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Spreading the Word... Look Twice. Save a Life!



Look Twice Save A Life Presentation in Celina, TN
Rep Kelly Kiesling, Mayor Willie Kerr & Upper Cumberland Charter's Lynn Greenwood.



Look Twice Save A Life Program Begins In Cumberland City with Mayor Vaughn (in patriotic shirt.)



Mayor EG Clark of Houston County (at far right) accepts signs for Look Twice Program

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Don't Miss It!!

**2012 Southern Thunder
Rally**

August 24-26

**** NEW Cookeville Location ****
See page 13 for more info!!

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Charter

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Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin	931-879-3899	1 st Sunday * Call for Details
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer www.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com	901-465-7381	1 st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

At the last Board of Directors meeting, we were scheduled to elect a new State Secretary. We had one person submit a resume. It was Michael Sweeney from the Wheels of Thunder Charter. He was a professional culinary who really believed in what this organization was doing. I was really looking forward to working with him.

One week before the election, he had his right of way violated. I was at the Memphis meeting in June and they said there was a witness. The observer said that the other driver did run the red light. Of course, he is claiming that the biker ran the light and hit him. We will definitely be following this case to see how it comes out.

When they got Michael to the hospital, they didn't think he would survive. A few days later, they sent him home. The healing powers of the motorcycling community continue to amaze the medical profession. I called Memphis several times to try and get an update on his condition. Unfortunately, I was unable to get any clear answers. We all wish Michael a speedy recovery, and hope he is back with us soon.

Thank You,
Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE State Director
931-761-8038.



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Associate \$15 _____

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“TO THE HILL!”

To the Hill!!!

The way our organization is set up, the Legislative Director provides two essential services to the membership and motorcycle community as a whole. I'd like to describe these to everyone and then throw my hat in the ring to serve this vital capacity in next month's election.

A lot of people will presume that the Legislative Director serves only to go to the Capitol and lobby for or against legislation according to our mission statement. This is true in part but there is a lot more that has to go on behind the scenes in order to enjoy some relevant success during the short legislative session.

The Lobbyist side of the Legislative Director (LD) role needs to rally the membership to begin thinking about what kind of legislation we would like to support long before the upcoming session. In our Legislative Committee we also discuss issues that have come up in other states and agree on position statements if we find ourselves in similar circumstances.

It is the LD's responsibility to coordinate and facilitate these meetings of the Legislative Committee. The LD also has to provide minutes of these meetings and report to the full Board.

And it is vitally important that the LD step into this role more as a servant to their committee than a dictator or ruler. Much like an elected government official, our LD is picked to represent the best interests of Tennessee motorcyclists as a whole. Those willing and determined members who take an active part in that decision process don't want to sacrifice a valuable day to sit and hear how this organization is going to proceed. They want to play a crucial part in that decision process.

The LD is also left to the mercy of those committee members whose position did not win the majority vote. There are a lot of people skills involved in successfully filling the position.

Only then can the elected LD proceed to represent the best interests of the Tennessee motorcycling community in continuity of our mission statement as the 'official' lobbyist. But they've got to get started no later than the 1st of December because time is critical to secure sponsors for any bills we hope to make into good law.

The other vital role that the LD provides to Tennessee Motorcyclists is that of an "information officer". The LD having been at the Capitol and at the pulse of its membership is going to have a good idea of which incumbent candidates running for re-election supported our many positions and which opposed.

With every even numbered year playing host to an election process, this is a critical role. In the same turn, it should not be the LD's place to tell individual members how to vote or which candidate charters should support. It is clearly the LD's role to say "this is what I know".

A Legislative Director should welcome any and all who wish to participate in the grassroots lobby for motorcyclist's issues. In the same turn, that LD should also be strong enough to encourage and

direct those individuals in the protocol expected at this highly esteemed venue as well as strict adherence to the directives of the Legislative Committee.

Now that you've read all this, you've got to be thinking "This gal is crazy to want this job!"

Yes, I am crazy about this job. I am a self-described political science 'geek'. I have been going to my Capitol since before I can remember.

My 'affliction' could be inheritance I suppose; a DNA strand from my mother who regularly took me and my brother to the Capitol to meet with our Representative or Senator about one issue or another that was THAT important to her. Or maybe I just caught a bug. Regardless, I love participating in the very act that our founding fathers intended I be able to perform: holding representation accountable to the desires of their constituency.

After my husband and I planted in central Tennessee, I started attending the Capitol in 2003 when Wayne Shaub was our devoted Legislative Director. I had been a member of ABATE in Florida and Indiana but never took it beyond the level of writing or calling my representation due to a lack of disposable time.

During these past years participating as a constituent and even team member, I have dreamed for this opportunity to become available. If the position was open, I was unable to commit. When I was able to commit, the position was filled so I supported that Director.

I am very grateful that the Board had the confidence to vote me in to fill Scott's huge shoes. It is my sincere hopes that the Board will again place their confidence in me to continue the ground work we have enjoyed (and only because of those who lead before me). But even if not elected, I will still gladly serve who ever this Board directs to lead this organization.

