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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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Meeting Times

Caney Fork	Terry Presley presley7290@yahoo.com	615-642-8025	1st Tuesday of the month @ 7, Golden Nugget 374 Cookeville Hwy, Carthage
Dickson/Humphreys	Mark Proctor	615-477-0171	3 rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
Keg County	Paul Gordon "Poindexter"	615-243-1581	2nd Saturday @ 11, Lulu's Roadhouse, Centerville
Knoxville	Anjel Anderson	865-257-5786	4th Sunday @ 1, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson, Knoxville
Montgomery County	Jesse Henne crazyboy135@gmail.com	931-980-7548	2nd Monday @ 7, Sunshine Restaurant, 3195 Fort Campbell, Clarksville
Music City	Wendell Baldwin deadevewb@aol.com	615-838-1490	1 st Sunday @ 2, Shully's
Nashville	Jack Jones jdj32K@yahoo.com	615-579-4112	3rd Tuesday @ 7, One Stop Bar Madison
Northeast	Tom Kyner tlkyner@gmail.com	423-272-4834	1 st Monday @ 7, Sagebrush Kingsport
Piney River	Steve Gilbert sgilbert883@yahoo.com	423-280-8923	3rd Sunday @ 130 Senior Center 135 Ferguson Dr. Spring City
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	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

DIRECTORS COLUMN

And so we come to the end of another year. Time to close out the old book and open a new one. We'll be meeting an hour before the BOD on the second Sunday to set the event calendar. I was at the Smith Wilson/Stones River meeting and they worked out their dates. I heard Upper Cumberland did the same. Hopefully everybody will come prepared to get this done.

There's one thing we need right now more than anything else. We have to find someone to be State Activities person. This is an extremely important position on the board. It's the person who handles the insurance for all our events. It doesn't take a lot of time. Maybe one hour a month, some months nothing at all. If you're on line, you can do it all from home. Charter Directors, ask your members if one of them has a little time to move this organization forward.

At the March BOD, we will be voting on State Director and Secretary. According to the By Laws, resumes for these positions must be into the office at least sixty days in advance. That means a deadline of January the 9th. So if you're interested, keep that in mind. I certainly hope we can retain Becky. She has done an outstanding job with the minutes. As for me, I will be happy to serve one more term.

Thank you,

Dean Lucas

CMT/ABATE State Director



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By the time this is published, we will have had a Legislative Retreat and Strategy Meeting. I want to thank everyone that provided input as well as those in attendance. We will have another legislative meeting after the session begins. It is my intention to keep everyone well informed on what is going on, so don't hesitate to contact me at any time with questions.

We should have a full agenda for the 2014 session by the Dec. BOD meeting. At this time the one definite job will be to reword the tag bill from last session, by amendment. As it stands, "dyin 2b seen" is the logo of CMT/ABATE, Inc. We will change that to be a safety slogan. This is no big thing, but it does need to be properly dealt with. This action was approved at the last BOD.

I know most of us always have something to complain to public officials about, but if any of you run into Assistant Commissioner Paul Deggs, Chief Engineer with TDOT, give him a big thank you. I don't think any single individual has done as much to make the roads in Tennessee safer for motorcycles. Different patterns of highway markings, paint and stripe composition and even the type of surfacing used are something cage drivers may never notice, but we can be grateful for every time we ride. All of this wasn't by accident. The man took the time to travel to other countries and see what works. The man has earned my admiration and respect and I think yours as well.

To round things up for the month, I want to encourage folks to get to know your legislators on a more personal level. You may know their name, but do they know yours? If they support us, show your appreciation. If they don't, try to change their mind. If that doesn't work, get to know their opposition and persuade them to see things our way. 2014 is an election year. If your current legislator opposes our agenda, put one in office that will be on our side. When it comes down to it, it's all up to you.



Paul Degges, Assistant Commissioner of TN Department of Transportation and Chief Engineer sharing comments with Tony Dabbs at 2013 Lobby Day

Meeting Nov. 5, 2013 was called to order at 7:05 by Terry. The pledge was given by all and led by Ken Strony. Secretary and Treasurer gave their reports. Activities report was given. Carol mentioned the Kick-off Party will be January 18, 2014.

