Park, CA 91303
Must be received by April 30th or pay at convention

CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS Your Rights During A Traffic Stop Patch Holder Meeting	US DEFENDERS Anti-Profilng Laws Fusions Center updates	CHRISTIAN UNITY Motorcycle Resource Teams (MRT) Prayer / Fellowship Meeting
PARTNERS IN LIBERTY NCOM -SMRO- COC How NCOM and the local COC work together with State Motorcycle Rights Organizations	VETERANS AFFAIRS Your Rights As A Veteran PLUS MORE.....	SPECIAL MEETINGS 1. Women in Motorcycling 2. Clean & Sober Round Table 3. World of Sports Bikes



**9th ANNUAL
LEGISLATION RUN
NORTHEAST CHARTER
CMT-ABATE
Saturday, March 23, 2013**

Start: Kingsport Cycles, 2531 E Stone Drive, Kingsport, TN

Ride the scenic route through Sullivan and Hawkins Counties

Finish: Sagebrush, 1600 E Stone Drive, Kingsport, TN

Registration Starts 10:00 AM

First Bike Out 10:30 AM

Last Bike Out 11:00 AM

Last Bike In 3:00 PM

Awards 4:00 PM

1st Place-\$150 Cash

2nd Place-\$75 Cash

3rd Place - 1 year Membership
CMT/ABATE

Worst Hand - Gift Card

**SUPPORT YOUR LEGISLATIVE VOICE FOR
MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS**

\$5 donation per hand - play as many hands as you wish
Advance Hands are available

For more Information Contact Tom at 423-272-4834

DOOR PRIZES

50 / 50 DRAWING



**Lobby Day
MARCH 19th
2013**

**OPEN TO ALL TENNESSEE
MOTORCYCLISTS!**

Reserved Motorcycle Parking at the State Capitol

LIMITED SPACE: 1st COME 1st SERVED beginning at 8am
Location & map to be announced on website March 18th

Lt. Governor Ramsey's office has given us special permission to put a motorcycle on display inside.
Encourage your Senator and Representative to pose for a picture together during your visit.

- Arrive early to sign in and get goodie bags for your legislators
- Orientation begins at 10am sharp in the Legislative Lounge/Library of State Capitol
- Talking Points for our Liberty Bill will be explained in between Legislative Guests

**We can do it
WITH
YOU...**

In the beginning of a change the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot.
- Mark Twain's Notebook, 1904

**... but can't
WITHOUT
YOU!!!**

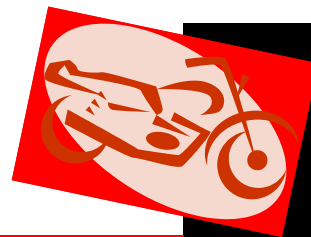
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2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

CHARTER MEETINGS CALENDAR

March 2013



3-10 Board of Directors
3-19 Lobby Day
3-24 TeVa Fun Run

4-13 CaFo Swap Meet Bike/Car Show
MoCo Spring Thaw
4-20 Tri-County Swap Meet
StRi Vets Night Out
WoT Legislative Run
4-27 DHH Bike Show & Tattoo Contest

5-10-12 Liberty Rally, State Points Rodeo
5-18 MoCo STEP Event
SmWi Bike Show & Swap Meet
WoT Ride

6-8 Sum Hawg Roast
6-9 Board of Directors
6-15 DHH State Points Rodeo

7-13 SmWi Robin Long Memorial Poker Run
7-20 CaFo Canoe Trip
7-27 DHH Canoe Poker Run

8-17 MoCo Blood Drive
8-23-25 Southern Thunder Rally

9-8 Board of Directors
9-13-15 WoT Bash
9-14 DHH Nitro Dirt Drags
9-15 CaFo Memorial Ride
9-20-22 SmWi/StRi State points Rodeo
9-29 TeVa/UpCu Wine Run

