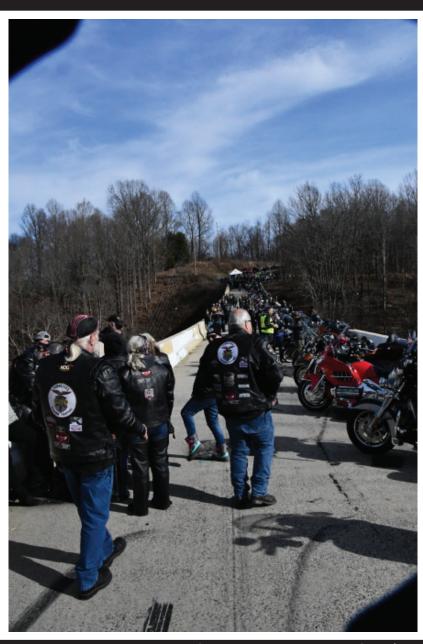
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Charter	Contacts	Meeting Times		
Caney Fork	Terry Presley 615-642-8025 presley7290@yahoo.com	Last Sunday of the month @ 4 pm, 107 N Fairview Ave., Gordonsville,		
Dickson/Humphreys/ Hickman	Terry "Bub" Davis 615-969-3673 terrybubdavis@yahoo.com	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson		
Montgomery County	Roy West 931-627-1917 kountrycrazy@gmail.com	1st Tuesday @ 7, Jackie's Country Kitchen, 1578 Zinc Plant Rd, Clarksville		
Music City	Wendell Baldwin 615-838-1490 wiggles1202@yahoo.com	1st Sunday @ 2, Skully's Old Hickory		
Nashville	Jack Jones 615-579-4112 jdj32K@yahoo.com	3rd Wednesday @ 7, Full Throttle Old Hickory		
Robertson County	Roland Verchota 615-533-6368 Verchotaw@bellsouth.net	1st Tuesday @ 7, Piggy Pit Springfield		
Smith-Wilson- Stones River	David Marlin 615-319-8915	1st Sunday @ 2, The Roost Lebanon		
Sumner County	Jeff Hollins 615-808-1618 jlhollis@yahoo.com	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Hendersonville		
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

Welcome back. Now that March Madness is over, April showers will be upon us to bring May flowers. Is this a really good indication that spring is in the air finally? I hope everybody has their bikes ready, tires checked, oil, and air filter and make sure that padding on the seat is ready to go. Food for thought, a lot of people are sending cash in. When they renew their memberships. Please DON'T DO this! Send a check or money order otherwise visit our online store where you can do it correctly over the website cmt/abate.com.

Our new membership application is about caught up but if you have any questions please contact Janice Smith at Cmtabatemembership@gmail.com if you haven't received your membership packet as of yet. More products will soon be added to our online store. We still have some work to do on the online store. An example should be able to have all members receive items at a discoun for being a member of CMT/ABATE Inc.. If anyone has any ideas for the online store please contact me and let me know and we'll see what the organization can do. Well that's enough chatter for now, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at cmt/abate director@gmail.com. Or give me a call at 423-571-6608. Lookingforward to seeing everyone on the road. Ride safe and be free.

Scott Smith CMT/ABATE INC Corporate Director



Asst. Director's Column

To all CMT/ABATE Members; a lot of things have happened this week. I woke up Tuesday morning to see the destruction of the recent storms and made me think how life can change in an instant. I pray that everyone affected can recover and build stronger than before. I sat there and watched as the people of this great State started pulling together to help their fellow man. It reminded me how this community of bikers acts everyday of our lives. Then I realized it is Primary Election day. So, we got dressed and headed to the polls. It was almost alarming as our area was not affected by the storms but there was hardly any activity at the polling station. I see people posting on social media about the way government is run, so where are they on election day?

I hope all our members were able to get out and vote, so we can make a difference in this crazy world. If we just sit on our butts, we will never change a thing.