With that all said and done, let me get back to fulfilling my responsibility as the current Legislative Director...

Thomas Jefferson said *"An injured friend is the bitterest of foes."* I would like to encourage our membership to keep this close to heart when it comes to this campaign trail. Whoever is elected to the position of LD will have to deal with potential burnt feelings. Any incumbent who felt specifically targeted for doom by motorcyclists but survived to win their election fits that potential. You know who you are. Please, PLEASE tread very carefully!

And my final point was also authored by Thomas Jefferson. *"Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you."*

This organization was not created for the next big party. We are a grassroots political organization. What does grassroots mean? FEET ON THE GROUND!!!

What are you doing to friend candidates in open positions for election? What are you doing to support incumbents running in heated primary battles seven days after this publication to retain their seat representing YOU at the Capitol?

What have YOU done for YOU lately?
We are Patriots. We ride and we VOTE!

Rhonda Rae Williams

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Property Inspected



Last week we met the realtor to look at some land. It was a farm over in Granville. For the thirty nine acres they were asking Seventy four thousand, nine hundred (\$74,900). It was rolling hill country with three structures. A house, a shed,

and a barn. There was even a spring and a creek on the place.

If you hear of any property that might be suitable for our organization, please let me know about it. Ill go check it out. My home phone is 931-761-8038.

Dean

NEWS FOR STATEWIDE POKER RUN -- RIDE AND WIN!

Poker run Books are still available for the Statewide Poker Run. **Over \$1000 in prize money!**

Plenty of time to ride & get coupons signed to qualify!

Contact Bette Stewart 615-579-6035 or Kevin Chapnick 615-804-4426 to get yours through the mail or at a meeting!

Occasionally, for several different reasons, Coupons become **FREE** credits, and it is impossible or unnecessary to actually get the coupon signed at the location. So far this year, these are the coupons that are **FREE** credits:

**April 21 Swapmeet
May 5 Liberty Rally
Silverado's Rivergate
Martins Hardware Floor Service**

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2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

AUGUST 2012

8:11 MoCo Second Annual Blood Run
8:24,25,26 **Southern Thunder Rally**
NEW LOCATION: June Bug Rally Site

SEPTEMBER 2012

9:7,8,9 SmWi State Point Rodeo
9:9 Board of Directors meeting
9:14,15,16 WOT Bash
9:15 CaFo Fun Run
9:15 MuCi Toy Run
9 14-15 Blue Hole Nitro Blast
9-22 PiRi Senior Ride

OCTOBER 2012

State Rodeo Finals
10:6 State Rodeo Finals
10:13 CaFo Houli at the Moon Toy Run
10:27 DHH 25th Annual Toy Run

NOVEMBER 2012

11:3 RoCo Memory Ride
11:4 SmWi Toy Run and Chili Cook Off
11:10 DHH Toy Run
11:17 RoCo Toy Run

DECEMBER 2012

12:1 Sum Food Drive
12:8 Legislative Retreat
12:8 WOT Toy Run
12:9 Board of Directors
12:15 MuCi Christmas Party

Board Of Director's

September 9, 2012

1:00pm CST

VFW Post 9851

73 New Shackle Island Rd
Hendersonville, TN



CHARTER MEETINGS CALENDAR

August 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 WOT	2	3 CF
4 SMW UPCU MUSCTY	5 NE MON	6 ROB	7 BUF	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 TV SR PIN RIV	19 NE	20 NASH	21	22 DHH SUM	23	24
25 KNOX	26	27	28	29	30	



DENIM SHIRTS

Charter Directors, don't forget about getting your denim shirt info to me ASAP. I'd like to get them ordered in time to get them by the September B.O.D. If you need the info again, just give me a shout and I'll get it to you as quickly as I can.

Thanks for your cooperation,

Faith Hawkins, Products Director,

615-415-3236

Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, pictures etc to editor@cmtabate.com no later than the 12th of month prior to when you would like information to appear.

NEWS & EVENTS
(Mark Your Calendars)



Upper Cumberland Visits Jellico Welcome Center
L to R: Jason, Dale, Lee and Dave



Ride to Cambell County / Jellico Welcome Center to deliver Litter Bags



Look Twice Sign Presentation in Clay County, Celina, TN
Front L to R Trina, Lee, Lynn & Mayor Willie Kerr
Back L to R: Rep Kelly Kiesling, Dean, Dave & Ron

Upper Cumberland CMT/ABATE

Dale led us the Pledge; run opened meeting at 12:25pm at Boondocks.

Secretary report: Trina—suspended reading June minutes. New Members: Cory and Robin Dibbern. July Bdays: Russel Garret. 8 members present. Renewals for August: Don't Expire. Re-up. Kelly Flowers, Lee Goodsell, Patsy Slaven, Russel Garrett. Tresury Report: Dean—Financial report given.

