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| Charter | Contacts | Meeting Times |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Caney Fork | Terry Presley 615-642-8025 presley7290@yahoo.com | Last Sunday of the month @ 4 pm, 107 N Fairview Ave., Gordonsville, |
| Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman | Mark Proctor 615-477-0171 | 3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson |
| French Broad | Mark McCaw 309-582-4863 rooster15108@gmail.com | 1st Sunday of the month @ Screwballs Bar and Grill, Sevierville, 4pm |
| Montgomery County | Roy West 931-627-1917 kountrycrazy@gmail.com | 1st Tuesday @ 7, Jackie's Country Kitchen, 1578 Zinc Plant Rd, Clarksville |
| Music City | Wendell Baldwin 615-838-1490 wiggles1202@yahoo.com | 1st Sunday @ 2, Skully's Old Hickory |
| Nashville | Jack Jones 615-579-4112 jdj32K@yahoo.com | 3rd Wednesday @ 7, Bikini Beach Bar Antioch |
| Northeast | Tom Kyner 423-921-4204 tkkyner@gmail.com | 2nd Monday @ 7, Call for location |
| Robertson County | Roland Verchota 615-533-6368 Verchotaw@bellsouth.net | 1st Tuesday @ 7, Piggy Pit Springfield |
| Smith-Wilson-Stones River | David Marlin 615-319-8915 | 1st Sunday @ 2, Coaches Lebanon |
| Sumner County | Jeff Hollins 615-452-0409 | 3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Hendersonville |
| Upper Cumberland | Ron Erwin 931-879-3899 | 1st Sunday * Call for location |
| Wheels of Thunder | Bob Celmer 901-465-7381 | 1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis |

Director's Column

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Scott Smith
CMT/ABATE INC
Corporate Director

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

**Next BOD, December 8th,
2019**



Southern Thunder Rally

Bike Show

Antique

- 1st Steve "TallPine" Stubblefield 1980 FLH
- 2nd Terry Bates 1978 SuperGlide
- 3rd Tommy Jones 1982 FXWG

Custom/Radical

- 1st Randy Banes 1995 Road King
- 2nd Cole Henderson 2003 ST

Cruising/Sport

- 1st Michelle Hernandez 2005 Screaming Eagle V Rod
- 2nd Darrell Shelley 2003 Dyna LowRider
- 3rd Terry Bates 2001 Dyna WideGlide

Touring/Bagger

- 1st Harold Houston 2016 Limited "Purple"
- 2nd Keith Cantrell
- 3rd Ronnie Edgin 2007 StreetGlide

The Cruising/Sport class had a lot of competition and was very close but Michelle's V Rod was sharp and clean claiming the class. Overall "Best of Show" was won by Tall-Pine's beautiful 1980 FLH "Medusa".

Rodeo

Slow Race

- 1st Larry Linbaugh
- 2nd Jeff Hollins
- 3rd James Sullivan

Barrel Roll

- 1st Beefy Ethridge
- 2nd Tommy Jones
- 3rd Darrell Shelley

Ball & Cone

- 1st Jeff Hollins & Becky Foss
- 2nd Larry Linbaugh & Terri Linbaugh
- 3rd Tommy Jones & Teresa Presley

Weenie Bite

- 1st Jeff Hollins & Becky Foss
- 2nd Larry Linbaugh & Terri Linbaugh
- 3rd Tommy Jones & Lynn Greenwood

We enjoyed the new competition of Larry and Terri with there good showing. But, Beefy stole the show with his Barrel Roll blowout.

Thank you
Jeff Hollins 615-808-1618

YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



Legislative Director's Ramblings

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

Please allow me to introduce myself as CMT/ABATE Inc. new corporate Legislator Director, Danny Youngs. I'd like to start out by thanking Robert Forbus for his time and efforts as we all know he spent many hours at the capitol working hard for CMT/ABATE in past years as Legislative Director. I would also like to thank everyone who has put their faith and trust electing me to do my part continuing our mission.