We had our Lobby Day and had eight people showed up! We have 100 people complaining about what is being done or not being done! Same thing applies here, as in voting! You can't change things sitting on your BUTT!

That's all my ranting for now. Ride your own ride.

Joel Jernigan Assistant Corporate Director





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

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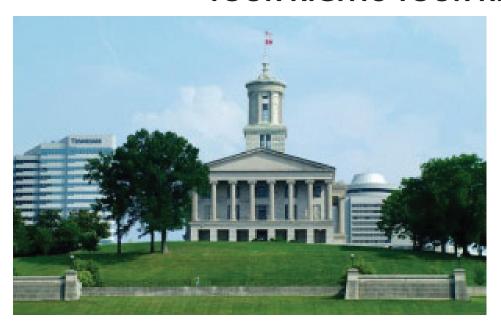
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House bill was in Infrastructure Subcommittee in the House today at 2:00. Passed without any debate to full committee. See video of Rep. Lowell Russell's presentation.

http://tnga.granicus.com/MediaPlayer. php?view_id=414&clip_id=21897&meta_ id=469014 Distribute and appropriate. Our membership is not very well informed on this piece of legislation.

Our legislative researchers have looked very closely at this bill. As written, it merely cleans up some sloppy sections of the law.

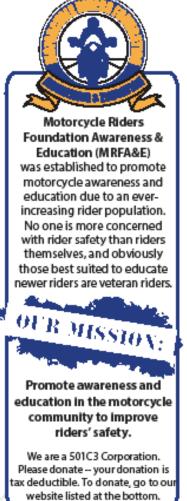
HOWEVER, this "opens" the section of Tennessee law that includes our legislative successes (no helmets in parades, no helmets in funeral processions, ventilated helmet, etc.). So, an "unfriendly" amendment could unravel years of work.......
The sponsor, Lowell Russell met with the attendees of Lobby Day and assured us that this was just a "clean up" bill, with NO intention of interfering with our past efforts of Freedom of Choice.

Rep. Russell notified me of the hearing yesterday, so that our organization would be aware of the activity on the bill. He sent an email, which I did not see until this morning. Therefore, when I talked to Danny last night, I told him there was no activity on the bill. I think that action in subcommittee is not posted on the website until the bill is acted upon in committee... It may be on a committee calendar, but not on the "actions on the bill" when you search the bill number on website. Sorry for the oversight. Perhaps it would

be a good idea to "officially" include Wayne Shaub in our legislative Committee. He has been searching the General Assembly website for motorcycle related bills for a couple of decades now—he has been State Director AND also Legislative Director. Just "under the radar". Most of the time. Lifetime MEMBER. I am nearly certain he would love to talk to Scott and others and keep a little more "in the loop" as well and us having a reliable source to watch the actions of Legislature.

I do the best that I can, but it is not on my list of "official" duties, and I don't want it to be.

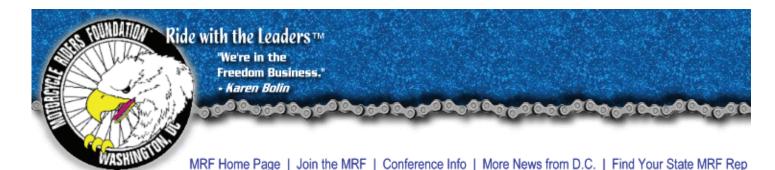
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MRF State Rep Report -

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

- Benjamin Franklin

Well I hope that by the time you read this, things have settled down a bit. As of my writing this, all sports seasons have been postponed, NASCAR is still running, but with no spectators (I guess the drivers can out-run a virus at 150 mph) and they've cancelled every concert and show for the next month. The Governor has asked all schools in the state to close, and they just closed all the bars on Broadway Street. And I went to pick up a few groceries...but I can't buy a roll of toilet paper anywhere in this county. I think we've all gone insane!