Activities report: Lee—July 7, Piney River POW Ride; July 21, DHH Canoe Poker Run; July 28, Caney Fork Benefit Ride for Terry Presly. Anyone wanting to ride, meet at Hawg Barn, Kickstands up at 10am. July 22, Upper Cumberland Ride for Pickett Co. , Regisltration at 1:30 pm, kickstands up at 2:15pm. Fellowship & Food at Big Springs Bar & Grill after the ride \$10 a bike or car. Meet at Welcome Center Hwy 111, Byrdstown.

New Business: A get well card was sent to Sue Sloan. She fell and broke her left hip. We all wish you a speedy recovery. Old Business: Lynn talked about the Look Twice Presentation in Celina on June 20th. Litter bags were delivered in June to the Jellico Welcome Center. We had 7 bikes.

Charter business cards have been ordered. Anyone that needs any can contact Dean. On June 30th , we did a Safety Awareness Campaign at Byrdstown Independence day Celebration. We passed out litter bags with goodies, flyers and trifolds. The highlight of the evening was when Deputy of Mayberry, Barney Fife gave us a citation for a illegal assembly with the Mayor Chris Thompson. We all had fun Meetings:

August 5: Obed Hideaway Geniss Rd. Crossville, Cookout after meeting.

September 2: Red Barn, Livingston

October 7: Ralphs Donus, Cookeville

Thank you Boondocks for having us. Great Food. Meeting Adjourned.

Ride Safe and Free

Trina Goodsell (MERMAID)



THE AIM/NCOM MOTORCYCLE E-NEWS SERVICE

edited for space availability
--Carol Simpson, PR/Communications

NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES
Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,
National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

CONGRESS PASSES FEDERAL HIGHWAY BILL

The Highway Bill, HR 4348: MAP-21, has cleared both chambers of Congress and is expected to be signed into law soon by President Obama. The 600-page \$120 billion federal funding measure reauthorizes funds for transportation projects through 2014, and extends the motorcycle safety grant program to the states amounting to a percentage of each state's federal safety dollars that must be spent on rider education and awareness campaigns.

Despite considerable lobbying by motorcyclists, language from HR 904 to block funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints was not included in the final passage due to technical germaneness issues, but on the flipside no provisions were adopted in the bill that would negatively impact motorcycling.

EPA OFFICIALLY APPROVES E15 FOR SALE IN THE U.S.

Putting E15 (a mixture of 15% ethanol and 85% gasoline) on sale in the U.S. has been all but official since April, when the Environmental Protection Agency approved the first applications to make E15. Now, "all but official" has become official, with the EPA giving approval for retailers to start selling the controversial biofuel, which many claim can damage smaller engines such as motorcycles and ATVs and void manufacturers' warranties.

RHODE ISLAND RIDERS GET DESIGNATED PARKING

A new Rhode Island law will require all state and municipal buildings to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles from April to November. The legislation, sponsored by Senator John J. Tassoni Jr. (D-Smithfield) and State Representative Peter John Petrarca (D-Lincoln), was recently approved by the General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Lincoln D. Chafee (I).

The legislation dictates that city and town officials create parking plans by this November for parking areas at municipal buildings and mandates that the new parking spaces, marked by appropriate signage, be made available by April 1, 2013. All state, city, or town buildings must establish a motorcycle parking plan by November, with the number and placement of the motorcycle parking spaces varying by building, and to be determined by the number of employees who use motorcycles. The law does not apply to state airport parking lots.

NOVELTY HELMETS OUTLAWED IN CANADA

A new provincial law announced by the Ministry of Justice requires motorcyclists in British Columbia to wear helmets that show proper industry certification, such as Snell or a U.S. Dept. of Transportation sticker.

The law takes effect in July on Canada Day, and until now motorcyclists could wear anything that was sold as a motorcycle helmet, including so-called "novelty" models that are smaller,

lighter and lack protective inner padding. "Many members of biker gangs and their followers wore such helmets," noted the Maple Ridge News in announcing the policy change.

"A lot of the Hells Angels guys...they will wear the fake helmets, as well," RCMP Constable Tom Sparks told the newspaper. Once the helmet law is enforced, \$138 tickets will be handed out. In addition to a ticket, riders

Sgt. Dale Somerville added that police aren't targeting any particular segment of riders, but if there's a group that uses non-legal helmets more often, they'll get stopped more often.

FREEDOM IN THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

New Mexico is one of 31 states that do not require adults to wear helmets, and that's not likely to change says KRQE-News13, noting that "Motorcycle rider rights organizations are working diligently to keep it that way not because they don't want people to wear helmets but because they want people to be able to decide for themselves."

"Too many people are dying on our roads and all I'm asking is for people to look out for motorcyclists," said Annette Torrez, Chair of the NM Motorcycle Riders Rights Organization. "I don't want legislation telling me whether I should or shouldn't wear a helmet," said Torrez, who was recently recognized for her efforts at the annual NCOM Convention with a Silver Spoke Award.

It's been about a decade since an adult helmet law was last introduced in the state legislature, and lawmakers told the news agency that is because the idea is always met with angry opposition not only from motorcycle groups but other lawmakers too. "There's always individuals that you're seeing here that come up to Santa Fe and institute their rights and say you know what, we really don't want to see it and these are individuals who wear helmets on a regular basis," said NM State Representative Rick Miera (D-Bernalillo County), a longtime rider and member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF).

