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Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin 931-879-3899	1st Sunday * Call for location
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

Director's Column

Our Liberty Rally went very well this year. The three charters that are working it now are Caney Fork, Smith Wilson Stones River, and Upper Cumberland. We couldn't have asked for better weather. The days were sunny and warm, and the nights were cool enough for good sleeping. They kept the big stone fireplace burning all night long.

The highlight of the weekend was definitely the State Points Rodeo Saturday afternoon. We have two returning passenger champions who are seriously out for the big trophy this year. This is going to be exciting to watch this play out over the summer. You can see the winners elsewhere in this paper.

After the games, everyone settled in to party. We had a really good band this year. I hope they can come back next year. When everything was added up, each charter made about a \$175. Not bad pay for three days of fun. That new insurance policy really helped our bottom line. It will be a plus for every charter that does an event.

Now that the weather is hot, it's time to grab my State Wide Poker Run book and hit the road. So far I've just been getting signatures at the events. Memorial Day I rode over to Oliver Springs and got those two. I liked Brushy Mountain Pitstop. It had character. I look forward to all the businesses and the charter meetings also.

We've got two good events this month. First is the Robin Long Memorial Ride in Lebanon. I make that every year. Robin was a major supporter of Abate. And then there's the Motorcycle Awareness Ride in Chattanooga. One of the few events to take advantage of the Parade Law. It's about the only time all year I ride without a helmet.

Enjoy your summer and be safe out there. See you on the road.

Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE
State Director



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



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With elections coming soon, there are motorcycle friendly incumbents that could use your help. Acting as individuals, you are able to campaign for and support candidates. Don't hesitate to volunteer to help our friends on the hill. Just think of the impact a group of motorcyclists could make knocking on doors and passing out literature could make in some districts. You can help legislators in all districts and not just your own. I know I've said all this before, but its importance is far greater than the fault of being repetitious. So, fill up your tank, get some riding buddies together and make some new friends.

When it comes to helmet legislation, we have four problem areas in the State. Knoxville and Chattanooga are primarily Republican, but certain legislators from these two areas think that everyone should wear a helmet. These are the same

folks that claim to support the Constitutional rights of the individual. I find that to be not only repulsive, but on the borderline of treason. Nashville and Memphis are mostly Democratic and have a high percentage of black citizens. Color is not the issue, but a lack of involvement in both the political and legislative issues in these two cities has created an alienation between us and most of their legislators. This can be fixed by getting more bikers involved. We need to concentrate more effort in all four of these cities to build awareness of riders and our legislative agenda. We were three votes from changing the helmet law last session and those votes were from Nashville and Memphis.

Most legislators do their job by voting the will of their constituents, but there are exceptions. We saw this taken to extremes when our bills for freedom of



adult choice advanced into uncharted territory. Unethical attempts to intimidate committee members, logistical control of the voting time, childish thematics and involvement by large corporations fought us every step of the way. Legislators that violated their oaths have some very strong competition at the polls and we have the opportunity to make some changes. Our bills did not lose on merit, but by pressure applied to General Assembly members that needed to hear more from bikers in their home districts.

We have our own election coming up in September. In order to maintain momentum, I would like to ask anyone that intends on running for Legislative Director, to join us in the legislative meetings we are holding across the state. This will keep every interested candidate up to date on where we are and more importantly, where we are headed. I would also welcome the input at the meetings. If anyone has any questions or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me.



VFW Post 4641 Commander Jim O'Neil and his wife Gail, presenting a banner to the 101st Airborne Color Guard for their ceremony & participation at the June 4, 2016, C.O.L. event commemorating D-Day. Thanks to all for your service!

Beefy Ethridge presenting the 2016 2nd Annual Celebration of Life Merit Award to R.D. Pendergrass. R.D. and Cindy are the owners/operators of the famous Abiff Pub and have worked diligently for CMT/ABATE, Inc. Thanks to Beefy (our 2015 1st Annual C.O.L. Merit Award winner) and R.D. & Cindy!