In spite of all this craziness, the slow turning of government wheels continues its plodding progress. And the MRF continues to watch what is going on, and will advise you on how you can best affect that to the benefit of motorcyclists in the USA – although any interaction will need to be by phone or e-mail for the next few months, since essentially all public access

to government proceedings has been curtailed. It is times like this that we must be extra vigilant in monitoring what our government is doing. It is far too easy for our leaders to take steps in the name of "public safety" that infringe on our rights.

Although I have not heard of any emergency measures or restrictions being implemented that specifically impact motorcyclists - yet, the MRF (as well as CMT/ABATE) will continue to watch for any that do. A few of the general restrictions may affect us – If bars and restaurants are closed, some meetings may need to be relocated of cancelled.

A good way to help ensure that motorcyclists concerns are being heard is to be sure motorcyclists are included in discussion of issues affecting them. The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) Reauthorization Act that I discussed last month is still moving forward, with growing numbers of cosponsors both in the House and the Senate. This bill will ensure that motorcyclist organizations are properly represented on the MAC. If you have not already done so, please contact your US Representative and Senators to ask them to sign on as a cosponsor of H.R. 5234 in the US House of Representatives

or S. 3249 in the US Senate. A pre-written letter can be e-mailed directly to your Representative and Senators through the Federal Legislative Action Center at: www.mrf.org

Let us all be extra vigilant during this time of national strife, and ensure that any emergency measures enacted by our leaders do not become a permanent infringement of our liberties and our right to...

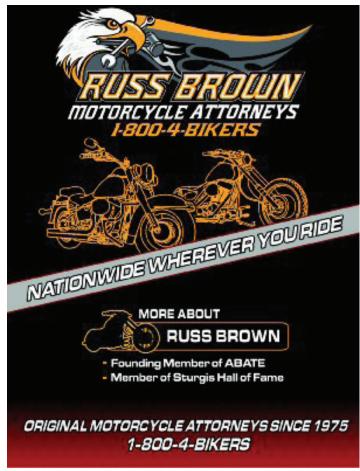
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Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, *pictures* etc. to **keeblersg@yahoo.com**. That being said, I am **BIG** on photos, I want more photos not only from events but of our members out there riding!

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CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

April 2020

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May 2020

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MUSIC CITY

Meeting called to order by Shaun at 14:00 HRS. He also led us in the Pledge.

Discussion on up coming elections at BOD. M/Joel S/ Glenn to vote for Scott Smith as Director.

Joel Gave updates on Lobby Day and activities at State House.

Don't forget Safety And education Day at The state house MARCH 10th.

Report on Wendell's Treatment. As of this past Friday He is half way thru. Keep him in your prayers for healing.

Don't forget Boswell bike night we will be setting up for membership drive. March 19th. The annual cookout at Joel and Hattie's will be July 27th starting at 5:00 pm plenty to eat and Kareoke.

Shaun won 50/50. M/Glenn S/ Phil to adjourn. Ride your own ride Joel.

CANEY FORK DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN MONTGOMERY

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at The Pitt in Springfield. Bull started us off with the Pledge and George led us in prayer. Roland thanked everyone for coming. Samantha went over events. There will be a Celebration of Life for Mouser March 21st at 2pm. Bring a side dish. There is also going to be a Benefit in Memory of Jimmy Parks at The Pitt at 12:00pm on March 29th. There will be a silent auction. All donations will go to the Vietnam Vets. Bull won the 50/50 and donated back. Thank you. Johann went over the Legislative. Please keep in your prayers for all the tornado victims in Tennessee. Our hearts and prayers go out to all effected. Connie Jones

NASHVILLE
SUMNER COUNTY
WHEELS OF THUNDER
UPPER CUMBERLAND

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER

Smith/Wilson/Stones River Charter March 2020 Minutes

The SWSR charter meeting of March 1, 2020 was called to order at 2:05 PM by David who also led us in the pledge. There were 11 members and 4 visitors in attendance.

