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The objects and purposes of the Corporation shall be to form a united motorcyclist's organization both at the individual local level and at the state level. The Members of the Corporation shall be dedicated to promoting fair motorcycle legislation and shall insure their freedom by working to prevent enactment of, or to repeal/modify existing unfair motorcycle legislation. The Corporation's Members shall promote and maintain motorcycling safety and awareness programs in the community.

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Knoxville	Anjel Anderson	865-257-5786	4th Sunday @ 1, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson, Knoxville
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Nashville	Jack Jones jdj32K@yahoo.com	615-579-4112	3rd Tuesday @ 7, One Stop Bar Madison
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Robertson County	Roland Verchota Verchotaw@bellsouth.net	615-533-6368	1 st Tuesday @ 7, Piggy Pit Springfield
Smith-Wilson- Stones River	Kim Marlin smithwilsonabate@gmail.com	615-310-3436	1 st Sunday @ 2, Smitty's Lebanon
Sumner County	Jeff Hollins	615-452-0409	3 rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Hendersonville
Tennessee Valley	Mark Moore Yog1958@yahoo.com	423-570-0250	3 rd Sunday @ 2, Call for location Chattanooga Area
Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin	931-879-3899	1st Sunday * Call for Details
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer www.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder	901-465-7381	1 st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

DIRECTORS COLUMN

Winter and spring is swap meet time in the biker world. I just got back from working the Easyriders Bike Show at the new Convention Center in Nashville. That place is nice. We actually had two booths there. One for politics, and one for safety. We signed up several new members, so I'll be processing those applications as soon as I can get to the office.

Next I'll be working the swap meet in Clarksville. It's been going on as long as I can remember. I look forward to it because I get to see so many old friends there. And people seem to hang around and socialize more. They don't just browse and leave. Bill usually gives us a spot right in front of the door. We're the first thing you see when you come into the building.

In March, I will go work the big swap meet in Shelbyville. I haven't seen a flyer yet, but hopefully there will be one in this paper. Scooter always takes care of Abate whatever he's doing. I've worked his events in both Murfreesboro and Lebanon. I really like looking at the old school choppers. They're more personal to me than those show bikes with the metal seats. What good is it if you can't ride it?

And in April, it's Mule Day in Columbia. Another great party. Sam opens up S & G during the parade. You just have to get there before they close the streets. He always gives us a table across from the food. With all that good eating, it's like hunting a baited field.

Well, warmer weather is coming. I'll see you on the road.

Thank you, **Dean Lucas**

CMT/ABATE State Director



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Like the weather we have seen, this session of the General Assembly has been a little different than the last few years. The rush to finish, along with some residual contempt have made this a very interesting endeavor. And like the weather, it's gotten much warmer on the Hill.

Are we running a helmet bill? This has been the big question and the answer is, yes and no. Damn, I sound like a politician. What we do have is the first ever helmet reciprocity bill; HB1676/SB1846 co-sponsored by Representatives Tidwell, Sexton and Senators Henry and Bell. This piece of legislation is actually a motorcycle tourism bill in which Tennessee would honor the helmet laws of other states for visiting motorcyclists. We just don't have the right to make someone stop and buy a hat when they cross the state line. If passed, this bill could give us some real world numbers we have needed to support our efforts on helmet legislation. Motorcyclist from other states have been very supportive.

Our second bill for the 2014 session is HB1967/ SB2161 by Representative Keisling and Senator Burks. This deals with safety and emissions compliance and its purpose is to prevent the state from passing retroactive legislation which would mandate modification of motor vehicles to standards higher than those in place at the time of manufacture. Simply put, the state couldn't make you put air bags in a '57 Vette or catalytic convertors on your '36 Knuck. It seems pointless, but thanks to Kaleeforneea, there is now a need for such foolishness to protect those of us that ride and drive older scooters and cages.

The names of the co-sponsors of our Reciprocity bill might seem familiar and should. Rep. Sexton and Sen. Bell are the prime sponsors of the "other helmet bill" last year, HB0044/SB0548. Their bill does not include out of state riders, therefore ours bill compliments theirs by filling in the tourism gap. Although we do not fully support the original wording of HB0044/SB0548, we do not oppose it and wish them well on its passing. The bill can and will be cleaned up, even if after passage. I did send out emails letting everyone know that CMT/ABATE, Inc. was not running a helmet bill this year and that we support anyone that tries to do something positive for the motorcyclists of Tennessee. We would ask those that have supported us in the past to consider passing this piece of legislation. This is where you make that personal choice to call your legislator and let them know how you feel about this helmet bill.