A little about myself for those who may not know me. I have been involved several years with politics as I have been known to hold their (both sides) feet to the fire. As time passed attending several meetings and visiting the capitol, I have got to know many State Senators and Legislators, which I found myself campaigning and doing my part to make a difference.

My wife (Jesse) joined CMT/ABATE and she told me about the organization and mission, I thought "well that's right up my alley" and proceeded to join as enjoy riding and feel the same about safety and preserving the rights of all riders. I became a charter legislator for the last 4 years. I have learned A LOT along the way

with much more to learn.

Having said that, I will be attending the Meeting of the Minds in Bloomington, Minnesota from Sept 19 - 22. I'm looking forward to doing a lot of listening and absorb all the valuable information as much as possible as I'm sure I will ask questions and learn as I go.

I am always open for ideas and suggestions from anyone that may have any and can contact me at (615)818-4171 or email me at Dannycmtabate@yahoo.com.

Danny Youngs
Corporate Legislative
Director



MRF State Rep Report –

“No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation.”
– Douglas MacArthur.

I would like to start by thanking the CMT/ABATE Board of Directors for putting your faith in me by electing me to serve another term as your MRF Representative. I have enjoyed the past few years in this role, and look forward to another year of bringing the latest information from Washington DC to our members here in Tennessee.

I also want to congratulate the rest of the officers and committee chairs that were elected at the September board meeting. Danny Youngs will be taking on the role of our Legislative Officer. With Danny’s background and enthusiasm, I think he will be a great addition to our team. Danny will be jumping in head-first, by attending the annual Meeting of the Minds, representing Tennessee at this event, less than two weeks from being elected to the position. He will have an opportunity to network with some of the leading motorcyclist’s rights advocates from across the country, and participate in the planning session setting the coming year’s legislative agenda for the MRF.

Our anti-profiling resolution, H.Res.255, is picking up some steam. We now have 85 cosponsors, from 36 states, and the first cosponsor from Tennessee! Thank

you to Representative Charles “Chuck” Fleischmann, and to the CMT/ABATE members that convinced him to sign on to this resolution protecting our freedoms. If you are concerned about law enforcement profiling of motorcyclists, please contact your US Representative and ask them to sign on as a cosponsor of House Resolution 255. If you don’t think motorcyclist profiling is a real issue consider these:

- In Texas, a group of motorcyclists were charged with Disorderly Conduct simply for wearing motorcycle club patches.
- Six members of an MC in Utah were stopped on three separate occasions by Utah police, merely for their associations.
- Members of Motorcycle Clubs were told to remove their colors if they wanted to enter Idaho Senate chambers to support an anti motorcycle profiling bill.

These are just a few of the high profile (pun intended) motorcyclist profiling issues that have hit the news recently. The other part of this issue is the day-to-day headache individual motorcyclists’ deal with on a regular basis. Most of us have, at some point, had to deal with some level of discrimination or profiling, simply because we ride, or due to the motorcycle related clothing or gear we wear. This resolution is a step in correcting that situ-

ation.
Over the next few months, and into the New Year, expect to hear a lot of discussion regarding the reauthorization of the federal highway bill. The current bill, passed in 2015, expires at the end of 2020, so a new highway bill will need to be drafted, amended and passed before then. There are several topics that are very important to motorcyclists that need to be included in this bill:

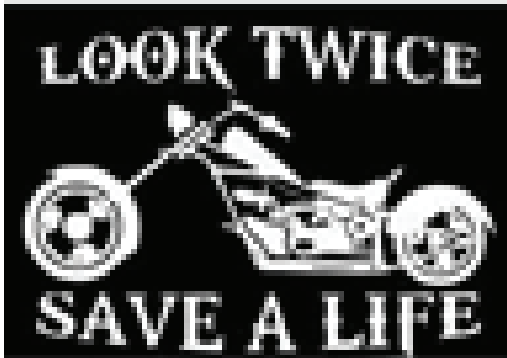
- Renewing the language prohibiting the use of federal funds for motorcycle-only checkpoints.
- Expanding the representation of motorcyclists on the “Motorcyclist Advisory Council”.

