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

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Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

Director's Column

I just finished reading my may issue of American Motorcyclist. It comes to me as a benefit of my membership in the American Motorcyclist Association. There was a great article in there about bikers being refused medical coverage while riding. This has been going on for so long.

It started in 1996 when Congress passed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. It allowed insurance companies to exclude "risky activities". This could be anything from hang gliding to riding a motorcycle. The AMA has been working ever since to close this loophole. Yet today, only Colorado prohibits denying coverage to bikers.

You need to be sure your insurance covers you while you are riding. If you can, get a letter from them saying you are. Don't be like that firefighter in Florida. He crashed his bike, then found out he wasn't covered because he wasn't wearing a helmet, even though it's legal to ride there without one.

Now I heard years ago about that study by the University of North Carolina. Their Highway Safety Research Center showed that biker's medical bills were less than other accident victims, and yet I constantly hear how we are a burden on society. Maybe if society quits running over us, it wouldn't be such a problem.

I think we should introduce state legislation prohibiting denial of coverage for doing something that's completely legal. What would be a reasonable excuse for not passing such a law? I know the AMA will keep working on it at the federal level, and if you learn motorcycle related injuries aren't covered in your policy, please let them know at grassroots @ama-cycle.org.

Thank you,

Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE
State Director



Note: There are several Position open. Please contact Dean at 931-761-8038 if you are interested.



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Before we hitch the team I need to clear up something from last month. It is the policy of this organization to not print anything negative in the newsletter. This is a good policy, especially with all the negative stories in the media related to motorcycles. I was contacted with concerns that a couple of the statements in last month's article could be considered negative towards CMT/ABATE. This was not the intent. Some of this "political correctness" is hard for me to get a loop on. I was taught that the truth was neither positive nor negative, but merely fact. The purpose of the article was two-fold. First report what happened and second to present it in a light that we could all learn from and just maybe prevent anything like this from happening again. If there are any more questions on the matter, feel free to contact me. Tony, email:themotorsickledoc@yahoo.com Phone: 931-232-8519.

I hope we have all put the 80 something degree days to good use so far. We need our membership to use some of this fine riding weather to meet your candidates and find out where they stand on motorcyclists rights, among other things. The upcoming election is your opportunity to try to stack the deck in your favor. These folks running for public office need to know the true facts concerning motorcycles, helmet use and who we really are. Get to know all the candidates in your district. Knowing your name and the group you belong to will make a difference even if they don't support our issues.

We want to build a better lobby team. That being said, I was contacted by only two members that were interested in learning more about the process and are willing to sacrifice some of their time. I'm thankful for these two, but it would be nice to have

a few more interested individuals. If anymore feel the call to this, just shoot me an email or phone call.

Now that we are looking at this session in the rear view mirror, we need to concentrate on 2015. It's time to hear what you would like to see on the agenda for the next legislative retreat coming up in July. Get your suggestions to me by the end of May. Currently on the list are helmet free memorial rides, exemption from wheel tax for motorcycles in all counties, and our two bills from this year. A list of your suggestions will be sent to all members so that you can tell your legislative representative how to vote at the retreat. January is not the time to think of a bill we need to run.

The position of Legislative Director will be up for election at the September BOD. Candidates seeking this position need to submit a resume. Don't ya'll forget, I am just an interim and will take care of business as long as my health holds out and we have someone elected to this position; or everybody has a crow full and runs me off. Whichever comes first.

We are all different, but united by motorcycles. The Sexton/Bell helmet bill might near split the group right down the middle. We found a way to not cut the organization in half. We can never let anything divide CMT/ABATE, Inc. if we want to continue.

Respectfully submitted by
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This is stated plainly on our organization's brochure. It also says that we may not support or endorse some of the projects or positions of these three organizations.

