

# Tennessee Motorcyclist



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Caney Fork	Terry Presley 615-642-8025 presley7290@yahoo.com	Last Sunday of the month @ 4 pm, 107 N Fairview Ave., Gordonsville,
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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
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## **12 Reasons to Ride A Motorcycle**

Jacob Black

There's a good chance that if someone has to ask you why you ride a motorcycle, they'll never really understand. For most of us, we ride because we can't not ride. It's who we are. It's why we are. This though, is the internet, and on the internet we make lists and explain things. So here are 12 reasons you should ride a motorcycle.

### **1. To be Cool**

Motorcycles are cool. Period. They tell the world, "I live my life large! I laugh at fear, I am adventurous!" Everyone who sees anyone on any bike thinks that person is cool. This is very true for kids, and slightly less true for in-laws—but even they are still secretly impressed. Unless you ride in sandals or flip flops, or without a helmet – then you look silly.

### **2. To Find Your Zen**

On a motorcycle, your thoughts are occupied by the moment, and only the moment. In that moment you feel very, very big and at the same exact moment, you are very well aware that you are also very, very small. Those two concepts collide in your mind simultaneously, and that is why we have that look in our eyes. We see the universe for what it is and transcend reality.

### **3. Commuting Is Easier And More Fun**

Sitting in traffic sucks. But it sucks a lot less if you live in one of the states that allow lane splitting. Even if you don't, I guarantee your run through traffic will be faster, more enjoyable and more rewarding than if you were stuck in a car listening to news reports. People who arrive at work and take off their helmet are 1,000 percent more like to be smiling than people who arrive in a Dodge Journey.

### **4. You Learn About Perspective**

Set your sights further down the road. Look where you want to go. Be aware of your surroundings. Live in the moment. The solutions to most problems we encounter on the road while riding are the same as the solutions to most of life's problems. Look further down the road when you're feeling unstable and you'll be alright in the end.

### **5. You're Less Of A Drain On The System**

Riding a bike is better for the environ-

ment than driving a car. You use less fuel. Your transport uses less resources to build. You take up less space. You even take less of a toll on roads and infrastructure. Motorbikes as a single-person (or two-person) transport are far more efficient. Motorbikes are generally also cheaper to buy, operate, and maintain than a car.

### **6. A Motorcycle Can't Be Hacked (Yet)**

Okay, so we're taking creative license a bit here because even cars can't be hacked really—there have been some stunts online but all of them required someone having physical access to a vehicle at some point. We know, however, that the march of autonomous technology continues to advance and invade our driving experiences. While that technology is finding its way into motorcycles, (Harley-Davidson developing group-riding cruise control for example), it is a lot harder to divorce the organic component from the equation when it comes to riding a bike. Take that Cyberdyne!

### **7. Because Authenticity**

Even the most basic, universal, and utilitarian motorcycles are a reflection of their owners' personality. In a sea of SUVs, a motorcycle is the last bastion of automotive authenticity. A bike is as individual as a vehicle can be, and no two are ever alike. There's also an inherent simplicity to a motorbike and that allows you to create a deeper connection. You work on it, tinker with it, and perform basic maintenance on it almost daily, forging your bond with your machine.

### **8. Your Health Will Improve**

A study once found that a motorcyclist in traffic makes more decisions per minute than a fighter pilot in a dog fight, or a race-car driver engaged in a battle of position. There are numerous medical journals that show a link between increased brain activity and long-term cognitive function. In short, a bike is good for your brain. Many people who struggle with depression and other mental health issues find motorcycles therapeutic. If you also ride off-road or race, you will likely increase your physical fitness as well.

9. You Meet the Nicest People  
Every time you wave at a fellow rider, a little smile fills your soul. Most of my best mates are people I met through bikes. Whether it's riding, talking about

riding online, racing, or just plain perving on bikes, some of my favorite people are bike people. They'll help you work on your project. They'll help you move house. They'll take care of you and your stuff when you wipe out. In short, bike people rule. Bonding over any shared joy will always lead to rewarding, fulfilling friendships but I argue that few hobbies bring people from so many backgrounds together the way riding can.

### **10. Because Freedom Baby!**

A motorcycle can take you a lot of places a car can't, but that's a very superficial concept of "freedom". Really, a motorcycle gives you complete and total autonomy and agency over your decisions. Twist the throttle, weight the peg—your actions are yours and yours alone. You can't even reach your cell phone. Your distractions are non-existent. It's bliss...

