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

Director's Column

Another month has come and gone with the weather making its change for the changing of the colors. With summer behind us and fall has arrived making for nice cool rides. This past October 6th I attended the DON'T RIDE FRIED carnival at Lorretta Lynn's Ranch which turned out to be successful. UNITED WE RIDE, DIVIDED WE DRIVE is what I saw. All the support from the volunteers from all the different charters that participated. It really made me PROUD to see the dedication from our members as a team functioning as one unit. Congratulations to all that were there, you all did a fantastic job. Unity, that's what this Organization is all about. Standing as one and not as many. Times are changing and it's doing it fast. If we as an Organization don't follow the trend, then we will fail, and failure is not an op-

tion. I've noticed the younger generation doesn't enjoy the freedom of riding like we all do. They ride for their commuting only. Being in a college town of ETSU I see a lot riding smaller bikes even including mopeds. This isn't just the guys, but a lot of women are riding here in Johnson City. Watch around your communities and see if you notice the same and let's figure out how we can educate them on CMT/ABATE INC. I'm sure going to try. Don't forget November's elections are coming up fast so; one vote can make a difference. Watch the Legislative column to tabs on what's going on. I'm making sure I VOTE! I look at it these ways, if you don't vote, then you don't have a right to gripe! So check with local candidates and make sure you vote, and we just may make a difference. I'm on a mission for Oct. & Nov. to make it to all

the charter meetings, so I'll see ya soon. Keep the rubber on the ground and the chrome shining up.



Scott Smith
CMT/ABATE INC
Corporate Director

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



December 9, 2018 BOD Meeting
Hosted by
Montgomery County Charter
American Legion 14633 Fort Campbell Blvd
Oak Grove KY

11:30 to 12:30 have your schedule of events for the year of 2019 calendar. Have these written down for Mark Waters and hand him your list. This should make this process easier.

BOD will start around 12:45. We have several issues to take care in Dec. One of these is the Bylaws. Yohann sent out a questionnaire to be fill out on proposed changes, make sure those are filled out and returned. Finances and patches are other area to discuss with your charter members. The Agenda will be more precise.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. I'm also been told that there will be barbeque for everyone also.

CMT/ABATE INC Corporate Director Scott Smith



YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



Legislative Director's Ramblings

Howdy everyone – We, CMT/ABATE, Incorporated are an advocacy group for Tennessee motorbike riders since our initial founding and our mission remains that we work as a team for the rights, safety, and freedom of Tennessee motorbike riders. Faces and names may have changed – the core mission remains the same.

Tomorrow I and few thousand more will be entertained by the constant rat-a-tat-tat of mounted machine guns and sub-machine guns and burps of mini guns at the fall 2018 Knob Creek event and enjoy a bit of what is left of the 2nd Amendment as I see old friends and customers and scrounge for parts. It's as if we have a two-day window of pre-1934 time on a few hundred acres where infringements do not yet exist. Kind of like riding that motorbike across the Tennessee State line into Kentucky or Arkansas and being able to enjoy a bit of pre-1968 freedom if one so wishes. When one is aware of what one has lost, one is aware of what must be rightfully restored.

Okay, legislative-wise, things are still quiet even though we are but three or so weeks from the General Election. In some races a bit of last-minute mudslinging is occurring as well as some last-minute exposures of the truth for some candidates. On the Federal level the current administration approved limited use of E15 gasoline in States where it is not prohibited by law. So next spring, be sure to read the label on the pump – your motorbike will thank you. The E15 gasoline is an issue

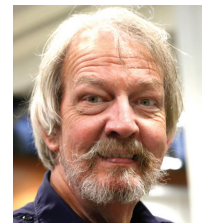
that the MRF fought for at least the past two years since the machines we ride are usually not considered in the “big equation” – at least not in a meaningful way. We “kind of” lost this one and let's hope it is temporary.

Locally – here's something we need to watch. A few days ago I received a telephone call from one of our founding members and his concern is one I share as well. People who live and/or work in the downtown Nashville area have noticed small electric scooters darting through traffic and propped against structures. I have really nothing to say about those things but a group of small gasoline-powered scooters is now on the scene. Step up, pay your rental money, receive a short safety introduction, receive a helmet and you are on your way. These things are less than five brake horsepower so while things that are normally required to operate a motorbike (eye protection, M endorsement, etc.) are not required, a helmet IS required and is furnished by the rental company. Why is this a big deal? You may debate this with me, but it is my opinion that it takes as much skill to safely operate a small scooter as it does a full Dresser at low speeds. People with ZERO motorbike experience will be able to rent and ride these scooters in downtown Nashville traffic.