10-19 CaFo Lions Club Poker Run
10-26 DHH 26th Annual Toy Run

11-2 KeCo Toy Run
11-10 SmWi Toy Run
11-16 RoCo Toy Run
11-30 WoT Toy Run

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 MuCi SmWi UpCu	4 MoCo NoEa	5 CaFo RoCo	6 BuRi	7 WoT	8	9 KeCo
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 PiRi StRi TeVa	18 Nash	19	20	21 DHH SuCo	22	23
24 Knox	25	26	27	28	29	30
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12-1 UpCu Christmas Party
12-7 SuCo Food Drive & Christmas Party
12-8 Board of Directors
12-15 SmWi/StRi Angel Tree
12-22 SmWi/StRi Toys for Tots

Charters without minutes

BuVa
Knox
MoCo
Nash

NoEa
PiRi
StRi
SuCo

NEWS & EVENTS
(Mark Your Calendars)

Correction: We apologize to the family of Rickey Otts for the misspelling of his name in the February issue.

Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, pictures etc to editor@cmtabate.com no later than the 10th of month prior to when you would like information to appear.

Tennessee Valley

Minutes

1/20/13

Meeting called to ordered
Pledge

Officers Report:

Membership Report: We have 32 current members

Treasury Report: \$200.00 Toward the legislative fund to off set our lobbyist expenses..

State Legislative Report: Legislative report and strategies reviewed per Yog.

Legislative Day is set for March 19th. Everyone encourage to ride, Discussion on group ride there.

Events Report: Event calendar set Sunday March 24th Fun Run, June: Trash Bag delivery , Sunday July 28th Motorcycle Awareness Ride and raffle, Sunday September 29th Fun Run possibility with Upper Cumberland Charter.

Other CMT EVENTS: January party, Easy Rider event and April Swap meet

Open Forum: Discussion on various topics affecting motorcyclist here and around the globe.

Meeting adjourned:

Next Meeting: February 2013 will be held at Fanatics Sports bar

Remember life is a journey so take the long way home.

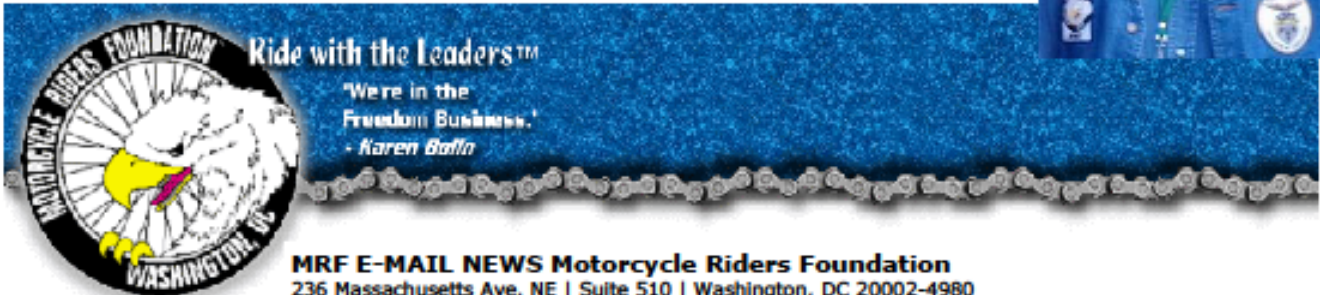
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With CMT/ABATE Lobby Day coming up March 19th, I would like to pass along the following information from MRF about Bikers Inside the Beltway, May 16th. This is a national lobby day at Washington, D.C. I hope everyone will take time to read what MRF is facing, with Federal legislation that does concern "you". Take time to become a member and support your other lobbyist. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me. I look forward to seeing you at the state capitol next month.

Tony Dabbs
MRF State Rep

CMT/ABATE, Inc Regional Legislative Coordinator & Lobbyist



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13NR04 - MRF News Release - 2013 Lobby Season Begins 7 February 2013 - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: [Jeff Hennie](#), Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

Washington DC is back at work and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is no exception.

Two separate lobby trips have been made on behalf of ABATE and the MRF. ABATE of Wisconsin and Pennsylvania have both made visits to the nation's capitol so far this year. Many others have their trips booked for the busy winter and spring lobby season.

The main issues of concern to the MRF before Congress are, ending the motorcycle only roadside checkpoints the use of high ethanol blended fuels that have been approved for use by the public but have not been tested on motorcycles. Also on the radar is stopping outside agencies from wandering into motorcycle safety as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) have recently done.

