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James Sullivan (men's winner) being presented his plaque by Asst. Director David Marlin and Kim Marlin (Director) is presenting the women's winner (passenger) plaque to Sarah Lipinski.

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Director's Column

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I just finished reading the latest issue of the MRF Reports. There was an article in there about something I'd never heard of. It's called a VMT tax, and stands for vehicle miles traveled. The federal Government Accountability Office released a feasibility study on it in 2012. They say the fuel tax is not bringing in enough money. Of course, federal fuel taxes haven't been raised since 1993, but that would be too easy. And it doesn't help that today's vehicles are more fuel efficient.

So how will they know how far you drive every year? You could just report it when you renew your registration. In the places that have mandatory yearly inspections, they could check it then. Or they could fit everybody with a GPS tracker. Now we're talking. They'll not only know how far you went, but where you went and when you went there. There could be extra fees for entering high traffic areas at peak times. Heaven forbid anyone should want to go downtown during the daytime.

Oregon has been running a pilot program in Portland, and California governor Brown signed SB1077 into law. It created a VMT pilot program in that state. The fuel tax is simple and the system is already in place. There are no added costs to implement something new. The Maryland General Assembly considered a proposal to prohibit any state or local jurisdiction from imposing a VMT tax on private vehicle owners. Wouldn't it be a great idea for Tennessee to follow suit? Perhaps this is worth pursuing this legislative session.

See you on the road.

Dean Lucas

Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE
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We're off like a jug handle into a new year and a new session. I hope the days on the hill are a tad warmer than they have been in Wall Hollow. I couldn't tell you how many times in the past month I have been asked "What bills are we running?" or "How are we doing?" So I reckon this is as good a time as any for an update.

The bill to protect the MREP (Motorcycle Riders Education Program) funds has been well received by everyone in the House and Senate that we have met with so far. Hopefully, the higher ups will understand that we are only trying to see to it that the money is used for its originally intended purpose and not to help balance the State's budget.

The Memorial Ride bill has also been smiled upon by everyone up to this point. Most thought it strange this wasn't already the law across the state. I'm glad that I'm not the only one that thought it disrespectful to wear a hat at a memorial.

Lane splitting and filtering is a hot

topic across the country right now and we are right smack dab in the middle of it with this piece of proposed legislation. Rather than just draft a bill and try to

force it through, we have taken a more sensible approach. We have met with TDOT Chief Engineer Paul Degges and will be doing the same with the Department of Safety before actually writing up a proposal. We all know that a fiscal note will kill legislation quicker than it takes a politician to break a promise, so it seemed appropriate to find out if it is possible to lane split with the current design of our roads. The next step would be to listen to the Department of Safety's opinion on this maneuver. By the time you read this we should have something officially in the works. Yes Virginia, there is a helmet bill. We are still working on the wording and hope to have a final draft within the next couple of weeks. With the current administration an all-out repeal is all but impossible, but we will attempt to modify the existing law.

Here is where I talk to YOU. Since YOU are reading this, YOU are more than likely a member of CMT/ABATE Inc. or at least interested in biker's rights. YOU

have the opportunity to take part in the lobbying process for those rights. The following is a list of charter lobby days and a Day on the Hill. If YOU are a member of another motorcycle organization or club and would like to attend any of these lobby days, feel free to do so, but be so kind as to email me beforehand so that we may assist your group. When it comes to the rights of motorcyclists, we are all the same and CMT/ABATE is your only legislative advocacy organization in the state. Come help us help YOU.

2/12/15 9am Day on the Hill Lobby of Senate and House Chambers

2/18/15 Montgomery Co. and Wheels of Thunder

2/25/15 Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman and Smith-Wilson-Stones River

3/ 4/ 15 Caney Fork and Tennessee Valley and Upper Cumberland

3/11/15 Robertson Co. and Sumner Co.

