# Tennessee Motorcyclist



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Saturday October 1st, 2011

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Caney Fork	Terry Presley tpaper63@yahoo.com	615-642-8025	1st Saturday of the month @ 4, at Lolly's, 342 Lebanon Hwy, Carthage
Dickson/Humphreys/ Hickman	·	615-446-0064	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
Knoxville	Spencer "Doc" Perry reddoggbyker@gmail.	com	Last Sunday @ 1, Lowell Rd. Harley Davidson, Knoxville
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Upper Cumberland	Rob Erwin	931-879-3899	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday * Call for Details
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer www.cmtabate-wheelsof	901-465-7381 thunder.com	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

#### STATE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Well I am slowly recovering from my shoulder surgery so I can type with both hands now. Our September BOD meeting will be at the VFW in Hendersonville. We will observe a moment of silence for the Sept 11th 10th anniversary of the trade center bombing. We have a lot of one year election coming up at this meeting. Unopposed positions will be a yes or no vote, if a person has competition then there will be a ballot vote. We will be discussing what the land committee has come up with. The sign program is doing very well and is helping raise awareness of CMT/ABATE and what we do.

Our board is doing a terrific job working together and coming up with solid ideas to help us grow. We are still waiting to find out when the summer study will be on our Helmet bill. The NCOM business meeting is being held in Memphis this November. I urge you to come out and see what NCOM does.

The trend in our country is toward more freedom which has always been our goal. We need to work harder than ever to present our point of view that "the government that governs best - governs less." We have been preaching for 30 years what the people are finally waking up to, what the constitution says about personal freedom and less government regulation. These are exciting times and I am fortunate to have the privilege of being the state director during them.

I look forward to seeing you at the Sept Board meeting.

Ride Safe and Free

#### **Brooklyn Tom**

State Director CMT/ABATE Inc. NCOM national board member Region 5

Liaison to Confederation of clubs Unit Commander U.S. Defenders





August 1, 2011

CMT/ABATE, Inc P.O. Box 160223 Nashville, TN 37216-0223

vía: First Class Mail and e-mail

CMT/ABATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Kindly accept this letter as my request to be considered for the position of NCOM Rep. I am currently on the NCOM Legislative Task Force Committee on the national level and hopefully I can be useful to CMT/ABATE.

I have been riding motorcycles for over 40 years and involved with biker's rights for about 38 years. I am certified through MSF to teach motorcycle safety and have an excellent working relationship with all SMRO's and leaders in motorcycle rights.

I am a member of the Knoxville Charter and I live in La Follette, Tennessee.

Further, I am requesting that this request be placed on the agenda for the September Board Meeting, pending your approval and printed in the newsletter.

If you have any questions, call me: 248-884-1880 (cell phone). ALSO...I would require NO funding from CMT/ABATE, as my expenses are already covered.

Respectfully submitted by:

Angel Ríchardson



Confirmed meeting with Tennessee Department of Transportation and Department of Safety regarding highway cable barriers:

#### Monday, September 12, 1:00

Contact Carol Simpson @ 615-944-9797 or csfreedom@aol.com for details and location. (will be determined by the time you receive this newsletter).



solely upon advertisements. Also ask the next biker you see about us.

#### **RESUME FOR** PRODUCTS CHAIRPERSON

Election at September BOD

I have been approached by several people about taking over State Products. After much, much consideration, I told Kevin Chapnick that I would gladly take this responsibility over from him. Some of you have said that I would be a great person to do this job. I am willing to give it a shot and I truly appreciate the vote of confidence from everyone. I do have to say that I don't really have any experience in this field, but am willing to try. Kevin has expressed that he is unable to continue this office and to my knowledge no one has stepped up. I would appreciate your vote at the September B.O.D. unless someone more willing and better qualified steps up. Thanks for your vote.

#### Faith Hawkins

Music City Charter & CMT/ABATE member for 10 years



sponsor of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists.

#### **Prayers Needed**

On Sunday, August 21, little three year old John "Jack-Jack" Parker was trapped inside his burning home in Greenbrier, hiding under

blankets and pillows on a couch. He was found on the third attempt by a young full-time firefighter lady whose fire hall is Springfield, TN, but who also volunteers for Greenbrier volunteer fire department.

Jack-Jack is the grandson of life-time CMT/ABATE member Catherine Hess-Voltz, formerly of Nashville, and now living in eastern Tennessee. Catherine has been a member of CMT/ABATE for more decades than it is polite to tell about a lady.

The immediate NEED is for HUGE PRAYERS AND 'LIFTING UP" OF THIS LITTLE BOY. The next 72 hours will be crucial to his recovery. Smoke and burn damage to his mouth, throat, and lungs cannot be entirely assessed. All treatments have been given to create environment for the best results.

Thank you for your positive thoughts and prayers. Update @ press time: Jack-Jack is off ventilator and is expected to have a full recovery. Miracle accomplished. Thanks for continuing prayers for family to rebuild. AMEN.