The three organizations are American Motorcyclist Association, Motorcycle Riders Foundation, and National Coalition of Motorcyclists. Each of these organizations has websites where an individual may research and read about issues of concern and requests for action on a multitude of issues. As individuals, you are encouraged to use these websites and take action as you see fit for your particular situation in life. When our legislative director, the CMT/ABATE representative for any of the three national groups, or any individual member notices an issue that they believe should be brought forward to the attention of the entire membership, they may ask for it to be placed in the Tennessee Motorcyclist newsletter, or request that the PR/Communications director send it out quickly in an email—particularly if it is a call to action. If the issue is controversial among the membership, the State Director, and/or other Executive Officers, may be contacted to offer guidance in the distribution of information. Carol Simpson-PR/Communications

AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Article reprinted at the request of
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Before coming to help lobby for CMT/ABATE, I was involved with some conservative issues at the legislature. Among those was Agenda 21, which over a period of time puts all governments under a single control. This "so called" treaty is slowly creeping into every facet of our lives, including personal means of transportation, which in the final stages of Agenda 21 is completely eliminated. When I mentioned this to some of our members, they didn't believe it could happen here. Then two years ago one of the topics at the "Meeting of the Minds" was the Intelligent Transportation Systems. This is part of Agenda 21 that is already in place in this country. I hope you will read the following letter from the AMA. This could be one more reason to join AMA

and/or MRF. If you don't think our federal leadership would go along with something like this, you must have missed a little something called the Small Arms Proliferation Treaty that Obama wanted to commit the United States to.

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UN to vote on resolution that calls for mandatory helmet laws

(Vote may already been taken—check the AMA website for updates)

The United Nations' General Assembly will be voting on a resolution titled "Improving Global Road Safety" as early as tomorrow. This resolution is non-binding, but the American Motorcyclist Association thought you might want to be aware of it.

The resolution encourages member states "that have not yet done so to consider enacting comprehensive legislation on key risk factors for road traffic injuries, including the disregard for road signs and signals, the non-use of helmets..." (See PP27, No. 5, p. 4).

It also commends the work of the UN Economic Commission for Europe for its "continuous work of the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations to modify vehicle regulations to increase safety performance" (See PP14, p. 2). Some of the work performed by this body is worthwhile; however, some agenda items may interfere with your right to customize your motorcycle.

These items should be addressed at the federal or even state level, not at the United Nations. The AMA will continue to watch out for you, the rider, even at the international level!

Now more than ever, it is crucial that you and your riding friends become members of the AMA to help protect our riding freedoms. More members mean more clout against the opponents of motorcycling and ATV riding. That support will help fight for your rights – on the road, trail, racetrack, and in the halls of government. If you are a motorcycle rider, join the AMA at AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join.

www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Rights/Issues

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2014 CALENDER OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

CHARTER MEETINGS CALENDAR

May 2014

5/17 SWSR Bike Show & Swap Meet

6/8 **Board of Directors**

6/19-22 June Bug Boogie

6/28 SWSR Points Rodeo

6/29 UpCu Elderly Ride

7/12 SWSR Memorial Poker Run

7/18-20 Liberty Rally

7/19 CaFo Canoe Trip

7/26 UpCu Memorial Ride

8/16 MoCo Blood Drive

8/17 SWSR Swap Meet

8/22-24 Southern Thunder Rally

9/13 CaFo Memorial Ride

9/14 **Board of Directors**

9/19-21 SWSR State Rodeo Finals

9/28 TeVa/UpCu Wine Run

10/4 RoCo In Memory Ride

10/12 UpCu Poker Run

11/2 SWSR Toy Run & Chili Cook Off

11/8 UpCu Toy Run

11/15 KeCo Toy Run

RoCo Toy Run

12/7 SWSR Needy Family Run

UpCu Christmas Party

12/14 **Board of Directors**

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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 keeblergs@yahoo.com no later than the 10th of month prior to when you would like information to appear. That being said, I am **BIG** on photos, I want more photos not only from events but of our members out there riding!

CANEY FORK - Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 7:00, Golden Nugget, Carthage

The meeting was called to order @ 7:11pm by Jeff.

Pledge was led by Sparkey and said by all.

10 Officers, 16 Members, 4 Guest were present.

Secretary and Treasures report were given.