Both of these topics, as well as others, will be hot issues over the coming year. Watch for announcements that we need your help in contacting your Senators or Representatives on these. Our vigilance in watching over the progress of this legislation will be a significant step in the preservation of our right to...

...Ride Free,
- - Ed



Ed Domine
MRF State Rep
CMT/ABATE



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| Sergeant at Arms- | No Report |
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Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, **pictures** etc. to keeblersg@yahoo.com. That being said, I am **BIG** on photos, I want more photos not only from events but of our members out there riding!

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2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

Oct. 5, Caney Fork Lizzy Cruise-in Benefit
 Oct. 6, Caney Fork Scott Almond Memorial Ride
 Oct. 26, Music City Halloween Party
 Oct. 26, Dickson, Humphreys, Hickman Toy Run & Food Drive

Nov. 16, Caney Fork Turkey Shoot
 Nov. 16, Music City Chili Dinner

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 Midtennmotorcycle.com

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CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

October 2019

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

November 2019

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

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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)



RIDING FREE FROM DC:

Your Weekly Biker Bulletin from Inside the Beltway

Your Motorcycle Riders Foundation team in Washington, D.C. is pleased to provide our members with the latest information and updates on issues that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. Count on your MRF to keep you informed about a range of matters that are critical to the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle. Published weekly when the U.S. Congress is in session.

For the most part, D.C. in August is a very quiet time, both the House and the Senate are in recess until Labor Day. However, August does allow the D.C. team more face time with staff and the chance to follow up on legislative issues. Below are updates on a few of the projects the D.C. team has been working on in the last few weeks.

Profiling Resolution – We are currently at 69 cosponsors listed publicly but we have received commitments from at least 3 other offices that they will be added shortly. We have gained great traction with important offices including members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC). The CBC is a force within the Democratic House Caucus and has a large number of Members on the Judiciary Committee (where our resolution was referred). The D.C. team has done 147 in-person meetings since May, which covers 34% of Congress. That doesn't count all the meetings our members did during "Bikers Inside the Beltway." It's fair to say that nearly half of Congress has heard from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation in person in the last 4 months. Our two main champions, Congressman Tim Walberg and Congressman Michael Burgess are very impressed with our efforts. We are making them look good. We

are at 29 different states with at least one lawmaker signed on. This is a testament to the nationwide strength of the MRF. In early September we have a private strategy meeting scheduled with Congressman Walberg. We will make the case that, we at the MRF, have upheld our end of the bargain and driven numerous cosponsors to the resolution. Now it is time for our Capitol Hill champions to take the ball and get it in the end zone. We will need leaders like Mr. Walberg to make the final push and ask their colleagues to move the resolution forward to a vote. **Autonomous Vehicle Legislation** – Because of the hard work done by Megan and Tiffany previously, as well as the strong relationship our members from South Dakota, have with Senator Thune, the MRF was invited to offer comments and suggested language to both the House and Senate Committee considering AV legislation this Congress. In a joint letter from the MRF, Harley Davidson and the American Motorcyclist Association we outlined our priorities for autonomous vehicle legislation.

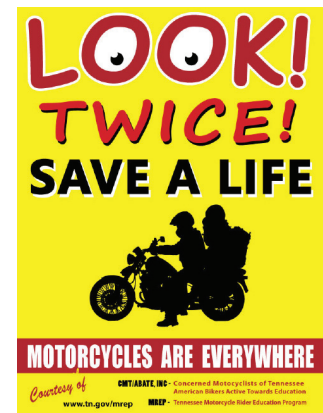
The fact the MRF and the other motorcycle lobbying groups in D.C. were asked to participate in the drafting of the language is a good sign that motorcycles are being considered when this legislation is being drafted.

