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WAR HERO'S MEMORIAL SERVICE PROTECTED FROM HATEMONGER PROTEST

FREEDOM, HONOR, RESPECT

Marine Sergeant Kevin B. Balduf was a Bronze Star hero, but some of his unit didn't even know it until his death last month while serving our country in Afghanistan.. A true hero. This is how Nashville honored him on June 13, 2011 at his memorial service in Nashville at the Woodmont Hills Church on Franklin Road:

2,000 people showed up in front of the church.....3,000 motorcyclists were there, and after 10 minutes the Westboro "Church" members who are the cultish organization that hatefully protests at war heros' funerals, hastily packed up their hateful signs and got out of there.....they ran. Ordinary people came from as far away as San Diego, California to stand up for Marine Sergeant Kevin B. Balduf's memory, and family, and we prevailed. Marine Sergeant Kevin B. Balduf's military escort then left about an hour and a half later with thousands lined up along the route to

Smyrna Airport, where he will be flown to Arlington National Cemetery for burial. A true hero.

YES, I was there right in the middle of the rush to the protesters with my bike along with others making noise so WBC could not get there message out. **They were never heard!!** They had a 45 minute permit from metro to protest. They came by bus and left by cars which they must have staged down the road someplace. Once they unloaded and put their signs in the air and tried to speak on their bull horn that's all we needed to rush them. I ran my bike with others toward the protesters making noise so they could not be heard for one! My front tire was next to the door of the outline line of metro cars in front of the wbc. METRO DID A GREAT JOB THAT DAY, ENFORCING THE LAW, BUT IN A MANNER THAT SHOWED THEY BELIEVED THE PATRIOT GUARD AND THE MOTORCYCLISTS WHO WERE THERE TO UPHOLD THE HONOR OF THE FALLEN HERO. Metro was 3 deep with cars around the protester plus

officers, motorcycles and by horses. The protest did not last long due to what they had in front of them and once we rush towards them metro pushed back. Once we got back to the other side well really 1/2 back, the pick up cars showed up and they ran to the cars! Boy did they run to them. I think they were thinking we picked the wrong city and the wrong state to do this in. I don't think they will do this again around here if they do I for one will be there again. Was a good day for American and for Americans doing the right thing!

GOD BLESS AMERICA & GOD BLESS OUR MILITARY!

Dan Puckett,
Life Member, CMT/ABATE, Inc.



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Dickson/Humphreys/ Hickman	Terry Davis	615-446-0064	3 rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
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Upper Cumberland	Rob Erwin	931-879-3899	1 st Sunday * Call for Details
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer www.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com	901-465-7381	1 st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

STATE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Our June Board meeting went very well. Thanks to the VFW in Dixon. Our next meeting will be Sept 11 at the Lane Auto Museum. This is where we have the Swap meet. Please note, from now on all Board meetings will be non-smoking!

We are setting up a land committee to search for property. This is a great forward step for our organization. Scott spoke of the summer study committee for our helmet choice bill. Scott wants to run for office so he has to step down as legislative Chair. You cannot be a lobbyist for a year before you run for office. Scott has done an outstanding job and we wish him success. We will have an election for Legislative chair in Sept. Those interested must submit their desire to run to the State Director by July 13. 2011

Kevin is stepping down as products so we need a person there too. You can run for the products position up to the time of the vote at the BOD.

Our safety and Ed program are doing great. Bette Steward and Carol Simpson spoke about the ongoing programs which are raising public awareness of CMT/ABATE through the grant.

As a perk to our members CMT/ABATE has joined a credit union. No individual member has to join but if you want to you can get better rates on loans.

On a personal note, I fell and broke three ribs, dislocated my right shoulder and got six stitches in my head. I will be operated on June 24th to repair my torn rotator cuff. Who said board meetings are easy (only kidding) It will take three months to heal and rehab.

I hope you all get to activities CMT/ABATE is putting on. I will not be able to go till around the STR so I may see you there. Those who can do ; those who can't complain about those who can.

Brooklyn Tom

State Director CMT/ABATE Inc.
NCOM national board member
Liaison to Confederation of clubs
Unit Commander U.S. Defenders



Want to be a part of this amazing organization?

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Member Renewal

Member Number: _____

Type of Membership Desired:

Full Member \$25 _____

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Lifetime Membership \$200 _____

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Ramblings

Scott McColpin has stepped down from his position at CMT/ABATE in order to run for public office in Chattanooga. We appreciate the countless hours of time he dedicated to our cause and wish him the best of luck in his new pursuits.

Although Scott will be a hard act to follow, we are now accepting resumes for those who would like to be the new State Legislative Director for CMT/ABATE. If you are interested, please submit a resume to the CMT/ABATE office by July 12th or email to info@cmtabate.com. Voting for this position will occur at the next Board of Directors meeting in September.

Thank You Scott for your years of service to CMT/ABATE!