### **11. Connection To The World Around You**

In a car, you're driving through the world, letting it pass you by. On a bike, you're immersed in the world around you. Its sights, its sounds, its bug splatter. When you ride on the streets, you're a human like the other humans, not a cage. You have an identity and a connection to the world that you can't get from inside a car.

### **12. Because It Is Totally Rad.**

That's it in a nutshell. You should ride a bike because not riding a bike is never as good as riding a bike. Ever. Motorcycles are fun, exciting, stimulating, and sexy. They can be fast, or slow, or big, or small, but a motorcycle is fuel for your soul. You can ride any way you like and get unfathomable amounts of joy. Whether you are knee down on a racetrack, carving a wooded trail, or just cruising down the highway with your head high and your smile wide... motorcycles are life.

## **Director's Column**

### **No Report**

Scott Smith  
CMT/ABATE INC  
Corporate Director

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

**Next BOD, September 8th,  
2019**

# YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



## Legislative Director's Ramblings

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

There has been a shift of leadership in the Tennessee House of Representatives. What does this mean for us? At the moment I think it is neutral and does not impact our mission for better or worse. It's perhaps meaningless unless there are changes to House committees and subcommittees and I doubt that will occur – at least for the short term. The Senate is not affected and I certainly expect no changes there.

A “hand’s free” law passed last session half and enforcement began during July with members of law enforcement urged (but not required) to write warning cita-

tions rather than citations with applicable fines. In most areas of the State where reports are available the number of citations issued appears small to very small. People are either behaving themselves or becoming better at avoiding detection. Although the last part of that sentence is negative in a manner of speaking, perhaps some people are looking around while they attempt to drive impaired and break the law. Will we see a drop in the number of accidents caused by this form of impaired driving? Perhaps, but it may require at least two years of data.

Speaking of impairment, most of you know that we have a two-fold program of “Look Twice – Save A Life” and “Don’t Ride Fried” made possible with grants from the motorcycle safety operations administered by the Tennessee Department of Safety. During July we received a grant worth \$20,000.00, and only after a lot of effort by members of the Safety & Education committee during a six month period did this come to fruition. In past years we have obtained an annual grant as large as \$50,000.00, yet during recent years the administration has made it very difficult to even obtain a \$5,000.00 grant so this is a small victory. Yet, a new list of grant request rules is proposed and it appears to be very tough to qualify for more than a \$5,000.00 amount - more on this at a later date.

I keep hearing about the dangers of grass clipping on our highways and that we should “do something” about it. I don’t see grass clippings on the roads in

my AO but I do sometimes see wet and greasy tobacco stalks during the August and September harvest. I am long aware that littering of any type is a chargeable offense in Tennessee and below I added a part of TCA 55-8-170:

Tennessee Code 55-8-170 – Putting glass, nails and other substances on highway prohibited — Penalty

(a) No person shall throw or deposit upon any highway any glass bottle, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal or vehicle upon the highway.

(b) Any person who drops, or permits to be dropped or thrown, upon any highway any destructive or injurious material shall immediately remove the same or cause it to be removed.

(c) Any person removing a wrecked or damaged vehicle from a highway shall remove any glass or other injurious substance dropped upon the highway from the vehicle.

(d) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

(e) [Acts 1955, ch. 329, § 70; T.C.A., § 59-871; Acts 1989, ch. 591, § 113.]

You may notice that I underlined “any other substance” and am fairly sure that these three words apply to grass clippings, tobacco stalks, mud, or any other rubbish tossed onto the highway. I do not see the word “willful” so the establishment of “intent” is not required to charge a guilty party with a Class C misdemeanor – words that I also underlined. Currently, Class C misdemeanors currently have a punishment of a \$50.00 fine and/or up to thirty (30) days in jail. So yes; tossing/ blowing grass clippings on our highways is a chargeable offense regardless of who is doing it. Past this, for law enforcement to become engaged someone must file a complaint.

I am closing with the same thought as I did last month. I encourage all of the Local Charters to step up their revenue events to build our Treasury. We must cover the operating costs of our Organization 100%, and any 2020 legislative efforts will require even more funding.