MOTORCYCLE SALES REV UP

Cycle sales have fired up since the recession's effects have waned, according to new data from Sageworks Inc., a financial information company. Sales at motorcycle and ATV dealers are up nearly 16% over the last 12 months, including used bike sales, and profitability has improved from near-breakeven in 2009 to nearly 3% profit margins, Sageworks' data shows.

Sageworks analyst Robb Granado said sales are stronger at both dealers and manufacturers. "The fact that we see the retailers doing well shows it is actual end-user demand," he said. "That's a positive story for both the future of both the retailers and the manufacturers."

Their analysis is bolstered by Motorcycle Industry Council numbers that reflect first-quarter industry sales of new units rose 8.8%, aided by higher gasoline prices and unseasonably warm weather across much of the country.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "There are four boxes to be used in the defense of liberty: soap, ballot, jury and ammo. Please use in that order." ~originally attributed to S.C. Senator Stephen Decatur Miller, c. 1830

D/H/H

Charter Minutes July Meeting

In a short and sweet meeting, 15 souls said the pledge to our Flag. Assistant Director Pimp E Lee gave us a prayer and started the show. Director Bub and Treasurer Lil John absent, Pimp took off on business by asking Cycledellic Mark to tell us what he knew which was that He and Becky had talked to John Tidwell and he is going to Ride and lead the D/H/H 25th Annual Toy Run in October! He will also try to attend the NitroBlast in Sept or the State Finales. They said that Mr. Tidwell may be at our next meeting! Far Our! We will be getting ready

for that meeting! Before Mark could sit down Beefy presented him his Merit Patch from Rhonda, for Outstanding Members doing legislative work. Take a big ole drink to Cycledellic Mark!

Mark and Becky also got American Motorsports in Dickson to put up a "Look Twice" sign. We need to get Advertisers in ou News letter. Everyone ask a place you go to if they would advertise in our paper! It's Easty! With No membership person or WWW pot person—Cathy and Kathie B have jumped into those spots. Thanks too much girlz! A product person is also needed.

Beefy went over BOD, then went over the events. First Take a big old drink to George Goad of Blinker

Lite Port A Johns. He donated 2 poopers for us to use at the Points Rodeo. Thanks Man! The Canoe Poker Run is July 21st, that is too much fun. We'll ride over to Clarksville in August and Blue Hole Nitro Blast in September. Welcome to Phillip "Greg A" Dungeon, Derek "Fat Boy" Hinson and "Soup" Cambell. When is your membership up? Don't Xpire—Re-up Man! Check out our WWW and Bookface thang! Don't for the D/H/H Hotline 615-430-7931. 50/50 done and won by Bill Brewer. Nuff said, We Scattered. , That's all from me

BEEFY

Cuzin Zip Says: Humidity Built the Snowman, Sunshine brought him down. Be Kool!



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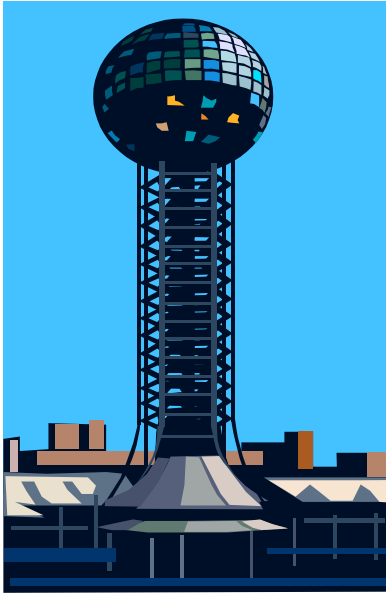


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KNOXVILLE CHARTER MEETING MINUTES June 24, 2012

Spencer:

Meeting called to Order at 1:00 pm

Pledge & Prayer

On Saturday, June 30th, Knoxville Charter will be giving out awareness info at the

Hartford Welcome Center on I40/446 between 12 and 1:00 pm. We have a T-shirt for Mr. Pruitt (423-487-3258) and others participating.

Discussion on the Silverado's discrimination issue and our Poker Run Books.

If you want a copy of the CMT/ABATE Operations Procedure Manual – ask Spencer.

Angel: NCOM REPORT: Discussion and update on NCOM issues (anti-profiling) agenda and motorcycle only roadblocks. Discussion regarding the new AIM attorney for Tennessee.

Legislative Report: Asked members to identify and collect info on legislators in their voting area (incumbents and new candidates) and get the info to Angel.

Carl: Treasury Report: We withdrew funds to send Angel to the Legislative meeting on June 8th and the BOD meeting on June 9th. This required an overnight stay in Nashville and at the request of the State Legislative Director, this was approved. Spencer also requested that the Charter pay for Angel's CMT/ABATE membership (\$20) to help cover the cost of travel to CMT/ABATE required functions as the Charter Legislative Director. Motion by June – Second by Bill to accept the treasury report. Approved.

