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Director's Column

Summertime at last. May was a little slow, with only a couple of events, but for the next four months we've got something happening almost every weekend. Sometimes two things. After working on the property all week, come Saturday I like to jump on a bike and get somewhere. And where better to be than with my fellow activists.

On the seventh is Music City's Toy Run. If you can hang with the "Party Charter", you're assured to have a good time. In fact, with members in three counties, they have an international reputation to uphold. The next day is our quarterly Board Meeting. We encourage all members to attend and see how your organization is run.

On the 21st is Smith-Wilson-Stones River Honor Ride for the Veterans Museum and Park. I've never done this before so I hope to check it out this year. Then on the 28th they are having their State Points Rodeo. This is not to be missed. I know they have been doing a lot of work out there so I'm anxious to see how it all comes out. And since the Liberty Rally got bumped to July, this will be the first rodeo of the season.

Finally there's the Upper Cumberland's Elderly Ride on the 29th. This is a yearly event for us. We usually raise enough money to send a couple of seniors on a trip. It's a big local draw and once our State Legislator even rode in the Charter Director's sidecar. Afterwards we'll head to the watering hole for food and fellowship.

So don't squander your summer. Get out there and ride. Just take it easy.

Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE
State Director



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



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At the April 19 Nashville Swapmeet, I found myself riding the chair instead of a scooter and fighting a case of food poisoning from a bad burrito, but I still managed to have a good time and promote CMT/ABATE and MRF. We were even able to gain additional legislative input from a survey and hold a short legislative update meeting for those interested. I want to thank everyone involved for the table we had and the help.

A few weeks ago everyone was given the opportunity to voice their thoughts on topics for potential legislation in 2015. I was glad to receive a few emails and phone calls from folks that had something to say. The following is a list of those recommendations.

Bear in mind the two bills we initiated and supported in 2014 (the second year of the 108th General assembly) will need to be re-submitted next year in the 109th General Assembly. Both sponsors, Rep. Keisling for the Compliance Bill HB 1967 and Rep. Tidwell for the Reciprocal Bill HB1676, are eager to work with us again on these issues, providing they are re-elected. Be sure to offer any and all assistance possible in their re-election campaigns.

Each charter and the At-large membership need to go over this list, along with any other ideas that may come to them, so that their representative to the Legislative Retreat on July 26, will know how to vote. This will be the decision making meeting for the 2015 session.

Helmet choice for adults, Repeal of the helmet law, Stricter turn signal laws and enforcement, Profiling, Safety, Lane splitting, Shoulder use during an accident on interstates, Cellphone use, Helmet should come with bike, Tougher penalties for Right Of Way violations.

With all this pretty riding weather let's not forget that this is an election year for all state Representatives and part of the Senate. Get to know your candidates and ask the important questions. Find out what their opinions are on motorcycles and the helmet issue. If they have an uneducated viewpoint on these matters, take time to provide them with some facts rather than an argument. The impression you make on those running for office could make all the difference in the world when it comes to our future efforts.

The future of this organization has become a topic of discussion among a lot of the membership. Wayne Shaub, our other registered lobbyist, and I have devoted a little extra time pondering the legislative aspect of that

future. What direction does the organization want to go in? That would appear to be a foolish question concerning an outfit founded on getting the helmet law repealed, but helmets aren't at the top of the totem pole with the younger folks. Therein lies the problem. We are now a bunch of senior citizens that have to spend more of our time dealing with the surprises that come with age and trying to spend as much precious time as we have left in the wind. Younger riders have been programmed by the government to accept the so called supreme authority of Uncle Sam. It's not uncommon to find as many as 5 generations that have traded freedom for social support. With all this in mind comes the next question. Does CMT/ABATE still have the same set of values as it was founded upon? Many members have expressed other issues as being more important than helmet legislation. The numbers of volunteers continues to drop at events, charter meeting attendance is down, and even some charters have gone away. At the lobby days this session we had a grand total of 10 members, including Wayne and myself, show up.

At our last skull session, over tea and coffee, (No alcohol! Times have sure changed) we came to a final question and a choice of direction. Does anybody really give a damn anymore? These are some of the most prophetic words to come out of this old man's mouth in a while or the greatest understatement of the year. Our group is becoming complacent and lethargic. (Humm, the previous comment may apply to this as well.) Do you want to continue chasing windmills and being judged by folks that don't know Cervantes from Cerveza? Don Quixote can continue on his quest or get back to being the voice of all Tennessee motorcyclists on the Hill. The choice is yours, we get real and get effective or we go away. By the way, all the years that Don Quixote spent on the road, he wore a helmet. So much for a romantic quest.