3/18/15 Northeast and Knoxville and At-large

3/25/15 Music City and Nashville
Remember to call your Senator and Representative ahead of time to schedule an appointment for your particular day. Anyone that wants to come and help Wayne Shaub or myself will be welcome. Just let me know when you are available to help. I can be contacted at themo-torsickledoc@yahoo.com

Editor's Note: All information for the newsletter has to be sent electronically by the 10th of each month or it will not make it into the next edition of the newspaper. It **MUST** also be in electronic format! Please email your submissions to: keeblerg@yahoo.com. Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, *pictures* etc. to keeblerg@yahoo.com. That being said, I am **BIG** on photos, I want more photos not only from events but of our members out there riding!

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.



Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman members, family & friends turned out for the 2015 New Year's Day Blue Balls Hard Nips Run.

Tony Dabbs, CMT/ABATE Legislative Director and Motorcycle Riders Foundation State Representative receives a membership award plaque from the MRF.

State Representative Kelly Keisling from Byrdstown receives a Champion Award from CMT/ABATE at the December Board of Directors Meeting, presented by Legislative Director Tony Dabbs.

Kelly is a Freedom Fighter and a member of Upper Cumberland Charter.



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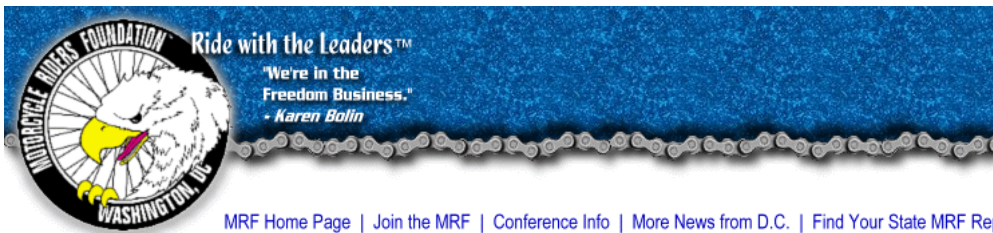
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Bipartisan Senate Bill would Ban Federal Funding for Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints

January 8, 2015

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A bipartisan bill introduced today by U.S. Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine) would prohibit the use of federal funds in establishing motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Specifically, the “Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act” would restrict the Secretary of Transportation from granting funds to any government entity for a program to check helmet use or to create checkpoints for an operator of a motorcycle or a passenger on a motorcycle. The American Motorcyclist Association and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation fully support the bill.

“Motorcycle-only checkpoints are discriminatory, forcing riders and their passengers to do something not asked of other citizens, simply because we choose to travel on two wheels, or three, instead of four,” said Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations. “The AMA believes the money used for these operations could be better spent supporting programs that conduct rider education, reduce distracted driving and encourage motorist awareness of motorcycles.”

“We are excited to work on this most important issue,” said Jeff Hennie, vice president of government relations and public affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. “It is imperative that we end the discriminatory act of motorcycle only checkpoints.”

Motorcycle riders already are subject to state registration, inspection, licensing and helmet laws and must stop at sobriety check points like all other motorists.

The MRF and AMA have fought motorcycle-only checkpoints since the state of New York announced plans to set up 15 of them in 2008 to stop riders on their way summer motorcycling events.

“Evidence suggests that motorcycle-only checkpoints do not effectively reduce motorcycle injuries or fatalities and do not address the factors that are the main contributors to motorcycle accidents,” the senators wrote in a press release about the bill. “Accordingly, NHTSA does not list the practice in its own 2013 Highway Safety Countermeasure Guide for State Highway Offices, which details policies and activities that the agency considers effective at reducing crash injuries and fatalities.”

States use funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to pay for the checkpoints, so federal legislation can halt the practice.

If passed, this federal bill will cut off NHTSA funding and ensure that riders across the country are safeguarded from these ineffective and discriminatory stops.

“Using motorcyclists tax dollars to discriminate and harass them with mandatory roadside checkpoints in the name of safety is offensive and just plain wrong. No one is more aware of the condition of the motorcycle than the person riding it,” Hennie said.