Terry mentioned again the motorcycle only check points. You need to contact your Representative to let him/her know how you feel about this issue.

Senator Bob Corker is co-sponsoring legislation that would let Americans keep their health care plans if they're satisfied with their health care. The bill, known straightforwardly as the If You Like Your Health Care Plan You Can Keep It Act, "would provide relief from Obamacare standards for current health care policies, giving Americans the freedom to keep their current health care plans if they so choose," If you can't keep your current health plan, you will have to join an Obamacare plan. Call you Senator Bob Corker and let him know how you feel about this bill. www.corker.senate.gov/public, 202-228-0566.

We will join the State Run Poker Run. It was agreed to be put the charter into the book, but that participates must show up for a meeting to get their books signed.

Motion was made and approved to support Christmas for Seniors Dinner, again this year. We will get with Emily to get the names of seniors to support.

Nominations were held for next year's officers. Every member needs to be at December's meeting to vote on the new board. It's not too late if you would like to be an officer we can add your name to the ballot.

It was approved to have a care package of \$50.00 to be sent to Rickie, he is in Afghanistan fighting for our freedom.

We have the dates for our events for next year. We will list the events when we have the dates nailed down at the Dec. BOD meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:56

Merry Christmas to all!



Do you know?

The first artificial Christmas Tree wasn't a tree at all. It was created out of goose feathers that were dyed.

There were only 12 souls to say the Pledge to our Flag and to start the October Meeting. Cy-cledellic Mark welcomed everyone. Mark stated we need to get our 2014 events figured out at the November meeting. We talked about this, and then went over Rodeo Finals. Only 20 people from across Tennessee showed up. We talked about not doing this again next year, if we cannot get more people to come to our place.

Lil John gave us a money report. No report from Membership, Web, or Legislative.

Little Eddie and Steve gave us Activities report on the 26th Annual Toy Run. We voted on a Turkey Shoot on November 23rd at the Fabulous Abiff Pub. We voted to have a Dirty Santa Xmas Party, Dec 21st at Barry and Kathey Hagewood's big Man Cave. If you want to come and need info: Call info line 615.430.7931 or 615.715.5557.

Check out our Facebutt Thang. Don't X-pire, Re-up man!

Late happy birthday wish to R.P. Special. Birthday happiness to my Bro Kevin Pooter on the 13th. See ya at the next meeting December 19, 2013.

Freak Show up Date:

We had 67 bikes and over 100 people at our 26th Annual Toy Run. White Bluff Fire Dept., American Legion Post in Waverly got lots of toys. The Help Center in Dickson got lots of food. Groovy job people thanks.

Nuff Said, We Scattered

Beefy

Cuzin Zip says: *Some cause happiness where ever they go, others whenever the go.*

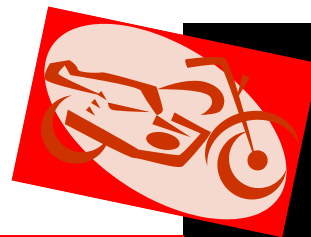


26th Annual Toy Run and Food Drive @ Charlotte Courthouse Square



2013 CALENDER OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

CHARTER MEETINGS CALENDAR



December 2013

12-1 UpCu Christmas Party
12-7 SuCo Food Drive & Christmas Party
12-8 Board of Directors
12-15 SmWi/StRi Angel Tree

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 MuCi SmWi StRi UpCu	2 NoEa	3 CaFo RoCo	4	5 WoT	6	7
8	9 MoCo	10	11	12	13	14 KeCo
15 PiRi TeVa	16	17 Nash	18	19 DiHu SuCo	20	21
22 Knox	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31				