Don't let all this get you down, but take it to heart and make a positive change. We can make this a very effective political force in the state, if we are willing to make a few sacrifices and do a little work. Come to the Legislative Retreat on July 26 at Yog's place and stay for the Motorcycle Awareness Ride the next day. I hope we can start the legislative business by 2 and finish before supper time. Everyone is welcome.

Yog has asked that we include directions to his house for the legislative retreat, here they are:

From the West and North go to Pikeville TN and take HWY 30 East up Dayton MT, about 9 miles. At the Rhea County border sign, turn right onto Walker Rd. Go about 1/2 mile and our house is on the corner of Walker and Fire Tower Rd.

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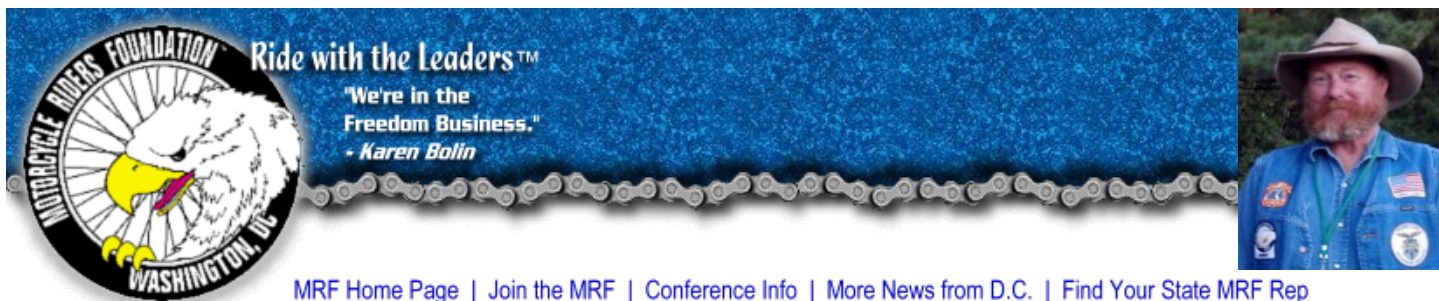


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Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, ***pictures*** etc. to keeblersg@yahoo.com. That being said, I am **BIG** on photos, I want more photos not only from events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



This past month I have had more than one opportunity to present the Motorcycle Riders Foundation to other groups. It strikes me as funny that so many folks haven't a clue such an organization exists. This just tells me those of us that are members need to get out and spread the word more. If you would like the MRF to set up at an event or do a presentation at a meeting, just contact myself or Carol Simpson. We will try our best to be there. By the way, we could sure use assistant reps in east and west Tennessee.

I was honored to represent both the MRF and the CMT/ABATE at the Swapmeet in Nashville. We picked up a couple of members for both groups at our table and passed out a lot of information. We gave away a couple of bottles of wine as part of an MRF fundraiser. Drop in for a visit if you see our banner, no telling what you might walk away with.

This might be a good time to encourage you to become a member. Then you tell me you are only interested in Tennessee motorcycle laws. I have never met a biker that just rode in the state they live, so I am now doing some serious thinking. Don't you ever cross the line into Kentucky to get a little wind in your hair? Or maybe you plan on going to Bike Week in Daytona some time? You might want to know what's going on in other states after all. Honestly, I think we all share a common interest in what happens in other states and on the federal level as well. MRF is the watch dog for motorcycle rights across the country and brings the states together. The bi-monthly newsletter, The MRF Reports, is worth the membership price for information exchange alone.

The 30th annual Meeting of the Minds will be held in Kansas City, Missouri on September 25-28. It would be nice to have more members go this year. I hope the charters will continue to support those that can attend. Money is tight with all of us, but something's are hard to put a price on.

Don't forget this is mid-term election year on the federal level. Contact your U.S. Senators and Congressmen and candidates for their offices. We need motor-

cycle friendly representation in D.C. just as much as we do in Nashville. MRF member or not, you have the opportunity to do some legislative work in a different arena. Maybe I should also mention civic duty and exercising those blood bought rights?