J. Robert Forbus  
Corporate Legislative  
Director  
Corporate Secretary

## Point Totals to-date

Tommy Jones	14
Jeff Holland	12
James Sullivan	4
Ryan Waters	4
Becky Floss	8
Susan Jones	5
Lynn Greenwood	3
Robin Nest	3
Courtney Waters	2
Leslie Sullivan	1





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- Karen Bolin

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## MRF State Rep Report –

"Information is not knowledge."  
- Albert Einstein

Just a little bit of "information...  
Good News & Bad News

As the MRF Rep for Tennessee, I get a lot of e-mail updates from other States as well as Washington DC. Sometimes there's some encouraging news, and sometimes the reports are a bit disappointing.

A recent report out of Washington informs us that the latest list of recommendations from the National Transportation Safety Board does not include any discussion of helmet laws, and does ask the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to specifically include motorcycles in the development of performance standards for passenger vehicle crash warning and prevention systems.

We'll take that as a step in the right direction – If automated systems are coming to our roads, it's a good idea for them to be able to recognize and avoid us on our motorcycles.

Missouri had a rather large disappointment when their Governor vetoed the bill that included a helmet law modification. The Freedom of the Road Riders in Missouri had put a lot of effort into passing that bill. However it was a larger bill that the helmet modification was only a part of, and apparently there were some parts the Governor could not accept, and the helmet modification went down in flames with the rest of the bill. I think a lot of us here in Tennessee can "feel their pain" on this issue.

The Motorcycle Profiling Resolution H. Res 255 is still slowly moving forward, with 64 cosponsors from 26 States and one territory (American Samoa). Unfortu-

nately, none of our Representatives from Tennessee have signed on as a cosponsor yet. A call or e-mail from you to your US Representative may be enough to get Tennessee added to the list of States with a cosponsor for this resolution.

Let's use this information to our advantage. Celebrate the good news, but don't let down our guard – NTSB has targeted motorcyclists in the past. Learn from the failure that Missouri experienced to see if it may help us in our next fight. And take action on issues that are important to us in maintaining our rights to...

...Ride Free,  
- - Ed

Ed Domine  
MRF State Rep  
CMT/ABATE



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THINGS IN LIFE THAT  
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&  
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"Now that I'm a real biker, all  
the old babes will want my body."

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Chaplain	No Report




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



## 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

Sept. 7, Robertson County In Memory Ride  
 Sept. 8, State Board Meeting  
 Sept. 14, Caney Fork Swap Meet  
 Sept. 14, Smith, Wilson, Stones River Memorial Ride  
 Sept. 21, Upper Cumberland Wind Ride  
 Sept. 28, Smith, Wilson, Stones River Rodeo

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

Dec. 1, Wheels of Thunder Toy Run  
 Dec. 7, Robertson County Toy Run & Christmas Party  
 Dec. 7, Caney Fork Toy Drive & Christmas Party  
 Dec. 8, State Board Meeting  
 Dec. 14, Music City Toy Run  
 Dec. 21, Music City Christmas Party



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## CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

### September 2019

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

### October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 RoCo MoCo	2	3 WOT	4	5 CaFo Cruise
6 CaFo Ride MuCi/UpCu SWSR/FrBd	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 NoEa	14	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			

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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)



**July 21, 2019**

## **RIDING FREE FROM DC:**

### **RPM Act to be Introduced**

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation was invited to participate in a working group with the Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Association (SEMA) and a host of other organizations about the future of the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act (RPM Act). As we have reported in the past, we were unsure if this legislation would be introduced in the 116th Congress since the political appetite has changed on the hill. During the last Congress, the House version was able to gain 150 cosponsors but never made it to the floor for a vote, and the Senate version with its 39 cosponsors suffered the same fate in the waning days of 2018.

The MRF anticipates that this legislation will be introduced in the coming weeks before Congress adjourns for their August recess. Please be ready for any future calls to action that may find their way to your inbox.

**NTSB Releases 2019-2020 NTSB Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements**

The National Transportation Safety Board released its 2019-2020 Most Wanted List earlier this week. After reading the 28-page document, the MRF found that motorcycles only gathered the attention of the agency twice but thankfully not as a stand-alone issue like in years past. The two areas where motorcyclists are mentioned are:

- 1) End Alcohol and Other Impairment in Transportation  
TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION:  
Examine the influence of alcohol and other drug use on motorcycle rider crash risk compared to that of passenger vehicle drivers, and develop guidelines to assist states in implementing evidence-based strategies and countermeasures to more

effectively address substance-impaired motorcycle rider crashes.