I would like to take a minute to thank two members of the Senate that will not be back with us next year. Both have supported us in the past and one has been with us for decades, Senator Douglas Henry and Senator Charlotte Burks. If you get a chance, let them know how much you appreciate them.

In winding this thing up I want to acknowledge the Montgomery County members for taking part in their local government and providing valuable input to the powers that be. And last, but not least to our delegation to the Governor's Highway Safety Board. Through the efforts of Carol Simpson, we were invited to participate and provide information from our side. I have asked Carol to give a little more information on this. Stick a fork in me, I'm done.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY Tony Dabbs Interim Legislative Director CMT/ABATE, Inc. themotorsickledoc@yahoo.com 931-232-8519



LOBBY DAYS

Mar. 4- Sumner County and Robertson County

5- Caney Fork

11- Smith/Wilson/Stones River

12- Piney River

18- Montgomery County

19- Nashville and Music City

25- Upper Cumberland

26- Open day for other motorcycle organizations

Charter Directors and/or charter legislative contacts, as well as board members, please contact Tony Dabbs at <u>931-</u>232-8519 or themotorsickledoc@yahoo.com to solidify plans and meeting places for your lobby day

From Carol: Upon the recommendation of John Milliken, Tennessee Motorcycle Rider Education Program coordinator, CMT/ABATE was invited to participate in the Motorcycle Assessment project of the Governor's Highway Safety Office (GHSO). Under the guidance of NHTSA, a panel of motorcycle experts was brought to Nashville to spend two days listening to different factions of motorcycling in Tennessee about their areas of involvement in motorcycling.

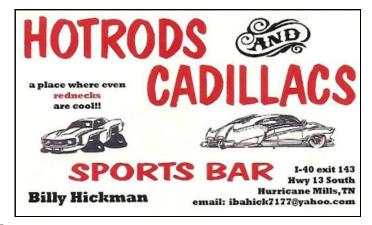
There were guidelines and separate meetings for 11 segments of motorcycling: Program Management, Motorcycle Personal Protective Equipment, Motorcycle Operator Licensing, Motorcycle Rider Education and Training, Motorcycle Operation under the Influence of Alcohol or Other Drugs, Legislation and Regulations, Law Enforcement, Highway Engineering, Motorcycle Rider Conspicuity and Motorist Awareness Programs, Communications Program, Program Evaluation and Data. We were invited to participate in the Legislation and Regulations segment and as a "motorcyclist user group" to report on Conspicuity and Motorist Awareness Programs.

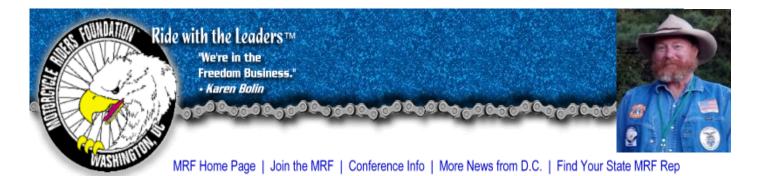
At the December board meeting I asked for volunteers for this project and our team consisted of Wayne Shaub of Music City Charter, Mark "Yog" Moore of Tennessee Valley, Johann Robert Forbus of Robertson County and myself. Tony Dabbs could not participate because he was on a cruise with his wife, Pam. We attended the sessions on Monday and Tuesday, Feb 3 & 4, at a hotel meeting room on Elm Hill Pike. We talked about what we do and have been doing and the panel asked us questions like "what kind of road riding rules does your club have, because we have seen more fatalities recently in club riding?" After defining that we are an organization, not a club, Wayne, Johann, and Yog all gave their comments about group riding and that we have NOT had any fatalities in group rides. It was not a useless effort, but it was definitely stacked towards "Do not modify your helmet law because Helmets save lives and that is the number one effort to put forth on reducing motorcycle injuries and deaths." On Friday, Wayne and I attended the verbal preliminary report from the five panelists. They were from Missouri, Maryland, Oregon, North Carolina and Virginia (all helmet law states) and their pedigrees were mostly from Rider education programs, NHTSA history, and Department of Transportation careers. I have worked with the Maryland fellow numerous times when I lived there, and the Oregon and North Carolina men are rather famous in the MRF arena. A rather friendly bunch, for the most part.