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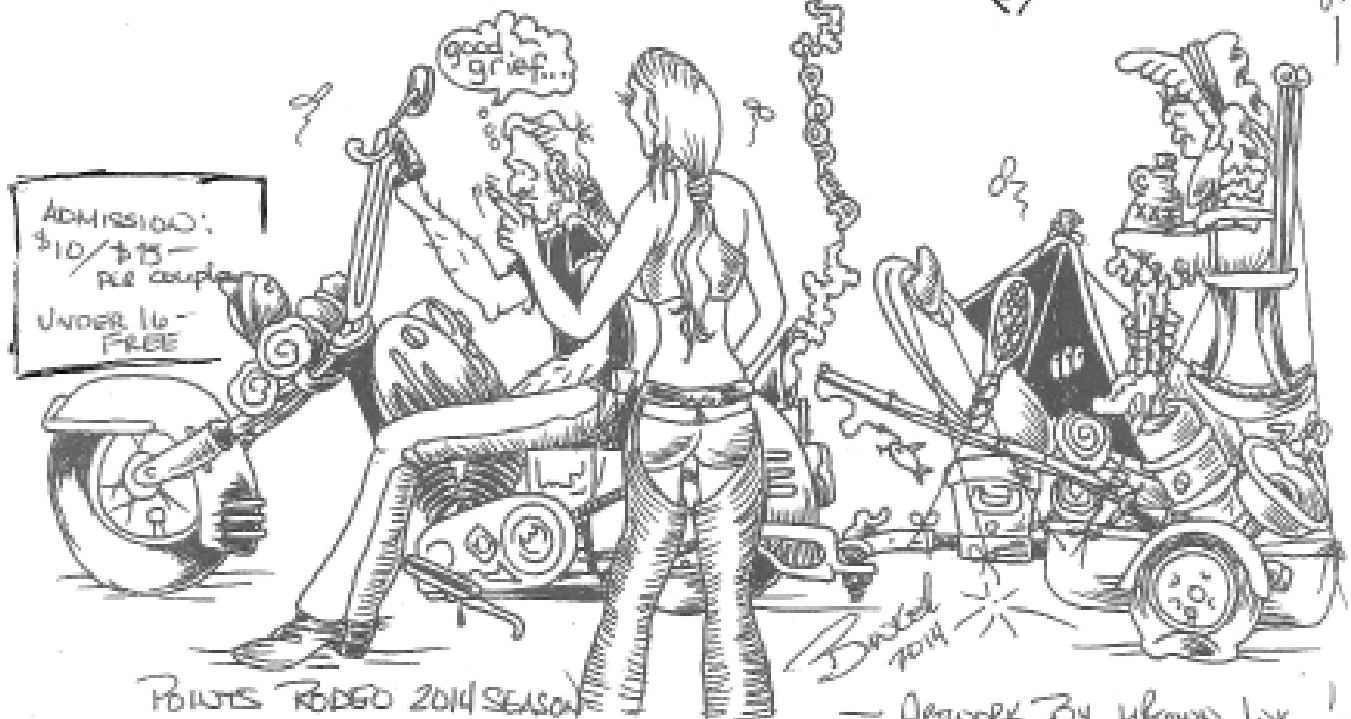
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2014 CALENDER OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

6/8	Board of Directors
6/19-22	June Bug Boogie
6/28 SWSR	Points Rodeo
6/29 UpCu	Elderly Ride
7/12 SWSR	Memorial Poker Run
7/18-20	Liberty Rally
7/19 CaFo	Canoe Trip
7/26 UpCu	Memorial Ride
8/16 MoCo	Blood Drive
8/17 SWSR	Swap Meet
8/22-24	Southern Thunder Rally
9/13 CaFo	Memorial Ride
9/14	Board of Directors
9/19-21 SWSR	State Rodeo Finals
9/28 TeVa/UpCu	Wine Run
10/4 RoCo	In Memory Ride
10/12 UpCu	Poker Run
11/2 SWSR	Toy Run & Chili Cook Off
11/8 UpCu	Toy Run
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**NEWS & EVENTS
(MARK YOUR CALENDARS)**

CANEY FORK - Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 7:00, Golden Nugget, Carthage

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN - Next Meeting: Thursday, June 19, 2014 7:00, VFW, Dickson

It was the 3rd Thursday of April at the VFW and we waited on all of you DHH members to show up. After about 20 minutes, we started without you. So 12 souls said the pledge to our flag. Cycledellic Mark welcomed everyone and told us the legislative report and that Brooklyn Tom was voted our NCOM rep.