Old Business: Motion by Angel – Second by June to continue to suspend any pledges to the State CMT/ABATE and table the issue to be brought up in December 2012.

New Business: Spencer suggested we participate in a Knoxville Charter fundraising event at Papa Murphy's wherein we would meet and greet people coming in to Papa Murphy's and we would get a percentage of the sales at a specific register set up for us to calculate the percentage. The money earned at this event will go into the Charter treasury.

Motion by Bill – Second by June to try this event and see how it works out. Approved.

Dean Lucas: Discussion on the STR and the Dickson/Humphries Points Rodeo.

Welcome new member: Anjel Anderson. Welcome Guests from Upper Cumberland.

If you want Poker Run Books (\$10.00 each) – contact Carl at 313-378-7450

Meeting adjourned at: 2:00 pm . Next meeting is: July 22, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by: Angel



Knoxville Charter at the Welcome Center in Hartford, TN on June 30, 2012.

Meeting Agenda July 15, 2012

Welcome to all who attended! Total of 13 attendee's. Thanks to members from Music City and Upper Cumberland for their attendance and Dean Lucas, our State Director. Attendance was down due to several factors: riding weather and funeral visitation that was lining up to ride at 4: 45 for the past HOG chapter member, Jeff Argo.

Pledge of Allegiance-led by Leon Lightburne.

Look Twice Save a Life Signs: Still working on Smyrna and Lavergne. Awaiting city managers to approve.

Recent Activities:

Ladies garage Party at Bumpus: June 21st- Thanks to Tricia Millar, Missy White, and Teresa Hemphill for attending the booth. We passed out litter bags, stickers, key chains, flyers and wrist bands to 68 ladies who attended.

Litter Bag Delivery: July 7th– Our morning started with a benefit breakfast at Sloan's, benefitting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. This is a great way to give support and have a great breakfast at the same time. The cost: \$4 donation. Then we rode to Ardmore-6 Bikes and a support vehicle driven by Denise. Thanks to Missy White, Tricia Millar, Denise and Leon Lightburne, Leon Jr., Troy Leverette, Ed Bennett, Teresa and Denny Hemphill for taking the time and riding on such a hot day! A special Thanks goes to Leon and Leon Jr. for leading the group and getting us there safely! We passed out key chains, gave the Welcome center attendants T-shirts and passed out litterbags and stickers. Our charter will get \$200 from CMT/ABATE grant fund for this endeavor!

Rodeo with Smith Wilson Charter: September 7/8/9 weekend- We will be hosting the rodeo with Smith Wilson charter. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Gates open Friday at 6pm for camping-camping available Fri/Sat night. Restroom/showers available. Gates open Saturday at 9am. Crossroads band starts at noon on Saturday. Bike show 12-2 , entry \$5 per bike-1,2,3 place trophy to be given. Bike games start 1-2 pm, with winners of bike show announced after bike games. There will be food vendors for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. We need vendors-if anyone has ideas for vendors, please let me know. If you can make arrangements for the vendor to participate, then do so! Cost for vendor is \$20 with 2 admissions given.

Poker Run Books: They are \$10 dollars each. Please support CMT/ABATE and purchase a book or two. We have many local sponsors in the book. Please support our local sponsors!

Treasurers Report: none given-Richard was absent.

Membership Report: 41 members to date

Legislative Report: Denise Lightburne: Discussed the importance of voting and getting out there and get to know your representatives. Teresa Hemphill shared with all members present their actual Senator and Representative for their address. Teresa encouraged all to contact their legislators via email, phone call or letter.

Door Prize: won by Leon Lightburne, Jr.

Old Business: none discussed or reported.

Next Meeting: August 19 @4pm at Sloan's. We want to thank Curtis Sloan for allowing us to meet at his business in an awesome meeting room! Thank You Curtis!

Upcoming Events:

July 21: Sloan's Pancake Breakfast: Don't miss this!

July 28: Hawgs for Dawgs: Benefit ride for seeing eye dogs. (Bumpus)

August 24, 25, 26-Southern Thunder Rally: Southernthunderrally.com

September 7/8/9 weekend- Rodeo with Smith Wilson Charter.

Any other business, concerns, questions? None was raised or discussed.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by Teresa Hemphill at 4:30 pm.

Director Emeritus Article

A good Charter Director brings his members the information they need to understand what the organization is trying to accomplish. The Director stresses the positive things that are being accomplished and discusses those things that may need to be done. The worst things a Director can do is b*tch and complain to the charters members about things the Director didn't like at a board meeting or how this or that board member is no good. This type of approach will kill a charter faster than anything else. Members want to belong to an organization that is positive and productive. Stressing the negative to charter members shows the immaturity of the Director. Differences of opinion are not uncommon in any organization. How these are handled is the difference between a successful Director and an unsuccessful one. For instance, instead of saying the board decided to do (X) which is stupid. Instead, there was a long discussion about (X) the board then voted to do it. While we may all not agree that is the discussion. We can certainly bring up ideas to add at the next board meeting. This is positive while stating there were differences. The members of a charter look to the Director for guidance; if the Director is negative the members will be negative and start dropping out.