This motorcycle assessment program has been done in 29 states in the last decade or so, and four states are doing the assessment this year. The goal is to advise the GHSO office how to develop a more successful Motorcycle Safety Program. CMT/ABATE is to be included in the soon-to-be developed Motorcycle Coalition. We will have a seat at the table. The preliminary written draft will be available from Wayne or Carol by the time you are reading this. After I read this part of the report to Tony he said, "This is a good thing, we will at least have a seat at the table until somebody farts and they throw us off." I love that man; he sure can wrap it all up in one comment!



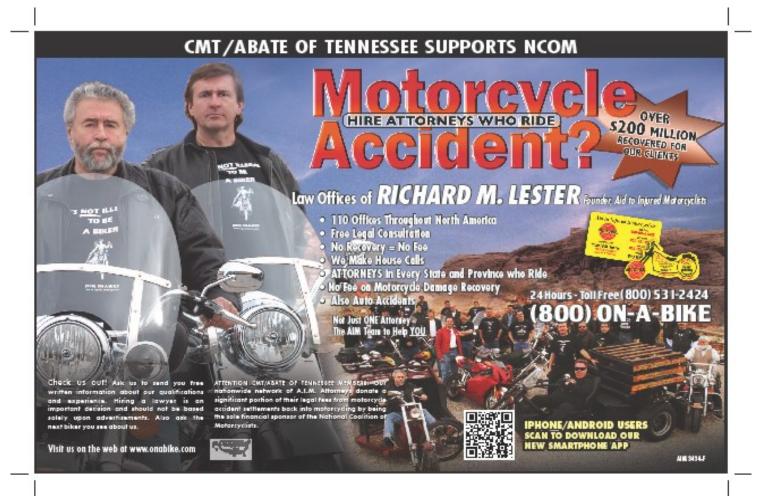






I hope everyone has been keeping up with what the CDC (Center for Disease Control) has been up to in the motorcycle world. According to them, dying while riding a motorcycle is an epidemic, but we can all be saved by helmets. Sure we can, just like condoms will prevent AIDs. Stick it on your head and you are safe. Here is a letter the CDC sent in response to the Petri letter from Congress. You might want to put on your hip boots before reading. It's gonna get deep. After this gets your blood pressure up, please consider joining the MRF. Papa MRF has spoken.

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RETYPED COPY OF ACTUAL LETTER FROM CDC

January 27, 2014

Public Health Services

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Atlanta, GA 30333

January 17, 2014

The Honorable Thomas E. Petri U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Petri:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) activities in the area of motorcycle safety, including the Motorcycle Safety Guide (the Guide) we released last year.

Motor vehicle crashes, including motorcycle crashes, are the leading cause of death in the first three decades of life; nearly 100 people die every day on our roads. Because of the impact motor vehicle crashes have on Americans' health, CDC is uniquely positioned as the nation's public health protection agency to ensure that the most current science is available to keep people healthy and safe on our roads. We collaborate closely with our federal transportation partners to fill a gap in understanding the issue of motor vehicle safety from a public health perspective.

Motorcycle ownership is at an all-time high and motorcycle-related deaths have increased by 55% since 2000. Because of this, motorcycle-related deaths and injuries are expected to remain at high levels unless more effective protective measures are adopted.

According to the Guide, 41% of motorcycle operators and 50% of motorcycle passengers who died in 2010 were not wearing a helmet. Studies have shown that unhelmet riders are 50% more likely to die from a head injury than someone wearing a helmet. Even when non-fatal, head injuries can mean a lifetime of costly rehabilitation and severe emotional trauma for family and friends. In fact, treating sever traumatic brain injuries costs 13 times more than non-brain injuries. Helmets reduce the risk of nonfatal injuries by 69%.

CDC approaches motorcycle safety in the same manner as other public health issues, such as heart disease, cancer and asthma. We define the problem, identify the risk factors, and assess prevention strategies. We then partner with key players in the Federal government such as the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to advance evidence=based strategies to protect people from disease, injury and death.

