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CONCERNED MOTORCYCLISTS OF TENNESSEE/ABATE, INC.
DICKSON/HUMPHREYS/HICKMAN CHARTER



28TH ANNUAL TOY RUN & FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

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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 ensure their freedom by working to prevent enactment of, or to repeal/modify existing unfair motorcycle legislation. The Corporation's Members shall promote and maintain motorcycling safety and awareness programs in the community.

Charter	Contacts	Meeting Times
Caney Fork	Jeff Parker 615-683-7982	1st Tuesday of the month @ 7, Golden Nugget 374 Cookeville Hwy, Carthage
Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman	Mark Proctor 615-477-0171	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
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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

Vern Hatfield sends a huge shout out to Mark and Sara Lewis with the Music City Charter. She and Duck were out riding and were on the way back home from the Monterey area on Labor Day and had a blowout. After numerous attempts to reach HOG Roadside service, these two wonderful people pulled up with a toy hauler, loaded up their bike and took them home. Mark and Sara were on their way home from vacation and could have just easily have passed them by so they could get home themselves, but they selflessly took care of Vern & Duck. Also note that they had never met and didn't know each were CMT/ABATE members until they got to talking on the way back to Vern & Duck's house. This is one of the reasons we love this organization so much and this is what it is all about....never leaving a brother or sister on the side of the road! Ride safe and God bless and thank you again Mark and Sara Lewis for taking care of us--- Smith/Wilson/Stones River charter members!!! You guys ROCK!!!!

submitted by Duck and Vern Kay Denise Hatfield.

Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE
State Director



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



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Sitting here staring at this screen just isn't as inspirational as watching the country side fly by on a pretty day. Even riding in the rain gets the gray matter functioning at a higher level than jockeying a recliner, but I find it hard to type and ride at the same time. So for the sake of becoming one of those idiots that type on their cell phones while driving, I have considered the welfare of the general public and decided to pursue the task at hand in the confines of the back room. If you are reading this, I hope you have made a similar decision and are reading this someplace other than on the road while operating a motor vehicle.

Due to the importance of the two bills in play, I think we should consider concentrating our lobby efforts on those bills only, unless a piece of anti-motorcycle

working for future riders as well.

We do need to be looking ahead at an agenda for the 2016 session. I have had a couple of suggestions for potential legislation. Now, we want to hear from you. You don't have to be a member to put in your 2 cents worth. I will be asking the webmaster to put a survey on the website for those that wish to share their opinion in that matter. I am always open to emails from anyone on legislative matters, letters are fine and messages on my cell phone. My personal favorite is having a glass of tea with someone and actually having a real conversation. Your ideas are what form the legislative agenda. We need to hear from you.

The sponsors and members of the legislative team have been working through the summer on both current bills. I'm

legislation surfaces during the upcoming session. Helmet law modification and lane splitting are going to be a full load for the lobby team, but we must still be ready to protect the rights of those that ride and will ride.

After all, we are

sure it doesn't seem like much has been going on, but as with all legislative issues, more is done behind the scenes than ever comes to light. I promise that things will be getting a tad livelier very soon. For now we would like everyone just to get the word out that the helmet and lane splitting bills are both still alive and we will need all the support we can get in order to get anything passed.

If anyone has anything they would like to say or do that would help the legislative team to do a better job, we would appreciate your input. I almost forgot. If you see the bright yellow brick I ride out anywhere, flag me down and let me know what you think about what CMT/ABATE, Inc. is doing for you. A glass of tea would be nice too, sweet with lemon.



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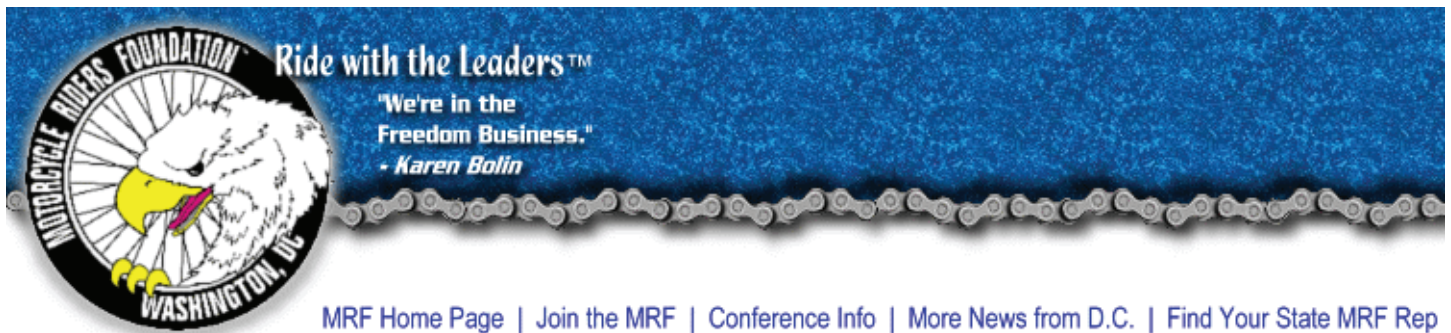
CMT/ABATE, Inc. is not a "Biker Club", but a non-profit, political organization that was formed to preserve freedom and safety for all Tennesseans who enjoy motorcycling. Our major goals are to modify existing laws that are detrimental to motorcycle safety and enjoyment, and to enact new legislation in support of all motorcyclists who ride in Tennessee. If you are concerned about preserving personal freedom and motorcycle safety, please join us.