The MRF also had a solid presence at ABATE of Pennsylvania's Leadership and Legislation seminar this year. MRF President, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard stole the show at the opening evening's panel discussion which was aired on Pennsylvania public access.

If you have not started planning your lobby trip to DC and need help doing so please contact the MRF DC office staff for assistance.

Save the Date: Bikers Inside the Beltway 2013

The 5th annual Michael "Boz" Kerr, Bikers Inside the Beltway, has been scheduled for May 16th. The only national biker lobby day, has been growing larger and more effective each year and this year should not disappoint. The action packed day promises to elevate the important issues that the MRF works on before Congress and gives you the opportunity to walk the halls of Congress to lobby and educate your Members of Congress. Fly out or ride out

January Meeting

Director Bud Davis called the first meeting of 2013 to, get go, getting 20 souls to say the Pledge to our Flag. He then welcomed everyone and introduced Tony from the Legislative Committee, Rhonda's right hand man and all around good ole boy with too many motor sickles. He informed us of all the up to date goings on in the next few weeks, up on the hill. The vanity plates for bikes cost is \$35.00, CMT/ABATE will get half of that, which will go to downed biker fund. Thanks for dropping in on us Freaks and making us smarter! The MRF is the NRA of motorcycling and needs support. We will renew our membership with MRF.

Lil John told us that all past bills are paid, got meter pulled at Blue Hole and got \$\$\$ in the back. Cycledellic Mark said it looks good for us on the big hill this year. He also reported that they are 17 "Look Twice" signs up in Dickson. Far out man! Been a long time trying to do this one! Big ole drink to Cycledellic Mark, Becky and Lil John! I think White Bluff is the next target.

We have had a big loss to our Charter, a loss we can fix. We have lost about 50 members. We only have 101 members, down from 160 just 4 months ago. Do not x-pire – re- up! Check out our WWW dot and Butt Face thang, there are some good photos of things we do. By the time you read this, should be some fun pictures of the Kick-Off Party. Seems to be a lot of us Freak Show going up to the big city and out party everybody.

We will be taking one of the Red Zeps Family Bar-B-Q Famous Shoulders to the Kick-off party. Always a crowd favorite. We are gonna do another Freak Show Day at the ABIFF Pub on March 16th. Details at next meeting. Bike, Tattoo, and Charity Run at the VFW is April 27th. Please try to support these events, you can do this and not even be there.

Our ole buddies Jr. and Poindexter done got them a charter in Hickman Co. called Keg County Charter. Proud of them for that groovy job men! So we voted to remove the Hickman from the Dickson/Humphreys Charter, so as not to confuse people. So as of January 2013 we are now just D/H (Dickson/Humphreys). Dig it? If you are reading this, you're gonna be asked how you want it – in the mailbox, on the paper or on your e-mail box thang.

Trying to save money on our Tennessee Motorcyclist Newsletter. We need to sell a few ads for our paper.

Try outs for Activities Director are being held. This is a very important position for this charter. If anyone is even a little interested, get hold of one of us officers, "the elders"! The winner will receive 98 ½ % of my help, I won't leave you hanging! Call the D/H Hotline 615.430.7931 for information, updates and information on the Freak Show. No matter what else you read, our meetings are the THIRD THURSDAY, at 7:00 at the VFW in Dickson! Bub, donated money to the charter.

Nuff said, we scattered. That's all from me,
Beefy

Cuzin Zip says: *HOGS in the kitchen, Sows out in the street, there's a tramp at the backdoor, wants some thin to eat.*

**2nd ANNUAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY CMT
ABATE SPRING THAW POKER**

DATE: APRIL 13TH, 2013

COST: \$10.00

**FUNDS TO BENEFIT MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHARTER
CHARITIES**

**BLESSING OF THE BIKES WILL BE AVAILABLE BY
CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION**

Registration starts at 10:00 am at
Almighty Smokin BBQ
3371 Highway 41A S
Clarksville, TN 37042

First Bike Out – 11:00 am

**HIGH-HAND \$75.00
LOW-HAND \$50.00**





First off, thank you to Rhonda for keeping the notes while I was out sick. The meeting was held at Sling shots and called to order at 2pm. Upcoming events were discussed.