“If the NHTSA truly is interested in motorcyclists’ safety, it would fund proven programs that help prevent crashes, rather than these checkpoints,” Allard said.

California, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Illinois, New Hampshire and Virginia have passed legislation curbing motorcycle-only checkpoints.

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2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

February 2015

- 2/7 Easyriders, Hendersonville
- 2/15 BWC Swap Meet
- 2/21 Christian Unity Conference
- 3/21 NoEa Legislative Ride
- 3/28 Music City Fun/Poker Run
- 3/29 SWSR Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/11 MoCo Spring Thaw
Mule Day, S & G
- 4/18 Tri County Swap Meet
- 4/19 TeVa Fun Run
- 4/25 CaFo Swap Meet
- 5/9 DHH Bike & Tatoo Show
Liberty Rally
- 5/16 SWSR Swap Meet (rain
date 5/23)
- 6/6 SWSR Points Field Meet
(rain date 6/27)
- 6/13 CaFo Biker Medical Clinic
Run
- 7/11 SWSR Robin Long
Memorial Poker Run
- 7/26 TeVa Parade Ride
- 8/15 CaFo Canoe Run
- 8/21-23 Southern Thunder Rally
- 9/12 CaFo Memorial Run
- 9/19 NoEa Fall Colors Ride
- 9/25-27 Points Field Meet Finals
- 9/26 WoT Bash
- 10/3 RoCo Memory Ride
- 10/10 Nash Swap Meet
- 10/31 DHH 28th Annual Toy Run
& Food Drive
- 11/8 SWSR Toy Run & Chili
Cook Off
- 12/19 SWSR Labeling Party
- 12/20 SWSR Christmas for the
Vets

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Easyriders Henderson
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 BWC Swapmeet	16	17	18	19	20	21 Christian Unit Con.
22	23	24	25	26	26	28

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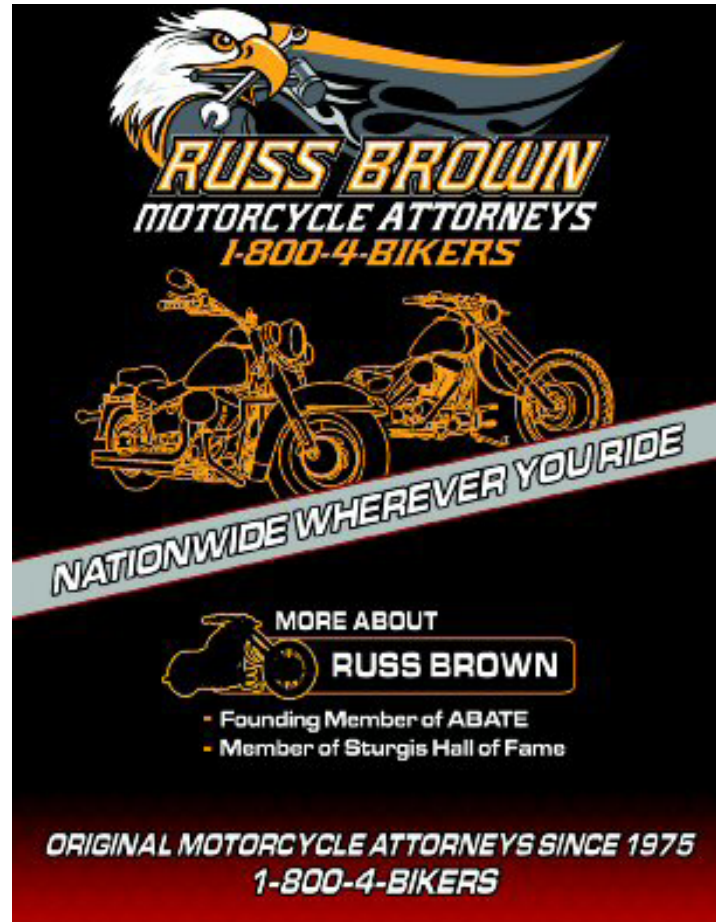
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CANEY FORK - Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7:00, Golden Nugget, Carthage