In last month's newsletter, Tony Dabbs announced that he was stepping down from his position as the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) State Rep for Tennessee. As a long-time member of the MRF, I felt that I could make an attempt to fill the shoes that Tony is stepping out of, and apparently the CMT/ABATE board agreed with me, and appointed me to the position.

I want to start out by thanking Tony, and his two assistant MRF State Reps (Carol & Wheeler) for all the work they have done for the MRF and CMT/ABATE. Tony will be continuing as the Legislative Director, and both Carol & Wheeler have agreed to stay on as Assistant MRF State Reps, so I'll have plenty of guidance as I take on this new role. I look forward to working with them, and the entire CMT/ABATE

team. I will continue providing updates to all of you on issues in Washington DC that the MRF is involved in on behalf of all motorcyclists across the USA. The first one of those updates is attached.

Ride Free,
-- Ed
Ed Domine
MRF State Rep



House Subcommittee Improves Motorcycle Safety with Amendments to Highway Bill

September 11, 2015

United States House of Representatives Subcommittee Improves Motorcycle Safety with Amendments to Highway Bill, Reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

The Science Committee, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, approved two amendments that both greatly benefit motorcyclists. The first amendment halts the federal funding of motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints and then assigns a study to the National Academy of Sciences to determine the best methods of preventing motorcycle crashes.

The amendment sponsor, Representative Randy Hultgren (R-IL) had this to say:

"If the federal government is providing grants to improve motorcycle safety, these grants should be focused on ways that actually improve the safety of motorcycle riders."

The second amendment would prohibit the Federal Department of Transportation from lobbying for actions at the federal, state or local levels of government. Currently the lobby ban is only applicable at the state level.

Hultgren added, "I do believe that we can be doing more to improve the safety of motorcyclists on the road, and there are reasonable laws that motorcyclists should all follow. But before the federal

government casts down another top-down mandate on local law enforcement officers, we should be sure that we are not wasting valuable police time, while singling out and infringing on the rights of law abiding motorcycle riders, unless there is a compelling safety related reason for doing so."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to thank Mr. Hultgren for his dedication to motorcyclists. We also cannot thank enough the Chairman Emeritus, the Honorable James F. Sensenbrenner, for his tireless work improving the lives of motorcyclists across the country.

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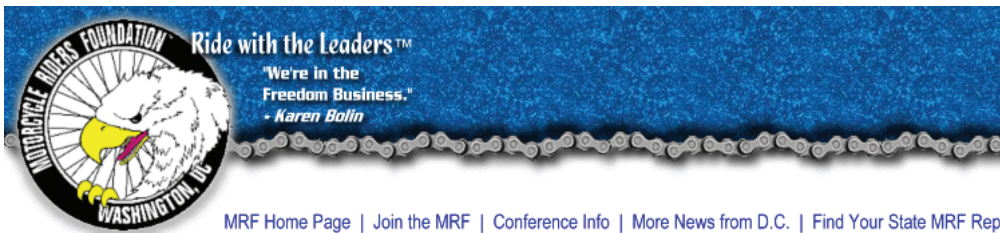
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By the time you are reading this we will have a new MRF State Rep. With continued support, MRF can grow across the state. Every new member makes us that much stronger in DC. We all know how the majority of the general public feels about bikers to start with, so a good

strong advocacy group at the U.S. Capitol is just what we need. More members not only adds to strength, but also respect. The greater the numbers an organization represents of the voting population, the greater the respect it has from the legislators. This is also true at the state

and local level. If you are reading this, you are a concerned motorcyclist and should consider it an honor to become a member of MRF. Take time to meet your new MRF State Rep ask how you can get the word out about what MRF is doing for riders across this country.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Monday, September 14, 2015

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\$17.8 Million in Highway Safety Grants Awarded

376 Agencies to Receive Funds to Improve Safety on Tennessee Roadways

Nashville, Tenn. —Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner John Schroer and Governor's Highway Safety Office Director Kendell Poole announced the Tennessee agencies that received grant awards totaling \$17.8 million to support highway traffic safety efforts.