Another opinion (I am full of them today) of mine is that since these are rented in the entertainment district they will inevitably become kind of a low-budget type of bar hopper. That's right – I see the

potential for an increase in riding while intoxicated and accidents during riding while intoxicated. I think we will see an increase in accidents, drunk driving arrests, etc. and am concerned that the Department of Safety at present has no way to isolate “recreational scooters” from motorbikes in regards to data. In essence, unless it is recorded as a separate data set, poor performance by scooter riders will make our numbers look worse and that NEVER helps us. In the future I plan to request a meeting with the new Colonel and go over my concerns. Many years ago, all accidents involving 3-wheelers, 4-wheelers, and dirt bikes were lumped together with those involving street-legal motorbikes and it made our numbers look worse. That was corrected.

I will close with this; on Tuesday 06, November 2018 the General election will occur and I am sure that most of you have your minds made up regarding your choices. Get out there and make it happen. Remember a quote from a friend of mine - lawmakers do what you “inspect” and not what you “expect”. Get out there – make a difference.



J. Robert Forbus
Corporate Legislative
Director

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MRF State Rep Report –

In September, I had the honor of representing you, the motorcyclists of Tennessee, at the Meeting of the Minds. This is the Motorcycle Riders Foundation’s annual seminar for motorcyclist’s rights activists from across the country. This year’s event was held in Denver, CO, and Tennessee’s representation there would not have been possible without the support of the charters and individuals that contributed towards the expenses of this trip. I would like to thank the following for their support:

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Carol Simpson
Robertson County
Nashville
French Broad
Montgomery County
Mark Waters
Sumner County

There were many inspirational speakers at the seminar, along with several very informative sessions, I will present information on these at the next Board of Directors meeting, as well as try to print some of the information presented in future editions of this newsletter.

One of the most important sessions held that weekend was the the Legislative Planning session. In this meeting, representatives from the State Motorcyclist’s Rights Organizations (SMROs) discussed the current issues we are facing, and set the legislative plans for the MRF for the coming year. That 2019 Legislative Agenda is detailed below.

Although this is intended to be modified as needed throughout the year, it provides the basis for our continuing fight to be able to . . .

. . . Ride Free,

-- Ed

Ed Domine
MRF State Rep
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The Motorcycle Riders Foundation:2019 Legislative & Regulatory Priorities

At the 2018 Motorcycle Riders Foundation’s (MRF) 34th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference held in Denver, CO, a Legislative Strategy Session was hosted by the MRF’s Legislative Committee. The purpose of the Session was to establish and prioritize the MRF’s Federal Legislative Agenda for 2019. These priorities are categorized below. Note that at any time, an item may move to a different category depending on the likelihood of activity. This list should remain fluid and can be adaptable depending on the issue and political environment.

2019 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

- Continue to lobby for the passage of legislation (H.Res.318 & S.Res.154) promoting public awareness of and condemning instances of motorcycle profiling by law enforcement officials
- Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard including the following actions:
 - The indefinite and universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.
 - Additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of ethanol on motorcycles as well as targeted consumer education programs
 - Where higher ethanol blends are available, ensure separate pumps (i.e. no blender pumps) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines
 - Advocate and monitor for motorcyclists concerning laws and regulations related to connected and autonomous vehicles, specifically, (AV START Act, S.1885);
 - Required testing for motorcycle recognition and responsiveness
 - Strong standards to ensure the safety of

motorcycle users as it relates to electronic and cyber security systems

- The inclusion of motorcyclists’ perspectives in discussions regarding Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)
- Clarification of the rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles
- Fully engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations (i.e. RPM Act -H.R.350 & S.203)
- Work with appropriate stakeholders concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle, ensuring that crash and fatality statistics continue to be separate from other classes of vehicles including automobiles, non-motorcycle powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, and various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles
- Consider limiting funding of any federal government entity with increasing involvement in advocating for a universal helmet law or similar initiatives
- Continue to promote our theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA to focus on crash prevention and rider education
- Fiercely oppose any federal mandatory helmet, apparel or conspicuity standards
- Pursue legislative language that any collected vehicle data is property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the option to opt out of having their personal data communicated to interested parties
- Pursue and monitor efforts related to the next highway bill (expiring in 2020). Ensure the following provisions are included:
 - Motorcycle Education & Awareness Program Grant Funding
 - Continuation of the NHTSA Lobbying Ban
 - Continuation of Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA
 - Oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions
 - Monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists
 - Continuation of ban on federal funding