March 19th will be Lobby Day on "The Hill". There will be reserved parking for motorcycles. Hoping to have as many bikes as possible! Let them know we're here. March 23rd there will be a benefit ride out of Sling Shots to help the Bouge family with funeral expenses. They were involved in the tragic auto accident in Greenbrier. Contact Vicki or Michelle for details on the event.

Also Music City will have a table at the Swap Meet April 20th. Dig out them un-needed spare parts and turn them into \$\$\$.

Southern Thunder Rally will be held at Red River in Adams TN. again this year.

Rose donated to the charter/ Meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

Just a reminder... the March meeting will be held at Skully's on the 1st Sunday at 2pm. A huge thank you to Skully's and Sling Shots for treating us so well.

Congratulations to Billy and Tiffany Murphy on their wedding!!!

Many members of CMT/Abate are dealing with health issues and are in need of thoughts and prayers! Lee, Sam, Janna, Chuck, Wendell... Wishing ya'll well... We love you!

SHARON a.k.a. **"CRASH"**

KEG COUNTY

Director:

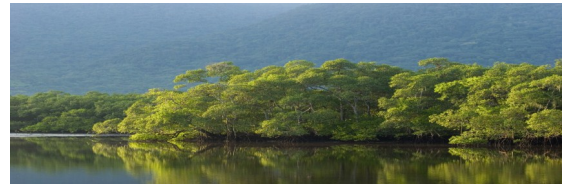
- ~ Called the meeting to order at 11:20 A.M.
- ~ Said the Pledge of Allegiance
- ~ Introduced new Secretary- Elizabeth Tibbs
- ~ Activities: Tentative plans have been made for our Toy Run for November 2, 2013

In attendance were 8 Members and 2 Guests...

Next scheduled meeting will be March 9, 2013 @ 11:00 A. M. at Lulu's

Caney Fork Charter

February 5th



Call to order: 7:01. Pledge lead by Ken Strony. Secretary, Treasurer reports given. Product/Leg, Sargent of Arms no report. 7 officers, 10 members, 2 quests.

Motion was made and approved to put an ad in Southern Biker magazine.

April 13th is our **Swap Meet/Motorcycle/Car Show**. We will have a vendor booth for any member to bring stuff to sell. We need every member to be here at the Meet.

Motion was made and approved to join Smith/Wilson and Stone River in their Biker Bucks program. Earn Bucks at any function you go to. January of next year there will be a Chili Cook-off and auction to spend the bucks you have earned.

We welcome Tony Ferrell to our Charter.

David Marlin donated many to the Meals on Wheels program that Emily works.


Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Next meeting Tuesday March 5th. We need everyone at this meeting.

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SWAP MEET MOTORCYCLE / CAR SHOW

Caney Fork Charter



APRIL 13, 2013


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Smith Wilson Charter

The Smith/Wilson meeting of February 3, 2013 was called to order by Kim. David led the pledge. There were 26 members and 2 visitors in attendance. All officers were present except Treasurer. Kim stated the kick off party had a great turnout.

Secretary Report: Given and approved.

Treasurer Report: Given by Duck and approved.

Legislative: Bullit talked about the Vanity Tag and Right of Way bills coming up in the next week. Followed with verbal discussion. He also said mark your calendars for March 19 which is Lobby Day. Everyone should try to attend.

Activities: Tommy talked about storage building progress.


Membership: Jeanette said we have 41 active members!! February birthdays: Teresa VanHook, Kaleb Bannister, Kim Marlin, David Marlin, Robert Campbell and Sharon Jones.

Products: Peach said we still have t-shirts available. Group discussion over need for new silk screen banner and need for patches. Charter stock is currently low.

Old Business: Bike Show/Swap Meet location discussion. Motion was made to have it at Smitty's. Motion approved. David talked about the Stones River Charter joining our Biker Bucks event. They were eager to join. Also Caney Fork has approved to join the event. Duck spoke about donations. He said think about and stash what you can during the year for the Auction.