MRF State Rep Report –

Why did you first join CMT/ABATE? Was it for the parties? The rides? Maybe because you had friends that were members? Or perhaps to make new friends with the same interest in riding that you had? There's no question, there is a strong sense of camaraderie among our members. We are a family...brothers and sisters bound together by our common purpose.

But that purpose is far bigger than the parties and rides and fun. Our actions in the legislative and political arenas help to ensure that the ability to enjoy riding as we currently do remains protected, both for ourselves and for our children. Our efforts to improve awareness of motorcycles and to educate both riders and the general public will save the lives of countless riders, perhaps even our own.

Many of our members joined specifically to be part of the fight to protect and improve motorcycling. Others may have initially joined for the parties, and were drawn into our legislative work later on. The reasons for joining are as many as we have members. But even with all these various reasons for joining, our organization maintains a single-minded focus: "to preserve freedom and safety for all Tennesseans who enjoy motorcycling".

Achieving this goal requires the efforts of a wide range of people. Whether a part of our corporate board of directors, serving as a local charter officer, or just helping out during an event, each of our members that has stepped forward to further our cause deserves the appreciation and thanks of all of us.

To all of you . . . THANK YOU!

Unfortunately, I'm not letting you off the hook that easily. The time of year is approaching when we will be holding elections for your State corporate board members, and many local charter elections are coming up as well. There are positions that have been empty for a while, and some officers are covering two or more positions. Some of our officers would love to find someone that they could "show the ropes" to, and slowly ease out of the job after having held it for a long time. I'd much rather see that, than watch someone burn out on the job, and just leave, with no one ready to step into that position. If you think you might be interested in eventually taking a position on the state board, or a local charter position, talk to whoever's got that job now. Chances are that they would be happy to show you what's involved, and help you get started on a leadership path in the organization.

(If you're ready to jump into a state officer position right away, resumes are due in early July).

A great way to build your enthusiasm for stepping into a leadership role is to attend a seminar for Motorcyclists Rights Organizations. There are not many of these held close to us, but the big one for the year, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Meeting of the Minds will be held September 22-25, in Oklahoma City. Check the MRF web-site for details (www.mrf.org). This seminar brings together motorcyclists rights activists from around the country, and frequently from overseas as well. It's a chance to meet others that are fighting the same battles we are, and learn from what they have done. There will be a small group attending from CMT/ABATE, but the seminar is open to everyone.

At the June Board meeting, we discussed the issue of profiling. This is a growing concern among motorcyclists across the country. As a first step in addressing this concern, we need to understand the extent of the issue, and all riders that feel that they have been unfairly singled out simply because they ride a motorcycle or wear motorcycle attire are being requested to document those occurrences in writing, with as much factual detail as possible. We need to be able to build a case that a problem exists before we can start to fix it.

I'll see you on the road!

Ride Free,

- - Ed

Ed Domine

MRF State Rep

TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY TESTIFIES ON HIGHWAY BILL IMPLEMENTATION

June 8, 2016

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Senator John Thune (R-SD), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation convened a hearing concerning the implementation of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act or FAST Act. The FAST Act is a bi-partisan five-year reauthorization of surface transportation agencies and programs and contains several provisions affecting motorcycle riders.

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx testified before the committee and provided an update regarding where the Department of

Transportation and its reporting agencies, including the Federal Highway Administration (FHA), and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) stood on implementing the FAST Act. Primarily, Secretary Foxx was questioned on issues that have made national news as of late including long lines at airports and a consideration to privatize air traffic controllers. Safety was also a key topic during the hearing, but was limited to the safety needs of commercial vehicles and widespread concerns surrounding NHTSA's management of safety recalls. Though issues related to motorcycles were not specifically addressed in today's

hearing, they do remain a key component of the FAST Act and are referenced in provisions related to the stopping of federal funding for motorcycle checkpoints and the reestablishment of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council which aims to coordinate with and counsel the Administrator of U.S. Department of Transportation on infrastructure issues that could affect motorcyclists. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) continues to closely monitor the implementation of these provisions working with stakeholders to ensure the interests of motorcyclists are represented. Reprinted from:

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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