Tennessee Motorcyclist Boosters

Gold

Jack Rollins exp 12/11

DHH exp 9/11

Upper Cumberland exp 10/11

Music City exp 10/11

Robertson exp 8/11

Silver

Silverado Sports Bar exp 8/11

Basic

Lee Francis Upper Cumb exp 7/11

Barbara Thair—Upper Cumb exp 10/11

(Basic \$10, Bronze \$25, Silver \$50 Gold \$100)

Thanks for Your Support!! Charter Support for State

	Pledge	YTD
Buffalo River	\$10	\$30
Caney Fork	\$10	\$20
DHH	\$50	
Knoxville	\$5	
Montgomery Co		
Music City	\$75	\$900
Nashville	\$100	\$600
Northeast	\$7.50	\$61
Robertson Co.	\$125	\$1500
Smith/Wilson	\$10	\$60
Sumner	\$75	\$100
Tennessee Valley	\$25	
Upper Cumberland	\$25	\$150
Wheels of Thunder	\$50	\$600



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Hurricane Mills, TN

Billy Hickman

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Hatchet Head, Hurry Up!

On May 7, 2011 we lost a one of a kind. Bill Story, aka Hatchethead, died in his sleep. He was married to Renita and had a 9 year old daughter Skye who he adored and loved very much. You could see him and Skye every Saturday as they done whatever she wanted. He was the owner of BS Electric and had not only worked on everybody in 5 or 6 counties but had wired recording studios for Martina McBride, Jack White, Taylor Swift just to mention a few. The boys that worked for him were always hearing him say "Hurry Up!". He was well respected in the electrical trade.

Hatchet was also a self proclaimed ROCK STAR as the originator of The Southern Smoke Band. With scarves, tights and glitter, no one could do his signature song: STANDING ON SHAKEY GROUND, the way Hatchet did. I was on of the lucky ones to see him perform just one week

before his passing. What a show. It was one of his BEST!

Hatchethead rode an old Rig D Frame Panhead that he rode like his a*s was on fire. A rebel flag bandana on the handlebars, a hair tie on his shifter and a bid ole hairy grin on his face. He had lots of brothers who rode that all have a favorite story to tell on or about him. Wish I could tell ya a couple of them.

If you didn't know him, he looked kind of scary. But that man had a heart big as anyone I know. He'd catch me somewhere and give me a \$100. I'd say what ya want me to do with this? Spend it on your Xmas for kids Toy Run. Never wanted me to mention or thank him for it. He'd help you anyway he could. He was ,without a doubt, a GOOD MAN!

We will forever talk about him and tell his tales and laugh. And we will forever miss Hatchethead! Hurry Up! **BEEFY**

The next **Board Of Director's** Meeting will be

September 11, 2011

at the **Lane Motor Museum, Nashville, TN**

BOD meeting @ 1:00pm cst



July 2011

Upcoming Events

JULY EVENTS

- July 9 SmWi Memorial Poker Run
- July 16 DHH Canoe Poker Run
- July 23 UpCu Fun Run
- July 24 Tennessee Valley - Motorcycle Awareness Ride
- July 30 Sumner County Points Rodeo

AUGUST EVENTS

- August 6 NoEa Membership Ride
- August 14 UpCu Fun Run
- August 26-28 Southern Thunder Rally

Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 SMW UPCU MUSCTY	4 NE	5 ROB MON	6	7 BR WOT	8	9 SmiW Memorial Ride
10	11	12	13	14 DHH NASH SUM	15	16 DHH Canoe Poker Run
17 TV	18 KNO	19	20	21	22	23 UC Fun Run
24 KNO TV Motorcycle Awareness	25	26	27	28	29	30 Sum Points Rodeo
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"No people are really free until they become the instrument of their own liberation. Freedom is not legacy that is bequeathed from one generation to another. Each generation must take and maintain its freedom with its own hands."

---John Henrik Clarke

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 12th of month prior to when you would like information to appear.

NEWS & EVENTS (Mark Your Calendars)

The Robertson County CMT Abate Meeting of June 7, 2011

Sam called the June 7, 2011 meeting to order and opened with the pledge. Jack lead us in prayer. Roland thanked everyone for coming (attendance approximately 40-45 people). Roland said due to meeting running late lets move onto business. George wasn't present tonight. Pam had nothing to announce. Donna had nothing to announce. Frank wasn't present. Treva announced our General Fund is \$2,315.53. Samantha announced there is a Poker Run on June 25, 2011 and it starts at Appleton's in Clarksville for Jordyn (4 years old). She was ran over by neighbors lawnmower and she has had 7 surgery's and will need more. You can check out flyer on the R/Cty Charter CMT Abate Facebook page. We ask that you keep Jordyn and her family in your prayers. Also, she handed out benefit flyers as well. Tim announced that we are ready to.....dang he hasn't spoken before and I forgot what he said....lol. Sam announced that