CDC, DOT, and NTSB are key players in the Federal government's effort to protect lives on America's roads. Although we are working toward the same goal—reduce death and injury related to motor vehicle crashes—we are distinct agencies that bring different strengths to the field. Specifically, DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is the federal government's leader in traffic safety policy and enforcement, NTSB is the federal agency lead in traffic accident investigation and safety recommendations, and CDC provides expertise in developing practical programs based on the latest science. CDC recognizes that working with DOT's NHTSA and NTSB is both efficient and necessary to reduce death and injury related to motor vehicle crashes. One example of our partnership with NHTSA is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that maximizes federal resources and unifies efforts through a framework for collaboration in transportation safety. As a component of the MOU, CDC and NHATSA are co-funding a project to determine the core elements of an effective ignition interlock system; a joint effort to help keep our roads safe.

CDC's close relationship with partner agencies ensures that our work is complementary and non-duplicative. If you have additional questions, we are happy to provide you with further information. Thank you again for your letter and for your concern about this important public health issue.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

Dr. Thomas Frieden, MD, MPH Director, CDC

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Our Mission: 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 motorcyclist who ride Tennessee.

We have revived the State Wide Poker Run event to fund our efforts and promote fun and safe motorcycling in Tennessee. The Poker Run project will begin in March 2014 and conclude October 2014, at the final event. Any and all motorcyclists and supporters may buy a Poker Run Book from our organization. It will contain approximately 100 destinations of Motorcycle-friendly businesses. Individuals will present the booklet with your coupon at your place of business and you or your employees will sign the coupon and verify the visit. Many cash prizes up to \$1000 will be awarded at the final event.

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2014 CALENDER OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

CHARTER MEETINGS CALENDAR

March 2014

3/9		Board of Directors
4/12	CaFo	Swap Meet
	MoCo	Spring Thaw
4/19		Tri County Swap Meet
4/27	UpCu	Poker Run
5/17	SWSR	Bike Show & Swap Meet
5/23-25		Liberty Rally
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
7/19	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 TeV	Va/UpCu	Wine Run
10/4	RoCo	In Memory Ride
10/12	UpCu	Poker Run
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It is with a very heavy heart that I write about the death of a wonderful friend and valued freedom fighter. Glen Fengstad was the Vice Chair of NCOM and I had known him for 20 years. Glen was active in ABATE of Montana and lived in Lethbridge, Alberta. He rode his bike all over Canada and the USA fighting for bikers rights and I was proud to know him. He always had a kind word and a hug whenever I saw him and it makes me sad to know I have lost a beloved friend and sadder to know that this world has lost a dedicated freedom fighter.

GBNF - condolences to Glen's family.

Riding forever with friends.

Angel



Next Meeting: Tuesday, Mar 4, 2014, 7:00, Golden Nugget, Carthage

January Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:15. Pledge was led by Jeff Parker.

Secretary read the minutes from the last meeting, they were approved.

The treasury report was given and we discussed the bills from the Christmas party and the pledge. All approved. We had 10 members and 3 visitors attended the meeting, our meeting was held off a week due to bad weather and Jimmy Young's mother's funeral. Please send him your prayers.

Activities report was given by Carol; she talked about the activities from the other charters. She also discussed the swap meet in April. We also talked about getting our new and present members to be more active in the charters activities. Plans were made about attending the legislative meeting in Nashville in March.

Also in other news the Lost Dawg band will be coming to the Golden Nugget on Feb.15th for the Valentine's party.... (Jeff's b-day)come on out ... Meeting adjourned @ 8:00....

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN

Next Meeting: Thursday, Mar. 20, 2014 7:00, VFW Hall

KNOXVILLE

Next Meeting: Sunday, Mar 23, 2014, 1:00, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson

MONTGOMERY

7 February 2014

Meeting came to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: 15 Guests in attendance: 1

Jesse -

Still have raffle tickets for the grill that will be given to that lucky winner at the Spring Thaw Poker Run in April. Sell as many as you can Remember they are \$5 ea or 5 for \$20.

The flyer is on the web page for the Spring Thaw. If you have problems printing it, let me know and I will print some for you. Will print some to display around Clarksville. This years patch is a better design and looks good.

Don't forget about the BWC Swap meet this Sunday, 9 February and the Clarksville Speedway. We will have a table as we do every year. Last year was rainy and miserable but a good turn out. This year will possibly be cold and a good turn out as well.