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

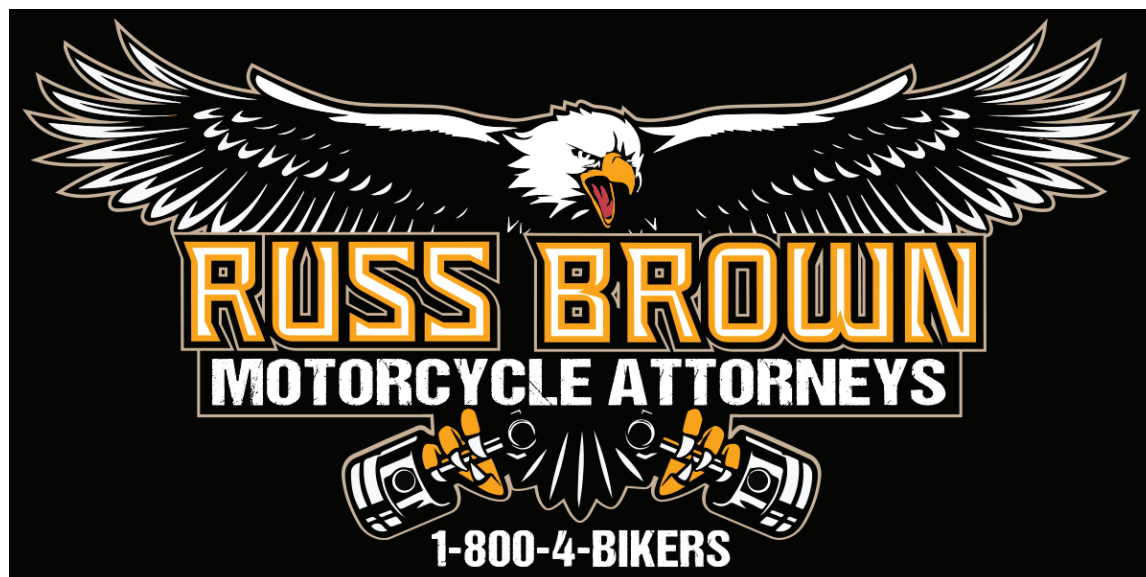
CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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MtCu/UpCu SWSR	MtCu MtCu	MtCu		WDT		SWSR Ride Robin Long
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
CaFo TnVa						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
TnVa		Nash		DHH SuCo		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

CANEY FORK

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN

May 19, 2016

D/H/H Charter meeting on May 19, 2016, kicked off with 13 members & 1 special guest saying the pledge led by Mark Proctor. Our guest Jay Reedy led us in prayer. Mr. Reedy then began to discuss his intentions with us & to help us fight for our cause. As a rider/former rider himself, Mr. Reedy is fighting tooth & nail to help get the freedom of choice bill passed. In fact, he also helped pass bill 492 which allows riders to ride w/o helmets on memorial runs, parades, etc. He believes we as riders should have the right to choose if we wear helmets or not. He even did the research and got the facts from Michigan compared to TN. After Michigan passed their law to ride w/o helmets in 2014, they had less fatalities than TN that year w/helmets! Vote Jay Reedy for State Rep. so we will have a fighter for our cause!!! Mark then began to discuss the sickness & death in the community. Shelia Triplett's sister Karen was hospitalized. Baby Olivia finally lost her battle and passed. Hippie Kirk also passed away from a heart attack @ the age of 47. Prayers go out to Debbie Kirk & family. Please keep these families in your hearts & prayers. D/H/H is thinking of & praying for you all! A motion was made & then a 2nd that our pledge be taken care of. The motion carried. So that will be taken care of for the year. The Bike & Tattoo Show on May 14th was a great day, we had a great turnout & a great ride. A wedding broke out in the middle of the bike show! Congrats to members Jimmy & Chairi Reeves on tying the knot!!! D/H/H is so happy for you both & wish you many happy years together. Congrats to Ronnie Edgin for finally getting a trophy for his street glide! He deserved it. For all winners from bike & tat show check out our public facebook page! The James Matlock poker run had a great turnout as well. People raved once again about Drew Perry's ribs. Yum!! Congrats to y'all! Steve Teston then began to discuss activities. May 28th, Vanessa & Charles Calhoun will host the 2nd Annual Riding 4 Rachel. June 4th will be D/H/H's memorial run & C.O.L. The honor guard will be there to present colors & the Road Riders for Jesus will be having a pancake breakfast. June 11th will be a memorial ride for Baby Olivia starting @ Lakeview Park. June 25th Allen Burrow will be