There are multiple elements that contribute to a safe roadway system, including an accurate traffic safety data collection and analysis system, well-trained and well-equipped law enforcement personnel, and effective emergency medical and trauma systems. A major part of roadway safety is educating motorists about laws and good driving behaviors.

"These grants help fund a variety of enforcement, legal, and educational initiatives across the state," Schroer said. "All of these efforts, from DUI prosecution, to speed enforcement, to child passenger safety training, support the mission of saving lives and reducing injuries on our roads through partnership with numerous public and private organizations."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides the funding to GHSO. The grants, totaling 437 for the 2015-2016 funding cycle, were awarded to 376 agencies that successfully applied for funding based on a defined problem and statistical need. Each year, GHSO accepts applications from agencies across the state for available highway safety funds. Applications are reviewed and scored by GHSO and external highway safety advocates. The agencies that meet funding criteria received awards.

"Tennessee's decline in traffic fatalities has occurred because of the dedication and commitment from our partners across the state," Poole said. "They are coming up with ideas and programs that are creative, innovative, and solid. They are the foundation for the culture of safety on our roads, and I am ecstatic that we are able to support their endeavors."

For a complete list and description of each grant, visit:
http://tntrafficsafety.org/sites/default/files/fy_2016_ghso_grant_awards.pdf.



2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

- 10/3 RoCo Memory Ride
- 10/10 Nash Swap Meet
- 10/31 DHH 28th Annual Toy Run
& Food Drive
- 11/8 SWSR Toy Run & Chili
Cook Off
- 12/19 SWSR Labeling Party
- 12/20 SWSR Christmas for the
Vets



D/H/H members & friends enjoying the Tail of the Dragon over Labor Day weekend.



Group pic of several D/H/H members & friends riding to benefit fellow motorcyclist Shawn Fleet after he was hit by a cager.

D/H/H Charter Membership Lady Shelia Triplett enjoying the wind!



CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 RoCo Mem. Ride
4 MoCo/UpCo SWSR	5 MoCo MoCo	6 CaFo MoCo	7 WDT	8	9	10 Nash Swap Meet
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 TeVa	19	20 Blash	21	22 DHH SuCo	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 DHH Toy Run

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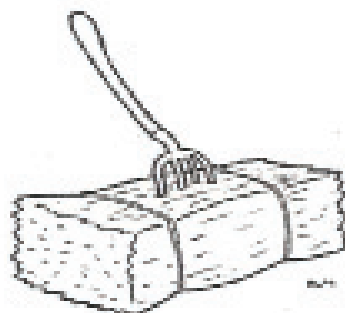
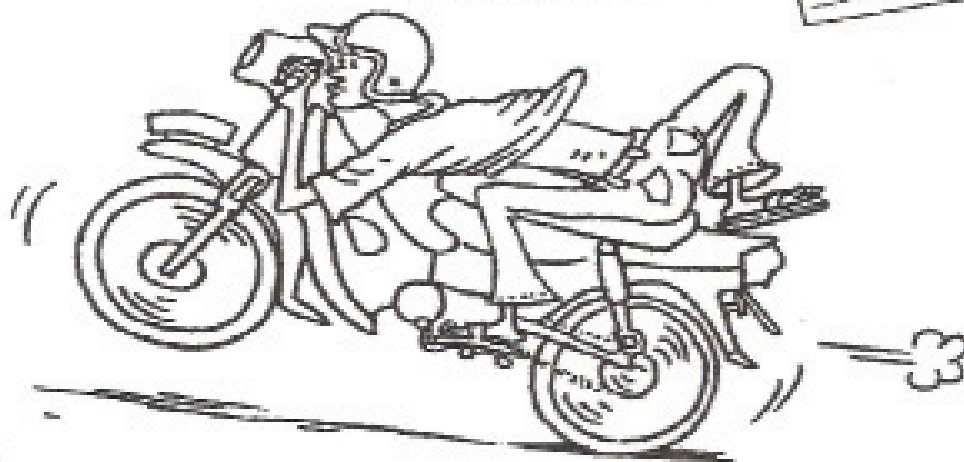
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History of ABATE in America How it all started

The following material was originally published in Easyriders magazine in the early 1970's

Street Legal Chopper Circa 1973?

Originally published in the October 1971 issue of Easyriders Magazine

You, as an individual, can stand on your roof-top shouting to the world about how unjust, how stupid, and how unconstitutional some of the recently passed, or pending, bike laws are - but all you will accomplish is to get yourself arrested for disturbing the peace.