Still have members that are having problems with not getting newsletters either hard copy or email. I will take it up at the board meeting in March and see what we can do to get it fixed.

Everyone wished Ken and Ariel a Happy Birthday and cards were presented.

Tamara motioned to adjourn, Ashley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

\\Original Signed\\
Jesse Henne
Director



Next meeting: Sunday, Mar. 2, 2014, 2:00, Skully's

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 18, 2014, 7:00, One Stop Bar

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting: Monday, Mar. 3, 2014, 7:00, Sagebrush

Next Meeting: Sunday, Mar. 16, 2014, 1:30, Senior Center

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 4, 2014, 7:00, Piggy

The Robertson County CMT Abate minutes for our meeting of February 4, 2014. We would like to thank The Pit for the homemade chili and chips buffet tonight.....it was delicious! Destiny was slinging us the cold ones tonight!

First let me state that our January meeting was just a handful of people due to all the holidays falling together and everyone traveling to visit with their family's. We wish everyone a happy and wonderful 2014!

Treasurer, Treva Garrison called the meeting to Order and lead us in the Pledge. Samantha lead us in the Prayer. (attendance tonight approximately 24 people).

Treva announced that Roland isn't present tonight because his wife, Vicky has had surgery today. We certainly wish her a speedy recovery! Assistant Director, Tim wasn't present due to work. Secretary, Pamela announced that she has received a thank you letter by email from President, Ann Mayes of the GreenRidge Civitan, thanking us for our donations for the toys-for-tots drive on November 16, 2013. Ms. Mayes you are so welcome......we loved doing it and look so forward to how we can help this year. Pamela handed out that letter email for everyone. Also, everyone checkout the photo's that was posted in our January and February news letter.

Treasurer, Treva announced great numbers! Activities, Samantha announced that the New Years Kick Off party was such a success and a load of fun. Everyone be sure to check your news letter for upcoming events. Membership, Kathy wasn't present......girl your working entirely to hard....we missed you! Legislative, Marlin came in later and nothing to announce. There is a Legislative Meeting scheduled in Robertson County on March 4, 2014. Everyone is invited to attend.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Treva's mother......for her a speedy recovery. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jeff Taylor and his family for the loss of his cousin. Our Charter sent flowers.

Well our meeting was short and sweet. Thank you Doc for your donation tonight to our Downbikers Fund!

A Motion to Adjourn was made $\dots 2^{nd}$ was made and Samantha announced all right we have a Motion, a 2^{nd}all in Favor any opposed NOPE...meeting adjourned!

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

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU FOLKS BUT I AM SO READY FOR SOME WARM WEATHER AND SUNSHINE TO BE ABLE TO GET OUT AND RIDE OUR BIKES.....MOTHER NATURE IT IS TIME TO TURN UP THE WEATHER TEMP.....LOL LET'S RIDE!

The Smith/Wilson/Stones River meeting of February 2^{nd} was called to order by Kim. The pledge was led by David followed by Vern leading us in prayer. All officers present except PR Communications. There were 31 members present and 4 visitors in attendance. Kim welcomed all. Visitors, Preacher and his wife Ms. Audrey were recognized. He thanked all for past rodeo help on his behalf and in appreciation presented our charter with a plaque. Charter agreed to work their rodeo again this year the first weekend in August (August 2^{nd}). He also welcomed us all for Sunday services at 2 PM at their church out back of clubhouse. Sharon thanked everyone for thoughts and support with illness and loss of her mother.

Secretary report: Given and approved with one change. Motion was made to move our April meeting of April 6th to Mark's place (rodeo site) and change the time to 12 noon with an Easter Egg hunt following the meeting. Motion carried.

THE APRIL 6 MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 12 NOON – LOCATION IS AT RODEO SITE!!!

Treasury Report: Given and approved.

Legislative: Bullit talked about the latest bike fatality. A guy from FL hit black ice. He also said be alert for deer. David suggested a safety officer position. Kim discussed our Lobby day of March 11. Group discussion followed. She read Dean Lucas's column aloud that recommended reaching out to your legislators.

Membership: Leslie read renewals and the State membership trophy's headlights shone brightly!!! January belated birthday to Nicole. February birthdays are Teresa VanHook the 4th, Steve O the 5th, Linda Rutan the 8th, David Marlin the 10th, Sharon Jones the 12th, Resa Cooper the 18th and Kim Marlin the 26th! Happy Birthday everyone!