hosting a poker run in memory of his brother. August 26th & 27th, the Robertson County CMT Charter will be hosting the Southern THUNDER RALLY, in Hickman Co. Food, fun & biker games. D/H/H will be there to show our support! Come on out & join us. Johann (Robertson County) spoke to us about this event & would like us to help out & show our support. After that, a motion was made, 50/50 was played, and we adjourned.

Jess Capps

MONTGOMERY

MUSIC CITY

Hey guys ...Been having some trouble with our internet...Sorry about that ... stay with me..Lol

Anyway we had a good turnout for our meeting, if you weren't there we missed ya... we did had 27 members show up... Hey even the two showed up that had some bad accidents, and we were happy to see Phil and Taylor (and Taylors dad) Both guys looking great, in good spirits and with us today, by the Good Grace of God and they show the determination of Bikers will to survive!!!! Wayne spoke on the elections coming up in August, if you want your rights, registrar to vote, speak up, write, call, do whatever it takes you to do, but PLEASE vote

Wendell spoke on bikers being profiled, seems to be talk going around on certain bikers, we don't need this, so show your better sides, be who we are, we do a lot out there for our public, ..Profileing bikersNOPE.

Hey SOUTHERN THUNDER RALLY >>>AUG 26 & 27 HICKMAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS..Advance tickets are out, you can contact anyone in the charter's... just ask ... RAIN OR SHINE..Live Bands, Vendors, Bike Show, Field Events, Games ...Just PLAIN OLD SCHOOL BACK AGAIN!!! We will have showers, and electric will be limited as usally.....Port O pots will be available.....

New Charter shirts are available...New styles and colors also...See Vikkie for these items....Glen would like to send out a big Thank you for your support and prayers, thoughts and love to everyone during the loss of his stepdad, and I also want to Thank each of you Well, that's all for right now... see you all soon....Ride safe, Stay alert, watch for those, who Don't watch for you Later everyone, Crash is done for now... oh... be sure to watch for upcoming events

and rides coming up on our ABATE / and FACEBOOK sites.....

NASHVILLE

NORTHEAST

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meeting started off with Jeff leading in the Pledge and Robert lead us in prayer. Roland started with please pray for Toe Joe he had a toe taken off and he has Diabetes and we need to do something for him. Talked about the upcoming Southern Thunder Rally which will be held August 26 & 27 at Hickman County Fairgrounds. Please get your tickets early for \$20.00 a person and \$30.00 day of Rally. We are still needing vendors, so contact Samantha Stubblefield if interested. Treva asked us to remember in your prayers for Lee Groves who is battling cancer, there will be a Benefit for him at the Fire House in Springfield on June 18th. Please pray for Sandy Groves who had 4 bi-passes this past Sunday and is home and doing better. Remember Bubba Morris and Frankie. Trish's Dad is doing better and we are thankful for that. Thanks to the Pitt for sandwiches and chips at our meeting last night. Our meetings are held the First Tuesday of each month at The Pitt in Springfield TN.

Thanks, Connie Jones

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER

The SWSR meeting of June 5, 2016 was called to order at 10:30 AM by Jerry followed by him also leading the pledge and prayer. All officers were present except Assistant Director, Treasurer and Membership. Jerry said that yesterday's rodeo was wet and muddy but we had fun! Secretary Report: Given and approved Treasury Report: N/A. 50/50 from Rodeo was won by Boots from the Caney Fork Charter and donated back to charter and it will be going into the building fund. Legislative: Bullit didn't have anything Activities: Tommy covered current and upcoming events. He also added he really needs help here at the Roost with wood. Kim talked about the route for the Robin Long Memorial Poker Run being changed due to road construction. She will confirm stops on new route this week. Products: Brian has rodeo t-shirts and koozies. We are sold out of the bandanas. Membership: June Birthdays are Jeanette Adams. Happy Birthday Jeanette! Safety: Ernest said be alert and continue

to keep your eyes open. We also need to work on keeping our formation a little tighter during group rides and stay in formation. If one person changes the next person should fill that spot and so on. A pre-ride talk is crucial!