Lil John gave us a money report that said all bills paid and still got coins in the bank. No report from Web Mouse or Road Captain. Membership Chick Phyllis said she is working on expired members. Check your date on your card or newsletter – Re-up, don't expire on us man! You might show up some time and find what a kool charter you belong to. Check out our facebutt thang (Dickson CMT Abate) lots of good pictures on there.

Yardman Steve, Cycledellic Mark, Becky, Phyllis and Beefy seem to have the Bike and Tattoo Show covered. FREAK SHOW UPDATE: We had a far out Bike & Tattoo Show with blue sky and temps in the upper 70's! The poker run was fun, the bike show had lots of nice bikes, and Mike Boehm of Road Riders for Jesus had plenty of info and things to check out. We had a slim showing for the tattoo show, but all were winners.

The raffle give a way had lots of different things. To draw for the 40" Smart TV, we had the honorable Sheriff of Dickson County. Sheriff Bledsoe drew the winning ticket, which belonged to Paul of the Moose Lodge.

Gotta thank too much The Abiff Pub people, Dawn, Joyce, Cindy, Huffy, Barney and most of all, Mr. R.D. Pendergrass. Also gotta thank J.D. of The Wanted Saloon – Fred Zep at Family Bar-B-Que – The Piccadilly girls, Ginger, Chairi, Jenny & Jessie – and Jack from Dillingers. You people, who left too early, like Magoo, missed the groovy tunes of The Lug Nut Band at The Pub. Thanks to everyone who showed up to help make the event safe, fun and profitable. Take a big ole drank!

Big R had him a fundraiser the same day. We hope Ronnie did well and we all missed seeing him. His treatments are helping and we wish him a Nitro Quick recovery. Barry Hagewood is doing great from his wipe out. RP don't got no teeth. Kevo Pooter is about off his restrictions. Nitro Chick N Hawk cut a 007 and 002 reaction time on Tennessee Thunder.

Elections for this charter are May. Hope to see you members at meetings and/or events. Please try to come out and support your charter. No one has more fun than we do. If you are not able to help out, come on out and spend some time with your charter anyway. I promise you'll dig it! Need info, call 615/430-7931, leave a message; we'll get back to you. Witchie Poo said let's adjourn meeting.

This report has and always will be done with pencil and paper.

Nuff said, we scattered. That's all from me, Beefy

KNOXVILLE - Next Meeting: Sunday, June 22, 2014, 1:00, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson, Knoxville

MONTGOMERY - Next Meeting: Monday, June 2, 2014, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville

Meeting came to order at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance: Jesse & Tamara Henne, John & Jackie Ahlers, Cody Wells, Wally & Debbie Baez, Ashley Keels, Eduardo Martorony, Fran McCarthy, Tracy Porter, Paul Pavovich, James Yettaw.

Jesse: It will be a short meeting as there is very little going on this month. We had a good turnout for the Spring Thaw this year last month. We gave half the proceeds of the event to a family in need with a 7 month old daughter with several medical conditions. There wasn't a dry eye from the parents even though they said we didn't have to do it. They could not thank us enough! If you are getting close on your anniversary date for membership make sure you renew. Several Motorcycle events coming up in this month. Next month is the Board of Directors meeting if anyone is interested in attending.

John Ahlers motioned to adjourn, James Yettaw seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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

Meeting was called to order by Bob, and lead in prayer by Eddie. Wendell said our charter made out well at the swap meet, and thanked all the members who turned out to help. Don't forget the Poker Run books are out now, they are \$10.00 each. See Wendell if you want to purchase any.