State Rodeo Finals

Slow Race

1st Tommy Jones
2nd James Sullivan
3rd Eddie Fravel

Barrel Roll

1st Eddie Fravel
2nd James Sullivan
3rd Tommy Jones

Ball & Cone

1st James & Leslie Sullivan
2nd Eddie & Cathy Fravel

Weenie Bite

1st Eddie & Cathy Fravel
2nd James & Leslie Sullivan



2013 State Points Rodeo Finals
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NEWS & EVENTS
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The Patient Protection And Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, has become the biggest Pandora's Box ever opened by our government. Who in their right mind votes for something they haven't even read or understand? With all the talk on how to stop it and why it doesn't work, the fact that as of January 1, 2014, everyone must have what we used to call medical insurance. That is the law pure and simple. Some of you may have already lost your personal policies and have to try to find something suitable in the broken system. When picking a provider you need to ask **if you will be covered while riding a motorcycle**. I know this seems senseless, but you might get a surprise on down the line if you don't. If you are told that they do not cover customers on motorcycles, we --CMT/ABATE and Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF)-- would like to know the name of the provider and type of policy. If you can get the name of the agent you speak with and any contact information as well, it would be greatly appreciated. THE MRF will be tracking comments from all over the country and designing a federal legislative initiative, if necessary.

It seems we may have another ally in the E15 boondoggle. I receive a report from Global Bio Business on a regular basis. One of the October report's articles was on the American Petroleum Institute (API). The API says they will file a law suit if a bio fuel mandate isn't set by November 30th. The API as well as the administration knows an increase in ethanol percentage of fuels is detrimental to vehicles. This is a roundabout way of keeping levels where they are or to reduce them.

The lesson we can learn from the action of the API, is that instead of the "angry mob method", there are other means of achieving one's goal. This is just as true with state legislation as federal. I do agree chasing Frankenstein's monster with torches and pitchforks can be more fun than filing papers.

Tony M Dabbs

MRF State Rep for Tennessee

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

KEG COUNTY

Next Meeting: Dec. 14, 2013, 11:00, Lulu's Restaurant

11/09/13

Meeting called to order at 11:30

Pledge led by Big John

Member Attendance: 10 members, 5 guests

Old Business: Went over the toy drive and food drive that was taking place today.

New Business: Poindexter stated that we need to have all events for next year planned out by next month, so they can be put on the books. Set toy run and food drive for November 15, 2014. Advised members that next month is elections for new officers. Ask all members to be present at next month meeting for 2014 final event agenda.

We would like to say thank you to everyone that came out and supported the toy run and food drive. We would also like to thank Lulu's Roadhouse for all of their support to our Chapter this year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 by Poindexter

KNOXVILLE

Next Meeting: Sunday, Dec. 22, 2013, 1:00, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson



ALL MOTORCYCLISTS
CMT/ABATE, Inc.'s
NEW YEAR KICK-OFF
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
BANQUET/DANCE/PARTY
NEW FEATURE- INDOOR POOL PARTY AT 3:00
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MONTGOMERY

Next Meeting: Monday, Dec 9, 2013, Sunshine Restaurant

MUSIC CITY

Next meeting: Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013, 2:00, Shully's

November Meeting

Today's meeting was called to order and lead off in pledge by Wendell. Prayer was given by Eddie. We are really having a great turnout of members coming out to the meetings, today's total was 43. We would like to see if we can get more out to the meetings now y'all. We have a large Charter and only need maybe 55 more to show up, bring a friend, or family, and get them to join.

Anyway, the season is here to get out and do our very best (as we always do) to get the Toys, Food donations, and Money donations, and we are not about to forget our elderly in need of a little help and kindness with a show of love. So many kids and elderly are out there who will have nothing if it wasn't for the bikers taking their time to show the best side of us!! Vista was saying they would like to help 200 kids this year, and to remember the teenagers please. Also, the Food bank needs to be replenished in order to help as many families as possible, not only through the season, but all year long. Vista's (Church) also donated a collectible Harley Barbie to be raffled. We will let you know who won the Barbie in our Dec letter.

Amanda has a table set up at Skully's for food donations, also we have a box set out for toys, and things for our "elderly". Remember foods need to be non-perishable, canned or boxed.

Johnny let us know, that his company will be giving each of their employees a complete Thanksgiving dinner, and he will be donating his to the Christian Community Outreach Center. Awesome! Thank you, Johnny.

Amanda also said she will be having embroidery patches for Breast Awareness (Pink Ribbons). They will be \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. Get with Amanda if you would like to purchase any patches. We know everyone wants to support the TA TA's..!!!