- 2) Increase Implementation of Collision Avoidance Systems in All-New Highway Vehicles

TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION:  
Incorporate motorcycles in the development of performance standards for passenger vehicle crash warning and prevention systems.

After years of motorcycles being forgotten in other Department of Transportation guidance on autonomous vehicles, we are pleased that the NTSB is sending a directive to NHTSA to make sure motorcycles are included in autonomous vehicle standards.

### Focus Groups

This week the Governors Highway Safety Association released a report on "Motorcyclists' Attitudes on Using High-Visibility Gear to Improve Conspicuity." Needless to say, the conclusions listed below by this taxpayer-funded study can be filed under the category of obvious and predictable.

### Conclusions:

Eighteen focus groups with 137 motorcycle riders in California, Maryland, Michigan, and Texas were conducted to explore motorcyclists' attitudes toward wearing high-visibility gear to increase conspicuity. In most groups, only one or two participants said they regularly wear high visibility gear

Based on the focus group discussions, several factors emerged as barriers to motorcyclists' use of high-visibility gear. The most important involves the appearance of the high-visibility gear. It is judged as unappealing by some riders, and many riders are concerned that the look or style of the gear does not fit in with their riding culture. These factors work against the acceptance of high-visibility gear, even though many riders believe such gear may be effective for increasing conspicuity.

Many participants thought that motorcycle-riding culture would have to change for riders to adopt high-visibility gear, due to the association of novice riders and older riders with high-visibility gear.

Another barrier to the use of high-visibility gear is riders' skepticism that high-visibility apparel provides enough of a safety benefit to warrant its use and cost. Evidence that demonstrates the safety benefits of high-visibility gear is important to convincing motorcyclists they would personally benefit from using it.

In addition to adverse feelings about high-visibility gear itself, many participants expressed the belief that high-visibility gear would not improve safety, largely because of the perception that motorists are distracted anyway. In fact, several participants suggested that the onus should be on drivers to look for motorcyclists.

Your Team in D.C. Tiffany & Rocky  
The Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

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## Motorcycle Quotes

Most of these were picked up off  
A true motorcyclist.

\*Four wheels move the body. Two wheels  
move the soul.

\*A good rider has balance, judgment, and  
good timing. So does a good lover.

\*Respect the person who has seen the  
dark side of motorcycling and lived.

\*Young riders pick a destination and go...  
Old riders pick a direction and go.

\*Always back your bike into the curb, and  
sit where you can see it.

\*Winter is Nature's way of telling you to  
polish.

\*The best alarm clock is sunshine on  
chrome.

\*If you really want to know what's going  
on, watch what's happening at least five  
cars ahead.

\*A friend is someone who'll get out of bed  
at 2 am to drive his pickup to the middle  
of nowhere to get you when you're bro-  
ken down.

\*There's something ugly about a NEW  
bike on a trailer.

\*Everyone crashes. Some get back on.  
Some don't. Some can't.

\*Bikes parked out front mean good  
chicken-fried steak inside.

\*Only a Biker knows why a dog sticks his  
head out of a car window.

\*'Oh Shit!' is usually the moment when  
your plan parts ways with reality

\*Calling upon my years of experience, I  
froze at the controls. ~Stirling Moss

\*Most motorcycle problems are caused by  
the nut that connects the handlebars to  
the saddle.

\*Got a \$5 head? Get a \$5 helmet.

\*Keep thy eye on the tach and thine ears  
on the engine lest thy whirlybits seek  
communion with the sun. John 4:50  
You start the game with a full pot o' luck  
and an empty pot o' experience... The ob-  
ject is to fill the pot of experience before  
you empty the pot of luck.

Life should not be a journey to the grave  
with the intention of arriving safely in a  
pretty and well preserved body, but rather  
to skid in broadside, in a cloud of smoke,  
thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and  
loudly proclaiming, 'Wow! What a Ride!'

**Hunter S. Thompson**

Never trade the thrills of living for the  
security of existence.

A zest for living must include a willingness  
to die. **R.A. Heinlein**

\*If you think you don't need a helmet, you  
probably don't.