## "A Ride for Ronnie

September 18, 2011 Robertson County Fairgrounds

A benefit ride for Ronnie who had a brain tumor & suffered complications and a stroke after surgery to remove it. For more info call Diane White 969-9263 or Samantha Stubblefield 335-0151

#### **Board Of Director's**

September 11, 2011 1:00pm cst

#### **VFW**

73 New Shackle Island Road Hendersonville, TN

\*\* Please Note Change of Location:\*\*

#### September 2011

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#### Sumner County CMT/ABATE Chapter

July 2011

Mark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 18 members present, as we were joined by some members from the Nashville, Robertson & Music City Charters. There was to be an STR meeting following the July meeting so we welcomed them to sit in on our meeting.

#### REPORTS

Becky read the minutes from the June 2011 meeting & they were approved as read.

Jeff gave the Treasurer's Report. We spent \$250 on a brick for the Veterans Wall. Jeff informed the Chapter that the cost of the State's new computer donated by Sumner County Charter was \$450 instead of the \$330 previously appropriated.

Becky gave the Legislative Report. She gave an update on HB153 re:children passengers. This was further clarified by Carol from Nashville Charter. No Activities Report was given as JJ was absent. However, Mark encouraged the Charter to support other Charters activities over the summer & reminded us of the STR to be held August 26-28.

Membership Report—no new members.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jeff made the motion to increase the monies appropriated for the computer be increased to \$450. Passed by acclamation.

Tony made a motion to appropriate \$100 for the VFW Golf Tournament. This was passed by acclamation.

Jerry Spence made a motion to increase the monies appropriated for the brick for the Veteran's Wall be increase to \$250. Passed by acclamation.

Becky made the motion for the August meeting to be held @ their house on August 18. There was a friendly amendment was accepted for the Charter to pay for the food. It was passed by acclamation. Jerry Ray made the motion to adjourn. Passed by acclamation. Mark adjourned the meeting. 50/50 was won by Billy M of the Music City Charter.

#### June 2011

Mark opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance & a Moment of Silence for fallen riders. He then reported on the BOD meeting.

Treasury Report: Given by Jeff. He assured us that we have ample amount of money in our account. He reminded the charter that we had voted last month to raise monthly commitment to state.

Legislative Report: Given by Becky. She reported on the Summer Transportation Committee at the State. Be sure & call our Representative Mike McDonald @ 615-741-1980 and discuss with him the HB 153/SB 74 & thank him for his 2nd motion concerning the use of foot-pegs for passengers.

<u>Membership</u>: There were no new memberships this month. Mark was very disappointed! He asked that members call other members on Tuesday & Wednesday night before regular Thursday night meetings. <u>Activities</u>: JJ is taking over as Activities Director. Mark suggested this would be a good job for the Asst. Director.

We discussed STR. Sumner will be in charge of Points Rodeo, Bike Show, as well as treasuring the event. JJ will have an air-conditioned camper @ STR. We discussed riding to the Dickson, Humphrey & Hickman Charter event this weekend. Also, the Vietnam Vets ride in Sumner County on Saturday.

Old Business: Becky mentioned the purchase of a hard drive for the State's computer had been passed & approved.

<u>New Business:</u> Jeff motioned to discuss the State's purchasing of land, this was seconded by Tony. Jeff volunteered to represent Sumner County on this committee. George James may join Jeff on the committee.

Mark won the 50/50 & donated it back to the Charter. The meeting was adjourned.



#### MRF E-MAIL NEWS Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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#### 11NR24 - MRF News Release -

Congress Exempts Youth Motorcycles, ATVs and Snowmobiles from Lead Ban FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 3 August 2011

Contact: <u>Jeff Hennie</u>, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

#### Congress Exempts Youth Motorcycles, ATVs and Snowmobiles from Lead Ban

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has learned that earlier this week, both the US House and US Senate passed a measure to clean up the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). HR 2715, sponsored by Mary Bono-Mack (R-CA), takes aim at reforming the issue of banning youth products due to lead content percentages. Also known as the Consumer Product Safety Commission Improvement Act (CPSCIA), this bill addresses a number of issues; but first and foremost is the language to fix the lead law.

HR 2715 specifically addresses the issue of youth motorcycles, other off road vehicles, and snowmobiles, effectively exempting them from the lead certification rules. The measure sailed through both the Senate and House by unanimous consent in both chambers. The MRF applauds Congress for addressing this import issue. The legislation will need the President's signature before becoming law. The MRF encourages you to contact the President and ask him to sign HR 2715 into law.



#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHARTER MINUTES

Wally led us in the pledge of allegiance. Wally then introduced the two guests that also attended the meeting, Dean Lucas and Kevin Black.

Jesse talked to the members about the static cling signs, miniature stickers and the patches that were given to hand out to businesses and personnel that are part of the grant program. Jesse stated that he wished the static cling were stickers because they can be seen better in his truck with tinted windows!