Activities: Tommy said the storage building was a work in progress. It was agreed to work on it every weekend starting February 15th 9 AM until? We will cancel if it rains. Group discussion followed. Current events were covered.

Products: Teresa said she has pre-ordered S/W/SR long sleeve shirts and they are now available. Get with her.

Old Business: Flyers are available for the Destiny Harvey Memorial Ride/Benefit Auction. The Vietnam Vets want to help with the Christmas for the Vets again this year. Motion carried to designate Steve as charter shutter bug. Group discussion over Joseph Storehouse. Preacher was invited.

New Business: Statewide poker run books are off to a slow start. Sign up deadline extended to March BOD. We only had 7 sign ups as of the date of the Kick off party. A motion was made to up the biker bucks from \$40 to \$100 for road-side trash pickup. Our Veteran representative Chris discussed the Wounded Warrior program and also Biker 4 Hero's was touched on by Cowboy Bob. Kim will investigate and bring back info to the March meeting. Duck will be bringing info back before summer over Driver Ed classes in schools. Motion to adjourn at 4:05 PM...

Later.....Ruth

Next Meeting: Thursday, Mzar. 20, 2014, 7:00, VFW Hall

TENNESSEE VALLEY

Next Meeting: Sunday, Mar. 16, 2014, 2:00, Call for Location Mark (Yog) 423-570-0250

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Meeting called to ordered.

Pledge.

Officers Report:

Membership Report: Renewals reviewed.

Treasury Report: no expenses.

<u>State Legislative Report:</u> Legislative report per Yog Change on Legislative Day reviewed. Date now set for February 26th

Events report: Dates for charter events updated. April 20th Fun Run July 27th Motorcycle Awareness Ride, Will start to sell our gun raffle tickets in April that will be drawn at the Motorcycle Awareness Ride in July.

State wide Poker Run need sponsors still needed. Members encouraged to beat the bushes. Forms and 2012 booklets handed out to use as samples.

Meeting adjourned:

Next Meeting: February 16th meeting will be at Slick's Burgers.

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

UPPER CUMBERLAND

Next Meeting: Sunday, Mar. 2, 2014, Gearheads, Cookeville Call for Details, Ron 931-879-3899

February 2, 2014

Dave led us in the Pledge, Ron opened meeting at 12:20 p.m. at Just One More Bar.

Secretary Report: Heather was unable to attend so she asked Trina to take the minutes. January minutes were waived.

11 Members and 6 guests were in attendance.

2 new members: Dan Ritchie and Aaron Patton.

Treasure Report: Dean, bank account discussed. MFR reports are in.

Legislative Report: Dean talked about the helmet bill. Lobby day is March 25th. Time and place to meet will be discussed at March meeting.

Activities: Still have fun run sponsor sheets for sale, due in at the April meeting. NO LATER!

Ron talked to Liberty Rally Committee. We need either a new date or location, no later than March meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: Trisha Catron's wedding date is set for Sept 16th (Mermaids daughter)

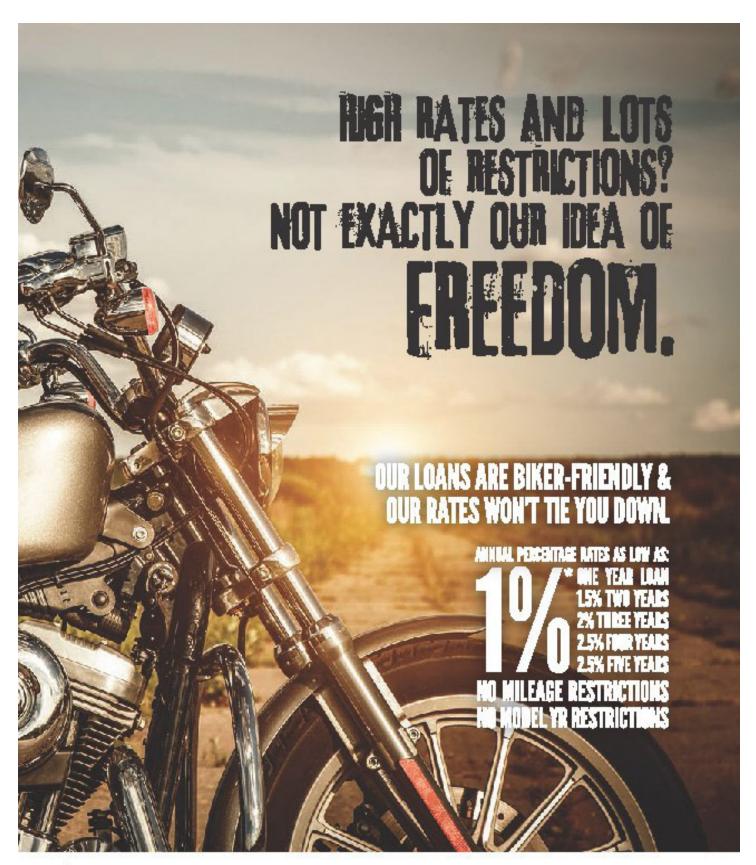
Meetings;