A positive approach starts at the top with the State Director but unless the charter Directors brings that to their members it is hard to get things done. I am not saying just go along with everything. I am saying that how a Director explains what went on at a state board meeting has a large effect on how their members feel about doing the jobs that needs to be done. Being a charter Director is great training for leadership positions on the board. If your members are having a good time and seeing things get done they will tell others and be willing



to take on charter positions.

We have a lot of different events coming up especially the STR I hope to see you at different events.

Brooklyn Tom
Director Emeritus



Caney Fork Charter *July 7, 2012*

Meeting called to order at 4:02. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Strony. No secretary report. Treasurer's report was given. 26 members and 5 visitors were in attendance.

Canoe Trip July 21, 2012

Benefit for Terry Presley July 28, 2012. Sign up at 10:00 kickstands up 11:00 sharp! Lolly's 342 Lebanon Hwy Carthage, Tn. 615-683-9706

Carol gave her report.

We would like to attend driving schools to make them aware of motorcycles. Nanci will look into getting information for this presentation.

September will start our Food Drive and Toys for our Toy run.

Open Road Motorcycle 57 Cookeville Hwy (70N) Carthage. Mary and Bill Bates owners would like our input on their new shop. Please go check them out.

Terry will check out getting flags for our charter.

Thank you to all who showed up for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 4:47
Next meeting August 4, 2012

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to continue to let us hold our meetings there. We'll focus on CMT/ Abate business and the rest will work itself out.

Jim Edgerton spoke

Meeting was called to order by Wendell @ 2:00pm and Billy led us in the pledge. We had good turnout of 25 members but would like to see more music city members to show up for the meetings! Wendell let us know we have 106 members. If your up for renewal or unsure of your renewal date see Wendell or myself. My contact info is listed at the end of the notes. The treasurer report was also given by Wendell.

STR flyers are out. We would like to thank Cindi "Q-tip" and Rhonda "Lil Sexy" for handing out flyers at Junebug. LOL... sorry girls, had to go there. Flyers were also passed out at Bowling Green. Not sure by who, so a big thank you to all involved. Just a reminder we will be serving breakfast at STR again.

Bob said he thought it would be nice to hand out cold waters to the police officers working traffic and the 4th of July show downtown. It was sure needed with the extreme heat. Great job Bob and all those that helped out.

Bob also brought up the issue of where our meetings will be held. Meetings will be held at Skullys as usual. It was brought to a vote and passed. No one that was there opposed. If you aren't there you can't vote. Skullys has always treated Music City Charter good and has agreed

about a poker run July 14th being put on by the Combat Vets. They are raising money so they can donate special built recumbent bicycles to disabled Iraq and Afghanistan vets. This is to help these soldiers become more mobile in society. The cost of each bike is approx \$800. Billy made a motion that the charter make a monetary donation. Put to a vote and passed. Thank you to all our Vets!!! Also Pam and Jim will be leaving us soon moving to West Virginia for 2 yrs. We wish them well and hope they hurry back!!!

On a sad note, we want to send our thoughts and prayers out to the family and friends of Neil "Red" Bunch. He will be missed. We also want to wish Chris Sylvis a speedy recovery after his bike accident.

Please "Look Twice, Save a Life"
Peace and safe riding!!!
Outta here,
Sharon
ss Stout@bellsouth.net
615-696-2690



9 July 2012

Meeting came to order at 7:10 pm.

Members Present:

Jesse Henne-Director
Michelle C. Gardner-Assistant Director
Tamara Henne-Secretary
Deborah Baez
Wally Baez
Ashley Keels
Eduardo Martorony
Agnus Martorony
John Ahlers
Jackie Ahlers
Fran McCarthy

Guests Present:

Chello Gardner
Kevin – Robertson County
Rowland – Robertson County
Tracy
Gary Steel
Pledge of Allegiance.
Jesse –

Who do we back for Representative as a Charter. Nick Steward, Tim Barnes or Mark Green. Early voting 13th-21st of July.

Blood Drive – 12th of August at the American Legion Post 233, in Oak Grove, KY. No run, strictly a blood drive. Drunk Goggle Carnival, games for kids, and food tickets will be on sale.

Lance

Treasury Report – 843.74 at this time.
Blood Drive Patches will be ordered.

Kevin and Rowland presented Montgomery County ABATE with a banner.

7. Tamara motioned to adjourn, John seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

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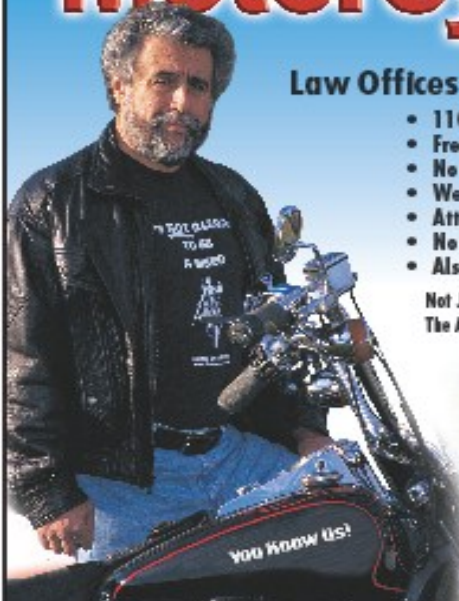
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Tennessee Valley Minutes

7/ 15/12

Meeting called to order
Pledge recited

Officers Report:

Membership Report:

Memberships holding in the 50's

Treasury Report: Expenses gift
card for raffle bought \$500.00.