Jesse also confirmed that the charter blood drive is locked in for august 14th at the American Legion Post 233 in Oak Grove, Kentucky.

Kevin black talked about the upcoming Southern Thunder Rally and gave us flyers to help hand out. Meeting was adjourned by Wally at 7:55.

#### Jesse A. Henne

Dean Lucas attended and oversaw the special election of a new treasurer (Lance Logue) and a new secretary (Tamara Henne). A checking account was finally established at Fort Campbell FCU. The chapter also co-hosted a ride and blood drive with Legion Post 233. The charter helped screen 32 applicants and provided the community with 29 units of blood. Rick, Michelle ran the ABATE booth while Tamara and Lance worked the crowds. Dean and Jesse rode the ride and helped spread the word with the numerous MCs that showed up. The following week the charter held it's first "lunch" run with a get together and ride to the Adams School house for BBQ.

#### **Tennessee Valley Charter**

#### **Officers Report**

- ✓ Membership Report Charter holding at around 50 members
- ✓ Treasury Report Brought in hard copy of June bank statement balance reviewed We spent \$200.00 on the band for the our Awareness Parade and we will show a deposit from the trash bags soon.
- ✓ State Legislative Report Legislative strategy meeting coming up in Sept/Oct. A big thanks to Scott McColplin for his service as State Legislative Director.
- ✓ Chapter Events Report Awareness Parade was a success with approximately 37 bikes and broke even financially. MAC's Teddy Bear Run Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Charter election this fall or keep current officers. Current leadership: Mark Moore – Director, Darren Howard – Asst. Director, Scott McColplin – Charter Legislative Rep and Rocio Seal -Treasurer
- ✓ Statewide poker run update We have booklets for sale for \$10.00 each (about 10 left).
- ✓ Open Forum Southern Thunder Rally in Adams, TN August 26,27 and 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Trail of Tears 9/17-18, with pre-party at TCHD on 9/16
- ✓ Forgotten child run by Hamilton Co. at TCHD on 10/29
- ✓ Shaman invited everyone to US Military Vets MC open house party on 9/3. Dayton Blvd. Red Bank, TN Ride safe

**Darren Howard** TN Valley Assistant Director





Music City Charter Aug. 2011 CMT/Abate Notes

Batman called meeting to order @ 2:05pm and led the pledge. 26 people attended the meeting.

Cindy is in Vanderbilt Hosp in critical care unit. Wendall said \$1275 in acct. Wendall has paperwork for southeast financial credit union if interested. Last week for advance STR tickets. Last STR meeting Sunday Aug 14th 6pm @ Skully's. Carol Crowson from Caney fork spoke about their memorial ride on Sept 10th and passed out flyers.

Carol Simpson spoke about cable barrier issue. Anyone interested in sitting in on a round table meeting with D.O.T. and others contact her. She also discussed the "Don't Ride Fried" program. Derrick from Boneshakers mentioned Sundays are customer appreciation and bike wash day there.

Sharon showed a window decal for tinted windows she had made up "Save a life, Look twice"

See y'all next month. Til then Ride Safe.

Sharon



#### **NEW OFFICE AND NEW COMPUTER**

I personally want to say **Thank You to the Sumner Charter** for purchasing the Brand NEW Computer we now have at the State Office. We are really up to date here with an All in One Gateway, installed with Microsoft Office 2010. With our new office at 215 E Old Hickory Blvd, Madison TN and a new computer, we're moving along at the speed of light! Thanks to all of CMT/ABATE for voting in our new office! If you would like to stop by the new office, please feel welcome just call Dean and he'll be sure to be there to welcome you.

Bette Stewart, Treasurer

### Robertson County

The Robertson County CMT Abate Meeting of August 2, 2011

pizza and icy cold drinks before/during/after our Kevin announced the next STR meeting is August 14. meeting...lol..lol...thanks Penny!

Sam called the August 2, 2011 meeting to order and we opened with the pledge. Sam lead us in prayer. Twice and Save a Life signs that they are posted Roland thanked everyone for coming (attendance throughout the Robertson County area (White House, approximately 30-35 people). Roland handed out big Adams, Orlinda, Cedar Hill...still working on other cities) Look Twice Save a Life windshield clingy sign/ stickers....for the ones who aren't afraid to put them in In Memory of Ride. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> year! Roland asked their window and he also gave out small ones for those Marlin to please help with flyer's like he has in the past who are....lol...lol...lol. Of course the bigger ones went years...would greatly appreciate it. Great job Marlin! faster.....lol...lol. Roland also handed out a few Look membership card and see when your expiration is. the gate.

Roland announced that George not present. this now that Roland and I are working on a current list Thank you Lynn. of Members. So please help us with looking at your grow....grow...lol...lol! mention at meeting that a member of our Charter, Ken drinking and riding and driving. missed you guys at the meeting. We are wishing you a Get There either in Jail, Hospital or Morgue. speedy recovery!