Liberty Rally will be July 18th - 20th, and Glenn will be set up for music and karaoke. Everyone needs to come. It is a great time. STR is still being a work in progress, and as far as we know it will be Aug 22nd - 24th, at Red River. As planned so far, MuCi charter will be having a Christmas Toy Run. That will be June 7th, leaving Skully's at noon. Mark it on your calendars. Wayne spoke and read a letter he received, from one of our legislators, Craig Fitzhugh. Also, reminded everyone to register to vote in your county, elections are coming up. Get out there and let your reps know what you want! VOTE!!!! JR spoke about a fraternal order of Eagles for Nashville. Please see JR for more info. Joel had back surgery, and is home doing well. Get well Joel, it's time to ride. Also, Chuck is in Grace Nursing Home, room 111, on Knight Rd in Nashville. He had a stroke, not doing well. So, let's keep him in our prayers. Vickie spoke and thanked everyone for their kindness, prayers and support during her time from her bike accident, she is really doing awesome, and we are happy to see her back up and on her feet. She also told us she was going to have another surgery so please continue to keep her in your prayers. Rose let us know there will be a benefit run for Topper, as we all know he lost his wife Carolyn in their bike accident a few weeks ago. Topper is with the American steel. As soon as we have the details, we will get the info out. Prayers out to Topper. Anyone interested in going to Bowling Green Drags, it's the weekend of

June 27th - 29th. Several members are planning to go. 50/50 drawing was won by Wendell. Bob motioned for meet to close, it was second and agreed. Thanks goes out to the Skully's crew for the fine food after our meet. Until next time. Ride safe and enjoy the good weather. Sharon "CRASH"

NASHVILLE- Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 7:00, Bikini Beach Bar, Antioch

NORTHEAST- Next Meeting: Monday, June 2, 2014, 7:00, Call for location

PINEY RIVER- Next Meeting: Sunday, June 15, 2014, 1:30, Senior Center, Spring City

ROBERTSON COUNTY- Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 7:00, Piggy Pit, Springfield The Robertson

We would like to thank The Pit for the grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with the trimmings and chips tonight, it was delicious! Donna was slinging us the cold ones tonight! A thank you to the cook, Melissa Hornberger for the delicious grill hamburgers and hot dogs, you go girl!

John called the meeting to Order and lead us in the Pledge. George lead us in the Prayer. (attendance tonight approximately 27 people).

Director, Roland announced that everyone is welcome. Roland announced tonight is a great attendance, good to see everyone. Chaplin, George announced that his son bought his first motorcycle, yeah congrat's and we wish he be safe when he rides. Secretary, Pamela had nothing to announce. Assistant Director, Tim wasn't present due to work. Treasurer, Treva announced great numbers! Treva and Wade also announced a thank you to Jeff Hollis for his donation to our Down Bikers Fund. Thank you!

Activities, Samantha announced that she was contacted regarding Relay For Life here in Robertson County. All donations from our Charter will be donated in Honor and the name of Sam Jones. This event is May 16, 2014 and this raises funds for Cancer. Samantha also handed out Full Throttle and Thunder Roads magazines for everyone that wants one. Roland handed out "Tennessee Motorcycles Watch Out For ME" in Tennessee bumper stickers. Check out www.Facebook.com/TN MREP

Membership, Kathy wasn't present due to work. Just a reminder on the back of your newsletter is you expiration date of membership. This is a great reminder. Legislative, Marlin announced that the two representatives can't make it to tonight's meeting so they will try to attend our June or July meeting. Sgt. Of Arms, John had nothing to announce.

Roland announced that Swap Meet money results he doesn't have yet but felt like it will be good. He will have this information at our next meeting. Roland announced as everyone knows that last month we won the CMT ABATE trophy for most members. Let's continue to do this!

A thank you Pickle for your donation tonight to Relay For Life and everyone else in honor and name of Sam Jones. He will forever be remembered in all our hearts!

A motion to adjourn was made by Treva, 2nd was made by Samantha... and Roland announced all right we have a Motion, a 2nd. All in favor, response everyone, any opposed nope, meeting adjourned!

Be sure to checkout Events in your Newsletter. Lot's of good things going on!

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

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH...BE SAFE OUT THERE. FOLKS LOOK TWICE AND SAVE A LIFE! Pamela

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER - Next Meeting: Sunday, June 1, 2014, 2:00, Smitty's, Lebanon

The SWSR meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by Kim who also led the pledge. Vern followed with prayer. All officers present except Products. There were 35 members in attendance. Kim thanked all for today's attendance and the great attendance at the Easter Egg event after last month's meeting. She also thanked Larry and Darlene Binkley for showing up early and doing ½ the roadside trash pickup.

Secretary: Report given and approved

Treasurer: Report given and approved

Legislative: Bullitt said slow time of year and end of session. Get out for early voting for Tuesday, May 6. Group discussion over worldwide mandatory helmet law.