Carol Simpson brought up that we will be holding the Kick-off Party @ Hotel Premiere (formerly Day's Inn) and are looking at Jan. 18th as the date. There are still details to be worked out, so, as soon as we know, then I will get the info on out to you. Billy motioned to donate \$150.00 to the Kickoff Fund, 2nd by Bob, and motion passed by all. Also, the Tri-County Swap meet will be looking for a new location, and if anyone has suggestions for a new location, give Carol a shout.

Individual members of Music City collected/donated \$61.00 to the Sponsorship for the Courtney Rogers Turkey Shoot. Glenn let everyone know that we have figured out why we think our news has not been getting to the paper, but believe we have that fixed. Sorry everyone.

JR was saying if you go to your local grocery, show them your flyer on our Food Donations cause, and they may match what you have. Give this a try.

Music City is having their Christmas Party Dec. 14th @ Skully's, and we will be doing DIRTY SANTA with a \$10 limit.

There was a vote on where to continue our winter meets, and YES we will be staying @ Skully's ...so, be @ Skully's for our Dec meet now. DON'T FORGET!!!! BE THERE !!!!!

Meeting was motion to adjourn by Johnny, 2nd by Rose, and dinner was on.....

So, until next month, from our Music City Charter to yours, and your families. God Bless, Ride Safe, and have A Happy Thanksgiving. Also, what better time than now to go ahead and wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas with many Blessings! A big thank you to the Skully's crew for the great food that's provided for after our meetings!!!



SHARON a.k.a. "CRASH"

The following minutes were submitted this month.

MUSIC CITY

September Meeting

Meeting was called to order @ 2:05pm. Billy led in the pledge and Eddie led us in prayer. We had 32 members present.

Wendell discussed the success of the STR rally. Everybody there had a great time!!! Great job everybody! He also let everyone know that Rhonda Williams our Legislative Director will be stepping down. Thank you for the outstanding job you've done Rhonda!

Billy made a motion to reimburse Wendell and Rita for the rental golf cart which was used by the charter, 2nd by Glenn, voted and carried.

Carol Crowson shared that Caney Fork had some events coming up. Watch for flyers.

Just wanted to thank everybody for showing your love and support for Vickie! We had a beautiful day for the benefit ride. I'm so proud to be a part of this biker family! Sorry but I never got a count on how many bikes we had but it was a good turnout.

A huge thank you to Skully's for hosting our meeting and for the delicious food they always have!!!

Billy made the motion to adjourn, 2nd by Glenn, voted... Motioned carried... Let's eat!!!

Ya'll ride safe!

Sharon "Crash" Stout

October Meeting

I want to say Thank you to Rhonda Ray for stepping in and getting the notes for me at the meet. sorry I could not be there. Other things were taking place.

Anyway, there were 29 members in attendance.

Our Christmas Toy Run has been set for Nov. 9th, leaving Skully's. KSU @ 12 noon. \$10.00 & TOY, any non-perishable foods. Also, let's not forget we have our elderly we are collecting for also. We are collecting for the food bank again so let's do all we can to get those items in. I believe we have agreed to take care of Vickie and her granddaughter this year, We all know how hard things are for our sister right now so let's help get her taken great care of. Also, Vickie is still needing help getting some things moved. If anyone can help, get with Wendell or Bob and ask them what you can do to help out. We know that one day Vickie will be back up and running and we all need to show the love to her.

Nov. 13th is Biker Bob @ Skully's from 6-9 p.m. Please see Rose to see what you need to bring or do for this.

Christmas Party @ Skully's Dec 14th, remember to bring a side dish. And "DAY DREAMER" will be playing some great music!!

We had two new members to sign up @ Bowling Green. WELCOME!

Don't forget our meetings will be held @ SLINGSHOTS beginning Nov thru Feb. I have heard Slingshots is under new management.

Ok, guess that's all I have to say for right now. Everyone be safe and see ya'll all soon. Love to all. God Bless. Oh, and HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING!!!!

SHARON "Crash"

NASHVILLE

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013, 7:00, One

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting: Monday, Dec 2, 2013, 7:00, Sagebrush

PINEY RIVER

Next Meeting: Sunday, Dec 15, 2013, 1:30, Senior Center

The Robertson County CMT Abate minutes for our meeting of November 5, 2013. We would like to thank The Pit for the awesome grilled chicken leg quarters, green beans, cole slaw, creamed potatoes, macaroni and tomato's and corn bread. Donna/gals dinner was delicious! Thank you so much for taking care of us. Donna was slinging us the cold ones tonight!