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Election for 2016-17 officers were as follows: Director: Jerry King, Assistant Director: Kim Marlin, Secretary: Ruth, Treasurer: Mark Waters, Activities: Tommy, Membership: Leslie Sullivan, Legislative: Danny Youngs, Products: Resa Cooper, Safety: Ernest Adams, Sgt at Arms: James Sullivan.

Please keep Mark in your thoughts and prayers he is having knee surgery this Tuesday, June 7.

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 AM.....Later....

Ruth

SUMNER COUNTY

TENNESSEE VALLEY

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Membership: Holding steady. Picked up some new members from the fun run
Financial Report: Balance reviewed. No expenditures for the month.

Legislative Reports: Discussion and stated disappointment of having the helmet bill hijacked by the house finance chairman.
Events report: July 31st Motorcycle Awareness Ride.

Members encourage to beat the bushes to get sponsors for the Statewide Poker Run.

Next Meeting : June at Hooters 19th.
Remember life is a journey so take the long way home.

Yog

WHEELS OF THUNDER

UPPER CUMBERLAND

Meeting kicked off with the Pledge.
Treasurer's report positive results. Liberty Rally was successful. Motion accepted that any Upper Cumberland CMT ABATE "active" member that plans to attend the Southern Thunder Rally will have their entrance fee covered by the Chapter.
Legislative matters – State Representative Kelly Keisling was in attendance. Briefed the group on the helmet law which has been placed on hold (blocked) and touched on the importance of motorcycle tourism, the medical community committee, capital improvements and privatization of maintenance/management for state parks; continued brief on other topics such as county highways, teachers pay raises, highway patrols, voters registration now available online, investment tax, and the repeal of the death tax. Would like to see support for him and other representa-

tives whom are scheduled to be at Pickett County High School (off of 111 in Brydstown) on June 14th 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Activities:

June 26th - kickstands up at 10:00 a.m. starting from Ground Hawgs RC located on Taylor Place Road (296) just west of 127 in Jamestown – destination Crossville (stops TBD – obtain signatures from Vendor List-Charter Fun Run-AKA Poker Run)
July 30th – Memorial Run - kickstand up at 10:00 a.m. starting from Whistle Stop in Static

Next meeting (July): Dean's house in Sparta

Future meetings: August at Ground Hawgs Riding Club (Jamestown); September at Obed Hideaway

Meeting concluded with 50/50 drawing and lunch – many thanks to Trina for hosting and feeding us.


To all Ride Safe!!

Batman Blog

Written April 2016

Clarence Hawkins (Batman, former Safety and Awareness Director for CMT/ABATE) Wrote this a while back on my desk top... I would like to share it now.

Just sitting in the batcave is a hard thing to do when you retire. To let the Robins of this life take over your fight! Having to hang up your cape and cowl is something that sneaks upon you like the Joker in a dark alley and kicks you in the ass. So I fired up the batcycle, I felt the power shake through its frame. I mount the saddle as I unclip my cape. It falls gently to the floor. I hit the gas and head into the night for one last ride, into the wind. I can feel it on my face, cold with a little dew in it. I can feel the wind ripping at my leathers as I roar down empty streets where I used to play when I was a kid. Knowing that when this ride was over that life for me would change in a most dramatic way. But for now, I put those thoughts behind me. I turn into the wind, twist the throttle, hoping that old age can't outrun the speedy batcycle but you know down deep in your heart, that you are riding into it, not away from it... Batman 2016-04
Batman's motto—better to be pissed off than to be pissed on....

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OVERVIEW OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS-SENATORS

Tennessee State Primary Election-August 4, 2016

Tennessee State General Election, November 8, 2016

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There are 16 Tennessee State races this year. Senators serve four year terms, and the elections are staggered. Even numbered districts are up for election this year.