Treva announced \$2,957.53. Donna wasn't present. Samantha announced that present. remember the Dickson, Humphreys, Hickman Charter company on September 6, 2011.....we would love to Rally (Blue Hole Nitro Blast). She handed out flyers of see you there! Ride safe out there! this event on September 9th, 10th, 11th of 2011. Samantha and Treva announced that we got some products tonight to purchase and or order. Cool shirts! There are white, gray (light and dark), multiple colors shirts are available (short and long sleeve) with Robertson County CMT Abate logos on them. See Samantha and Treva after meeting to place/purchase your order. Tim had nothing to announce, but from your friends Tim, it was good to see that you are recovering from your leg injury....always heard that you just can't keep a good man down...lol..lol....lol!

Sam announced that if you plan to or want to participate in the STR Security then please be there

Friday afternoon so we can get Security going. Any and all help would be appreciated (so we can alternate shifts and volunteers want have to work both nights of Security).

Kevin announced STR moving right along. Buzzard Creek Band will be playing this year, and The We would like to thank The Pit for the delicious Pit is sponsoring them....thank you everyone at The Pit. 2011 at Skully's Bar.

Roland announced to be looking for the Look

Roland announced that October 22, 2011 is the

Treva announced that there has been a benefit Twice and Save a Life patches that reflect. Roland held a week or so ago at The Pit for Donna Hooper announced that everyone please check your CMT Abate before the our meeting tonight to help her with her medical expenses and there was a lot of money raised There are several members that need to renew or are for her, but she is now not able to work for a while, so about too. Roland announced that STR tickets are Treva wanted us to vote on giving her a donation from going fast and only a few left.....so get them if you our DownBikers Fund. Of course, it was all hands up in haven't already for \$20.00 instead of paying \$30.00 at the room ...so a \$500.00 check was cut for Donna. We all wish you a speedy recovery...girl!

Our 50/50 winner was Lynn (amount \$43.00) Pam had nothing to announce, but however let me say and she donated \$11.00 to our Down Bikers Fund.

Treva and Samantha announced that they had membership card and checking your expiration date, so went to Bike Night at Silverardo's the Wednesday before if needed you can renew at our next meeting. There is our meeting. Had a blast....these gals got a chance to also a Membership form in the Newsletters that you can participate in "Don't Ride Fried" events there. They use to join or renew. We want our Charter to shared that everyone if you get a chance go and Pam also forgot to participate because this really makes you aware of Carol passed out had 2 stints put in 2 weeks ago. He is doing fine. We coasters that read as follows, Ride Impaired and You'll

Sam called to adjourn the meeting. Kevin 2<sup>nd</sup> our General Fund is and Roland called the meeting adjourned. We always Frank wasn't welcome new members to our Charter....so come on everyone down to our next meeting with free food and some good



#### **Dyersburg litterbag delivery**



ALERT TO ALL TENNESSE MOTORCYCLISTS
REGARDING RIDER EDUCATION SITE
AT NASHVILLE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTACTED THEIR LEGISLATORS AND PRODUCED THE FIRST STEP TO RESOLUTION.

Briefly, due to the resurfacing of the asphalt parking lot at Nashville State Community College, the Administration of the college have taken steps to discontinue their contractual agreement with LearnToRide.org, who provides Motorcycle Rider Education Classes at the college, using the parking lot and a classroom for 30-35 weeks a year. This is the oldest rider education site in Tennessee, in existence since 1982. The reasoning is that the range striping will "deface" the new asphalt and create parking confusion for the students. The striping layout of the range is a requirement for certification of the range by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation standards and the Quality Assurance Reviews of the TN Department of Safety. Using cones or other temporary markings is not acceptable and would create dangerous liability. The range must be precise and correct. The striping of the course has not been a problem for nearly 30 years. As of the first alert yesterday, the President of the College had refused to meet with the owners/administrators of LearnToRide and/or the director of the TN Department of Safety Motorcycle Rider Education Program Director. The alert sent out yesterday was and encouraged. at the request of LearnToRide representatives, and this UP-DATE is provided as a service to their efforts.

Channel 5 tv and Channel 4 tv of Nashville ran feature stories last night (Wednesday, August 10) regarding the situation.

Things are developing quickly, and due to pressure from several legislators, particularly Senator Doug Henry, a meeting of the principals of LearnToRide.org; John Milliken, Director of the Tennessee Motorcycle Riders Education Program; and President Van Allen of Nashville State Community College will take place tomorrow, Friday, August 12, 2011. John Milliken has agreed to report whatever outcomes

take place at the meeting shortly after the meeting is adjourned tomorrow. We will, hopefully, be able to report that information tomorrow night.

Our highest hopes are that a calm, educational, visionary discussion takes place, and the decades-long working relationship will continue at NSCC.