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

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

2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

Caney Fork Turkey Shoot 17, November

Robertson Toy Run & Christmas Party 01, December
Caney Fork Toy Run 01, December
Music City Toy Run 01, December
Smith Wilson Stones River Toy Run 02, December
State Board meeting 09, December
Music City Christmas Party 15, December



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CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 WOT	2	3
4 MuCi/UpCu SWSR	5 MoCo NoEa	6 RoCo	7 FrBr	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 DHH SuCo	15	16 CaFo Turkey Shoot	17
18	19 Nash	20	21	22	23	24
25 CaFo	26	27	28	29	30	
30						

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 RoCo, CaFo & MuCi Toy Runs
2 MuCi/UpCu SWSR Toy Run	3 MoCo NoEa	4 RoCo	5 FrBr	6 WOT	7	8
9 BOD	10	11	12	13	14	15 MuCi Christmas Party
16	17 Nash	18	19 DHH SuCo	20	21	22
23 CaFo	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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Other events of interest ~

Deer season muzzleloader 03, November ~
 General Election 06, November **
 Veterans Day 11, November **
 Caney Fork Turkey Shoot 17, November
 Deer season rifle 17, November ~

Robertson Toy Run & Christmas Party 01, December
 Caney Fork Toy Run 01, December
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 Smith Wilson Stones River Toy Run 02, December
 State Board meeting 09, December
 Music City Christmas Party 15, December
 Christmas, 25 December **

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MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

- Pursue safer roadway design strategies in federal infrastructure legislation or discussions (i.e. MAC)
- Oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any federal agency
- Monitor and ensure that the term “vulnerable roadway users” does not include motorcyclists

MONITOR

- Work to discourage ALL forms of distracted driving
- SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing (addressed by individual states)
- Continue participation in motorcycle related activity in the European Union, United Nations, and Canada informing membership of key developments
- Continue monitoring any federal studies concerning motorcycles (i.e. Federal Crash Causation Study MSF Naturalistic Study)
- Monitor and strongly oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems
- Monitor private and public organizations

that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF

- Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds
- Monitor and support federal efforts to study and review the benefits and concerns of lane splitting and lane filtering
- Monitor and respond to federal legislative or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terms gang, club, known associate, and associate when referring to motorcyclists
- Monitor and report on any litigation related to motorcycle emissions violations



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Kirk Willard
Kirk Willard, MRF President

August 2018
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TWELVE YEARS

CANEY FORK

September 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by TP

Ragman led in the Pledge and Prayer

There were 16 members and 1 guest in attendance

Robin gave the Treasurer report and Gail read the minutes from August.

TP thanked everyone for a successful pool party.

Events:

Izzy Cruz- In and Scott Allmon Poker Run Oct. 6th & 7th

Be at marina at 7:30 AM. All hands on deck for a full day fundraiser Saturday.

Registration begins at 9:30 AM Sunday for the poker run.

Safety Awareness Meeting in Nashville Oct.13th

Justified Poker Run Oct. 20th

Justified Church Service Oct. 21th.

Breakfast at 10 AM Service at 11AM – Everyone welcome

Ragman's Halloween Hay Ride & Bonfire Oct. 27th starting at 6 PM

Justified Halloween Costume Party Oct. 27th starting at 6 PM

Gordonsville Trick or Treat with the Gordonsville Fire Department Oct. 31st. Costume optional / hand out candy.

Caney Fork Turkey Shoot November 17th

Caney Fork Toy Drive Gordonsville Armory Dec. 1st

Possible new clubhouse location Fire Hall in Gordonsville

Elections coming up in November. If you want to run for an office name must be submitted before the end of October.

Adjourned at 6:16 PM

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at The Pit in Springfield at 7:00pm. Jeff led us in The Pledge and Johann led us in prayer. Roland started off thanking everyone for coming. Don't forget the Toy Run will be Dec. 1st and our Christmas Party that night. Thanks to everyone that came to STR, we had a good turnout. Johann went over The Legislative. Ruth won 50/50 and donated to down biker fund. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on Nov. 6th.

Connie Jones

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER

October 2018 Minutes

The SWSR meeting of October 7th, 2018 was called to order by James at 4:05 PM.