Individual bike clubs can go before city councils, state legislatures, and congressional committees, but as single clubs, and unprofessional at the game of politics, their efforts are usually futile. Scattered, unorganized, individual efforts have little if any effect against the power structure - it's like hunting big game with a bolt-action .22 rifle. It takes numbers to command respect, to be heard over the din created by the anti-bikers, and worse, the anti-chopper forces. The major problem is not any particular anti-bike movement or organization - the problem is that the people who make the laws are people who know nothing about bikes. The little old lady writes her congressman and complains. There is no one offering rebuttal-intelligent, professional rebuttal-to her unfair charges. The congressman, who doesn't hear any arguments against what the old lady said, but does want to please everybody and does want to get elected again, introduces a bill to ban whatever was bugging the old lady. The bikers in the area don't see the small item, buried in the back of the newspaper along with the hemorrhoid cures, announcing the proposed law for all bikes to have roll bars. Since no one sees it, no rebuttal is offered, and the law is passed. Or if it is seen, and a club or two protest, it isn't a loud enough protest, or it is a disorganized or it is a disorganized protest, or an unprofessional protest, and as a result the law is passed.

An oversimplification, yes. But that basically is the problem broken down into its simplest terms. We need a national organization of bikers. An organization united together in a common endeavor, and in sufficient numbers to be heard in Washington, D.C., in the state legislatures, and even down to the city councils. We must offer strong, organized rebuttal to all unfair legislation, no matter what the level. To stop or modify an unfair law in one state is to stop or impede it in another. If it's wrong, it's wrong, and only constant, relentless pressure will stop the trend against bikes. Today it might be Arizona, but tomorrow it might be your state. We must start now to put a stop to bad laws. We must educate the people who make the laws. We must present our side of the story, and we must present it from a position of strength, and in a professional, dignified manner. Already the Government has indicated they are going to press for national custom bike laws ("Safety Standards") for, you guessed it, our safety. The Department of Transportation has already issued printed warnings against the "danger" of extended front ends, lack of front-wheel brakes, "and other hazardous features of customized motorcycles." We're not saying they are all wrong-nobody is all wrong. But what we are saying is that we, us, you and I, bike riders. Chopper builders, chopper manufacturers, everyone with an interest in the future of bikes, must present our side, we must see to it that any laws that are passed are just. We must present our case and defend it vigorously. What can you do? Join the National Custom Cycle Association (NCCA). Let's get together in a mass, so that our voice means something, has the weight and strength of numbers.

History of ABATE in America How it all started

ABATE Membership in 44 States Have Started Working Toward Our Freedom of the Road

Originally published in the February 1972 issue of Easyriders Magazine

We are off and running, after a slight delay caused by having to change the name of our organization. It was discovered at the last moment that the NCCA name was not available for use as a non-profit corporate name-the initials being too similar to those of another corporate name. So, as long as we had to create a new name for the organization, it was decided to create a name with letters that spelled a word describing the organization's purpose. It was a bitch to do, let me tell you -try it some time. After much hassle, we came up with ABATE (which means to put an end to; to reduce in degree or intensity; to beat down; to decrease in force or intensity).

The letters stand for **A** Brotherhood **A**gainst **T**otalitarian (i.e., strict control by coercive measures; completely regulated by the state) **E**nactments (i.e. to make (as a bill) into law).

A mouthful, to be sure, but it lays it all out in front of God & everybody, exactly why the brotherhood was formed-to protect individual freedom of the road. Our mission is positive. We want to educate the lawmakers, to give them our side of the story, before laws are enacted, & we are devoted to working aggressively toward the abatement of all unfair, unjustified, arbitrary anti-bike laws everywhere. Our insignia is a no-nonsense, uptight eagle (see above) that represents our firm, no-bullshit, resolved to get the job done. Now, not tomorrow. We all know what our problems are, so let's get it on, rather than merely sitting around on our asses complaining about them.

Project No. 1 As members of ABATE already know, our immediate project to get all existing bike laws, state by state, county by county, city by city, into a computer. To do this, we are asking everyone, ABATE members or not, to go to your State capitals, libraries, police departments, and send us documented evidence of every bike law in your area and state. We want facts, not rumors. We also want to know what bike laws are pending, what bike laws almost passed and may be back during the next legislative session. We want names and addresses of all anti-bike and pro-bike legislators. We want to know where the speed traps are, and where the especially anti-chopper police departments are. We want to get the national problem down on paper in order to intelligently plan our campaigns. ABATE members are already working on this project, and all bikers, everywhere, are urged to help us. There may be some duplicated efforts initially, but it is better that ABATE be oversupplied with information, rather than not having all of it.

Project No. 2 As reported in the last issue, ABATE and NCCSI (the chopper manufacturers association) are presently preparing a chopper to send to Washington, D.C. for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to test. We know choppers are safe, but the only way the government is really going to know it is to test them, rather than taking some anti-biker's word for it. Rest assured that the choppers we supply the government with will be good, strong, safe choppers.

Project No. 3 ABATE needs members. Only in numbers is there sufficient strength to get the job done. To enter a fight without enough members is like hunting bear with a BB gun. It takes numbers to command respect, to be heard over the din created by the anti-bike forces, and worse, the anti-chopper forces. But we don't want just members, we want doers. We know there are only some of you who will get off your ass and do something - and we want that group as members. The battle is in 50 different states. The only way ABATE can be effective - end effective fast enough - is to have doers in every state. Not a doer, but thousands of doers... end of part one. Continued next month...