Darren compensated for cost to
tickets \$62.47

State Legislative Report:

Legislative report reviewed per
Scott.

Events Report: Next charter
event will be the Motorcycle
Awareness Ride Sunday July
29th. Starts at Hooters 2:00pm
Will promote ride on face book
State Wide Poker Run booklets
still available

STR flyers handed out.

Other business: Next month a
representative from an insurance
company will pitching his wares.

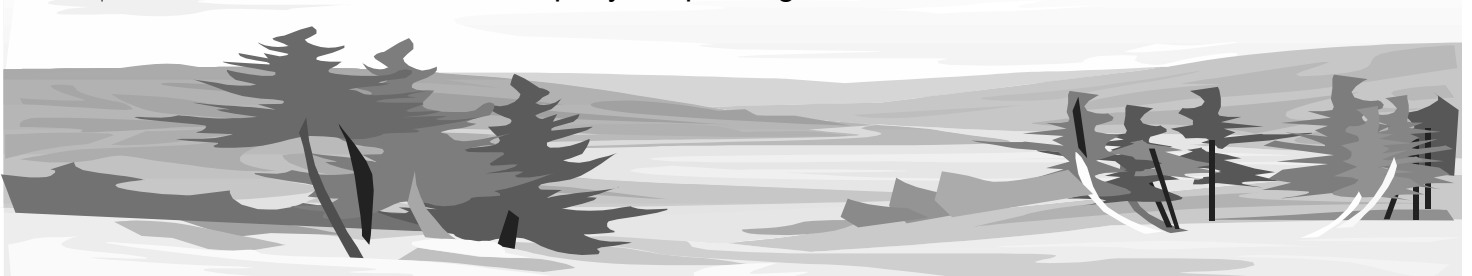
Open Forum: Discussion on
various topics affecting
motorcyclist here and around the
world.

.Meeting adjourned:

Next Meeting: August 19th 2012
will be held at Hooters 2:00pm

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

Yog



Wheels of Thunder

Meeting Minutes

Pancho's Bar and Grill
July 5, 2012

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.

Papa made a motion to waive the reading of last month's minutes and to accept them as posted on the web site. Gary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Minutes can be found on our web site, www.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com, under the meeting date.

Lynn reported our current bank balance, and we reviewed deposits and bills paid for June. We need to consider moving our storage. The price has gone up again.

We had 8 members and 1 guest present at tonight's meeting. We reminded some members of their upcoming renewals. Joy let the group know that Dee is resigning as the membership chair. Everyone shared the sad feelings to hear this news, but understand. Bob asked Jellybean if he would fill in as interim until elections in February. Jellybean accepted.

Director's Statement - Bob announced that we were expecting some special guests. Some of them stopped by earlier and have already left others were unable to attend. Bob gave us a recap of the June BOD:
In regards to the grant program, the \$100K is only a small fraction of the funds available. There is over \$600K in the fund and we should be able to have a say so in how it is spent so that it does not end up in the general fund.
AIM has a new attorney. Gary was updating us on the fact that Sidecar still has their "No Colors" sign up every Wednesday. There are now signs up at Beale Street Bike Night saying "No Colors" allowed. Trying to figure out if public property can be made private and discriminate in such a way. Also, now Dan McGuinness bar in Southaven has up a similar sign. Gary has been trying to reach NCOM attorney and has sent pictures. There is some great information about this type of discrimination on the NCOM website. It is time we unite and fight for our rights. Preacha mentioned the fact that because we are part of an organization and if the patch is part of our uniform we should not be discriminated for this. We can either let attorneys handle it or we can try to get the discrimination statutes changed.

The Ricky Yates bill got passed after an illegal immigrant ran over a biker and we could not hold him and he was able to go free and clear. Now we can hold an illegal immigrant and

prosecute accordingly.

Johann has finished the draft of the standard operating procedures manual if anyone is interested in reviewing it. Silverado's put up a sign about "No Colors" so we refunded their money from the statewide poker run book and told them we could not support them due to this action. Everyone gets that page counted as stamped so that no one has to stop by. The litter bags have been delivered and all the paperwork and pictures have been turned in. The Highway Bill did not get amended to include a prohibition against motorcycle only checkpoints.

Legislation- To reach Jim use this email: political_stuff@cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com
-Discussion about 2 lane checkpoints discriminating against Harley riders.