The Motorcycle Riders Education Program www.tn.gov/safety/mrep.shtml, was established as a result of the efforts of Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee through legislation promoted and passed in the Tennessee General Assembly in 1987. TCA 55.51.101-107. Assistance in these efforts was provided by the no-longer-in-existence Motorcycle Dealership Association. The sponsor of this legislation was Senator Douglas Henry, a true champion of Tennessee motorcyclists. At that time, there were three training sites in Tennessee and through the dedication of the Department of Safety, several consecutive directors of the program, dozens of site administrators, hundreds of rider coaches and assistants, and thousands successful students, the program has grown to 31 sites across the state. All sites maintain nearly FULL classes every year and the result is innumerable saved lives, and prevented injuries and property damage, as well as the enhanced enjoyment of motorcycling. We do not need to lose even ONE of these valuable sites.

More, soon. Forwarding this information is acceptable and encouraged.

## Carol Simpson, PR/Communications CMT/ABATE, Inc. csfreedom@aol.com 615 944 9797

Press time Update: Learntoride.org and the Department of Safety did not resolve the situation with NCSS. President Van Allen was reasonable, others connected with the school decided not to listen to reason. The LearnToRide program will continue in the Westside of Nashville location. Location negations will be complete soon. Call 232-2913 and ask John Milliken where the classes are going to be and thank him for his efforts.

#### Wheels of Thunder

**Meeting Minutes** 

Cajun Catfish Company August 4, 2011

Sgt. of Arms, Bobby Johnson, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Gary Acton made a motion to make two changes in last months' minutes. 1. Change meeting location to Cajun Catfish Company. 2. Delete an inaccuracy regarding Senator Norris. Cecil seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A motion was made to waive the reading of last month's minutes and to accept them as edited. The motion was seconded and approved. Minutes can be found on our web site, <a href="https://www.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com">www.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com</a>, under the meeting date.

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

We had 16 members and 4 guests present at tonight's meeting. We have had 0 new members join and 1 member renewed at the meeting.

We had a guest speaker, Bullet, tell us about the upcoming Run and party for Make -a-Wish. The event will take place August 27, 2011. Bullet is going to email Joy a copy of the flyer for anyone interested otherwise you can contact him directly at 901-828-9801. All proceeds from the event will benefit Make-a-Wish.

<u>Director's Statement</u> - Director, Bob Celmer, reported that Rhonda Williams is the only person who was submitted an application for the State Legislative Chair. Therefore, it will be a "Yes" or "No" vote at the next BOD.

Reminder, also stepping down is Products Chair, Kevin Chapnick. You can submit your resume up to the time of the election at the next BOD in September.

Thank you to Sumner County for donating a new computer to the State Office, which is up and running in the new location now.

The STR is coming up the end of this month. Bob encouraged all who were able to make plans to attend.

We discussed whether to move our meeting

location for next month. Neal made a motion that we move the meeting to Perkins located at 1340 Germantown Parkway (at Wolf River). The motion was seconded by Al and passed unanimously. Their phone number is 901-759-5938.

<u>Legislation-</u> To reach Gary use this email: political\_stuff@cmtabate-

wheelsofthunder.com

MAFT – Gary informed us that their annual meeting will be August 14-18 at Tims Ford State Park.

Cable Barriers - The original thinking was that they were cheaper to install than concrete barriers or guard rails. Hence they have been erected in many places where traditional barriers would not be feasible. Recent evidence suggests that the total lifecycle cost including maintenance makes them more expensive. Gary contacted a TDOT Engineer responsible for the program and was told that they save the lives of those in automobiles. Some early studies show they are more dangerous for bikers. Near Nashville, a man was killed when he hit one. There will be a meeting in Nashville tentatively on August 25th to discuss these matters with select legislators, TDOT engineering management and interested motorcyclists. Anyone with highway engineering or a highway safety background who is interested in attending should email Gary. MRF/AMA – got a federal bill passed by Congress exempting youth motorcycles and ATV's from the Consumer Product Safety Commission's recent regulations on lead content in these vehicles. The bill is currently awaiting the President's signature.

#### Activities -

Wheels of Thunder Bash – Ron announced that there will be another event planning committee meeting soon. He urged everyone to please try to attend. He really needs help with vendors, scheduling activities, and sponsorships. Flyers will be ready soon. The Bash will be held at the VFW in Millington, September 24-26. The Bash is usually funded by Pre-sale tickets, sponsors and presale raffle tickets.

#### Safety and Education –

Cecil reminded everyone that with these extreme heat conditions, it is VERY important to stay hydrated.
Cecil met with the Mayor of Braden, who signed the paperwork to install

Look-Twice-Save-A-Life signs. The mayor then got in his personal truck and went that night to install the 8 signs we gave him.

Grand Junction also signed their paperwork and received 10 signs.

Brighton got their packet today and should be signing it soon.

Next Cecil wants to work on Whiteville and Bolivar.

Cecil gave us a review of the major arteries and communities that these signs are covering.

**Products** – No report.

Old Business - No report.