New Business: Kim spoke of VA donations. She received a \$500 check from Middle TN Natural Gas from a grant she applied to for the Angel Tree event. Group discussion over current and upcoming events. Also ideas for Liberty Rally income. A rough draft was passed for the banner idea to replace our ABATE sign to be put up at Smitty's. Price tabled until the next meeting. Appreciated plaques were given for outstanding service to Bullet, Ruth, Kim and to Sharon on all their hard work. Motion to adjourn at 3:00 Pm by Duck.

Later, **Ruth**

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Upper Cumberland CMT/ ABATE

Ron led us in the Pledge and opened meeting at 12:05 p.m. at Gearheads. Ron turned the beginning of the meeting to Trina.

Lee and I would like to give special thanks to Lynn Greenwood and Carol Simpson for letting everyone in ABATE know about Lee being sick and hospitalized at Vanderbilt.. We also want to thank the rest of our ABATE family for the phone calls, cards and prayers. You all mean a lot to us. Thank you and we love you all.

4 members present

Treasurer report Dean – financial report given.

Legislative report: Lee - Lobby Day, March 19th. MRF reports are in.

Activities: Lee - March 24th TN Valley Fun Run. BOD March 10th at Scully's. April 20th Swap Meet. Liberty Rally discussions. Trina will have flyers at March meeting and order trophies.

Old business: None

New Business: Nominations for officers are in March. Elections in April.

Ron Erwin donated money to the Charter.

Meetings:

March 3rd El Tequila Mexican Restaurant, East Spring St. Cookeville.


April 7th: My Place Bar, Sparta

May 5th: Poe's Dinner Bell, Cookeville

June 2nd: Lee's Garage, Pall Mall food by Trina

Thank you Gearheads for having us

Trina motioned to adjourn, Dean 2nd.

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Robertson County

The Robertson County CMT Abate minutes for our meeting of February 5, 2013. We would like to thank Donna and The Pit for the great dinner of pulled pork, potatoes, corn, green beans, coleslaw, devil eggs, mac & cheese, cornbread and buns. Of course, let's not forget the cold ones that Linda was slinging... lol..lol!

Sam called the meeting to order and we opened with the pledge. Marlin lead us in prayer.

Roland thanked everyone for coming (attendance tonight approximately 25 people). Roland announced that we have some visitors tonight (CMA - Bikers of Grace) and let them have the floor to talk about the Riding For the Son Ride that is set for March 23, 2013. Starts at Stewart & Williams in Springfield, TN at 10:00 a.m.. They left some flyers and they were passed around at the meeting.

Roland announced that Chaplin, George wasn't present due to having to work. Secretary, Pamela announced that she wanted to apologize for missing the January, 2013 meeting. "Pine said we accept your apology".....thank you Pine....lol...lol. Pamela announced that her Aunt Joyce, who was the wife to Mac Anderson who is a Lifetime member of our Charter has been in a nursing home and she recently passed away. I love you Aunt Joyce and you are forever and always in my heart! Pamela announced thank you for the condolences.

Membership, Kathy

announced that we had several new members to join and renewals. This is great....but if it is time for your renewal then see her after the meeting. Treasurer, Treva announced great numbers in our General Fund and Down Bikers Fund. Treva announced that the New Years Kickoff Party was great and everyone had a large time!

Products, Samantha announced that there is a Benefit for Sam & Connie Jones. Sam has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Kidney Cancer. (Sam is our Charter's Sgt. Of Arms....and a damn good one we might add....Pamela added). The Benefit starts at 1:00 p.m. at The Pit on February 23rd. There will be a Chili Cook-off, Silent Auction, Dart Tournament, In House Run and Live Entertainment. Everyone is invited to join us for this great cause. Samantha announced that April 6th is the 3rd Annual Ride for Jennifer and Adrianna Wix...and then gather at Pines and Samantha's after the ride for food and entertainment. Bikes/ Vehicles out at 12 noon at Kmart in Goodlettsville and then to Wal-Mart in Springfield, where balloons will be released in their memory. Samantha announced that prayers are needed for Shawn's son Josh for his transplant that happens in the next week....(Shawn and Josh let us know if there is anything that you may need. A ton of prayers coming your way!)