He also led us in the pledge followed by Shrek leading us in prayer. There were 21 members and 2 visitors in attendance. All officers present.

Secretary Report: Given and approved

Treasury Report: Given and approved.

Membership: Leslie said we have 2 new members Michael and Stacy Heller.

Welcome. Wanda Johnson and Harold Houston renewed and Kim and David Marlin are up for renewal. October Birthdays is Jerry Oct 15 (RIP), Lynn October 24 and Stacy's is October 20. Happy Birthday everyone!

Activities: Sarah thanks all for supporting our finals rodeo and also supporting Shuana Beadle Jennings Ride. She spoke of the DHH Charter Toy Run October 27. It starts at the square in Charlotte, TN.

Please bring a new unopened toy and non-perishable food items. This is always an awesome run! On October 20 there will be a Don't Ride Fried Carnival at the Shed in Maryville, TN. Any and all help is needed and appreciated!! The Veterans Day Parade in Lebanon is Saturday, November 11. Lineup is on S. Hatton Avenue which is the road next to the Lebanon Library! Any and all bikes welcome! David made a motion to make our December needy family the Quality Care here in Lebanon. Motion passed. Sarah will look into details. Also James mentioned the Nashville Charter is doing a 50/50 event a Bikini Beach Bar! Check it out!

Legislative: Danny said there will be a Freedom of Choice Rally at the State Capital by a non affiliated CMT ABATE group and encouraged all to attend. Also get out and VOTE!!! That is your privilege and right!

Products: Resa has shirts on sale for \$15.00 so we can get ride of old products. From now on there will be prepaid orders only. Her regular guy is no longer in business so Sarah is going to check with her contact about product prices etc.

Chaplain: Terry talked about Jesus crucifixion and how we should all stick together as a group and help corporate as much as we can.

New Business: James said at the September BOD that Faith Hawkins gave us a shirt and plaque in appreciation of our donation to the Golden Age Games for Batman. Resa went over a part in the by-laws and the pledge. James said he would bring it up at the next BOD in December which will be Sunday, December 9th at the VFW in Oak Grove, KY. Michael and

Stacy announced they are engaged and invited us all to be a part of it. Details to come later.

Motion to adjourn at 4:50 PMRide safe and free.....Kim

UPPER CUMBERLAND

Oct 7, 2019

Ron opened the meeting & led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dean gave the financial report.

Activities: Sponsor forms were made available so everyone can start getting sponsors for the 2019 Liberty Rally.

Christmas meeting will be at the Hawg Barn. \$10 Dirty Santa. Summer Fun Run Poker will be played. Sandi has the list of what peeps will be bringing to eat.

B.O.D. Lynn reported back to the charter what was discussed at the Sept meeting

New Business: UC voted to donate \$100 to the LBJ&C Head start program to help with Christmas for 1 child. The funds were given to Lynn to be given to the school.

Meetings: Nov 4 - Dean's

Dec 2 - Hawg Barn

Jan 6 - Boones

Thank you Cripple Creek for having us. Knees in da Breeze o'o` Sandi

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN

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Please read the notice from the MRF below. We have a limited amount of time to push this bill through the US Congress to address the issue of law enforcement profiling of motorcyclists. This may or may not have been an issue that you have personally experienced, but it is an issue for many riders across the USA, and possibly in certain areas of Tennessee. We should not be singled out for enforcement actions simply because of our mode of travel or the clothing we wear. Please go to the link on the MRF web-site to send a pre-written letter to your US Representative asking him or her to sign on as a cosponsor of H.Res.318.

Either go to the MRF web-site at: www.mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/ and select the "Take Action" button under the "Time Is Running Out - Push the Anti-Profiling Resolution Over the Finish Line" header.

Or use the direct link at:

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Thanks,

Ride Free,

-- Ed

Ed Domine

MRF Rep – CMT/ABATE



Time is Running Out on Profiling

Time is running out. Due to the November elections, Congress has less than 6 weeks of legislative calendar days to take up legislation on motorcycle profiling. We've gained momentum in recent weeks, don't let this opportunity slip away.

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Trump Directs EPA to Allow Year-Round E-15 Gas Sales

Ahead of a scheduled visit to Iowa on Tuesday, President Donald Trump granted the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) authority to lift restrictions on higher blend of ethanol E-15 year-round. By lifting the restriction, the EPA will begin the arduous task of creating and seeking public comment on the new regulations going forward. The EPA anticipates the new rule making process will be completed by early June 2019 and would allow the sale of E-15 during summer of 2019. Currently, the sale of E-15 during the summer month's is prohibited in some states due to the Clean Air Act..