Examples of our priorities include: Ensuring motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures; AV manufacturers must be required to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports; and AV manufacturers must report incidents between AVs and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in crash data and reporting.

Transportation Bill – The Senate Public Works Committee began the long process of crafting a transportation and infrastructure bill. The ball is then passed to the Senate Commerce Committee which has jurisdiction over NHTSA. This is where the motorcycle provisions like "funding for motorcycle only check points" will be considered. We have reached out to Senate Commerce Committee members and will do so with their colleagues in the House. This will likely be an important area where specific SMROs can be helpful with the targeted asked of their lawmakers. The timetable on a transportation bill is always moving but we are prepared to be part of the discussion whenever legislation is undertaken.

We are excited to see everyone in Minnesota in September. Enjoy the rest of your Summer.

Tiffany and Rocky



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MUSIC CITY

Hello everyone.

Our meeting was short, we had 18 members attend Joel lead in the pledge, and was followed in prayer by Doc.

Well, we had a decent turnout for STR and didn't lose All in all we done pretty good. Wendell thanked everyone for coming out, and even had a surprise visit from Billy and Tiffany and Jacob. It was great seeing them .

We thank Lisa for cooking, that fish was awesome as was the rest of the food. . Had a great bunch of bikes in the show, and the vendors were awesome. I think everyone enjoyed the walk in poker hand !! Best hand was won by Becky Foss and worst hand was won by Beefy. Congratulations to them . I don't know the results in the bike games, sorry.

Doc spoke about the Biker Church Sunday which is Oct 6 2019. Oakhill Assembly 5200 Franklin Pike Nashville. KSU at 9:30 am For more info Please contact Doc at 615-405-6255 If you can make it ,please do.

The Intervention Ride is still being worked out on details.

Joel won the 50/50 and donated it to the church. Don't forget ,we are taking up money donations this year instead of our rides for Christmas. If you will please help us out.

Bob motioned for meeting to adjourn and Glenn 2nd .

Well, that's all folk.

See you soon.

Ride Safe.

Crash {Sharon}

NASHVILLE

September 18, 2019

Pledge

Dir: Summary of Activities and Rides he has done since last meeting and attended the Bod on September 8th.

Asst Dir: Attended STR also gave a summary of rides he has done since last meeting, included going to the Smokes and doing the Dragon. Stopped at Cumberland Mtn General store

Treas: Donated \$50 to Meeting of the Minds to send Danny Youngs as our representative.

Sec: Gave minutes for August read and Accepted

Safety and Legislative: We were going to do the Don't Ride Fried for the Coppers and Choppers ride in Clarksville but they decided we were not needed. Since then

the actual run is cancelled and the only thing going on is a Parade and anyone who participates must present a Helmet with a DOT sticker on it or they cannot ride.

Next Friday there will be a Public hearing on September 27 @ 2PM to discuss the restrictions on our Motorcycle Grant and how the Monies are used. This will be at the TN Towers in Nashville. Please attend if you are able.

Old Bus: September 28 Don't Ride Fried cancelled. September 21 Lisa Birthday Celebration at 7PM

New Bus:

High light of the BOD given New people in Office. Sarah Reece is stepping down as membership. Danny Youngs new Legislative Rep, Mark Waters retained his position as Activities. New Years KickOff party contract has been signed. Noted that since most new Memberships happen at the party why don't we do their cards and add them to the roster list at the party this will save time and ensure that all those re-newing will get there membership cards right then. Everyone thought this would be a good Idea.

A motion was brought up for our Director to bring to the next BOD: "No Motions may be brought up during Open Forum at BOD Meetings, that require voting" Motion 2nded and passed.

Open Forum: At this time we do not have any new products however, if we become more profitable that may change.