Six of the 16 Incumbent Senators have NO challengers in either the primary or general election and are assured to be back in the Senate this coming January. Three of those six have voted with us on the helmet freedom of choice legislation and are indicated by an * after their name. Double ** indicates that they have supported us throughout the years with actively speaking on our behalf, helping with strategy, and/or cosponsoring legislation.

The unchallenged Senators are District 6, Becky Duncan Massey; **District 8, Frank Niceley****; District 12, Ken Yager; District 18, Ferrell Haile; District 24, **John Stevens ***; **District 32, Mark Norris ****.

Interesting note: Many years ago, Mark Norris was General Counsel for Fulmer Helmets of Memphis. He is keenly aware that the mandate on helmets in the late 60's early 70's caused Fulmer and many other helmet manufacturers to move their plants outside the United States to avoid liability lawsuits. The headquarters remained in Memphis, but hundreds of workers lost their jobs to MEXICO (40 years ago). Senator Norris is a great asset to the motorcyclists of Tennessee.

CMT **Dr. Joey Hensley ****** is the only Senate candidate who has an independent opponent, Joey Norman. This race will be decided in the General Election on November 8.

Challenges by independent candidates cannot be taken lightly. The opponents are usually a "wild card" and can be inconsequential, or a major battle. Dr. Joey rides, his father owned a Honda dealership in Hohenwald years ago, and Dr. Joey has been a dedicated member of CMT/ABATE, a solid sponsor AND cosponsor of our legislation for many years, and very vocal, thoughtful, and loyal supporter both in committees and on the floor. Any and all members are encouraged to support Dr. Joey in this election!!

The contested Senate races are, according to Tennessee state politicians, unlikely to produce much concern for upsets to the incumbents. Commentaries regarding the races are included:

District 2, Doug Overbey has a primary challenger, Scott Williams. Senator Overbey has been thoughtful and helpful in some motorcyclists' issues, voted "aye" for the "Respect Bill" which allows for freedom of choice in funerals, memorials, and body escorts, but remains firm as a NO vote for statewide, all situations, freedom of choice. Reports are that his opponent is not going to present a huge challenge.

District 4 Open seat vacated by Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey. No Democrat Candidates. This race will be decided in the Primary election. The Republican candidates are: John Paul Blevins, Neal Kerney, Jon Lundberg, and Tony Shipley. Mr. Lundberg and Mr Shipley have both served in the House of Representatives, neither with a stellar reputation as being overly supportive of Motorcyclists Issues. Input from our members and motorcyclists across the state would be appreciated.

District 10, Senator Todd Gardenhire is the Incumbent with a rather twisty reputation with CMT/ABATE. The Senator is a member of CMT/ABATE. Attends events and meetings in the Chattanooga area. Rides a fine white HD dresser. Seems very concerned with motorcycle safety but has been known to wear shorts and tennis shoes while riding with his Kevlar jacket and full face helmet. He has been supportive of SOME motorcycle

legislation, but is adamantly in support of MANDATORY HELMET LAWS. He has NO primary opposition, but THREE Democrat opponents.

Insider speculation is that Senator Gardenhire will win and return. Lots of work to do with this Fellow motorcyclist.

District 14, Senator Jim Tracy * Senator Tracy has opponents in both the Primary (Steve Lane and Matt Randolph), and the General Election (Democrat Gayle Jordan). None of the opponents are reputed to be fierce challenges, but your input would be appreciated. Senator Tracy has voted with us on several issues and is the Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee which passed the Freedom of Choice bill in the 2015 session of the General Assembly although it is not public record what his actual vote was on the issue.

District 16, Senator Janice Bowling * has a primary challenger Michael Shane Wilcher and General election opposition in Democrats Alice Demetreon and Mike Winton. Thankfully, we have a key member of the CMT/ABATE legislative team who is dedicated to making Janice a friend, keeping her as a friend and following up with her to make sure she votes the way we need her to on motorcycling issues. Janice Bowling is a friend of motorcyclists for ONE reason—grassroots activism.