\*Saddlebags can never hold everything  
you want, but they CAN hold everything  
you need.

\*NEVER argue with a woman holding a  
torque wrench.

\*Routine maintenance should never be  
neglected.

\*It takes more love to share the saddle  
than it does to share the bed.

\*The only good view of a thunderstorm is  
in your rearview mirror.

\*Never be afraid to slow down.

\*Don't ride so late into the night that you  
sleep through the sunrise.

\*Pie and coffee are as important as petrol.

\*Sometimes it takes a whole tankful of  
fuel before you can think straight.

\*Riding faster than everyone else only  
guarantees you'll ride alone.

\*Never hesitate to ride past the last street  
light at the edge of town.

\*Never mistake horsepower for staying  
power.

\*A cold hamburger can be reheated quite  
nicely by strapping it to an exhaust pipe  
and riding forty miles.

\*Never do less than forty miles before  
breakfast.

\*If you don't ride in the rain, you don't  
ride.

\*A bike on the road is worth two in the  
shed.

\*A good mechanic will let you watch with-  
out charging you for it.

\*Sometimes the fastest way to get there  
is to stop for the night.

\*Whatever it is, it's better in the wind.

\*Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway, it's an  
attitude.

\*When you look down the road, it seems  
to never end, but you better believe it  
does.

\*A motorcycle can't sing on the streets of  
a city.

\*Keep your bike in good repair: Motor-  
cycle boots are NOT comfortable for  
walking.

\*People are like Motorcycles: each is cus-  
tomized a bit differently.

\*If the bike isn't braking properly, you  
don't start by rebuilding the engine.

\*Remember to pay as much attention to  
your partner as you do your carburetor.

\*Well-trained reflexes are quicker than  
luck.

\*Learn to do counterintuitive things that  
may someday save your butt.

\*The twisties, not the superslabs, sepa-  
rate the riders from the squids.

\*When you're riding lead don't spit.

\*Don't make a reputation you'll have to  
live down or run away from later.

\*If she changes her oil more than she  
changes her mind follow her.

\*Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt at  
70 mph can double your vocabulary.

\*If you want to get somewhere before  
sundown, you can't stop at every tavern.

\*Don't lead the pack if you don't know  
where you're going.

\*Sleep with one arm through the spokes  
and keep your pants on.

\*Practice wrenching on your own bike.

\*Beware the rider who says the bike  
never breaks down.

\*Don't argue with an 18wheeler.

\*Never be ashamed to unlearn an old  
habit.

\*Maintenance is as much art as it is sci-  
ence.

\*A good long ride can clear your mind,

restore your faith, and use up a lot of fuel.

\*If you can't get it going with bungee  
cords and electrician's tape it's serious.

\*If you ride like there's no tomorrow  
there won't be.

**\*Gray-haired riders don't get that way  
from pure luck.**

\*There are drunk riders. There are old rid-  
ers. There are NO old, drunk riders.

\*Thin leather looks good in the bar, but it  
won't save your butt from "road rash" if  
you go down.

\*Always replace the cheapest parts first.

\*You can forget what you do for a living  
when your knees are in the breeze.

\*No matter what marque you ride, it's all  
the same wind.

\*Patience is the ability to keep your motor  
idling.

\*People are more violently opposed to fur  
than leather because it's safer to harass  
rich women than motorcycle gangs.

\*Never ride faster than your guardian  
angel can fly.

\*It is good to have an end to journey  
towards; but it is the journey that matters  
in the end. **Ursula K. LeGuin**

\*Middle age starts when you have been  
warned to slow down, not by a motor-  
cycle cop, but by your doctor.

\*What do you call a cyclist who doesn't  
wear a helmet? An organ donor. **David  
Perry**

\*Life is too short for traffic. ~Dan Bellack  
Patience is something you admire in the  
driver behind you and scorn in the one  
ahead. **Mac McCleary**

\*Remember folks, street lights timed for  
35 mph are also timed for 70 mph. ~Jim  
Samuels

Safety is a cheap and effective insurance  
policy.

\*Accidents hurt - safety doesn't.

If you want to complain about the pace  
being set by the road captain, you better  
be prepared to lead the group yourself.

\*It takes both pistons and cylinders to  
make a bike run. One is not more impor-  
tant than the other.