Activities report was given by Carol.... Four vendors confirmed for upcoming Swap Met on April 12th. Dates to remember: April 5th Spring Thaw, April 12th Caney Fork Swap Meet, April 19th Tri County Swap Meet, May 3rd Medical Ride, the nugget will be one of the stops...Old Business Jeff paid for the state wide poker run sponsorship was agreed to reimburse his money back from charter. Yeeha got the Docks to also sponsor the ride. Jeff went over the upcoming swap meet all workers were assigned and Terry agreed to contact band Gary agreed to pay half of the cost for band (Lost Dawg). Everyone agreed to meet on Friday 11th at 6pm at the nugget so we will be ready for Saturday. Swap meet will begin at 8:00a.m. Terry made motion to ending at 5:00pm Dan second motion carried. Our new business Swap Meet and Car Show April 12th...Looking for beautiful weather. With no further business Terry made motion to adjourn meeting @ 8:00 Robin second....Ride Safe everyone

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN - Next Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2014 7:00, VFW, Dickson

KNOXVILLE - Next Meeting: Sunday, May 25, 2014, 1:00, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson, Knoxville

MONTGOMERY - Next Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2014, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville

Jesse – a. Had guests introduce themselves to the group. Getting to know the group and possibly become members.

b. Still have raffle tickets for the grill that will be given to that lucky winner at the Spring Thaw Poker Run in April. Sell as many as you can. Remember they are \$5 ea. or 5 for \$20.

c. State Wide Poker Run is going on this year. We will sponsor a page in the book as a Charter. Need to try and get as many sponsors' from Montgomery County as we can. The deadline is 24 March 2014.

d. Our poker run is Saturday and need to make sure that all members that are working stops are going to still be able to help. Will be extremely nice weather so hopefully we have a great turnout of people and bikes!

Scooters – Ben & Nikki; Registration – Tamara & Jackie; Gas Station / Dollar General – Cody & Kenn; BJ's Family Restaurant – Mamma & Tracy; Sidelines Bar & Grill – Paul; Grandma's Apron – Mike Dees / Tamara & Jackie

Ashley motioned to adjourn, Cody seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Jesse Henne, Director

MUSIC CITY - Next meeting: Sunday, May 5, 2014, 2:00, Skully's, Old Hickory

NASHVILLE- Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 7:00, One Stop Bar, Madison

NORTHEAST- Next Meeting: Monday, May 5, 2014, 7:00, Sagebrush, Kingsport

PINEY RIVER- Next Meeting: Sunday, May 18, 2014, 1:30, Senior Center, Spring City

ROBERTSON COUNTY- Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 7:00, Piggy Pit, Springfield The Robertson County CMT Abate meeting of March 4, 2014 was interrupted by Mother Nature...with her icy and snowy weather...so there was no minutes. However, the April 1, 2014 meeting began with "Stick said he is never wrong...April Fools...lol

We would like to thank The Pit for the grilled hot dogs with the trimmings and chips tonight...it was delicious! Destiny was slinging us the cold ones tonight!

John called the meeting to Order and lead us in the Pledge. Robert lead us in the Prayer. (attendance tonight approximately 26 people).

Director, Roland announced that everyone welcome. Roland announced that our Charter won the CMT ABATE Membership Trophy...way to go Robertson County! A huge thank you to all who has joined our Charter..welcome! Membership, Kathy has the trophy...great job girl!

Chaplin, George wasn't present due to working. Assistant Director, Tim wasn't present due to work. Secretary, Pamela had nothing to announce.

Treasurer, Treva announced great numbers! Activities, Samantha and hubby Pine are in Florida visiting family and celebrating their anniversary...congrat's! Treva announced if you want products see her after the meeting... Membership, Kathy nothing to announce. Just a reminder on the back of your newsletter is you expiration date of membership...this is a great reminder. Legislative, Marlin announced that he hopes to have all representatives that are running for our district seat to attend our next meeting.

Treva announced that Swap Meet is April 19th at The Crossings Event Center in Antioch, TN...Everyone welcome to attend. Sgt. Of Arms, John announced that help for Security is needed for this event. See him after the meeting if interested. Treva announced that April 13 at The Firehouse Bar & Grill is a benefit for Redbone and Pops. This benefit is for Fast Cycles (owned by them both) was destroyed by fire on 2/15/2014. Multiple Bikes were lost in this fire. No insurance for contents of the business or health insurance for Redbone. Come on out to this benefits...let's help these guys.