CMT **District 20, Senator Steven Dickerson's** profession is in the medical field, he is an anesthesiologist in the **Nashville** area. According to the inside information, this is the closest challenge to any incumbent Senator. Sen. Dickson has a Republican challenger in the Primary, Ron McDow. Also a General Election Democrat contender, Erin Coleman. This race should get a lot of media coverage in the Nashville area. Senator Dickerson was a **NO** vote in the Senate Finance Committee, where we **lost** the passage of Freedom of Choice by **ONE VOTE**. We need motorcyclists to contact the Legislative team to put together a strategy for this election campaign.

CMT **District 22, Senator Mark Green*** has expressed support for Tennessee Motorcyclists in many ways, although he was one of two senators who were not present for the Respect Bill vote and does not sit on Committees that review the Freedom of Choice bill. CMT/ABATE is confident that Senator Green is worthy of our support. He is facing a primary challenger, Lori Smith and general election challenger David Cutting. Neither of the opposing candidates have much “traction” as of the writing of this article, but our Montgomery County motorcycling supporters might want to check with him and see if he needs any grassroots support.

CMT **District 26, Senator Delores Gresham*** has always most willing to talk to our grassroots activists and share political strategy and helpful hints. She is a former Marine officer and respects Liberty. She voted with us on the Respect bill. Senator Gresham has a Primary challenger, Bob Shutt. Most reports claim that this will not be a very close race and she will win handily. Never take anything for granted. Senator Gresham will most likely appreciate any offers of support from the Tennessee Motorcyclists.

District 30, Incumbent Senator Sara Kyle is being challenged by former legislator Beverly Marrero. This will be a battle between two individuals who have not supported our issues in the past. Anyone have a suggestion for winning over either candidate, please contact the Legislative Director.

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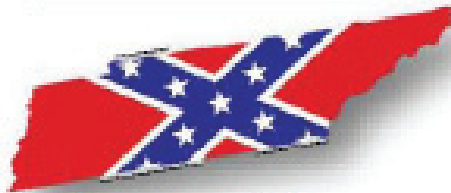
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OVERVIEW OF STATE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS-REPRESENTATIVES

Tennessee State Primary Election-August 4, 2016

Tennessee State General Election, November 8, 2016

Presented to you by the Legislative Team of CMT/ABATE, Inc.

Throughout this article you will see asterisks (*) or plus signs (+) after some of the legislators names. * indicates that they are either Champions (**), or have co-sponsored our legislation, voted for our bills in the recent past, or been "undercover" assistants to our issues.

The character + indicates that they support many of our issues and are "works in progress" toward solid sponsorships and champions-in-waiting.

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All 99 State Representative seats are up for re-election.

The following 20 incumbent Representative- their party affiliation and their districts in parenthesis, (D-# or R-#) have **no** challengers and will be back for the 110th General Assembly. This is a smaller number of unchallenged incumbents and could indicate that the Republican supermajority is not as solid as it was two years ago. It is unlikely that the Republicans will lose their supermajority in this election cycle, but it will certainly be necessary for more legislators to be spending money on campaigns.

Art Swann+ (R-8), Tilman Goins ** (R-10), Dale Carr * (R-12), Bill Dunn + (R-16), Andrew Farmer + (R-17), Harry Brooks + (R-19), Kevin Brooks * (R-24), Patsy Hazelwood + (R-27), Bill Beck (D-51), Mike Stewart (D-52), John Ray Clemmons (D-55), Sherry Jones (D-59), Sheila Butt * (R-64), Curtis Johnson + (R-68), David Byrd* (R-71), Steve McDaniel *(R-72), Joe Towns (D-84), Karen Camper * (D-87), Roger Kane * (R-89), Ron Lollar * (R-99).

If you do not see your legislator's name in the info above, they have a challenger in either the primary (August 4) or the General Election (Sept 8) or BOTH.

The following is a partial list of the Representatives who are challenged and who are our friends and champions.