Sgt. of Arms, John Mullins called the meeting to Order and led us in the Pledge. Robert led us in the Prayer. Roland thanked everyone for coming (attendance tonight approximately 30 people).

Roland announced that Robert has now joined our Charter. Everyone said welcome Robert and he said thank you, this is something he has wanted to do for a long time now.

Roland announced that we all need to remember this coming Saturday, November 9th is our Downed Biker Inter City Poker Run. This is to replenish the Downed Biker's Fund. This Fund has given out many thousands of dollars to bikers that couldn't work this year alone, so come help us replenish this fund so that we may continue to help others in the future. Check out Facebook for more details (a flyer is posted).

Roland announced that our Chaplin, George wasn't present still working nights. Secretary, Pamela announced that our September and October minutes both are in our November Newsletter. Thank you Nancy Waterworth! Pamela announced the Robertson County Christmas Parade is November 23, 2013 and handed out flyers of the information and route. We are having a float in this year's parade! Pamela announced she has a application entry for us to complete so that we may enter our float. Treva completed this form and I turned it in the Robertson County Chambers of Commerce on Wednesday. Pamela announced that she has put a call into Ann Mayes at the Green Ridge Civitan Club seeking information of where we need to deliver Toys for Tots from our Robertson County Toy Run that is coming up on November 16, 2013. As soon as I hear back from her I will email everyone and or call and pass along what I learned. Everyone is welcome to come ride with us and bring toys to help children this Christmas!

Treasurer, Treva announced great numbers in the General Fund and Downed Bikers Fund as well.

Membership, Kathy wasn't present. We have 3 new members tonight. Welcome Michael Richards, Lynn Evans and Jimmy Webb. Remember if your membership has expired or is about to, see Roland or Treva for application after the meeting.

Activities, Samantha announced that the Benefit for Lynn Evans was a huge success. We raised over \$1,800 for her. Thank everyone for the hard work that was done for this to be a success. Let me say that Treva and Samantha worked really hard, and let's not forget our "grillers that grilled all those leg quarters...lol". Thanks to The Pit for their spread and hard work as well. Thanks to everyone who helped and who attended! Let's not forget Kevin Black who won a New England 12 gauge gun in the raffle and he donated it to be auctioned off, and thanks to Jeff Taylor for the winning bid of buying the gun and let's not forget his Harley Davidson tin can, maybe purse. lol...lol

Samantha announced that she has Rada Cutlery books to handout and this is to help replenish our Downed Bikers Fund. Any orders will be turned in at our December meeting and orders should be back before Christmas.

Assistant Director, Tim had nothing to announce. Legislative, Marlin announced that he is still in contact with representatives by emails.

Kevin announced that Pickle's (Jimmy Neal) wife, Lynn has given a thank you card for him to read to everyone. The card was full of beautiful and sincere words from Lynn. Lynn we certainly wish you a continued speedy recovery!

Jeff announced that his cousin, Nanette still needs continued prayers! A ton of prayers headed to her and her family! Sorry, Jeff I didn't get her name right in the previous minutes, see sometimes as we get older our hearing gets a little worse. lol.

Robert announced that Sumner County, Courtney Rogers needs sponsors for a Turkey Shoot in 2 weeks in Hendersonville. See Robert after the meeting if you have more questions. Roland made a donation for her.

Sgt. of Arms, John announced that we need to handout tri-folds at Christmas Parade.

A thank you for Roland Verchota, Tim Sugg and Chris Verchota for the setting up and taking down of our stage for a event which earned \$200 which was put into the Downed Bikers Fund! Thank you guys!

Thanks to Russell Biggs for his donation to our Downed Bikers Fund tonight!

Samantha made a Motion to adjourn. Jeff Taylor 2nd and Roland all right we have a Motion, a 2nd 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, so come on down and join us. The Pit provides great food for us at every meeting, it is always good!

REMEMBER THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS IS FASTLY APPROACHING SO LET'S REMEMBER TO HELP AS MANY FAMILY'S AND CHILDREN AS POSSIBLE!