New Business – Al told us about an accident his daughter heard about where a biker and a bus were taking a left at a traffic light in Downtown Memphis. The bus ran over the biker and the bike then dragged them both for a block before stopping. Al cannot find any information about this incident and urges anyone who hears something to contact him.

#### Club News and Announcements -

Wounded Warrior Project will be held at Snowden Grove Park on October 9th. There will be lots of activities and big name entertainment. For more information visit

www.mswwpr.com.

Joy will be rappelling down the White Station Tower for Special Olympics on August 27th. She has to raise \$1000 to do this. Anyone interested in sponsoring her please contact her at abatejoy-joy@yahoo.com.

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and approved by the membership. It's 8:00 and we're outta here!







#### **July Meeting**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of July at the VFW. There was 25 souls present for a meeting of their charter. Director Terry Davis was not present due to the passing of cards Daddy Mr. Leonard Oliphant. Asst. Director Pimp E Lee started the meeting with a prayer for Carol's family. He then asked the treasure for a money report Lil John scratched the 3 hairs on his head and told us, we only made \$480 on the rodeo, \$292 on the Canoe Poker Run - not good. We got \$1280 in the bank. Mr. "Blow it out you're A\*\*Bash"Rollie stood and gave \$70 for his party at the Blue Hole back in May. Thanx man!

Pimp then told us of a future benefit for Ms. Lynn Spawn, more info at next meeting. Tie Dye Mark got the floor and said the meeting with Centerville Aldermen was very Groovy and the Look Twice Signs were going up in that town. Take a big ole drink to Mark and Poindexter for being our mouth piece and getting this done. An article about us and a picture of the sign was in the Centerville Newspaper. Cowboy George is working on Dickson. Beefy will talk to the Waverly people soon.

Debra gave us a membership report that stated we are 130 strong now. We Some of the money from these fun gave a big welcome to bartender Phyllis Patrick, Steve Teston, who is out of the hospital now and recovering at home. Good healthy to you man. Travis Maynerd Curtis, Mr. Glenn Smith, Kevin Perchalaski, Melissa Gonzo Gonzalez, and a big hand for a new-be Mike Bughead Miller - bout time.

Beefy took off on Activities first with the too much fun STR, then to our Blue Hole Nitro Blast which is September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> not the 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>! We currently have \$2150 in sponsor money. Cowboy then said he has another \$1000 sponsor. (and "hey got a beer") Far out!! A BHNB Committee meeting will be 7-31 at Abiff Pub to line up our ducks. Over 100 of you will read this, we need you to help vour charter do this event. Pleases call 931-264-0856/615-293-4284 or 615-969-5543 to volunteer your help for your charter. September 9-10 next is the State Wide Poker Run and Ro-

deo Finals October 1st. October 8th we will help with the "Going Out With A Bang" Hatchethead Benefit for his family.

events will got to the Legislative Fund to Protect your rights as a Motorcyclist. Some go to help the people in our area. Support these by attending and enjoying yourself. It's so easy – cavemen do it!

Happy B-day to our Sgt. At Arms Buddy. Born same year Harley put shocks on their motorsickles and Ms. Gonzo on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Check your membership date. Don't X-PIRE, RE-UP! Blue Hole Nitro Blast/Dirt Drags are Sept 9-10, see you there! 50/50 was done and won by Bday boy Dale Bradley who said "keep it". We did! Pimp E Lee then led us in the Pledge to our Flag. Nuff said, we scattered

That's all from me, **Beefy** 

Facebook Page: CMTABATE Dickson Email Address: cmtcybergirl@gmail.com



DHH Charter promotes Look Twice Save a Life Signs in Centerviile





Jesse Henne & wife , officers of Montgomery Charter and Dean Lucas at Murfreesboro Sign Ceremony

## **Knoxville Charter Meeting Minutes**



31 July 2011

1:00 pm Knoxville Harley Davidson West, 605 Lovell Road, Knoxville, TN 37934

Meeting called to order by Director Maureen Quaranto, Pledge was led by Spencer Perry. The June minutes were not read but a motion was passed to accept them as published. Do to past issues and change-overs our charter has suffered greatly in membership, participation and planning. Maureen's health is at a point where she needs to step down as the Charter Director so a motion was passed to install Spencer Perry as the Interim Charter Director. There was no old business to discuss.

New business,

Planning is underway to promote the Knoxville Charters presence with flyers and the CMT/ ABATE trifold to be distributed to biker businesses and biker friendly establishments.

It was voted on to do a Knoxville Charter "Fall Colors" Fun Run on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2011.

There was no further business so a motion was passed to adjourn.

Knoxville is a Great city and we are committed to establishing a healthy Charter here.

## Spencer Perry

Interim Director



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## Northeast Charter

CMT/ABATE

Minutes: Monday, August 1, 2011

Present: Tom Kyner, Harry Colerick, Scott, Janice and Mary

Smith, Eric and Deborah Anderson Balance: \$763.55 after August pledge

Legislative: Board of Directors Meeting Sept. 11th. Election for Legislative Chairperson and new Products Chairperson. Eric & Deborah Anderson plan to attend.