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICK-MAN-Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 19, 7:00, Bottoms Up Bar & Grill, 3861 Clydeton Road, Waverly, TN

The December meeting got going with 25 souls saying the Pledge to our Flag. Cycle-dellic Mark asked Sec. Beefy to read the minutes from last meeting. The report was read out loud and approved. The Director went over the sick people, Bills aunt passed away, sorry to hear that. Mz Vicky Lynch is taking very strong cancer treatments; we wish her lots of luck! Barry "Wipeout" Hagewood was in Vanderbilt, but is back and recovering fast. Sheila Triplets' grandson is out of the incubator and doing great.

The Teacup benefit went over very good. Freak show update! Teacup and Sandy Harrel got hitched on Dec. 29th! He must have gone to Jareds! Best of luck to both of them! The turkey shoot at the Abiff Pub went over pretty good. Got to thank Mr. R.D. Pendergrass for all he does for us. Thankx man!

Next we talked about the Dickson Christmas Parade. We had 30 bikes in the parade. The benefit for Jimmy Tidwells daughter is Dec. 20th. We voted to give \$50. Mr. Director Mark then told us about the B.O.D. meeting. Monkey Butt Powder will be given to all Representatives. Tail of The Dragons is now closed to big trucks. He said the state office is now at Magoos house. Makes it a lot easier on that ole boy!

Lil John went over our banking and with all the bills paid we still got \$\$\$\$ in the bank. Yardman Steve went over the Blue Balls & Hard Nips Run on Jan. 1st, all good to go for that ride. The February meeting is at Bottoms Up Bar & Grill on the 19th in Waverly, so we can stay in touch with our Humphreys Co. members. May 9th is gonna be the Bike & Tattoo Show at the V.F.W. The great chicken cookers Mr. Dycus and Mr. Burns are wanting to do a "Not Forgotten Run" which we'll talk more about at January meeting. Pokemen told us of an Old Club wanting to start up again. Check your membership date. Don't Xpire - Reup Man! Look at our Facebutt thang for Freak show Fun. 50/50 was done and won by Carla, whho said keep it, we did! This report wrote by hand on Etch-A-Sketch!! Nuff said, we scattered. That's all from me, Beefy

KNOXVILLE - Next Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 22, 1:00, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson, Knoxville

MONTGOMERY - Next Meeting: Monday, Feb. 2, 7:00, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville

MUSIC CITY - Next meeting: Sunday, Feb. 1, 2:00, Skully's, Old Hickory
HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!

Meeting was called to order by J-Bird @ 2:10 pm, followed by pledge. There were 23 members in attendance.

Wendell spoke about Liberty Rally being held May 8, 9,10th. (Mother's Day weekend) Music City has agreed to do the kitchen. Glenn has volunteered to do music & karaoke if needed.

ALSO, Wendell asked if we had anyone that wished to vote in any new officers, if you want to re-elect an officer, you need to be at Feb meet, and speak up. Otherwise it will stand as is.

Brought up also, the Tri-County Swap meet. Do we as a charter still want to stay in? It was voted yes. J-Bird will be checking on a bldg. in Springfield. If anyone knows of a bldg. big enough to hold the swap meet (it needs to be within 50 miles of Nashville). Get with Wendell at the next meet and let him know the info. The Swap meet is scheduled for April 18th.

Rose spoke about the Easy Riders show being in Hendersonville on Feb 7th. There will be an After Show party @ Skully's, and there is talk of a special guest showing up. The after party will begin @ 8 pm. Come on out for a good time!

HEY HEY HEY Music City will be having a SPRING FUN / POKER RUN on March 28th. KSU @ noon leaving Skully's. Rose and Vickie will be setting up the stops. Let's get out and ride CHARTER! Bring a friend!!!