\*If the countryside seems boring, stop,  
get off your bike, and go sit in the ditch  
long enough to appreciate what was here  
before the asphalt came.

\*Give way to trains.

\*You don't stop riding because you're  
getting old, but you get old when you stop  
riding.

\*Remember the time when sex was safe  
and motorcycles were dangerous.

\*It's not what you ride, it's your attitude  
that it counts.

\*God didn't create metal so that man  
could make paper clips! **Harley Davidson**

\*It's a world with 20,000 television chan-  
nels...get as far away from it as you can.

**Honda Ad.**

\*Careless torque costs lives.

\*Ride, eat, sleep...repeat.

\*It didn't look that far on the map.

## DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN

On the 3rd Thursday of July 15 souls said the Pledge to Our flag to get the D/H/H meeting started. Director Bub welcomed everyone and a Special Welcome to Renewed members STUD Tarapin Luke, and Aaron Suggs. And new members Chelsie Suggs, Gene Woody, and Leon Semore. Cycledellic Mark told us how many dollars we had in the bank. He then said that he was having to resign as Treasure. Bub thanked Mark for his work, help, and dedication. We all took a big ole drank for Mark! Next Bub talked about the S.T.R. (where you can see cycledellic Mark at the gate) He has S.T.R. Tickets for \$25, they are \$35 at the gate. That's \$10 you can spend on beerz.

Dave Day is September 28th at the V.F.W. It is always a fun day and all dollars made that day go to the V.F.W.

The people of the V.F.W. are very groovy and treat us right good. We cant thank them enough!

Pig Pin said that on Saturday Buddy's Birthday Party was going on at the G.R.M.C. Everyone is Welcome. Buddy is so old he farts dust!

We would like to see more of our members at our meetings at the V.F.W., 3rd Thursday of the Month around 7:00. We will save you a seat!

We had our drawing and Bub won and gave it back! Take a big old drank for Bub! Thanks Man!

Nuff Said, We Scattered

Beefy

Member #757

## MUSIC CITY

Hello

Hope everyone is doing well, staying safe and healthy..

Phil called the meeting to order and then led the pledge.

Doc led the group in a prayer.

Wendell spoke on STR, hope everyone can come on out and enjoy!!!

Hattie brought up our Toy Run Drive. We only had 4 bikes show up for the ride! Instead of future runs we will take donations. What we will be doing is taking money donations (after our meetings), toys, food items, gift cards, etc and letting the church go buy what is needed for our kids and elderly. Please help us support our church and charter members!!! We will still have the box out at Skully's so please feel free to fill it up!!!

Our meetings are at Skully's the 1st Sunday of each month 2:00 pm!!! Come on out and bring a friend!

Doc discussed the Intervention Ride The Intervention Ride date is still to be determined, He is looking to get 48 volunteers for the Teen Challenge Ride in Nashville. If you can or would like to help Doc out Please give him a shout!

Doc also discussed Biker Church is Sunday October 6th. We'll ride from Skully's to

the church. KSU 9:00 am... Since this is the same day as the Music City meeting we will hold our meeting at the church after the service and meal... Come out and receive a blessing!!! Oak Hill Assembly of God, 5200 Franklin Pike, TN 37220 Wayne spoke about elections. You've got to get to know your Senators & Representatives! Let him/her hear from you. Let them know you're alive and you want changes made. They know who did and didn't vote! If you voted, YOU HAVE THEIR ATTENTION!!!

50/50 was won by Glenn and donated to the church Christmas fund.

Miss Kay let us know that our friend and member, John Roe passed away that week. He truly loved Music City CMT/ Abate!!! He will be greatly missed by all! Wayne made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Joel, motion carried!

Hope to see y'all at STR!!!

Sharon "CRASH" Stout

## NASHVILLE

August 21, 2019

Pledge

Dir: Summary of what his travels were Stone Mtn, Tn River, BMW Meetings Asst Dir: They became a Zero Dealer at work, Summary of riding adventures New Foothills rd is open in the Smokies. Bearwallow rd to Ashland City has been paved and is easier for MC riding; Easier now to get to the Bent Wrench; ***Editors note: I live on this road! A very good for ridding if you like curves."***

Treas: Still in the Black. We made some money off of the Bug Run and the 50/50 Sec: Summarized Minutes for July they were accepted

Safety and Legislative: Our Grant is now being limited to \$10,000.00 if we need more we will have to file a request. This money belongs to us and we should not be limited we are requesting a round table to discuss this matter and this will be open to the public. Rider Education has a bigger budget than this and it is needed. Discussion will be held on September 27, 2019 at the TN Tower contact Carol Simpson for more information we need to have people attend this meeting.