Membership: Leslie said it was confirmed we are the largest charter. May Birthdays are Paul Brown, Pretty Boy, Todd Larsen, Tommy Jones and Bullitt. Welcome back renewals Peach, Mike Morrow and Corndog. New Jr. Member is Ryder along with new members his parents Tabitha and Cody. Mark paid for MiKayla renewal (Jim Martin's granddaughter) and Jim's membership will be transferred to his wife Dorothy. Hat was passed around and \$334.00 was collected to help Jim's family with funeral expenses.

Public Relations: Dennie needs proper updated info if you want to be contacted with current upcoming events. (Current phone #, email, etc.). Also let her know if you don't want to be contacted. Please be nice, she is doing this voluntarily! She will also be adding other charter directors to the list for cross participation.

Safety: David said pay attention and reminded everyone May is Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Activities: Tommy covered upcoming and current events. Thanked all for the help with the storage building. Still need more time and materials donated. Kim sent a thank you card to Smith County Sheriff Steve Hopper for leading Jim's procession after the funeral to her house for the cookout. Jim will be truly missed by all. A

motion was made to include a "Honey I'm Home" medallion award at rodeo's. Motion passed. Also get with James if you are owe any biker bucks. Jerry King donated \$100 for us to be a sponsor for the June 21 Honor Ride for the Vets Museum and Park. Our logo and name will be on the back of the tee shirts.

Old Business: We had a great turnout for Joseph's Storehouse. Vern and Kim will try to get other charter's involved for an Annual ABATE day. Statewide poker run books are available for \$10.

New Business: Motion to create a quarterly award with name tags to be hung in the building named the "Jim Martin Award". It will be given out quarterly to the member who contributed the most in that quarter. Motion passed. We will have a 2nd plaque to present to the winner along with \$200 in biker bucks. Popular vote. Nominees for this quarter are: Tommy, Larry, Mark, Johnny and Jerry. Memory patch for Jim is tabled until the next meeting so we can get prices on it. There was a group discussion over people stepping up and helping more at events. The officers are running around busy so COMMUNICATE with each other. Call, text etc. Diana suggested a run for "Leash on Life". It was tabled until next month's meeting. Motion was made and carried to waive her vendor fee for her to have a table/booth at Swap Meet and Bike show. Ruth suggested more poker runs to build up general funds. Tabled until next meeting. Motion to adjourn at 3:55 PM. 50/50 donated back to building fund. Nominations for next year's officers are as follows: Director: Kim Marlin. Assistant Director: Sharon Jones and David Marlin. Secretary: Ruth Bannister and Vern Hatfield threw her name in the hat. Treasury: Darlene Binkley with Vern as her assistant. Legislative: Bullitt with Denise Lightburne as his assistant. Membership: Leslie Sullivan. Activities: Tommy Jones with Assistants Johnny, Jerry, Larry, Paul and Corndog. Products: Teresa VanHook, Resa Cooper, Brian Kent and assistant Mary Hale. Sgt. at Arms: James Sullivan and Leon Lightburne with assistant Duck. PR Communications: Dennie Lane. Safety: David Marlin. Shutterbug: Larry Binkley and Mary Hale. Vet Rep: Sharon Jones with Corndog being her assistant. Later...Ruth

SUMMER COUNTY - Next Meeting: Thursday, June 26, 2014, 7:00, VFW Hall, Hendersonville

TENNESSEE VALLEY - Next Meeting: Sunday, June 29, 2014, 2:00, Call for Location Mark (Yog) 423-570-0250 - 2/16/14

Meeting called to ordered. Officers Report: Membership Report: Renewals reviewed. Treasury Report: Balance reviewed Expenses for April 50.00 Have raffle tickets ready. State Legislative Report: Tony is developing a legislative team, Legislative Retreat at my house July 26 to develop what we want to work on for legislative season for the next two years. Federal side: Members are encouraged to contact representatives and senators on two subjects.

First: to point out that the \$500,000 set aside for highway safety that is now funding motorcycle only check points would be better spent for rider education. Second: to that E-15 mandated by EPA and congress be scraped or at least postpone indefinitely. Events report: Sunday July 27th Motorcycle Awareness Ride, State wide poker Run has begun books available. BOD News: Need someone to represent our charter at June's meeting

Meeting adjourned. Next Meeting: June 18th will be at Hooters.