Treva announced that May 24th is 2014 BKTNV COPS Ride...kickstands up at 10:30 a.m. Treva announced that on May 17th is event for Mike Martin and all proceeds go to The Shiners Hospital. Flyers were handed out. Our friend, Lynn Lassiter is doing well and he sent word to express how thankful he is for all that our Charter did for him. Redbone sent word to express how thankful he was for the donation to him as well. We certainly wish both of you guys a speedy and full recovery very soon!

Thank you Roland for your donation tonight to our Downbikers Fund!

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Treva ...2nd was made by Nancy and Roland announced all right we have a Motion, a 2nd...all in Favor any opposed NOPE...meeting adjourned! Be sure to checkout Events in your Newsletter...lot's of good things going on!

Everyone is invited to come join us on the 1st Tuesday of every month at The Pit...we would like to see you there!

PAMELA...LOL

Ladies and Gentleman get those bikes cleaned up because spring has sprung and it is time to ride!



**Congratulations to
Robertson County
Charter for winning
the most Memberships
in the CMT ABATE!**

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER - Next Meeting: Sunday, May 4, 2014, 2:00, Smitty's, Lebanon
The Smith/Wilson/Stones River meeting of April 6th was called to order at 12:10 PM by David who also led the pledge followed by Vern leading prayer. All officers were present except Vets Rep and PR Communications. There were 29 members and 33 visitors in attendance. Kim thanked everyone for the great turnout at Destiny's Benefit. Sharon stated the Vet Christmas donation jar is here. Please donate!
Secretary: Report given and approved
Treasury: Report given and approved
Legislative: Bullit said not much going on. Time to get out and ride.
Membership: We had Resa Cooper renew
Activities: Tommy said storage building is a work in progress. Get with him to donate time to help. We need people to help out! Even if it is a week night if weekends don't work for you. Current events were covered. Saturday, May 3 at 8 AM we will meet at AJ's Bar & Grill for road cleanup. (Tabled from last meeting). This will be followed by work day on storage building!!! May 10 is the Vet Bike Show. We really need people and bikes to participate.
Products: Teresa has plenty. Get with her and buy some!
Safety: David covered group rider regulations. He said April isn't Motorcycle Awareness but the weather is nice and more bikes are out so be alert!!!
Shutterbug: Steve O said send any photos of any event to him. Hopefully of today's Easter Egg hunt! We had a great turnout and need photos for the newspaper!
Old Business: Statewide Poker Run books are available for \$10 each. Charter will plan some events to coincide with some of the local pages out of it.
New Business: Invite from the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Smith County to the Fundraiser dinner on Monday, April 24. Nancy Waterworth spoke. She thanked everyone for past support with the newspaper and she will miss everyone when she moved to Florida. Look her up! Motion to adjourn at 12:55 PM by Kim. Cookout and Easter egg hunt to follow meeting today!!! Later.....Ruth

SUMMER COUNTY - Next Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2014, 7:00, VFW Hall, Hendersonville

TENNESSEE VALLEY - Next Meeting: Sunday, May 18, 2014, 2:00, Call for Location Mark (Yog) 423-570-0250 - 2/16/14

UPPER CUMBERLAND - Next Meeting: Sunday, May 4, 2014, Call for Details, Ron 931-879-3899
Meeting was held on April 6 at My Place in Cookeville. We had 16 members and 7 guests in attendance. Great turn out. We look forward to these numbers getting even bigger now that the good weather is near. The group saluted our National Flag and waved the reading of the February meeting minutes. After giving the treasure report, Dean showed us all the new membership cards. These are definitely a positive change. Upper Cumberland Poker Run is set for April 27th at The Hawg Barn in Cookeville. Cost of poker sheets is \$5 each OR 3 for \$10.

This year's Liberty Rally will be held on July 18, 19 & 20 at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Tickets will be \$10 per person and \$15 per couple. Admission for 16 and under is Free. This is the 2nd points rodeo of the 2014 season. Bunker finalized the Flyer and Sherrie updated the sponsor forms. John will be making copies of each to hand out at the May meeting. Selling tickets in advance was considered as a way to help with the expenses. Our charter is responsible for handling the insurance, gate, music and coordinating of this event. Thank goodness for Smith/Wilson/Stones River and Music City and the parts they are taking. We still need sponsors for this event. The more funds raised the better this event can be.

Dean has more charter t-shirts for sale. They are only \$10 each. I got mine! Dean will bring more to the next meeting.