Reminder the Final Points Rodeo will be on September 28, 2019- Smith/Wilson/Stones River Charter; Mark your Calendars and plan to Attend.

Motion to Adjourn.

Next Meeting October 16, 2019 7Pm @ Bikini Beach.

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at The Pit in Springfield. Bull lead us in The Pledge and Johann lead us prayer. Roland thanked everyone for coming. Our In Memory Of drive was Sept 7th. A big thank you for everyone that attended. We had a big turnout with great food and entertainment. They had a wonderful drive with around 14 bikes. We where blessed with great weather. Please everyone keep in there prayers for Mouser (Tim Suggs) and his family. Jessie Bagwell is doing much better and thanked us for prayers and donation, they really appreciated it. Treva went over the treasury report. Robertson County Toy

Run will be on Dec. 7th and our Christmas party will be that night. So mark on your calendar. Johann went over The Legislative. Thanks to The Pit for our sandwiches and chips. Our next meeting will be on Oct. 1st. hope to see everyone.

Connie Jones

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER

Meeting was called to order by David at 2:10. David led us in the pledge. All officers were present except chaplain. Treasury report was given and approved. Activities: Sarah talked about upcoming events. She has flyers for our upcoming memorial ride on Sept. 14. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:30 KU at 10:00. The ride will begin from the roost on Hartsville pike. We will have 6 stops with our last card being drawn at the roost.

Final rodeo will be Sept 28 at the roost. We discussed some of our members riding to Alexandria before the rodeo and donating to the poker run held for Joe Hearn memorial scholarship fund. We talked about the trophy's and decided we would do the medallions for 1st 2nd and 3rd place. We will also be doing a bike show.

New business: David talked about doing a tri county rodeo next year. Motion was made to try one. Details would be worked out at later date. Motion to adjourn at 3:20

Director: David Marlin

Asst director: Harold Houston

Secretary: Wanda Johnson

Activities: Sarah Reece

Treasurer: Gary Hensley

Membership: Leslie Sullivan

Sgt at arms: Quint Reece

Chaplain: Terry Rosson

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Oct. 3-6, Loretta Lynn's Motorcycle & Music Festival
Oct. 5, Caney Fork Lizzy Cruise-in Benefit
Oct. 6, Caney Fork Scott Almond Memorial Ride
Oct. 11-13, Knob Creek Kentucky
Oct. 17-20, Daytona Biketober Fest, FL
Oct. 23-27, Panama City, FL
Oct. 26, Music City Halloween Party
Oct. 26, Dickson, Humphreys, Hickman Toy Run & Food Drive

Nov. 3, Muzzle Loader Deer Season
Nov. 11, Veteran's Day
Nov. 16, Caney Fork Turkey Shoot
Nov. 16, Music City Chili Dinner
Nov. 17, Deer Season Rifle
Nov. 28, Thanksgiving

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A Letter for CMT/ABATE State Newsletter

My Name is Sean Casey and I'm with the French Broad Charter. I have been an active member of one ABATE or another for over 25 years. As freedom loving people like us understand the fight for our rights and freedom are not easy. Many people out there that aren't CMT/ABATE members don't seem to know the risks of not being involved. Or they don't care. The people out there willing and hell bent on forcing their will upon us will never stop. Tennessee adopted the helmet requirement forced upon us June 4th, 1967. The all knowing do-gooders used blackmail and "sanctions" against us and the rest of this great land to impose their will. To me, it is sickening that this type of tyranny not only happens here it runs amuck in the land of the free.

Of course its not only helmets and safety requirements they use this method for. Look at anything around you and you'll see some sort of government mandate. They will never stop.

The idiocy of many of the rules and laws are easily seen. For example: the ethanol mandate. Not only does the method of producing ethanol in the US use more energy and produces more pollution than the use of this food byproduct is supposed to save, it costs us billions of dollars, it damages engines and fuel systems and reduces our food supply. And we lose fuel economy. I have an expensive and good-looking Edelbrock carburetor sitting in my scrap pile because of ethanol. Yet they continue to mandate more. Its not for the environment, it is purely for the almighty dollar.