Roland announced that Tri-County Swap Meet is April 20th. Roland announced that the Liberty Rally is May 10th and 11th. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tim said that he had nothing to announce...lol..lol. Legislative, Marlin announced that March 19th

is Legislative Day. If you are interested in attending see him after the meeting. Jeff Taylor announced that prayers for his cousin Nannette Starks would be greatly appreciated...(done...a ton of prayers coming her way). Pamela wants to announce that Kevin Black has had some back issues recently.....Kevin, sure hope you feel better soon and a speedy recovery! Also, Roland has had a week of issues with his back too...hope you have a speedy recovery and feel better soon!

I...Pamela feel that I speak for every member in our Charter ...we just want our friends Sam & Connie Jones to know that WHATEVER you may need, WHENEVER you may need it....WE ARE HERE! AND YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS ALONE....WE LOVE YOU BOTH! WE WILL KEEP YOU GUYS IN OUR PRAYERS!

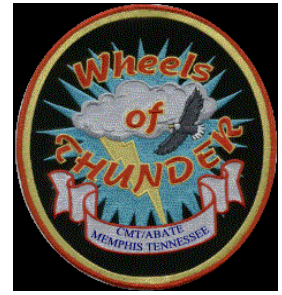
Everyone is invited to come join us on the 1st Tuesday of every month at The Pit....we would love to have you come sit and visit a while with us, enjoy good food and checkout our Charter goodness.....we would love to have you there!

RIDE SAFE OUT THERE!

Sincerely,
Pamela.....
LOL....LOL



Wheels of Thunder



February 7, 2013

We had 7 members and 2 guests present at tonight's meeting.

Director's Statement - Charter Elections! Congratulations to all who were elected: Assistant Director – Gary Acton, Treasurer – Lynn Wheat, Membership Chair – Joy Copous, Legislative Chair – Bob Celmer (interim), Activities – Dwight "Papa D" Watts, Safety and Education Chair – open, Sgt. Of Arms – Steve Blankenship, PR Chair – Steve Blankenship, Right of Way Watchdog – Al "Jellybean" Nelson, Webmaster – Bob Celmer.

The July meeting was scheduled on the 4th of July - we will change it to the 11th. Joy already made arrangements with Pancho's.

The BOD meeting will be March 10th -

Lobby Day will be March 19th. A couple of people are planning to attend. If you are interested in going, please remember to contact your representative to set up a time to meet with them. There will be limited reserved parking provided, so get there early!

Right of Way Task Force update – passed around paper – Memphis police department has a little card with the information but it does not state that you can stack charges.

Activities –

LeBonheur Donations – Joy or Malisa will find out what LeBonheur wants to do with the cash donations from the toy run. Gary mentioned that SCMC may be interested in doing a Christmas in July event. If they do it we will be happy to support them.

Legislative Run – (April 20) – Decided to have a dice run. Dale has already talked to most of the stops and they agreed to work them for us. Joy will call Express Lube. Pike's bike will give a 10% discount to anyone with the group who comes in for dinner. Details are as follows: \$10 per bike entry fee.

Bob Ward Ride – (May 18) We will ask riders to sign thank you notes to the Memphis and Shelby County Mayors for supporting our sign program. Bumpus on Whitten has agreed to reserve that date for us. Al will contact Joe about having our bus there. The ride will probably be a scavenger hunt. Joy had some information, Steve agreed to help put it together.

Bash – The correct date is September 13-15, 2013. We discussed having a one-day event with cookout. Papa may have a place we can use for free.

Safety and Ed – We decided to continue the bus sign again this year. Joy made a motion that we get 2 bus signs, Al seconded the motion, it passed unanimously.

PR – Will finalize flyers and get information for Legislative and Bob Ward rides on Facebook and event websites.

Club News and Announcements –

-February 9 – SCMC – Sweetheart Run. Start at VFW in Southaven.

-Last weekend in March will be the Bike Blessing at Pikes Bikes.

-First weekend in April the Southern Cruisers will be at Millington Holiday Inn Express

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Its 8:20 and we're outta here!



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<i>MuCi</i>	Little O
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