We are on Facebook. Come see us at CMT ABATE Upper Cumberland Charter.

The charter will meet at I-127 & I-111 on July 26 for this year's charter Memorial Ride will be dedicated to fallen members Lee, Lenny & Lawrence as well as to remember all fallen riders we hold dear.

The books for our Statewide Poker Run are available for \$10. First place is \$500, 2nd is \$250 and 3rd is \$100. Anyone can buy and participate in any of these events. They are all to help bring awareness to motorcycle safety and rights.

By vote the following positions were filled for the 2014 year...

Ron - Director, Bunker - Asst. Director, Sherrie - Secretary, Dean - Treasure, John - Sgt in Arms, Shoe - Activities.

May is motorcycle awareness month. Charter discussed how we can help to promote motorcycle safety and awareness. A final decision will be made at the May meeting.

Next meeting: Sunday, May 4th at The Dinner Bell in Cookeville

...jus sayin'

Sherrie

WHEELS OF THUNDER *Next Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2014, 7:00, Pancho's, Memphis*

April 3, 2014

Director Bob Celmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Lynn made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes and to accept them as emailed out. Jellybean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lynn reported our current bank balance and we reviewed deposits and bills paid for March.

We had 10 members and 2 guests at tonight's meeting. Joy gave an update about Peggy Fackler.

Director's Statement -We have the December BOD minutes. Bob highlighted a few points and then passed the minutes around. We still need a Membership, Products and Activities chair at State level. Standard Operating Procedures are here. Bob passed them around. The state wide poker run is taking place again. Charter financials were passed around.

Legislative Run – April 19th – Ride to eat plus \$5 discount on all new memberships. Lynn booked shelter #5 Shelby Forrest for cookout. We will then ride to Fort Pillow. Depart from Fort Pillow at your own leisure – no organized return. Registration and eating noon-2:00 pm. KSU at 2:00. \$15 pp includes ride, hamburger/hotdog meal with chips and drink. Those helping prep and cook should be there at 10:00 a.m. Ron has volunteered to bring a cooking trailer. Steve will make signs. Conference call April 8, 2014 to finalize details.

Ride to Meet – May 3 (rain date May 10th) – Registration 8-9 a.m. at Kroger in Atoka. KSU at 9:00 then ride to Strawberry's located at 107 Main Street in Holcomb, MO 63852. \$5 discount on all new memberships. Dale B. contacted Kroger. Papa reserved the party room at Strawberry's for this event. Dale B. proposed that we take the Great River Road through Halls and come back through Dyersburg.

Legislative -“The Other” helmet bill is (SB0548/HB0044) failed.

Safety and Ed –Mike will call and order one bus sign for the Memphis Area this year.

News and Announcements – The APW has prayer time every Sunday at 7:00 a.m., fellowship at 3:30 and Bible study at 4:00. Open House the 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday. April 20th Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m.

Lynn made a motion to adjourn. Dale B. seconded the motion and passed unanimously. We're outta here 7:43!!

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MRF REPORT

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Great article explaining CDC involvement in Helmet Usage, and debate about the issue.

Forwarded to the Tennessee Motorcyclists by Tennessee State Rep for MRF, Tony M Dabbs.

Community Preventative Services Task Force Recommends Universal Helmet Laws Nationwide

Before we get to the subject matter at hand, let me address two important preliminary matters. The first is explaining what the Community Preventative Services Task Force (CPSTF) is. The second is to explain the purpose of this article. The CPSTF is a task force whose members are appointed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the purpose of providing studies which recommend programs and policies to improve health. Their latest report focuses on motorcycle fatalities and injuries. The study recommends universal motorcycle helmet laws as the sole method to reduce fatalities and injuries. The report fails to address ways to prevent or reduce motorcycle crashes. There is no mention of motorcycle training and education. The recommendation instead focuses on surviving the inevitable crash.