Remember life is a journey so take the long way home. Yog

UPPER CUMBERLAND - Next Meeting: Sunday, June 1, 2014, Call for Details, Ron 931-879-3899

Ron started up the meeting and Lynn led in the pledge. Reading of the minutes from previous February meeting was waived.

Dean provided our treasure report and said he has charter poker run sheets for the Summer Fun Run available for \$5. The pay out is a total of \$175 overall. That's a lot of fuel! Statewide Poker Run books are also available.

May is Motorcycle Safety & Awareness month. All members are encouraged to promote safety & awareness whenever they can. Be sure to make sure your ride is running safely. On your motorcycle be aware that it is hard to see you. Let other folks know how they can be safer on the roads by looking twice for motorcycles. Some members were late to this meeting due to a blown tire on a motorcycle. We are all grateful that our riders are ok and made it safely to the meeting. Times like this remind us how important motorcycle safety and awareness really is.

A bill that will allow riders coming from a no helmet law state to have a choice to wear it or not in our state has been struck down. Many riders from surrounding states avoid the great state of Tennessee in order to avoid the mandatory helmet law in place here. Some of the best riding is right here. It's a shame that the freedom of choice limits sharing this beautiful part of our nation. ...We will try again.

Sunday, June 29th will be the Upper Cumberland Elderly Ride. Charter will meet at Picket Co. Welcome Center on Hwy 111 at 1:00 pm.

2014 Liberty Rally is coming up. Upper Cumberland & Smith-Wilson-Stones River Charters will be hosting this event. We still need Sponsor's, Swap Meet Vendor's & Music Band's. Vendor set up is Free with 1 paid admission. Music band can be any kind of music. We like it all. If you can help or have any ideas contact Lynn Greenwood from Upper Cumberland or Kim Marlon from Smith-Wilson-Stones River. BIG "Thank you" to

Kim Marlon for all the help with this event.

Cajun won this month's Membership Drawing. Congratulations! Bunker got up and danced a jig after winning this month's 50/50.

Next Meeting: June 1st, Trina's Garage, Noon. Regular meeting time will change to 1:00 in July for the summer season. We will return to the 12:00 meeting time when the clock falls back in the fall. Happy May Birthday: Lynn, Dale, Dave & Patsy. ...jus sayin' Sherrie

WHEELS OF THUNDER Next Meeting: Thursday, June 5, 2014, 7:00, Pancho's, Memphis

Director Bob Celmer called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Lynn made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes and to accept them as handed out. Dale seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Minutes can be found on our website, www.wheelsoft-hunder.us, under the meeting date.

Lynn reviewed deposits and bills paid for April.

We had 7 members and 9 guests at tonight's meeting. We had 2 renewals. Joy gave an update about Peggy.

LeBonheur Toy Run – We will vote at the next meeting whether to buy toys for teens or another medical doll. Joy will find out which they feel would benefit them the most.

Safety and Ed – Bus sign not ordered yet. Bob will follow up.

New Business – Gary made a motion that we donate \$300 to Buoy and Peggy to help with medical expenses. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

News and Announcements – May 4th – MAC of TN and MS will be having awareness event. MS will be all along Goodman Road. TN will be Hwy 64, Hwy 70, Whitten ad I-40 and Germantown Road and I-40. Please help support and make a sign or get one of the pre-printed signs and hold it up at any of these locations.

-Thanks to our Road Captain and the "Pre-Trip" rider!!

-Bonez with Black Pistons has an event on May 31st.

-ARM – Shelby Forrest Memorial. Lynn made a motion to adjourn. Dale B. seconded the motion and passed unanimously. We're outta here! 1:41!!!!

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CMT/ABATE Don't Ride Fried Carnival Visits Evansville, Indiana at Request of ABATE of INDIANA



Story and photos by Carol Simpson
EVANSVILLE, Ind. MAY 1,
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ABATE of Indiana invited the CMT/ABATE Don't Ride Fried Carnival to present their message at their annual Blessing of the Bikes on May 1. Carol Simpson and Chris Simpson volunteered to make the trip. Tennessee Valley Charter, Nashville Charter, Ruth Ensor Memorial United Methodist Church, and the CMT/ABATE state treasury provided funds for gas and lodging. The church is the one that Music City charter supports with hundreds of toys and food baskets at Christmas time. The pastor, Kay, is Music City member. (Note: The 1999 Explorer is wayyy past being able to tow the CMT/ABATE trailer that contains the Don't Ride Fried Carnival---have to engage the NO OVERDRIVE feature, and barely got 11 mpg) Chris rode the shovelhead that now belongs to him, and LOVED riding through Kentucky and Indiana with NO HELMET.