Old Business: No August Membership Run. Eric continuing to monitor our charter's Facebook page. Eric's phone number in Tennessee Motorcyclist needs changed to (423)557-3758.

Upcoming Activities: Aug 3-7 South East Yamaha Raider Rally Benefit in Johnson City

August 6 Run benefiting Kari's Heart Foundation noon Phil Bachman Toyota 3200 Bristol Hwy.

Aug. 26-28 Southern Thunder Rally Adams, TN

September Run by Hawkins Co. Animal Shelter for "Animal" Mays

New Business: October 22nd Colors Ride will be a free, fun and informal ride to entice new membership. Scott Smith passed out flyers to be distributed locally. Map of route to be handed out at September meeting.

Next NE Charter Meeting: Monday, September 12th at Sagebrush

Adjourn



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#### Safety and Awareness Day in Murfreesboro Aug 14 2011,

**Impaired Riding Program Carnival** 



Tom Bumpus of Bumpus Harley
Davidson is interviewed on behalf of
the LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE Sign
Ceremony

Adult tricycle with operator wearing impaired goggles at DON'T RIDE FRIED.





Murfreesboro Sign Celebration Organizer & CMT/ABATE member Teresa Hemphill with State Representative Mike Sparks and Grant coordinator Carol Simpson.



## Cancy Fork CHAPTER MEETING 08-06-2011

OUR MEETING WAS Called TO ORDER AT 4:05 BY TERRY. THE PLEDGE WAS LED BY KIM. OUR FINAL COUNT WAS 14 MEMBERS AND 6 GUEST.OUR 50/50 WAS WON BY NANCY AND SHE DONATED \$20.00 BACK TO THE CHARTER, SO THANKYOU NANCY.

THE JULY MINUTES WERE READ AND THE TREASURES REPORT WAS GIVEN THE BALANCE AS OF 8-6-11 IS \$1,028.93. ACTIVITIES REPORT-WE DISCUSSED THE UP COMING MEMORIAL RIDE & POKER RUN AND TERRY DISCUSSED OUR CANOE TRIP

ALONG THE BEAUTIFUL CANEY FORK RIVER ON AUG. 21, 2011. HOPETO SEE EVERYONE THERE. HE ALSO MADE A MOTION TO HELP CAROL PAY FOR THE

ADD IN SOUTHERN BIKER MAGAZINE IT WAS VOTED ON AND APPROVED. KIM ALSO BROUGHT THE ANGEL TREE FOR THE VA TO OUR ATTENTION AND ASKED IF WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP ALSO VOTED AND APPROVED...ALSO LOLLY WOULD LIKE TO ADD SHE IS HAVING HAPPY HOUR NOW EVERY SATURDAY 11-6 AND BIKERS ARE WELCOME AND EXPECTED....OUR MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:00.

Karla Parker

## Smith/Wilson Charter

Smith-Wilson Minutes meeting of Aug 7, 2011 called to order by Kim who also led the Pledge. Vern lead prayer. All officers were present 33 members + 4 visitors. Assistant Director Report (Jerry, said we have advance STR Tickets avail Today! David Campbell did flyer for upcoming rodeo. Secretary Report Approved by Ruth. Treasure's Report given and approved by Vern. Legislative report Bullit Stated he didn't have anything. Eddie brought a Sept issue Easyrider w/article on Antiprofile issue. He made motion to get a copy of Bill & turn it into Legislative Retreat at Carol Simpsons to adopt into law. Group discussion of Corp Office relocation. Activity's Tommy said STR is upcoming event & asked anyone wanted to ride together, Patches & Paul stated that STR should be double points, since it was Sumner's event. Kim said she would discuss with Dean. Group discussion and Finalities nailed down for our Sept Rodeo. Preacher was recognized. Finalities were ailed down for Sept 3 Rodeo. We are doing the Field games for him. Aug 14<sup>th</sup> Ronald McDonald House Run touched on. Membership Debbie covered Aug B'days. Ted4th, Roger 2<sup>nd</sup>, Shelly 25<sup>th</sup>, TK 27<sup>th</sup> and John 20<sup>th</sup>! She also read current upcoming membership renewals and told all to get with Scott for Biker bucks! She also had current membership list's avail. Products Peach stated we have plenty of Charter member shirts available in all sizes except small. Also, a few old shirts & memory patches. Group discussion over bandana's for Rodeo & state products. Old business Kim stated our next meeting date in Sept falls on Labor Day weekend. MEETING DATE