Activities –

Bash - Lots of details about The Bash were discussed. Jan will play Friday, we will have karaoke Saturday during the day. We need vendors. Malisa is handling the mail out to sponsors – if you have ideas, call Malisa before you deliver any. We are waiting to hear from our food vendor. We will sell raffle tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Let Joy know if you need tickets. The gate sign-up sheet went around for people to sign. We still have some times available. Please let Joy know if you are willing to help at get or in any other capacity. Thanks!

Safety and Ed – Results from the Bob Ward, Look Twice Save a Life Memorial Ride were discussed during the treasury report. Great turn out and raised some money for our sign program.

PR The bus sign is on the bus and riding around the city! Al will start working Bash advertising now that we have a flyer.

Club News and Announcements –

-Joy is going Over the Edge for Special Olympics on August 25th. Everyone invited to come out for the event. All donations welcome.

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Its 8:40 and we're outta here!



Smith Wilson Charter

Meeting of July 1st, 2012 called to order at 2:25 by Kim who also led the pledge. All officers present except: treasurer, activities, and products. There were 19 members and 4 visitors in attendance. Assistant and Director welcomed all, and spoke briefly of upcoming litter bag run. Secretary report—given and approved. Treasurers Report - NA. Legislative Report—Bullit said get out and vote. If not registered come and see me. No colors policy at Silverados Rivergate discussed. State BOD voted to credit Silverados Page in Statewide Poker Run Book as a results. Activities - Group discussion over current events. Kim had a date for Ronald McDonald Run, Sun Oct 7th, 12:00. Flyers available for Sept Rodeo. Motion made, voted on and approved to move Sept 2nd meeting Date (Labor Day Weekend) to September 9th and location to Rodeo site. Group discussion over trash pick up. Tommy will address at next meeting. Membership Jenette welcomed all and July Bdays are: Ben 6th, Vern 10th, Duck 11th, Cory 13th, James 14th, Also renewals still needed. Old Business: Discussion over Tables and chairs and coolers, microphone and amp, and pop-up canopy which resulted in charter will purchase. New business: JC spoke of upcoming VA July 4th event and invited all Motion to adjourn at 3:10 by David. Later, Ruth

Later, **Ruth**.....



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Northeast Charter

On Saturday, June 16, 2012, eighteen motorcyclists representing North East Charter, CMT/ABATE delivered Litter Bags to the Tennessee Welcome Centers at Bristol and Unicoi County. Included in that number were members of Peacemakers, M.C.; Tri-Cities Motorcyclists, M.C.; Rays of the Son, CMA; Mechanized Cavalry; as well as North East Charter members. We were grateful for the assistance of our local motorcycling organizations as well as the beautiful weather that day. *Note from Grant Committee: Many Thanks to Tom Kyner for pulling together this fantastic show of unity!*



Presentation at Bristol



**Assembling in Kmart
Parking Lot**

Presentation at Unicoi





Tennessee Motorcyclist Boosters Gold

Mike Mago exp 11/12
Robertson Co exp 11/12
Hubert McCaleb exp 12/12
Upper Cumberland exp 12/12
Jim Hubbard exp 12/12
Smith Wilson exp 12/12

Bronze

Beefy exp 12/12

Basic

Lee Francis exp 11/12

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

DHH Points Rodeo 6/30/12

Slow Race

1st Eddie Shoulders
2nd CJ
3rd John Adams

Barrel Roll

1st CJ
2nd Eddie Shoulders
3rd John Adams

Ball & Cone

1st John Adams & Michelle Stolzenburg
2nd Eddie Shoulders & Michelle Stolzenburg
3rd Eddie Fravel & Cathy Fravel

Weenie Bite

1st Eddie Shoulders & Michelle Stolzenburg
2nd John Adams & Michelle Stolzenburg
3rd Eddie Fravel & Cathy Fravel

Rodeo Points after 6/30/21

Eddie Shoulders	21
John Adams	12
CJ	5
Corey Willett	3
Scott Dean	3
Eddie Fravel	2
Fruitcake	1
Glenn Stout	1
Ruth Patrick	6
Michelle Stolzenburg	6
Angie Nelson	3
Patches	2
Cathy Fravel	2
Robin Bright	1



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Nashville	\$100	\$600
Northeast	\$7.5	\$45
Piney River	\$5	
Robertson Co.	\$125	\$1593
Smith/Wilson	\$30	\$360
Stones River	\$10	\$10
Sumner		\$600
Tennessee Valley	\$25	
Upper Cumberland	\$25	\$175
Wheels of Thunder	\$10	\$120



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Welcome New Members!

AtLa	Randal Creel	BuRi	Shaina Morris
AtLa	Am Ankrum	MuCi	Kim Miraldi
MoCo	Agnes Martorony	AtLa	Tim Suggs
MoCo	Benjamin Yettaw	DHH	Richard Holland
Sum	Jack Garrison	DHH	Marilyn Holland
Sum	Linda Garrison	UpCu	Cory Dibbern
SmWi	Steve Greene	UpCu	Robin Dibbern
SmWi	Kathy Rogers	MoCo	Patrick Smith
PiRi	John Forster	MoCo	Andi Smith
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July 2012



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