We were welcomed Saturday

at the site, and BUNCHES of Christian Motorcyclists Association members were waiting at our set up site to volunteer to help to run the Carnival.

Thank you, VERY MUCH, J. W. Allgood, Tennessee State President of CMA for notifying your members in Indiana of our need for help.

There were over 1000 bikes there for the Blessing of the Bikes. CMA performed the individual and group blessings. The mayor of Evansville arrived to enjoy the event and even participated in the DRV joisting with one of the ABATE/CMA members. He offered fine words of appreciation for our project to educate and inform motorcyclists of the hazards of riding impaired, and using humor to drive home the message.

ABATE of
Indiana saw our

evening by several ABATE of Indiana members who had been working all day Saturday to set up for the Event. Early Sunday morning we arrived

Don't Ride Fried Carnival at the Meeting of the Minds nearly two years and were impressed enough with our efforts that they invited us to bring the message to their Blessing of the Bikes event.

It felt real good to be appreciated for our heartfelt efforts to encourage motorcyclists to not ride impaired--not only under the influence of alcohol, but prescription drugs, fatigue, frustration, distraction, anger, or just purely clueless. EVERYONE! Take care of yourselves--we want to see you riding on the road tomorrow, next week, next month, and for many years to come.

P.S. John Milliken of the Tennessee Motorcycle Riders Education Program has notified us the Department of Safety will accept our application for a Safety and Awareness Grant this year. The grant proposal will be presented to DoS by the end of May. Update will be provided at the June Board Meeting.





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Membership CMT/ABATE, Inc.,

It is time to start looking at next year and beyond. The first step in that direction is finding members that have the desire, talent and time to work with the lobby team. If this sounds like you, please contact me as soon as possible. I would like to meet with all interested parties sometime within the next six weeks.

The goal would be to pass on what little knowledge I have gained in the last few years of lobbying and maybe we can persuade Wayne to share some of his experience and know how. If we can put together some type of training program to give our future lobbyists a head start that would greatly benefit our legislative efforts. Send an email or leave a message on my home phone and I will get back with you. If you could contact me by March 27 it would help.

Thanks

Tony

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CMT/ABATE MEMBER FEATURED IN EXCLUSIVE GOVERNMENTAL EVENT

May 1 was the annual National Day of Prayer. Many notables included State Representatives Glen Casada and Mark Pody was in attendance at a ceremony in the Old Supreme Court Room in the State Capitol. Prayers were offered for all officials of State, Local, and Federal Government as well as for all the citizens and the continued Freedom of our Country.

What could this POSSIBLY have to do with CMT/ABATE? Well, a special feature of the National Day of Prayer was Prayer Flight. Planes carrying scriptures to be read over every State Capitol in the Nation were carried by planes that flew over each

of the 50 State Capitols. The plane that flew over Nashville was piloted by one of our very own-- Kevin Black!!

Building relationships with all sorts of government officials in many, many ways is the work of our true Freedom Fighters. Thank you, Kevin, for your involvement and interest in participating in this exceptional event.

The pilots from the May 1 flight were Ronnie Perry, Owner A-1 Heating and Cooling, Clarksville (left) Kevin Black, City of Clarksville (right) -Decades long member of CMT/ABATE, Inc.

The plane was provided by Johnny Piper, Piper Construction, Clarksville (and former Clarksville mayor.)



NASHVILLE CHARTER REVEAL

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014

Bikini Beach, Antioch 7:00 pm

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There have been as many as 25 charters spread out across the State of Tennessee. The "Home" charter is Nashville.

There is a Music City Charter which came along in 2006, and they are great folks, BUT, they aren't HOME.

The plan to revitalize the Nashville Charter will start to be developed at the JUNE 17TH meeting at BIKINI BEACH. 7:00 p.m. in the back room. Bring yourself, your ideas, your enthusiasm and your determination to revive the Nashville Charter. All Bikes and all Riders encouraged and welcome to attend. New officers will be elected in August, so come and bring your volunteer leadership!

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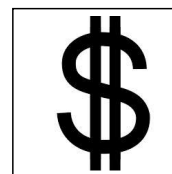
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