Our beloved motorcycles need to be kept in good shape for our safety and reliability, we don't crappy fuel added to the list of things that can go wrong.

Helmet laws are the same way. Once you sift through the false data pushed by the those imposing their will and find accurate data, you will see that states that have repealed the mandate have had increases in ridership as well as declines in injuries and death. This is better for the State due to revenue generated for licensing, increased sales as well as parts and accessories not to mention tourism.

They say that more people are injured and killed after the mandate is repealed. What they don't tell you is that as a percentage of accidents to actual riders,

the number actually decreases. Helmets create a few problems. One big one is the blind spot some of them create. The weight of the skid lid also helps compact your spine. It holds heat in which is nice on cold days, but will help dehydrate you on hot days. The weight also causes problems when the wearer goes down due to inertia. More neck injuries are reported due to helmet use. We also know that the inertia can contribute greatly to breaking your neck as it did with the great Dale Earnheart.

You have to condition yourself and strengthen the muscles to help with the extra weight a helmet adds to your melon. Football players and racecar drivers do so for that reason. I'm not against helmets, I am against brainiacs making laws that not only impede our freedom, but actually put us in harms way.

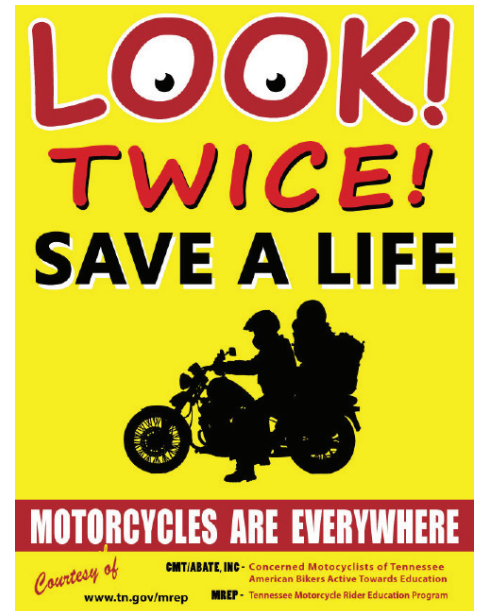
As I talk to people, I find that most pay no mind to what is at risk. With the topic of motorcycling, its not just helmets. It is mandated Anti lock brake systems, (ABS), stricter emission systems that can cause burns to the rider and protective gear as well as shorten the life of the engine. Air bags are coming out and once the "do gooders" realize that airbag suits and vests and seats are available, they might just want to force those on us too. They could mandate over the ankle boots, long sleeves and gloves at all times as well a brightly colored jacket or vest that the car drivers wont see because they are on their phone anyway.

My first ABATE chapter used the acronym; Alliance of Bikers Against Totalitarian Enactments. It is fitting and holds true. I'm not sure where Tallahassee spends our money but it seems to me they use our motorcycle-generated funds as a tool to keep us at arms length. Ideally those funds should be used to better the motorcycling community. Including motorcycle rider safety training paid with those funds. \$150-\$225 is pretty steep to pay for a course for many wanting to get in to a dwindling hobby and lifestyle which have seen increases in costs due to government mandates.

It's no secret, those that want to rule us would like for motorcycles to go away. We are a burden and a nuisance and scary. They don't believe in freedom or adventure or individual will. We don't fit their mold.

We have to remind people of the tyranny out there. Educate them and

implore them to use their voice. If they don't want to join us, ask them to contact their elected representatives at least. Stand up for liberty and freedom. Hopefully we will make a difference, June 4th 1967 was a bad year for freedom, and lets take it back.
Ride Safe and watch out for the cuckoos!
Sean Casey



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