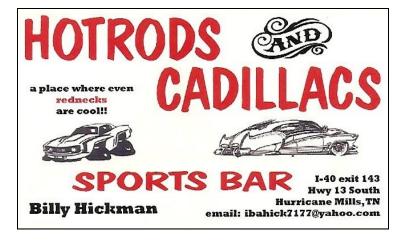
HAS CHANGED TO SUNDAY SEPT 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 2PM AT TA CYCLES. New Business Tip was recognized & said Caney Fork would like to help out W/Angel Tree at the VA Home. Get with Vern or Kim for more info. Patches had Flyer's for Dickson Hump Event. Caney Fork Fall Creek Falls Memorial Ride is Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Mt. Juliet has come aboard for Safety road sign program. No Media Event. She will attend an August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting over interstate cables. Get w Carol Simpson for more details. Also gave out slips w/info over red Light Bill. Said keep these on your bike if you get pulled over use them. A thank you card was read from Tip for flower's sent by Charter. Motion to adjourn at 3:15. Detailed flyer for Points Rodeo in newspaper. Ruth

"Ride Safe & Smart"

Debbie

Reminder: Facebook page: Smith/Wilson CMT ABATE

Email address: kmarlinabate@yahoo.com





#### **Piney River Charter**

Howdy Youins',

Well now let's see...our meeting was called to order at 1415 hrs. Tom led us in the pledge and filled us in on all the happenings. We'd like to give him and his Mrs. a big thanks for having the patience and fortitude to help us get all our ducks in a row. We elected all new officers. We now have Hitler...errrr I mean Reed as our director, Bug as our Asst. Keith as Tres. Me as Secretary. I guess I better start pickin' out my outfits, better... We also picked up two new members, so, a big howdy to Jason and Christine. I'd also like to say hey to Lee, it was real good to see you again after such a long stretch. Well, I reckon we will be seein' ya'll at the southern thunder rally, so until then, tootles....

Bunker and the crew at the Piney River Charter.



#### **Smith/Wilson CMT-ABATE Charter**

Presents their annual

### Rodeo & Bike Show

September 23-25, 2011





Located at Skeeter Tipton's Farm, 1413 North Dickerson Chapel, Lebanon, TN Agenda:

#### Bike show

Entry fee of \$5.00

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Trophies for the following classes Antique, Sportster, Shovel Head, Foreign, Evo, Twin Cam, Dresser, Custom, Best of Show.

Show will be Judged by Popular vote.

#### **Rodeo Games:**

1. Slow roll 2. Barrel Roll 3.honey Im home 4.Weinie Bite. And many more

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#### **Upper Cumberland CMT/Abate**

Upper Cumberland CMT/ABATE Sunday August 7, 2011 was held at Boondocks. Dave led us in the Pledge meeting. September 4th Hawg Barn October 2cd My and Ron opened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Dean gave the treasure report. No Peg. report. Lee gave the activity report. Aug. 14 fun run we will be meeting at McDonald's in Jamestown at 8:30 a.m. kickstands up at 9 a.m. don't forget Southern Thunder Rally on the 26, 27, & 28. Motion was made and second for the charter to pay for reserved spaces, for the members that go a day ahead to S.T.R. \$25.00 was raised on July 17 on our Fun Run. Ron and Jamie won first & second places. Congratulations to Ron & Jamie. Ron gave Directors Report. Byrdstown major has agreed to 3 Look Twice signs for inside the city limits. Old businessnone. New business-Fentress Co. Police Dept. will be receiving bumper stickers & litter bags for their patrol cars. Ron will be getting with the Pickett Co. Police

Dept. for bumper stickers and litter bags. Lee made motion to change September meeting from Bald Rock to Hawg Barn, seconded and voted Hawg Barn is Sept. Place-White Co. November 6th Big Springs December 4th hawg Barn. Thank you Boondocks for havin us. We had 11 members and 9 guest present. welcome Caney Fork and guest for attending. Welcome new members - Patsy Slaven and Lee Goodsell. Jake won 50/50 donated \$10.00 to charter. Harry Stewart-membership not present. Motion to adjourn, second and meeting adjourned. Update: a few months ago our Ass. Dir. broke her leg on her Harley. Soon Sue will be back on her leg and her bike. After meeting, we all rode to visit Sue. Thanks for havin us all Sue. Get well soon.

Ride Safe and Free

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Caney Fork	\$10	\$60
DHH	\$50	\$300
Knoxville	\$5	
Montgomery Co		
Music City	\$75	\$900
Nashville	\$100	\$900
Northeast	\$7.50	\$53.50
Robertson Co.	\$125	\$1500
Smith/Wilson	\$10	\$495.20
Sumner	\$75	\$800
Tennessee Valley	\$25	
Upper Cumberland	\$25	\$200
Wheels of Thunder	\$50	\$600



## **Tennessee Motorcyclist Boosters**

#### Gold

Jack Rollins exp 12/11 DHH exp 9/11 Upper Cumberland exp 10/11 Music City exp 10/11 Silver

#### Basic

Barbara Thair—Upper Cumb exp10/11

(Basic \$10, Bronze \$25, Silver \$50 Gold \$100)





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