CANEY FORK - Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7:00, Golden Nugget, Carthage

The meeting started @ 7:00. The Pledge was led by Jimmy Young. First of the meeting started out with the Sept.12 Ride for J.J. Memorial Ride. We will leave from Caney Fork Motors @ 10:00 heading to Fall Creek Falls. Hope everyone can be there.

The B.O.D. will be Sept.13th @ 1:00 @ Skully"s.

We also voted on sending flowers to a member Debrah Usry- She is in Cookeville Hospital...GET WELL- DABBA--DOO....

We discussed the ride on OCT.3rd for IZZY @ A.J's Bar and Grill and OCT.4TH we are going to defeated to put a cross up for Scott Allmon. Hope everyone comes and shows Scott how much he is still missed...

Robin made a motion to put in \$50.00 for the Izzy Benefit and Yee- Haw second the motion. Everyone was in agreement.

Our annual officer's vote will be held in OCT. So if you have someone you would like to be nominated or if you would like to be an officer make sure you are @ the meeting @ Caney Fork Motors on OCT 6th. It starts @ 7:00...We will vote on NOV-3rd. Same time and place....

Jimmy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Terry second the motion...

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN-

Next Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 15, 7:00, VFW, Dickson, TN

Next meeting, Thur Sept. 17, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. @ VFW in Dickson, TN

As we do every 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7:00 around 20 members and visitors, Leigha Allison & Zach Temes, said the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

Mark Proctor called the meeting to order. Chaplain Mike Boehm said the prayer including special prayers for Shelia Triplett, who missed the meeting due to a night spent in the hospital. Also, for John Miller, who was recovering from surgery, and for the family and friends of Haley Murphy. Haley has numerous family and friends in the D/H/H charter. She was killed in a car accident at only 26 years of age.

We discussed the upcoming Poker Run to help Treva Hickman Holland with medical bills from treatment for stage 3 lung cancer. The run will be on October 10 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Everyone had a great time at the Canoe/Poker Run that was held on July 25th, which raised \$400 for the charter. Ev-

eryone agreed Phyllis Patrick and Bobby Burgess did an amazing job on the food and no one died.

Numerous D/H/H members participated in the Kenneth Harris Memorial ride on August 22nd, which was out of Dickson, as well as The Kidney Foundation Run, which was out of Clarksville.

Huge turnout for fellow rider and friend of D/H/H, Shawn Fleet, who was seriously injured when he was struck by a car while riding his bike. Huge turnout of bikers and jeeps. Delicious chickens off the pit, cooked by Dwain Dycus and Mike Burns. These men can rock it on some BBQ chickens.

BWC Toy Run will take place on 9/19/15.

Everyone enjoyed Beefy's enthusiastic reading of the minutes for July 2015. We will all miss his colorful reports. Wish I was half the wordsmith that Beefy is. Also, would like to give him a big Thank You for covering for me at what should of been my first meeting as secretary, but had a family emergency at the last minute and was unable to attend. Thanks Beefy for all you have done and continue to do for CMT/Abate and D/H/H charter.

Upcoming Fish Fry on October 10, 2015 @ Bottoms Up Bar and Grill in Waverly, TN for the Celebration of Life.

Chaplain Mike Boehm was back from his trip to Sturgis. His group was there to offer their testimony and reach out to everyone that would listen. They also sponsored a bike giveaway. Mike said they had a good response.

Wayne and Rosie Edgin also went to Sturgis with several other riders from our area. Said they had a great time.

On to Activities with Steve Teston. Gave a big thanks to Buffalo Roadhouse for their help with the Canoe/Poker Run.

We discussed coming up with a name for the annual Toy Run. Possibly make it a Memorial Run with no helmets. New law in Dickson County, not allowed to block traffic at lights during runs. The Randy Brown ride will be in Waverly, TN on 10/3/15. This year's Toy Run will be on October 31, 2015 which is, of course, Halloween. Talked about dressing up and also hitting the Elks Lodge afterward. Asked everyone to pick up stuffed animals to prepare for the Christmas Parade. That's always a hit with the kids and elderly people along the parade route.

This is my first minutes for D/H/H charter. Looking forward to all of our upcoming events. Everyone stay safe and keep the rubber side down.

MONTGOMERY - Next Meeting: Monday, Oct. 5, 7:00, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville

September 2015 Minutes

MoCo held our monthly meeting at 7pm Labor Day 7 Sept. 2015, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville, TN. There were 12 members in attendance and six guests to include our State Director Mr. Dean Lucas.