he has talked with Roland and Kevin about purchasing a portable steel stage for use of our Charter events. Samantha made Motion and Tim 2nd and no one opposed so we now have a portable stage for future use. This will come in very handy. Good job Sam. Kevin announced that preparation for the STR is going good. New things this year at STR. Roland announced old business: that the Liberty Rally went well. Our Charter received a \$28.01 check back and we voted to donate it to the State. Roland announced that STR tickets are on sale for \$20.00 now until August 13, 2011 and then will be \$30.00 at the gate. Carol announced she has signs for us and has given them to Roland. The Look Twice and Save a Life signs are posted in the Robertson County area with the exception of Springfield but that is also in process and almost completed. Donna is working on that. It is possible that Millersville may have these signs posted as well that is also in the works. Jack announced for new business gave Roland Look Twice and Save a Life patch that

reflect and we will have more price details at our next meeting in July. Sad news Thelma (our products gal) is resigning due to her not having a lot of time or the tools (internet) she said to give what is required for this position. She asked that anyone who that is interested in wanting to take this position please get with Roland. We totally understand gal....we still love ya....lol!

Our 50/50 winner amount \$48.00 was Jeff and he donated his part of \$24.00 to our Down Bikers Fund. Thank you Jeff.

Kathy announced that Wednesday is Treva's birthday, and Treva announced that today is Hooper's birthday, and also that Thursday is Pam's birthday. And yes well all got a group birthday song sung to each of us.....awesome when amongst friends...lol. The meeting adjourned.

We always welcome new members to join our Charter. Come join us.....hey it's free food and good company! See you all next month!

Pamela Cobb

Upper Cumberland Minutes June 5, 2011 Meeting

Dean made a motion before meeting, to appoint a temporary secretary, Ron seconded and appointed Trina as temporary secretary. Ron called meeting to order and Dave led us in the pledge. Lee read last month's minutes and read the legislative report. Dean gave the treasurer's report. Lee talked about the land for sale in Satie, Tn. Also about the Sate Rally. Ron announced our guest. 9 members present and 9 guest. Kenny York renewed his membership. Leg Kelly Keisley is our newest member. We all would like to thank Leg Kelly Keisley for attending and speaking to everyone. Fun Run has been changed due to BOD meeting on June 12. Fun Run will be June 26th at Hardees in Jamestown. Kickstands up at 9:15 a.m. Hope to see everyone there. We had 2 members that participated in the Bike games at the Liberty Rally.

Lee - 3rd in the Barrel Roll, Lee & Trina—3rd in Ball & Cone. Lee & Trina 3rd Weenie Bite; Congrats on 3rd Place. Next Month's Meeting: July 3rd. Obed Hideaway. August 7th Boondocks. September 4th—Ball Rock. 50/50 Drawing—Kenny York Membership—Keeta Hamilton (not present)

Thank you Lee for having all of us and Trina for the good food. Meeting Ajourned. Ride Safe & Free.

May 1, 2011 Meeting

Ron called meeting to order and Dave led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance. Waived reading of last months minutes. Dean gave treasurers report. Legislative— helmet bill has been sent to a "summer study" committee. Activities— Liberty Rally next weekend. Junebug Boogie—June 16-19, 2011. May 14, 2011 Relay for Life. Cruise for a Cure. Sign up begins at 8 a.m. —ride at 11a.m. Smith Wilson—Friday May 13th

@ 4pm. Look Twice Save a Life on Square. June is our 1st charter Fun Run—June 12th Sunday. Charter touring shirts are available aft the meeting for \$5 each. Land purchase committee—a charter has stepped up to contribute a large percentage of charter funds toward down payment. Lee is our charter land committee representative. Old Business— none. New Business Carol Simpson did a report. Dean has a Statewide Ride Books available at \$10. June 5th—Lee Frances' house. July 3rd—Obed Hideaway. Aug 7th—Boondocks. Meeting Adjourned. Membership Barbara Thair—not here. 50/50—Steve (postman) Henry Lynn (angeldoll) Greenwood Happy Birthday Dale Wright and Dave!

Until next Month— Ride Safe and Free

Trina Goodsell



**Nashville Charter Minutes
May 19, 2011 at Bikini Beach,
Nashville TN**

Jack Jones opened the meeting with the Pledge, we have presale tickets for the STR for Only \$20, at the gate the cost is \$30, Kevin Chapnick has poker run books and Large Patches for \$20, they are 12" wide.

We received our money from the Swap meet to put into our bank.

The Summer Study on the helmet Bill is near, will talk more about that in Sept 2011.

New Business: Saturday morning Run for Music city at Skully's kick stands up at 10am sharp!

Don't forget the BOD on June the 12th. The Nashville Charter will deliver the litter bags to the Hartford Welcome Center as it is a very long way and we are it!