Now for the purpose of this article. First and foremost let me explain what the purpose is not. I am neither attacking nor defending universal motorcycle helmet laws. As of this writing, 19 states have made the decision to keep them in place while 31 states have elected to allow motorcycle riders to make their own decision about wearing helmets. It is a topic which sparks much debate and disagreement within the riding community as a whole. The purpose of this article is to suggest that we motorcyclists should not simply accept what we are told by official sounding entities. Before we accept restrictions being placed upon us, perhaps we should ask some hard questions rather than accept the opinions of those who want to convince us that motorcycling is inherently dangerous, and that we are all destined for a terrible crash. Trust me; it is not just governmental entities that want to convince us of this. Each one of us have been at a social gathering where someone, upon finding out that we ride a motorcycle, has felt the need to tell us about their family member or friend who died in a horrific motorcycle accident. I have never had that happen when someone found out that I purchased a car. I guess people don't die in car crashes. But I digress. Let's get back to the CPSTF.

The CPSTF's latest recommendation comes on the heels of the CDC study that came to the same conclusion, which is that all states should have universal motorcycle helmet laws. The CPSTF points to several factors in making its recommendation. They point to increased motorcycle fatalities. They claim that states with universal motorcycle helmet laws experience less motorcycle related fatalities while states that allow adults to choose whether or not to wear a helmet experience more motorcycle related fatalities. The CPSTF claims that wearing a motorcycle helmet reduces the risk of a fatal injury by 42%. Finally the CPSTF claims that states which implement universal motorcycle helmet laws experience an economic benefit, while states that repeal universal helmet laws experience increased costs. Let's take each of these assertions and ask some questions based upon data provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Both websites are below should you wish to look this up for yourself.

<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-30/ncsa/STSI/USA%20WEB%20REPORT.HTM>

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/statistics/abstracts/2011/>

First let's look at rising motorcycle fatalities. One thing that NHTSA looks at with overall motor vehicle fatalities is motor vehicles fatalities per 100,000 registered motor vehicles. That gives the raw number some context. What happens when we do the same with motorcycle related fatalities? The most recent numbers provided by the federal government give us motorcycle related fatalities and motorcycle registrations for the years 2008 to 2011. In 2008 there were 5,312 motorcycle related fatalities nationwide. In 2011 there were 4,612. In 2008, the number of motorcycle related fatalities per 100,000 registered motorcycles was 68.93. By 2011 that number had steadily declined to 56.44. It would appear that motorcyclists are moving the numbers

in the right direction. Being that there was no change in the number of states that had universal motorcycle helmet laws during that time period, it is hard to conclude that universal helmet laws are responsible for the decrease in motorcycle related fatalities. Could it be that increased focus on training and education is having a positive effect? It is impossible to tell with any certainty. However, learning how to avoid a crash is a more appealing strategy in my book than merely trying to survive one.

Next let's look at the claim that states with universal motorcycle helmet laws experience less motorcycle related fatalities than states which allow adults to choose whether or not to wear a helmet. If we were to look at motorcycle related fatalities in all of the states which have universal helmet laws and compare them to motorcycle related fatalities in states which allow choice, shouldn't we see a disparity between the two groups of states? If wearing a motorcycle helmet reduces the risk of a fatal injury by 42%, shouldn't we see a rather large disparity between the two groups of states? Interestingly, that is not the case. Between 2008 and 2011, jurisdictions with mandatory motorcycle helmet laws averaged 60.26 motorcycle related fatalities per 100,000 registered motorcycles. States with laws allowing adults to choose whether or not to wear a helmet averaged 57.90 motorcycle related fatalities per 100,000 registered motorcycles during that same period. Given those numbers, I am left with no choice but to seriously question the claims made by the CPSTF.