The meeting kicked off promptly at 7 pm and the first topic discussed was membership. We discussed different ways to try to increase both our local and state membership numbers. We discussed the BWC Toy Run that will be held 18-20 Sept. this year. MoCo Abate will once again have a booth set up and maximum participation from our local members is highly encouraged. We will have Shirts & Kickstand Pucks for sale along with plenty of free hand outs to help spread the word about who we are and the CMT Abate mission. We confirmed a list of members to man our booth. The floor was then turned over to an open floor. The meeting ended at 7:40pm. May everyone Ride Safe & Keep the Rubber Side Down...

MUSIC CITY - Next meeting: Sunday, Oct. 4, 2:00, Skully's, Old Hickory

NASHVILLE- Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 20, 7:00, Bikini Beach Bar, Antioch

Meeting was brought to order with the pledge.

Dir Report: Attended CMA TN State Rally. At Montgomery Bell 08/21 – 08/23
Asst Director: Spent time in Smokies since last month attending meetings
Secretary report read and accepted.

Treas Report: Brought in a logo for Nashville Charter T Shirts look really good. We should have some to sell by the Pumpkin Fest Time. Believe they will be \$20. We are doing well with our Account hope to be making more with T Shirt Sales and upcoming Events. As well as hopefully increase our membership.

Leg Report: Carol still has letters that need to be signed and presented to the Legislatures we hope to get more signed at Booze Cruise and Pumpkin Fest. We have several bills we are working towards. More support than we have ever had very important to support the representatives that are helping us.

Old Bus: Meeting of the Minds coming up Carol Simpson will represent us there. Mark Waters has donated two stand by tickets for Meeting of the Minds. This is the same weekend as the Smith/Wilson Rodeo and where the State Poker Run

winners will be determined.

September 19th we will be setting up a Membership Table for CMT/ABATE and Letters also Drawing.

Jessie gave a report on the Pumpkin Fest, several vendors are lined up we will have Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, Drinks, Chicken Drop Game, Music and other Drawing. We decided on who will bring donations to the pumpkin fest.

Talked about having Hot Apple Cider as well.

New Bus: Oct 3 Robertson County will have a Memorial Ride for fallen Bikers. We would like to submit Our Nashville Charter Beloved Member's name to be on a T-Shirt Joseph Mckinney who recently passed in a Motorcycle accident August 23. Lisa to find out how this can be done. BOD Meeting Sept 13. Pumpkin Fest, Oct 10, we will have a Membership table at the Booze Cruise Bikini Beach Sept 19th we will also have a drawing.

Open forum: Discussed the Nashville Bike Show that we have seen advertised slated for 10 days in 2017. They have a Facebook page. The site says this will be held at the Loretta Lynn Ranch. We will try to find out more about this event and when we can confirm will post the news. Discussed New Year's Kick Off Party. Nashville makes money from the Gate and Auction. We are aiming for the 3rd Saturday in January. Yogi is now Safety and Education rep. Ed Dominay (spelling?) is the MRF Rep.

9/26 State Wide Poker run at Smith/Wilson

10/4 Steel Horse

10/10 Pumpkin Fest at Dwayne's Classic Custom Cycles Murfreesboro

Dean has a new phone contact number is 931-761-8132

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New PR Rep is Rhonda she will be reliving Carol after and 8 year tenure. Carol will still assist with Legislative stuff as needed and for Nashville Charter. A PAC was discussed at the BOD Yohan is to find out about the Hierarchy and create a report to share with us to explain this. Knox County Charter has been closed out due to non-participation. Any Active Members will now be considered to be Members At Large. Motion was had to adjourn the Meeting and Seconded.

NORTHEAST- Next Meeting: Monday, Oct. 5, 7:00, Call for location

ROBERTSON COUNTY- Next Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7:00, Piggy Pit, Springfield

Next meeting will be Oct. 6th at Piggy Pit in Springfield. Jeff ledge our pledge and Robert said prayer. Roland thanked everyone that attended our Robertson County Party. Everyone had a great time and was a big success. What to thank Donna for taking over our membership roll. The Intervention Ride is Sept. 12th, and our Cycles & Sirens Poker Run is also Sept. 12th benefiting Nashville Firefighters Relief Fund. It will be held at Alley Pub 7040 Hwy 70S in Nashville. Our in "Memory of" Ride will be Oct. 3rd. Hope everyone will plan to attend.

Robert talked about our legislative.