Next meeting will be June 16, 7pm Bikini Beach

Resume for State Legislative Director

My name is Rhonda Rae Williams. I am an At-large Lifetime Member of CMT/ABATE, Inc. and I have worked with Scott McColpin on Legislative Committee since 2003. I have been able to witness 1st hand what a great advocate he has been for our organization on the Hill. So it is with great respect and reluctance that I say farewell to him as our Legislative Director.

Scott and I also served together on Committee under our irreplaceable Mike Hays. So while these are very big shoes to fill, I believe that the quality peer-mentorship I have enjoyed over these years have prepared me for this very purpose.

Scott requested that I research and develop the information we need for our up-coming summer study. Not only do I possess the available time for this task, I am skilled in research – both very important assets for this position. I have been at the pulse of all of our legislative efforts in the past eight years and that too is essential knowledge that I already possess. Basically stated, I am dressed and ready for work!

While our Legislative Committee was working tirelessly in 2004 to un-seat a very deserving opponent on the Hill, I garnered a wealth of contacts for our e-updates and calls to action. I attended MRF's Meeting of the Minds. It was suggested there that I visit South Carolina's Legislative Rally day to see how mover's and shakers get things done. Much of how our Rally day is handled was gleaned and borrowed from that trip.

Through the efforts of my State Representative, in 2005 I wrote the 1st grant for our "Look Twice" motorist awareness campaign. It was the first collaborative effort between our organization and the TN Dept of Safety since writing the law enabling the collection of registration funds in the mid 1980's. I served as the administrator for the 1st two years and the grant has continued since.

I have also served various positions on and off the Board. I started out by accepting nomination to the State Secretary position in 2003. I also served on the By-laws Committee and the 1st two years of the Southern Thunder Rally committee.

Before moving to TN I professionally and ethically managed the office of multiple company executives. I am no stranger to the corporate world and feel very comfortable in almost any conversation.

If elected, I will ask that our legislative team appoint several Regional Legislative Directors as the 1st step in a finger system of information. I will aggressively encourage each charter to appoint 1 member to be their Legislative Chairperson as described in the By-laws.

I believe that it is absolutely essential that this organization become a stellar communications team to all motorcyclists throughout the state. Any piece of legislation we lobby is in the interest of all motorcyclists - not just CMT/ABATE members, or Harley owners or just state motorcyclists for that matter. I will be devoted to a team effort.

I welcome any further questions via the contact info below. I would appreciate your vote in September.

Rhonda Rae Williams
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**Music City Charter
June Report
MUSIC**



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Fruitcake led us with the Pledge. We had 14 members and 2 guests (Bette Stewart and Jack Jones) present. Wendell's still working out of state so Bob led the meeting. We raised \$880 for Su Springer who passed away from a gunshot while in Kentucky in late April. Carol Simpson sends a huge thanks to "Bubba" Paul for fixin her bike on the Su Springer Memorial Ride. Bob announced that Tuesday is the STR Meeting at the Piggy Pit in Springfield and the B.O.D. is Sunday at the American Legion Post

82. We have STR tickets to sell. They are \$20 presale until August 13 and \$30 at the gate. We need 2 crews to work STR. 1 to work breakfast and 1 to sell beer & ice. Bette says the Grant purchased Look Twice Save a Life patches. Should we move the State Office? This will be discussed at the B.O.D. We're going to try to do 2 rides; 1 between now and STR and another sometime before Christmas. We need volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets at Skully's Anniversary Party July 9. Carol won 50/50. Billy made motion to adjourn, seconded by Johnny, voted and passed. Meeting adjourned.

See y'all next month. Til then Ride Safe.

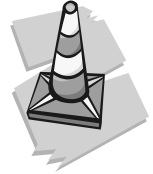
Faith

**Buffalo River
Points Rodeo**



Slow Race

- 1st CJ
 - 2nd Beefy
 - 3rd Charles
- Barrel Roll**
- 1st Beefy
 - 2nd Michael
 - 3rd CJ



Ball & Cone

- 1st Beefy & Shirley
- 2nd Michael & Michelle

Weenie Bite

- 1st Beefy & Shirley
- 2nd Michael & Michelle
- 3rd Brian & Ida



State Rodeo Points Totals

Rider: Beefy 11; John Adams 10; Michael 6, Scott Dean 6; Jim Martin 5; CJ 4; Lee Francis 3; Passenger: Patches 6; Shirley Banks 6; Michelle 4; Trina Goodsell 2; Ida 1



**2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE**

- 7-9 SmWi Memorial Poker Run
- 7-16 DHH Canoe Poker Run
- 7-23 UpCu Fun Run
- 7-30 Sum Points Rodeo
- 8-6 NoEa Membership Ride
- 8-14 UpCu Fun Run
- 8-26-28 **Southern Thunder Rally**
- 9-10 CaFo Memorial Ride
- 9-17-18 DHH Nitro Dirt Drags