Secretary Report: Motion to read in April Treasury Report: Given and approved Activities Report: Kim went over upcoming events for Sarah. Motion was made to do the Bike Show July 4 and the Wilson County Fairgrounds. We will be having our April meeting along with the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4. Meeting at 12 PM and Easter Egg Hunt from 2-? Products: Kim had some shirts hanging of what we have available. We sold several shirts. Thanks everyone who bought! Membership: N/A

Old Business: Family night was voted in.
Discussion to move our meetings to Saturdays. Since we didn't have a quorum we have tabled until April 4 meeting.
Motion to adjourn at 2:40 PM by David.
Ride safe and free......Kim

FYI to all (please share as you wish):

I was surprised today to discover that the Pastor of the Day for the Tennessee House of Representatives was a member of the Christian Motorcycle Association.

Jimmy Sadler of Jackson, TN, was invited to be Pastor of the Day by Representative Chris Todd.

Later today I will talk to Representative Todd and find out the "story" of Jimmy being invited to be Pastor of the day.

Please view the link below to watch his time before the House of Representatives, offering prayer.

http://tnga.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=415&clip_id=21913

Starts at approximately minute 12:00.

Pastor of the Day from Christian Motorcycle Association.

Last year, we were blessed to have Pastor Ron Baptiste of the Covenant Confirmers in Springfield, TN to be the pastor of the day, sponsored by Rep. Sabi Kumar and Speaker of the House Glen Casada.

If you know of a pastor who would like to enjoy this honor, please contact me and I will talk to them and find out who their representative and/or Senator is, and see if we can get them on the schedule to

Share a prayer with the legislature.

Thank you.

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Representative Glen Casada
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But, "you didn't see me dedicated", to all we have lost.

I saw you, hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line. But, you didn't see me, put an extra \$10.00 in the collection plate last Sunday.

I saw you, pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk. But, you didn't see me, playing Santa at the local mall.

I saw you, change your mind about going into the restaurant. But, you didn't see me, attending a meeting to raise more money for the hurricane relief.

I saw you, roll up your window and shake your head when I drove by. But, you didn't see me, driving behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out the car window.

I saw you, frown at me when I smiled at your children. But, you didn't see me, when I took time off from work to run toys to the homeless.

I saw you, stare at my long hair. But, you didn't see me, and my friends cut ten inches off for Locks of Love.

I saw you, roll your eyes at our leather coats and gloves. But, you didn't see me, and my brothers donate our old coats and gloves to those that had none.

I saw you, look in fright at my tattoos. But, you didn't see me, cry as my children were born and have their name written over and in my heart.

I saw you, change lanes while rushing off to go somewhere. But, you didn't see me, going home to be with my family.

I saw you, complain about how loud and noisy our bikes can be. But, you didn't see me, when you were changing the CD and drifted into my lane.

I saw you, yelling at your kids in the car. But, you didn't see me; pat my child's hands, knowing he was safe behind me.

I saw you, reading the newspaper or map as you drove down the road. But, you didn't see me; squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.

I saw you, race down the road in the rain. But, you didn't see me, get soaked to the skin so my son could have the car to go on his date.

I saw you, run the yellow light just to save a few minutes of time. But, you didn't see me, trying to turn right.

I saw you; cut me off because you needed to be in the lane I was in. But, you didn't see me, leave the road.

I saw you, waiting impatiently for my friends to pass. But, you didn't see me. I wasn't there.

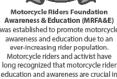
I saw you, go home to your family. But, you didn't see me. Because, I died that day you cut me off. Anonymous



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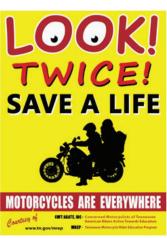
A conference room in the **Cordell Hull Legislative Office Building** at 425 N 5th Street, Nashville, TN has been reserved for attendees to gather and begin the day. Please arrive at converence room **5C** on the **5TH floor** by 10 a.m.