Also, want everyone to know, Vickie now has Shirts for Music City Charter. The shirts are \$20.00 each. She will be ordering new ones for the spring also.

Let's keep everyone in prayers. We have had several members (and their families) getting pretty sick with this flu. I know I have had my share of illness. Better now though...

Charter. Thanks to everyone who gave toys for Christmas. We collected 178 toys for the church. There were some happy little people out there for sure! GREAT JOB MEMBERS!!!

Tattoo Bob won the 50/50....Really Bob??? LOL

With spring right around the corner there will be a lot of things going on. We hope everyone can get out and enjoy the rode and events as much as they can.

Later guys,
Sharon "CRASH" Stout

NASHVILLE- Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7:00, Bikini Beach Bar, Antioch

NORTHEAST- Next Meeting: Monday, Feb. 2, 7:00, Call for location

ROBERTSON COUNTY- Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7:00, Piggy Pit, Springfield

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

SUMMER COUNTY - Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 19, 7:00, VFW Hall, Hendersonville or TBA

TENNESSEE VALLEY - Next Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 15, 2:00, Call for Location Mark (Yog) 423-570-0250

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Meeting called to ordered

Officers Report:

Membership Report: new membership program reviewed

Treasury Report: Balance reviewed no expenses for December.

State Legislative Report: Legislative news per Yog.

Events report: Fun Run April 19th , Motorcycle Awareness Ride July 26th, Wine Run with Upper Cumberland in September Meeting adjourned:

Next Meeting : February 15th will be at "Fanatic's Sports Bar "

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

Yog

UPPER CUMBERLAND - Next Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 1, 12:00. Call for Details, Ron 931-879-3899

WHEELS OF THUNDER - Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 5, 7:00, Pancho's, Memphis

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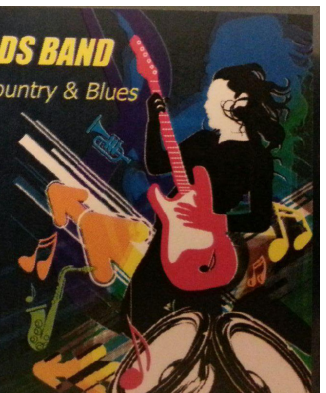
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About: A free Conference for all Motorcycle Clubs: M/Cs, M/Ms, R/Cs, S/Cs, Sport Bike Clubs, Independents, Secular, Christian, Dealerships, Shops, Churches, Associations, & MROs
(ALL PATCHES & MOTORCYCLES ARE WELCOME)

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Theme: "THE UNIFICATION OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS"

This Conference is to bring unity among all motorcyclists, clubs-secular & Christian, all races-black & white, Independents, all motorcycle rights organizations, all dealerships & shops, with all the bad publicity we are getting from TV shows, Gangland-Sons of Anarchy, reality shows, News media, we need to learn how to stick together, vote together and get along together. Riders that want to start a club can learn the proper protocol and how to get their patch approved while meeting other clubs and cyclist. This is a neutral territory. The public is invited to experience the "Biker Culture." When we consider all the financial & voting power that we as motorcyclist have, if we can come together we can change what we all complain about, and add the laws we need to protect our rights.
"United we stand, divided we fall."

Speakers:

Pastor Ron Baptiste, TN. COC Chaplain
Louie Nobs, NCOM Liaison
Deane Gryder, NCOM Christian Council
Joey Lester, NCOM lawyer
Pastor Harris, Soul Seekers M/M
Doc Reichenbach, NCOM Board Chairman/ABATE
Bill Langford, Bikers Who Care

Panel Discussion:

Open only to the public:
1%er Lil Wolf w/Outlaws M/C
1%er One Wire w/ Banditos M/C
Rev. Ron w/ Grim Reapers M/C
Louie Nobs w/ Soldiers for Jesus M/C
Pastor Ron w/ Covenant Confirmers M/C
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