- 9-23-25 SmWi Points Rodeo
WoT Bash
- 10-1 **State Rodeo Finals
& State Wide Poker Run**
- 10-8 CaFo Poker Run
- 10-22 RoCo Memory Ride
NoEa Fall Colors Ride
- 10-29 DHH Toy Run
- 11-6 SmWi Toy Run & Chili Cook-off
- 11-12 RoCo Toy Run
- 12-3 Sum Food Drive and
Christmas Party
- 12-4 SmWi Needy Family Ride
- 12-17 MuCi Christmas Party
- 12-18 WoT Christmas Party
- 12-31 BuRi New Years Eve Party

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DHH Charter Minutes May Meeting

The May meeting started with 25 souls saying the Pledge to our Flag. Director Bub welcomed everyone, then told us about the VFW having a Poker Run for a boy in need with Horseshoe Tournament and a band on the 21st of May. He said he was contacted by the Nashville Charter about showing them around to all of the state poker run stops. Beefy, Lil John Kevos and Harry Arms will do that. Bub says the MRF is concerned with bike stops in Georgia affecting bikers on their way to Daytona.

Pimp E Lee then stood and asked for a moment of silence for Hatchethead. We all miss him a lot. Lil John gave us a money report and we made \$215.00 to give to the Mother of Wimpy, on our Poker Run. It was not much but sure it was helpful to her. We have \$3004.24 in the bank.

Mark told us he was up on the Hill for May awareness deal and the Dying to be seen song performed there. He said HB!%&# is going to a summer study to look over the fiscal note and report back to him at the next meeting.

As of June our state pledge is \$300. It was agreed that we pay for 6 months now and the remaining will be paid after the Nitro Blast in September.

Debra reported on membership saying we have 4 new peoples – welcome to them. We have sold 34 of our 50 Poker Run books. Good Job everyone. Keep it going. Look at your membership date – Don't expire – Re-up! We need you. We'd love to see all of our 116 members (as of 6-12-11) at all of our events. WE are the LARG-EST Charter in Tennessee, even tho we only see 50-70 of you from time to time. All of us together can make a difference in our continued fight for motorcycle rights. Old Indian said one

twig will bend and break, but bundle of twigs will not (pretty cool!)

Beefy says our events have kicked in for the year with May 28th The Traveling Freak Show travels to Hawgs N Hillbillies in Linden to put on the Points Rodeo for the Buffalo River Charter. Lizard, Sandy, Kevo, Bub, Harry Arms and CJ will be the Traveling Freaks. June 4th we will help the Rely for Life people with their Poker Run.

Here are the true dates of our events for 2011: Saturday June 18 Points rodeo at Blue Hole, Ambush band will play. Saturday July 16 The Original Canoe Poker Run at Blue Hole. Sept 9 -10 Blue Hole Nitro Blast – Dirt Drags at Blue Hole. Tim Daley plays on Friday Night, and R.B Stone on Saturday night. October 1st Saturday Points Rodeo Finals and end of State Poker Run at Blue Hole.

If you are reading this then you know of the dates that we will be putting on a very groovy and fun safe money making event. If you can show up and support your charter in any way, you will have a good time and show everyone what kind a kool charter we have. We are one of the original 4 charters. Still going strong!

Happy Birthday to Mikey, a 64 model on the 28th and Beefy on the 31st who is old enough to eat cornbread without getting choked! Welcome new peoples: Bobby Stone, Donald Austin, Jimmy Tidwell, Bodz and Monica Youngken. 50/50 was done and won by Lil John.

Nuff said. We scattered.

That's all from me,
Beefy



NEW!

Members

Welcome New Members!

Nash	James McMillan	RoCo	Vincen Archuleta
WoT	Don Kaczmarek	RoCo	Tonya Archuleta
WoT	Teresa Kaczmarek	SmWi	David Campbell
WoT	Sid Cannon	SmWi	Carrie Campbell
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WHEN TREES GET YOU DOWN - WHAT TO DO AND WHO TO NOTIFY

Q: I was in a bike accident Monday. A tree was hiding the stop light and I didn't see it until the last minute. I locked it up but ended up sliding through the stop light and hitting a car. I was given a ticket for running the red light. The officer told me that I could go to court, plead my case about the light being hidden and get the ticket dropped. He basically admitted that the light was hidden. Now, people are telling us to sue. We are not sue happy people, however, if the tree had been trimmed, this would not have happened. What can I do? ABATE member.

A: There are a number of things you can do to help yourself out and preserve facts for the case that you have. You are like a lot of folks in this country that have not been involved with filing a lawsuit and want nothing to do with that process. Sometimes a case like yours can be resolved simply by making a request that is well documented and compelling. In order to get to that position, get a series of photos approaching the light from the lane in which you were riding. A simple camera photo will do. If the city has already cut the branches, get clear photos of their recent work. Statements of the adjoining property owners and others witnessing the trimming by the City should be obtained as soon as possible.