March 2nd - Gearheads, Cookeville April 6th - My Place Bar, Sparta May 4th - Poe's Dinner Bill, Cookeville

Thank you Just One More for having us.

Ron motion to adjourn, Johnny Angel 2nd, Dismissed

Ride Safe and Free, Trina Goodsell Mermaid





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WHEELS OF THUNDER

February 7, 2014

Director Bob Celmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Joy made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes and to accept them as posted on the website and emailed out. Papa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Minutes can be found on our website, www.wheelsofthunder.us, under the meeting date.

We had 7 members and 1 guest at tonight's meeting.

Director's Statement -

- -The MRF sustaining membership (\$100) has been paid.
- -The Wheels of Thunder Charter pledge to the state (\$150) has been paid.
- -We do not have the December BOD minutes. Hopefully we will have them by our March meeting.
- -The website for the state is being moved. Our charter website has already been moved.
- -Time to pass out ballots for elections! Congratulations and thank you to those elected! Here are the results:

Director – Bob C., Membership– Joy, Activities– Papa D., Sgt. of Arms – Steve B., Webmaster – Bob C., Secretary – Joy, Safety and Ed. – Mike S., PR– Dee Sweeney, and Right of Way Watchdog – Al (Jellybean)

Activities -

Toy Run – LeBonheur will be sending a representative or two to our March meeting to discuss ideas of how the money raised can best be used for the patients.

Legislative Run – April 19th – Ride to eat plus \$5 discount on all

new memberships. Lynn looked into our previous choices of locations. Based on results we will go to Shelby Forrest for cookout then ride to Fort Pillow. Depart from Fort Pillow at your own leisure – no organized return. Registration and eating noon-2:00 pm. KSU at 2:00. \$15 pp includes ride, hamburger/hotdog meal with chips and drink. Those helping prep and cook should be there at 10:00 a.m. Ron has volunteered to bring cooking trailer. Lynn will reserve a pavilion/shelter and will also make flyers.

Ride to Meet – May 3 (rain date May 10th) – Registration 8-9 a.m. at Kroger in Atoka. KSU at 9:00 then ride to Strawberry's located at 107 Main Street in Holcomb, MO 63852. \$5 discount on all new memberships. Bob will ask Dale B. to contact Kroger.

Legislative -

-Much discussion about "Black Box" event recorder in cars and on motorcycles. They record things like: speed and whether or not a seatbelt was used, etc... They will be in most 2015 vehicles.14 States protect privacy and ownership rights to information recorded by "black box". U.S. bills would protect those rights nationwide (S1925, HR2414). Tennessee bills also introduced (SB 2241/HB 1749). We need to write more letters and talk to our elected officials.

News and Announcements – Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics was Feb 1, 2014. It was a huge success. SCMC Sweetheart poker run will be this weekend. Starts at The Crossing and end at Gunny's.

MAC meeting next Tuesday.

Traveling wall is coming again – need to get the date. Al made a motion to adjourn. Lynn seconded the motion and passed unanimously. We're outta here! 8:01!!!!

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Members

Welcome New Members!

DHH	Ronnie Lewis
MoCo	James Yettaw
MuCi	Jerry Evans
MuCi	Joan Casteel
MuCi	Brenda Mitchell
Nash	Bryan Smith
RoCo	Brick Abrams
RoCo	Caleb Starks
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