Legislators will be invited to come and address our group as a whole, and then we will be given several small gifts to go and deliver to ALL Representatives and Senators to remind them to LOOK TWICE, SAVE A LIFE as well as DON'T RIDF RIE. Hang buts to accompany all lifts fill a so provid J. Mis i a LOBBY DAY to promote or defermany legislatic future. gifts 1 d incide by the Motorcycle Riders Education Program YING IS F . So, for those of o are uncomfortable with "politicking", TODAY IS YOUR DAY to meet elected legislators from all across the state, just to say "HI" and encourage them to watch for motorcyclists, and to spread the word that CMT/ABATE, Inc. is a longstanding organization that is state wide, promoting safety and awareness for ALL motorcyclists. The legislators may even ride themselves, or know someone who does, and can pass along our information!!!!

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Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles

- 1. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle; they ignore it (usually unintentionally). Look for motorcycles, especially when checking traffic at an intersection.
- 2. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
- 3. Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc). Take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.
- 4. Because of its small size a motorcycle may seem to be moving faster than it really is. Don't assume all motorcyclists are speed demons.
- 5. Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds. At intersections, predict a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.
- 6. Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-canceling, thus some riders, (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real.
- 7. Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.
- 8. Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of the way.
- 9. Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stop-ping quickly difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime." 10. When a motorcycle is in motion, don't think of it as motorcycle; think of it as a person.

A cowboy, who just moved to Montana from Texas, walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Bud. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more. The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time." The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Arizona, the other is in Colorado. When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself." The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there. The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way.

He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn. One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars take notice and fall silent.

When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss." The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains. "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking." "It hasn't affected my brothers though."











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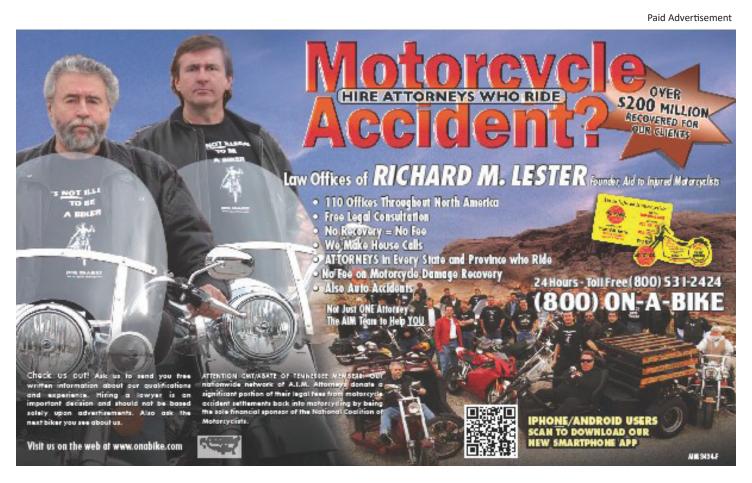
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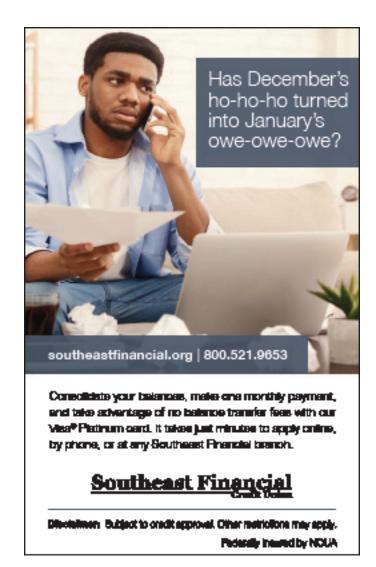
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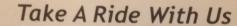
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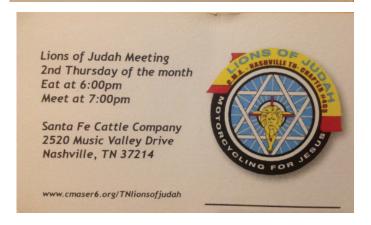
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