These witnesses are needed by you to confirm the obscuring tree branches and issues concerning any notice the City had of the hazard. You will have the burden to show how obscured the light was at the time of the crash. If the City (you need to make sure they had the responsibility for trimming the tree) has not trimmed the branches yet, a notice by you to them is in order. A copy of the cell phone photos should be emailed to them immediately. I will have RoadHazard.org send a notice to them as well. If you have a copy of the police report, send it to us. If not, we will order one for you. That will be useful in both locating the police officer who responded, as well as identifying how he documented the accident. He may have listed critical witnesses who can confirm our facts. You will need a statement from him admitting that the tree obscured the light asap before he forgets about your case. You must also notify your insurance carrier of your crash in writing. And send them a copy of your photos and a copy of the crash report.

When you are making a claim against a government entity, you will need to make sure you place them on notice of the accident. Most states, including Indiana, require that a specific notice be given to the government entity within 6 months of the incident. If you fail to do that properly you can lose your claim, so we need to do that one for you. In Illinois, suit must be brought against the government entity within one year of the incident. In Ohio, there is no notice requirement, but the suit must be brought within two years.

Editor's Note: this article is reprinted from Rod Taylor and Associates law firm in Indiana. Laws may vary from state to state.



Ride Safe so that you can Ride Again!

The importance of motorcycle safety and awareness cannot be understated and should be promoted at every available venue when possible. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Tennessee HOG Rally in Jackson, Tennessee from June 1-4. Approximately 1000 people attended the rally. The HOG rally was great! It was a little warm, just mid 90's! We had some fabulous rides and enjoyed the socializing with many people who attended. Other than Tennesseans, there was attendance from North Dakota, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, and Canada! Our booth was right in front of the host hotel for everyone to see! The banner and trifold was well presented and caught the attention of all who passed by. CMT/ABATE provided bumper stickers, key chains, T Shirts and backpacks, which were a huge success! John Milliken, Director of MREP of Tennessee, also provided key chains and bumper stickers which disappeared quickly!

We had a dummy, Daniel, who wore his Look Twice Save A Life shirt very proudly and even was happy to ride bitch on a borrowed bike with another biker, LL. Daniel the dummy certainly portrayed the importance of not being involved in a crash. He was a little pale and lifeless. I would like to thank everyone who provided me with awareness items for the booth.

Here are some pictures for all to see. Ride Safe that you can Ride Again.

Teresa Hemphill



NEW STATE OFFICE COMING IN JULY

For the past 5 years, CMT/ABATE, has been occupying an office space in Nashville that was to be temporary location. As of the last Board meeting, we will be moving our office to 215 E Old Hickory, Madison TN 37115. We will keep our current PO Box for now, however, we will have a new phone number starting July 11th. The new number will be (615)-860-1991. We hope to move the office on July 10th. I want to thank the entire Board for the approval of this new and much needed office space.

Bette Stewart, State Treasurer

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Meeting of May 1, 2011 was called to order with pledge and prayer. All officers present at our new meeting location – T&A Cycles. Kim thanked everyone that came to the 1st Annual cookout.

Secretary Report: Minutes from last month's meeting were read aloud. Motion made and approved.

Treasurer Report: Shelly reported our monthly balance as \$583.51. She also reported that it looks like we around \$650.00 at our swap meet yesterday.

Legislation Report: Jerry brought up the fact that we all need to get on board to fight what Georgia law is trying to get passed on profiling motorcycles. We need to get our act together and get it stopped or it will be another freedom right take away from us. Bullit stated we all need to stay friendly and talk often with our elected officials. Everyone was reminded that our sign media event will be Friday, May 13th at 4:00 on the Lebanon Square. Vern questioned are we taking litter bags to the welcome centers this year. No one knew the answer.

Activities: Tommy asks for volunteers that will be helping with the Liberty Rally. He showed that our old sign from AJ's has been moved to T&A Cycles and has a new face lift and looks like a brand new sign. Everyone agreed we need to send Steven Smith a thank you note for re-painting the sign.

- Our next event will be the ride to the Ronald McDonald House in Nashville, June 12th.

- Robin Long Memorial ride is scheduled for July 9th. We discussed changing the route. It will start at T&A Cycles and keep the rest of the route the

same as previous years.

Kim stated that Skeeter would like to have the rodeo at his place. Motion was made and approved to have it there.

Membership: Skeeter reported we have 34 members present and thanked our visitors for attending.

New: Carrie & David Campbell



Smith Wilson Litter Bag Run to Buffalo Valley Welcome Center

Renewal: Scott Dean

Products: Peach stated he sold several items yesterday at our swap meet. He would like to see us order some small shirts for our junior members. All agreed that would be a good idea. Other asked about getting hats and different items with our logo. Vern will bring a catalog next month with items and pricing. Anyone with a design idea needs to bring it to the next meeting.