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER
- Next Meeting: Sunday, Oct. 4, 2:00, The Roost, Lebanon

SUMMER COUNTY - Next Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 15, 7:00, VFW Hall, Hendersonville or TBA

TENNESSEE VALLEY - Next Meeting: Sunday, Oct. 18, 2:00, Call for Location Mark (Yog) 423-570-0250

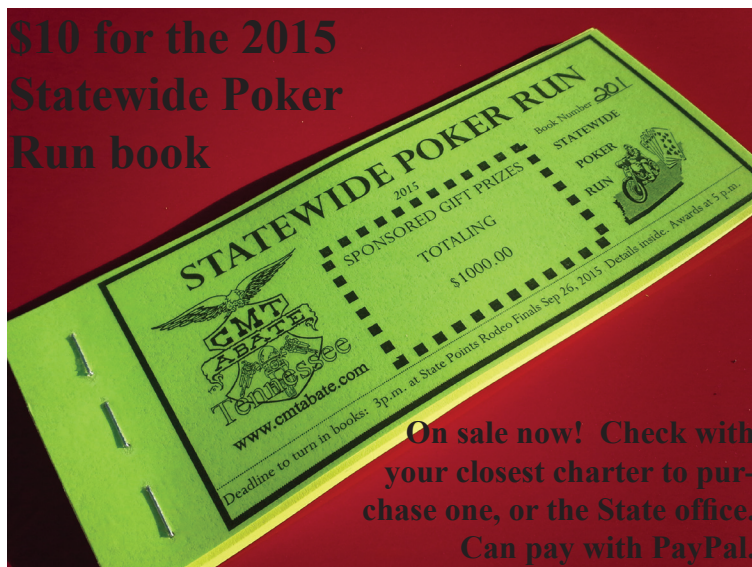
UPPER CUMBERLAND - Next Meeting: Sunday, Oct. 4, 12:00. Call for Details, Ron 931-879-3899

WHEELS OF THUNDER - Next Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 1, 7:00, Pancho's, Memphis

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There are still two weeks to get LOTS of sponsor pages signed in your Statewide Poker Run Book and win a BIG share of the sponsored \$\$\$\$\$ prizes.

If anyone would like to buy a book, they are \$10 and will be at the Nashville Charter meeting on Tuesday evening at Bi-kini Beach, or at the CMT/ABATE Board of Directors Meeting, Sunday, September 13, 1:00, Skully's Saloon, Old Hickory, TN Steve's Cycles in Lenoir City, TN is no longer in business.

They have a sponsored page in the Poker Run Book. If you are doing the Poker Run Book, please mark it as a free page.

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Thank you all for your assistance and support during the last 8 years that I have served as the Public Relations/Communications officer for CMT/ABATE, Inc.

There have been so many great opportunities to work with individuals and charters to share information about our events, our charities, our legislative work and our safety and awareness programs. I have met many fantastic folks.

The election at the Board meeting was kind of like a "mercy killin'" for me, cause I never know when to quit. Rhonda Williams has all the skills to do a great job.

I am still helping Tony Dabbs as his administrative assistant for the Legislative Team. I truly believe, that with the involvement of enough Freedom Fighting motorcyclists, we WILL gain freedom of choice in Tennessee in 2016. See you somewhere on the road, or maybe in the hall of the legislature! Carol Simpson
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Slow Race

- 1st Jeff Hollins
- 2nd Casey
- 3rd James Sullivan

Barrel Roll

- 1st Tommy
- 2nd A J Patton
- 3rd Cody

Ball & Cone

- 1st Jeff & Becky
- 2nd Tommy & Sharon
- 3rd Casey & Sarah

Weenie Bite

- 1st Tommy & Sharon
- 2nd Jeff & Becky
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Slow Race

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Ball & Cone

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- 3rd James & Leslie Sullivan

Weenie Bite

- 1st Casey Wright & Sarah Lapinski
- 2nd Tommy & Sharon Jones
- 3rd James & Leslie Sullivan

Field Meet Points Totals after 6/6/15

Rider

- 16 Tommy Jones
- 9 Casey Wright
- 8 Jeff Hollins
- 7 James Sullivan
- 2 A J Patton
- 1 Cody

Passenger

- 10 Sharon Jones
- 7 Sarah Lapinski
- 5 Becky Foss
- 2 Leslie Sullivan



D/H/H Charter - Sad news. Mr. Sylvester "Grandpa" Caldwell, WWII Veteran and our oldest member, has passed away. He was injured in a car wreck on Labor Day and succumbed to his injuries on 9/8/15. He was 90 years old.

Our activities director, Steve Teston, attended Grandpa's funeral on 9/11/15. It was very touching and a fine send-off to this very humble man. His kin-folk shared stories of him that were full of love and humor that told the story of this fine gentleman. Because of work Steve didn't get there till right before the funeral started but did get to talk to one of his daughters for a few minutes and gave her a copy of the CMT magazine that had his picture with us when we made him a member. She told me that the family was aware of us and the COL event that he sang at. She thanked me for making him a part of our charter and for the kindness and love we showed him. In a fitting tribute the last song performed was a recording of Grandpa singing "Folsom Prison Blues" with his train whistle fading out. The whole room exploded with applause and the Lord provided thunder to welcome this true American Hero home. RIP