Finally let's look at the CPSTF's conclusion with regard to the economic impact of universal helmet laws. The CPSTF claims that 12 studies looked at the economic benefit after implementation of universal helmet laws, and that four directly comparable studies reported benefits ranging from \$29.3 million dollars to \$96.1 million dollars per 100,000 registered motorcycles per year. They further assert that five studies looked at the economic impact of repealing universal helmet laws and that three directly comparable studies reported increased costs ranging from \$1.8 million dollars to \$27.2 million dollars per 100,000 registered motorcycles per year. At face value, that would cause one to conclude that universal helmet laws save money, while laws allowing choice cost money. However, let's ask a few important questions. First, how did these studies come to these conclusions? The first claim is that the implementation of universal helmet laws resulted in benefits ranging from 29.3 million dollars to 96.1 million dollars per 100,000 registered motorcycles. Why is there a gap of 67 million dollars between these estimates? That seems rather large. How were these estimates calculated? How old are these studies? Other than Louisiana, no state has implemented a universal helmet law in over twenty years. Additionally, why is it that the costs suffered from repealing a universal helmet law is anywhere between 1.8 million dollars and 27.2 million dollars, but the benefit of implementing one is anywhere between 29.3 million dollars to 96.1 million dollars? Shouldn't the numbers be the same? Shouldn't the cost of repealing a universal helmet law be comparable to the benefit of implementing one? Finally, if the CPSTF's claims are true, why don't we see higher health and motor vehicle insurance premiums in states which allow choice while seeing lower premiums in states with universal helmet laws? I highly doubt that the insurance industry would simply absorb such costs without passing them on to the consumer. Yet there is no evidence that states which allow adults to choose whether or not to wear a motorcycle helmet experience higher premiums than states which have universal helmet laws.

In the end, every rider must decide for themselves whether they believe that universal motorcycle helmet laws are a reasonable restriction on riders, or an unwarranted intrusion upon personal choice. I would merely suggest that in making that decision we not simply accept as true recommendations and conclusions merely because they come from official sounding entities. Groups can have agendas, and a study can be a tool for advocacy rather than an objective analysis of accurate data.

Speaking for myself, I find the latest recommendation of the CPSTF to be the former and not the latter.

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After 46 years of service, Senator Doug Henry retired from his service to the State of Tennessee. The second State Director of CMT and the very first State Director of CMT/ABATE visited the legislative complex the day before the Senate honored Senator Henry for his dedication to the State of Tennessee. As you can see from the look on Tim's face, it was a very emotional moment. Senator Henry has been champion of Tennessee motorcyclists for over three decades. He is the co-author and sponsor of the Motorcycle Rider Education Program and Fund, TCA 55-51, sections 101 through 107. This series of laws that establish and fund the MREP has stood the test of time and have been changed by consequential legislation only once.



Tim also sat in on the Floor Session of the House of Representatives at the request of Representative Glen Casada. Glen, Tim, and Speaker Beth Harwell as Tim and Beth recalled lobbying efforts from the past when Beth was Representative Beth Halteman.

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EPA acknowledges that ethanol damages engines

April 21, 2014

PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has publicly acknowledged that ethanol in gasoline can damage internal combustion engines by increasing exhaust temperatures and indirectly causing component failures, the American Motorcyclist Association reports.

The EPA statements are found in a rule proposal issued by the Federal Trade Commission regarding a new label for pumps that supply fuel blends high in ethanol.

According to the EPA, "[e]thanol impacts motor vehicles in two primary ways. First ... ethanol enleans the [air/fuel] ratio (increases the proportion of oxygen relative to hydrocarbons) which can lead to increased exhaust gas temperatures and potentially increase incremental deterioration of emission control hardware and performance over time, possibly causing catalyst failure. Second, ethanol can cause materials compatibility issues, which may lead to other component failures.

"In motorcycles and nonroad products [using E15 and higher ethanol blends], EPA raised engine-failure concerns from overheating."

These EPA statements, contained in the FTC document, back the long-held position of the AMA.

"The American Motorcyclist Association has fought the distribution of E15 fuel blends in an effort to protect motorcycle and all-terrain vehicles from the damage that ethanol causes," said Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations. "Now the EPA acknowledges that ethanol itself is harmful to emissions hardware and other components on all motor vehicles. It is time for the federal government to pause, take a hard look at this product and change its entire approach to ethanol in fuels."

E15 is a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15

percent ethanol by volume.

None of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and ATVs currently in operation can use fuels with blends higher than 10 percent ethanol. Doing so could void the manufacturer's warranty, in addition to causing damage to the vehicle.

The AMA applauded the EPA's decision in its proposed rule to roll back the requirement for wider distribution and use of E15 under its Renewable Fuel Standard.

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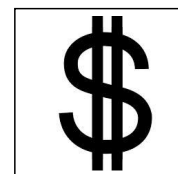
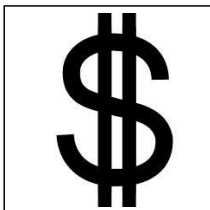
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