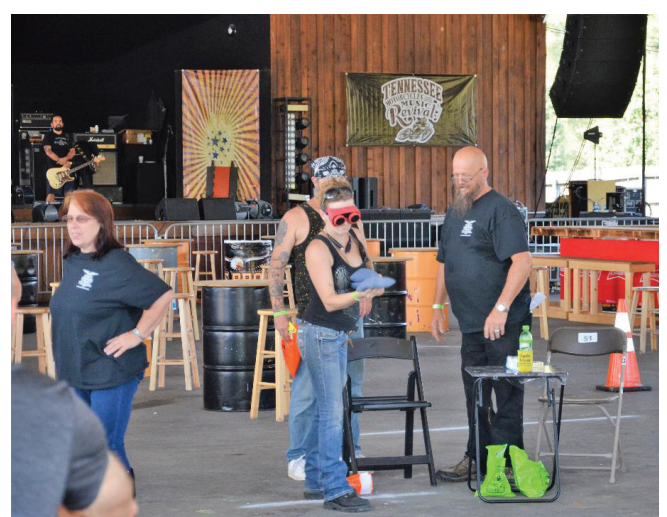
"We want to get more fuel into the system," Trump told reporters before boarding Marine One to travel to a rally in Council Bluffs, Iowa. "This is great for our farmers, and it's a promise I made during the campaign, and as you know I keep my promises."

The expansion of the Renewable Fuel Standard has resulted in higher content of ethanol-blended gasoline at gas stations across America. These higher blends, like E-15 and E-85, have not been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use in small engines like those in motorcycles. This is due to concerns for potential damage to fuel lines, injectors, seals, gaskets, and valve seats, as well as to carburetors. As a result, many motorcycle manufacturers now include statements in the manual that any warranty would be voided if E-15 or higher is used.

What does this mean for our motorcycles? Well, we already know that EPA guidance on E-15 fuel prohibits the use in your motorcycle along with a host of other small engines. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation believes that, until higher blends of ethanol can be approved for use by both the EPA and motorcycle manufactures, the federal government must guarantee the availability of fuel blends containing no more than 10 percent ethanol (E-10) at gas stations around the country. The MRF fully intends to submit comment when it becomes available in the new rule making process in the coming months.

So, what can we do right now? You may remember over the summer the MRF teamed up with representatives from the marine, motorcycling and outdoor power equipment on Capitol Hill in conjunction with Congressional Motorcycle and Boating Caucuses to discuss concerns over higher ethanol blends and lack of consumer education about the associated risks with ethanol. In conjunction with this event, we kicked off our support for H.R. 5855, the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2018. Authored by Rep. Austin Scott (R-GA) and Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL), the legislation would require EPA to revise the labeling requirements at fuel pumps that dispense E-15 and conduct a consumer education about the risks of using it in vehicles and equipment that are prohibited from using E-15 (i.e. YOUR MOTORCYCLE).

You can follow the link below and ask your U.S. Representative to support H.R. 5855 and help protect consumers unknowingly using a fuel blend that will not only damage your motorcycle, and void your warranty but the EPA has decided is illegal to put in your motorcycle.



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GOLD

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Kelly Keisling 7/19
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Outlaws MC 6/19
Mark Waters 12/18

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David Mantooth 9/18
Jim & Sandra Barker 12/18
Sammy White 2/19
Rita Baldwin 4/19

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Chris Spencer 4/19
Sean Casey 4/19
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William Guffey 8/18
Massimo Pessino 9/18
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Sammy White 4/19

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Welcome New Members!

Billy Mapes
Michael Heller
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MEMBERSHIP COLUMN NOVEMBER 2018

Hey everyone! I am coming right along with my projects. The project of putting the deceased members is taking longer than anticipated due to the expired list being so long. All Directors should be expecting an email from me around the first week of November so they can look over their list and assist me and letting me know who to move over. Any and all assistance is appreciated.

I also want to reach out to all CMT ABATE, Inc members and ask for suggestions to help us grow! If you have an idea or suggestion please email me at (cmtabatemembership@gmail.com or call 615-310-3436). This is an incredible organization and I know we can grow but it will take us ALL!!!

If anyone would like materials for a membership drive or their events, please let me know and I will get you the materials needed.

That is all for now!! Ride safe and free!
Kim Marlin



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