Old Bus: Yes we want a State Swap Meet in June more details on this later. Bug Run was fun and 50/50 was a success will do again in the future.

New Bus: BOD meeting is scheduled for 09/08 State Rally 09/01; We are not sending anyone to MOM due to the late date. Skully's is closing on September 15.

Open Forum:

Had more people this meeting thank you for coming. Hope to see all at Southern Thunder Rally this weekend. Not doing Loretta Lynn Motorcycle event as we have not been contacted.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting 09/18/2019 @ Bikini Beach Antioch Pike.

## ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at The Pit in Springfield at 7:00pm. Bull lead us in The Pledge and Johan lead us in prayer. Roland thanked everyone for coming, we had a big group. Treva went over the treasury report. Samantha went over events. Don't forget STR Southern Thunder Rally is August 23-25 at Hickman County Fairgrounds. Hope everyone will come out, always a good time. Our In Memory Of Ride will be Sept. 7th, and Toy Run and Christmas Party is on Dec. 7th. Please keep in your prayers for Tim Suggs (Mouser), Toe Joe and his father, The Petty family, Jessie Bagwell was in a terrible accident and Amy Barnes. Please remember all these in your prayers. Bull won the 50/50 and donated back to our down biker fund. Thank you to The Pit for pizza for supper. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on Sept. 3rd.

Connie Jones

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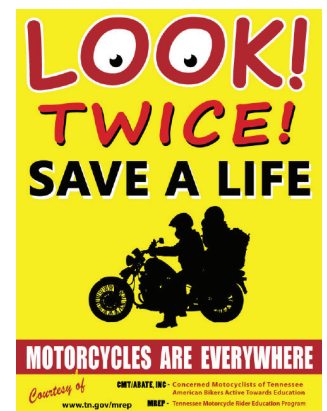
## SUMNER COUNTY

## WHEELS OF THUNDER

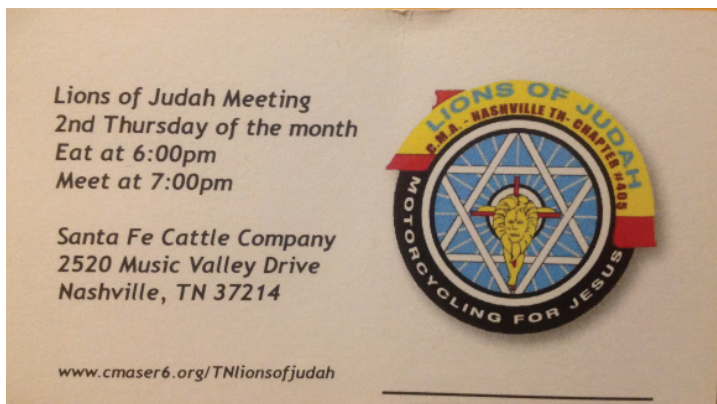
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**Other events of interest ~**

Sept. 2, Labor Day  
Sept. 7, Robertson County In Memory Ride  
Sept. 8, State Board Meeting  
Sept. 13-15, Bikers Who Care Toy Run & Benefit  
Sept. 14, Caney Fork Swap Meet  
Sept. 14, Smith, Wilson, Stones River Memorial Ride  
Sept. 19-22, Meeting of the Minds, Bloomington, MN  
Sept. 20, Montgomery Bikers Who Ride Toy Run  
Sept. 21, Upper Cumberland Wind Ride  
Sept. 22, Deer Archery season opens  
Sept. 27, June-Bug Boogie TOO  
Sept. 27, Harley Drags, Bowling Green, KY  
Sept. 28, TFA Smiley Hollow  
Sept. 28, Smith, Wilson, Stones River Rodeo

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

Dec. 1, Wheels of Thunder Toy Run  
Dec. 7, Robertson County Toy Run & Christmas Party  
Dec. 7, Caney Fork Toy Drive & Christmas Party  
Dec. 8, State Board Meeting  
Dec. 14, Music City Toy Run  
Dec. 21, Music City Christmas Party