Primary Election:

Jeremy Faison * (R-11), **John Ragan** * (R-33), Jerry Sexton * (R-35), **Kelly Keisling** ** (R-38), **David Alexander** * (R-39), Courtney Rogers *(R-45), Judd Matheny ** (R-47), **Mike Sparks** * (R-49), **Jay Reedy** *** (R-74), **Andy Holt** * (R-76), **John DeBerry** ** (D-90), Curry Todd * (R-95)

General Election:

Timothy Hill * (R-3), Micah Van Huss * (R-6), **Jeremy Faison** * (R-11), Bob Ramsey *** (R-20), Cameron Sexton ** (R-25), **John Ragan*** (R-33), Dennis Powers * (R-36), Dawn White * (R-37), **Kelly Keisling** *** (R-38), **David Alexander** * (R-39), Terri Lynn Weaver ** (R-40), John Mark Windle ** (D-41), **Mike Sparks** * (R-49), Glen Casada *** (R-63), **Jay Reedy** *** (R-74), **Andy Holt** * (R-76). Bill Sanderson * (R-77), Mary Littleton * (78), **John DeBerry** *** (D-90)

In review of the listings above, please note that there are several supporters and champions who have worked hard for us and have **BOTH Primary AND General Challenges**. Their names are indicated in bold type. They will be very busy trying to get re-elected from now until November.

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The above information is JUST A REPORT of who has and voted for and supported legislation on behalf of Tennessee motorcyclists, it is NOT an endorsement. If your legislator is not in the listing above, there is no record of their voting on the behalf of Tennessee Motorcyclists, although they may not have been on committees that heard our bills, or on the floor when floor votes were taken. Please report any information you have

about ANY of these legislators to our legislative director,
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EPA Holds Public Hearing on Renewable Fuel Standard; MRF Testifies

June 9, 2016

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held a public hearing in Kansas City, MO concerning the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), also referred to as ethanol mandates, and allowed interested parties the opportunity to testify regarding how the regulation affects them.

A variety of stakeholders testified; many of which expressed concern about ethanol mandates forcing increased amounts of biofuels into the U.S. fuel supply and possible effects. However, the majority of speaking slots were filled with pro-biofuel individuals which support higher blends of ethanol in fuel. They spoke passionately citing frustration that a recent EPA proposed rule published in May would increase renewable fuel volume obligations but not at levels they deem “high enough”

On the other side of the spectrum, oil producers and others expressed concerns over higher ethanol blends citing negative effects on the environment, food supply, costs to taxpayers and deleted resources. Congress created the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and expand the nation’s renewable

fuels sector while reducing reliance on imported oil. As a result, the EPA is required to set annual RFS volume requirements for four categories of biofuels. One of these categories, “Renewable Fuel” accounts for corn-based ethanol. Recently, the EPA announced a proposal for their recommended level of corn-based ethanol renewable energy to be blended into gasoline for 2017 which is 18.8 billion gallons, an increase from 2016 levels.

Concern over E15

Several individuals expressed concern in both written and oral testimony specifically focused on blended fuel containing 15 percent ethanol (E15) and its potential to wreak havoc on engines by causing corrosion, rubber swelling and other damages. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) was represented through the Freedom of Road Riders (FORR) which also delivered testimony. “Encouraging new research, specifically targeted towards motorcycle engines as well as the effects on internal combustion, could help alleviate the concerns of motorcycle riders, as well as motorcycle manufacturers,” stated Amy Allmon, MRF Rep and Member of FORR. Allmon went on to also tout the importance of consumer education asking the EPA to, “help ensure that consumers have a comprehensive understanding of the risks associated

with using fuel with a higher blend of ethanol.”

Working Together

A major coalition, known as “Smarter Fuel Future” has been active in addressing concerns over ethanol mandates. It brings together major associations, companies, environmental groups and others in order to reform the current mandates. Recently, the MRF became engaged with the Coalition and began participating in supportive activities. This outlet can serve as an opportunity to voice the position of the MRF and its members to learn more about the effects on motorcycles and higher blends of ethanol. This week the Smarter Fuel Future coalition sent a congressional letter to the EPA encouraging increased consumer awareness on E15’s potential to cause damage and cited concern over the lack of public knowledge on this fact and related federal laws. The coalition website can be accessed here at <http://smarterfuelfuture.org/>

In its entirety, the hearing lasted for several hours, allowing over 120 people the opportunity to speak. Interestingly, while motorcyclists’ rights groups had a presence during the hearing, manufacturers of motorcycles were not present on the witness list.

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