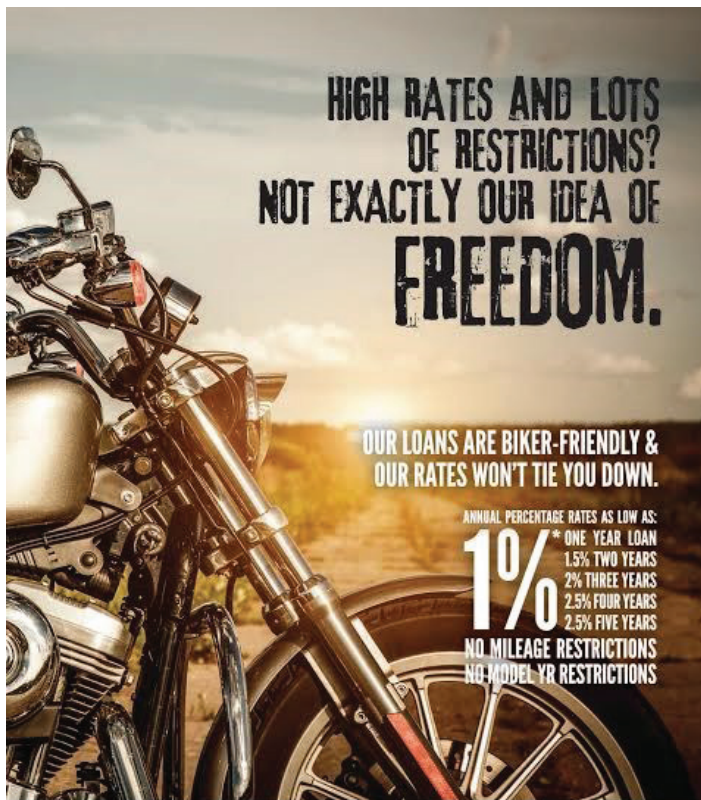
It is with a heavy heart that I report the news of the passing of Nashville charter CMT/ABATE member, Joe McKinney. He died as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on Sunday, August 23. Riding with him on that beautiful day was his best friend, Lisa Ogle, 30- year member of CMT/ABATE, Nashville charter. Lisa's injuries are not critical, although very painful, and she has been released to go home from the hospital. Below are a couple of pictures of Joe and the details of his memorial service on Thursday evening.

Joe was employed as a heavy equipment operator. He loved family, fun and motorcycles.

McKinney, Joseph Thomas, age 52, of Madison, TN passed away August 24, 2015. Preceded in death by his father: James H. McKinney; survived by his mother: Faye McKinney; children: Koey McKinney and Tyler McKinney; sisters: Carrie Wiley and Janice Smith; brother: Jim "BB" McKinney; granddaughter: Keely Robbins; best friends: Lisa Ogle and her daughter Ronni.

Visitation Thursday from 4 until 7, when a Celebration of Life will be conducted by Ray "Doc" Elder, all at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Rd., Nashville, TN 615-262-3312. - See more at: <http://www.phillipsrobinson.com/obituary/Joseph-Thomas-McKinney/Madison-TN/1539382#sthash.cAn3YgoT.dpuf>





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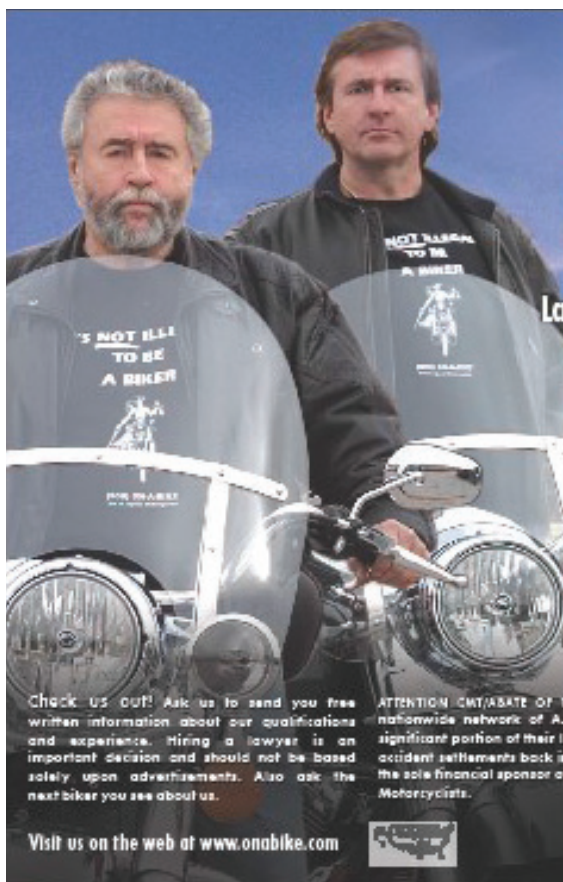


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