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- Bikes don't leak oil, they mark their territory.
- Never mistake horsepower for staying power.
- If you don't ride in the rain - you don't ride.
- A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
- Young riders pick a destination and go. . Old riders pick a direction and go.
- A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.
- Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.
- Winter is Nature's way of telling you to polish your bike.
- Well-trained reflexes are quicker than luck.
- The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.
- A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 am to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere.
- There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.
- Practice wrenching on your own bike.
- Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit
- Maintenance is as much art as it is science.
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- There are drunk riders. There are old riders. There are NO old, drunk riders.
- No matter what marquee you ride, it's all the same wind.
- Only a Biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.

## THINK YOU ARE HAVING A BAD DAY?

A man was working on his motorcycle on his patio and his wife was in the kitchen. The man was racing the engine on the motorcycle when it accidentally slipped into gear. The man, still holding onto the handle bars, was dragged through the glass patio doors and along with the motorcycle dumped onto the floor inside the house. The wife, hearing the crash, ran into the dining room and found her husband lying on the floor, cut and bleeding, the motorcycle lying next to him, and the shattered patio door. The wife ran to the phone and summoned the ambulance. Because they lived on a fairly large hill, the wife went down the several flights of stairs to the street to escort the paramedics to her husband.

After the ambulance arrived and transported the man to the hospital, the wife righted the motorcycle and pushed it outside. Seeing that gas was spilled on the floor, the wife got some paper towels, blotted up the gasoline, and threw the towels in the toilet. The man was treated and released to come home. Upon arriving home, he looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his motorcycle.

He became despondent, went to the bathroom, sat down on the toilet and smoked a cigarette. After finishing the cigarette, he flipped it between his legs into the toilet bowl, while seated. The wife, who was in the kitchen, heard the loud explosion and her husband screaming.

She ran into the bathroom and found her husband lying on the floor. His trousers had been blown away and he was suffering burns on the buttocks, the back of his legs, and his groin. The wife again ran to the phone to call the ambulance. The very same paramedic crew was dispatched and the wife met them at the street. The paramedics loaded the husband on to the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. While they were going down the stairs to the street accompanied by the wife, one of the paramedics asked the wife how the husband had burned himself. She told them and the paramedics started laughing so hard, one of them slipped and tipped the stretcher, dumping the husband out. He fell down the remaining stairs and broke his arm - *Taken from a Florida Newspaper.*

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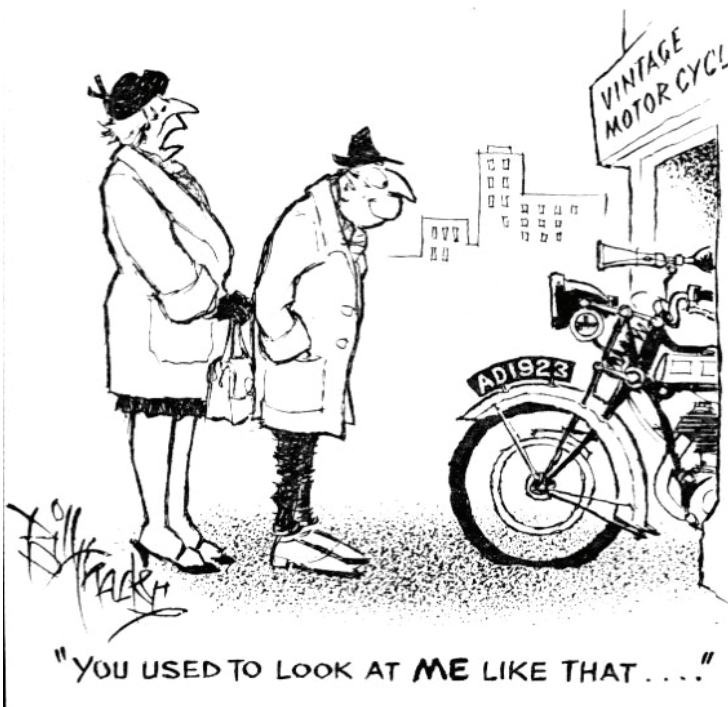
Cole Henry (Caney Fork)

Larry and Darlene Binkley ( Caney Fork)

Aaron Suggs (DHH)

Everything is currently up to date with all member-  
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Sarah Reece  
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