Old Business:

- Kim reminded everyone who wants to get in on the mileage contest needs to give their VIN and mileage to Scott by May 15th. The one with the most miles at the end of the year will receive \$50.00 in Biker Bucks.

- Reminder - the Sounds ABATE baseball game date is May 15th.

- The Statewide Poker Run books are here. There \$10.00 each. See Kim if you want a book.

Patches questioned some of the event cost for the swap meet. Questions answered and all seemed okay.

New Business:

- Everyone agreed to send thank you notes to the band (Kingdom Reigns), the DJ, and Tony of T&A Cycles for yesterday's swap meet.

- Scott made a motion to give \$50 to the Ronald McDonald House to go with the donation money collected to help sponsor a family for a week's stay. All approved.

- BOD is moving their location to the Inglewood American Legion - Nashville location.

- Nominations for next year officers were made. Voting will be at next month's meeting.

- Skeeter concerned about the way the bike show was judged. Discussed why judges were used and not people's vote.

- May birthday's: Paul Brown, Bullit Patrick, Tommy Jones, and Cheryl Ferrell.

Wedding announcement of Cheryl and Tommy – Congratulation!!
Meeting adjourned.

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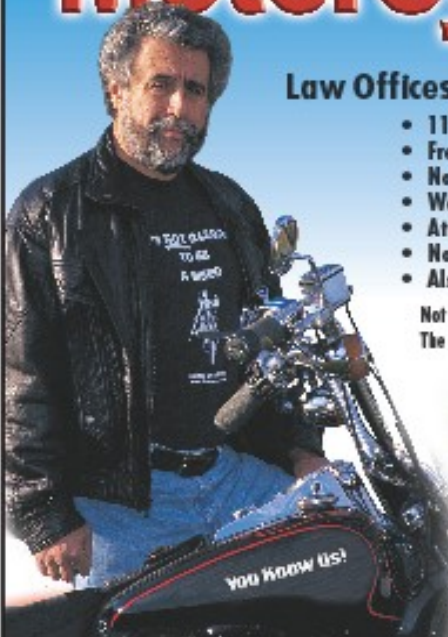
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ALABAMA MAY EXPAND MOTORCYCLE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Alabama is the only state where a person can get a motorcycle license without ever sitting on a motorcycle. Would-be motorcyclists as young as 14 don't have to take a skills test to obtain a license, just a written one.

Rep. Allen Farley, R-Jefferson, and eight co-sponsors are behind the House version of a bill (HB-576) to require graduated licenses and mandate testing that includes riding. It would require future motorcycle licenses to include a written test and a skills test for ages 14-17. It also would introduce a graduated driver's license law that would restrict motorcycle operations for ages 14-17.

"Issuing a motorcycle license with a written test and no skills test is just setting people up for failure. The lack for a mandate of training and education can be directly linked to reports of accidents," said Richard Randolph, Alabama Motorcycle Safety program manager. "Sixty-nine percent of all motorcycle-involved accidents, the cause was the motorcycle operator. That's steady year in, year out."

Currently, there are 47 state-legislated rider training programs in the United States and all but five US states waive motorcyclist license testing for graduates of rider training courses. Only 15 states require completion of a rider ed course to obtain a motorcycle endorsement, usually for riders aged 18-21.



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Wheels of Thunder

Meeting Minutes

Pancho's Mexican Grill

June 2, 2011

Sgt. of Arms, Bobby Johnson, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

A motion was made to waive the reading of last month's minutes and to accept them as posted on the web site. The motion was seconded and approved. Minutes can be found on our web site, www.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com, under the meeting date.

Bob reported our current bank balance, and we reviewed deposits and bills paid for May.

We had 19 members and 0 guests present at tonight's meeting. We have had 1 new member join and 2 members renew since the last meeting.

Director's Statement - Assistant Director, Gary Acton, reported that we would like to have a Vigil for Officer Martin. We had one in the past and it was a great success. However, we recently learned about a charity poker run that is going to take place and it might be hard to do both. Another concern was the traffic and parking issues that could cause a problem due to Wednesday night church services.

Gary will update us by email when the plans are confirmed.

Director Bob Celmer reminded us that the next BOD is coming up on June 12th and noted that it will be non-smoking.

Bob described a proposal to move the state office. We have already discussed that we would prefer to decide where our money should be best spent and we will not increase our monthly pledge.

Legislation- To reach Gary use this email: political_stuff@cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com
www.ride2repeal.com

Gary reported that if we want legislators to do something for us, then we need to do something for them. Get involved and visit the above website and become aware of who your legislators are so that you can make educated choices when you vote and let them know some of the things that are important to you.

NY chapter of ABATE reported that they were detained and issued helmet tickets as they were leaving the capitol and noted that this is happening to other groups leaving the Freedom Rally. They feel they were targeted by State troopers.

We reviewed the email that Scott McColpin sent out regarding the Helmet Bill being in Summer study. He has requested that we read the fiscal note and evaluate it and send responses to Scott. We passed the fiscal note around to the group. While helmet bill is in summer study, that gives us a chance to get other things together and have more information when it comes out.

BMW is looking for a way to avoid wrecks by taking the human out of the equation regarding left turns. They are testing a "left turn assistant" which is a sensor that would detect cars, trucks, and mo-

torcycles in nearby traffic lanes. Before the vehicle takes a left turn, scanners would scan the area up to 100 meters in the direction the car is moving. If it finds another vehicle, the brake would automatically be applied and a warning tone would sound.

Activities –

Bash Location – Ron announced that The Bash will be held at the VFW in Millington and it has already been booked.

Memorial Ride for Bob Ward – will be held June 25th in conjunction with Rolling Thunder. Bumpus Whitten is producing the flyers for the event and they will be the beginning and ending destinations. It will be known as "Bob Ward Save a Life Ride." Registration will be 9:15-10:15 with KSU at 10:30. There will not be a fee for the ride, but all donations are welcome. There will be food upon arrival back at Bumpus. All donations will reimburse for the plaque and the rest go toward the sign program. Bumpus is also handling the waiver for the event.



Bug Run – there will not be a Bug Run. This event has been replaced by the Bob Ward ride.

Safety and Education –

Cecil shared that 100 decals were purchased out of the grant money. Sixty of the "Look Twice" decals are on 60 AOC trucks that will be covering a great deal of the U.S. Forty of the decals are going to be primarily covering the Tennessee area. Cecil bought some of the Look Twice shirts and took them to Bancorp South in Collierville. He told them about the program. They all wore them and had many comments from people who wanted more information about the shirts and the program. This was great publicity. Cecil encouraged our members to think outside the box and never pass up an opportunity to spread the word. They raised some money and gave it to Cecil, some of the money helped to repay half of his expenses the other part went toward the sign program.

The new patches are in.

There were 4 WOT members at the media event in Brownsville. There were pictures taken in front of the capital building and signs are in 7 of the 9 towns in Fayette County.

We had 8 members attend the Carl Perkins ride for Child Abuse in Covington on May 21, 2011.

This was a great media event and those who attended were given Sheriff badges for their vests. There is a letter signed and on its way to put signs up in Hardeman, Bolivar, and Grand Junction. Haywood county was the first county in TN and in the U.S. to have 100% participation in the sign program.

Litter bags need to be delivered to two welcome centers (Downtown Memphis, on I-55 at the TN/MS border). This will take place either June 13th or 27th. Ron will set it up and Joy will email out details.

Products – Brenda noted that she has products available for purchase if anyone is interested. Other product news was covered in the Safety and Ed section.

Old Business – At the last meeting, Sarge made a motion that we should find a new meeting location and amended the motion to open the door to a new day and time as well. Dave seconded the motion and the amendment. The motion passed unanimously. Sarge talked to the owner of Cajun Catfish Company in Collierville. This location can accommodate us and is available, also, many of our active members live out that way. Sarge made a motion that we move to the above mentioned location. Steve Kellet seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 6 in favor and 2 opposed. Sarge made a motion that our next meeting be held at the new location. Gary seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 6 to 1.

The meeting on July 7, 2011 will be held at Cajun Catfish Company located at 336 New Byhalia Road in Collierville, TN. Their phone number is 901-861-0122 and website is www.cajuncatfishco.com.

New Business – Gary Acton mentioned that maybe Scott McColpin could work on getting specialty license plates on the agenda for the upcoming legislative session and introduce the "Look Twice" specialty plate for motorcycles and cars. We may want to alter picture a little to expand interest between motorcycle and bike enthusiast.

Club News and Announcements –

Dave and Amy updated us about the Wounded Warrior project. It is a sanctioned event. It will be held October 9th at Snowden Grove and Lynyrd Skynyrd has committed to perform. There is a possibility of other celebrity entertainment, sponsors, and auction items. There will be a poker run, entertainment, food, vendors, and a silent auction. Please contact Dave or Amy if you are interested in helping with this event. Tickets will be available through Ticket Master in the near future. For more information visit www.mswwwpr.com.

June 12 will be the Teddy Bear Run – Southern Cruisers of Tipton County meet at Sparky's. August 27th – Joy will repel down the White Station Tower for Special Olympics. All donations and spectators welcome.

We drew for the \$20 Pancho's gift certificate.

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and approved by the membership. It's 8:35 and we're outta here!



Tennessee two wheeling, Come join us

A graphic featuring a motorcycle on the left and a circular logo on the right. The logo is red and white with a blue star in the center, containing a motorcycle. The text 'MOTORCYCLE RIDER' is at the top and 'EDUCATION PROGRAM' is at the bottom of the circle. The background is yellow with a faint map of Tennessee.

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