Sincerely,
Pamela 

The Smith/Wilson meeting of November 3, 2013 was called to order at 2:05 PM by Kim who also led the pledge. It was followed with Vern leading prayer. All officers were present except the Veterans Representative. There were 26 members present and 6 visitors in attendance. Kim welcomed the Stones River Charter as visitors and announced they wish to merge with our charter. Motion made and carried. We will now be known as the Smith/Wilson/Stones River Charter. Teresa Hemphill passed out Stones River Patches and rockers to all Smith/Wilson members. David Marlin spoke briefly as he introduced the former Stones River Charter members.

Kim thanked everyone for helping and supporting her benefit and also with the help with the Stones River Swap Meet & Bike Show. Sharon spoke of upcoming Vet event in December and said if anyone wanted to adopt a Vet see her. The end of November is the deadline for donations for this event.

Secretary report was given and approved. Treasury report was given and approved.

Legislative: Bullit said he really didn't have anything. He wanted to welcome all the new members.

Activities: Tommy stated the need to make a plaque for the Vietnam Vets for their help on our Christmas for the Vets. Motion made and carried. Vern mentioned member of the year award and brief discussion followed. Kim covered current and upcoming events. December 14th is labeling party for Vets. December 15th is Christmas with the Vets and we will be adding Toys for Tots to this event so bring a new unwrapped toy to help the Vets give back! Jerry covered details for the Lebanon Christmas Parade on December 8th. Group discussion followed.

Membership: Leslie said she has 2 renewals. November birthdays are Duck and Ruth.

Products: Teresa came up with long sleeve charter shirts. One is a button up oxford and the other a long sleeve tee. Get with her if interested in purchasing one. She also said she can get candy for the Christmas parade with our logo on it. Motion to purchase carried. Her and Teresa Hemphill will also work on merging our logos.

Old Business: Ronald McDonald House asked if we could just postpone until next year due to flu season. The needy family will be St. Jude's. We will be bringing our tabs to the Al Menah Shriners Temple in Nashville. There was a group discussion about using the old Stones River meeting location which is Classic Custom Cycles for future events. Larry and Dennie Lane donated \$40.00 from their vendor proceeds at the Rodeo. A big thanks to them!! We set our 2014 calendar dates and Bullit will present them to the BOD in December.

New Business: Thanks to Dwayne Samford from Classic Custom Cycles for purchasing a State Poker Run sponsorship. Kim also has a few prospects. Dean Lucas congratulated Tommy and Sharon Jones on being the 2013 State Rodeo Points winners. Lynn had an idea to have our April 2014 meeting at our Rodeo site and have an Easter egg hunt after. Motion to adjourn at 4:00 Later.....Ruth



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October 20, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by Director David Marlin. There were 19 members that included 6 Smith Wilson members. The meeting was held at Custom Classic Cycles.

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by all.

August meeting minutes were read and approved.

Membership report was given by David, as Richard was unable to attend. We currently have 32 members, which includes our newest members, Matt Fletcher and Echo Pierre.

Treasurer: not given as Richard was absent.

Legislative: Denise discussed with no grant funds this year, we will have to look at alternative funding ideas, to include reaching out to national organizations.

Discussion was held regarding the public perception of CMT/ABATE and improving our image and putting the freedom of choice on the back burner until we can establish better public image and increasing support of the public. Some members would like improvement in public image which might increase membership and promote other entities, such as Highway Patrol, to become partners in promoting motorcycle safety.

Swap Meet at Classic Custom Cycles: a huge success even with the weather not cooperating. Plans for this event to be an annual occurrence.

David mentioned having a safety officer for each charter and will get more info and bring to next meeting.

David made recommendation to merge with Smith Wilson Charter to increase attendance and participation. The meeting location would alternate between Classic Custom Cycles and Smitty's Bar and Grill. A vote was brought to the charter, 2nd by Jesse and 3rd by Teresa. The vote passed unanimously.

Jesse suggested having a bonfire at Classic custom cycles in November. A vote was cast and passed unanimously.

The date was set for November 9th at 2pm. Hot Dogs, s'mores and a membership drive will occur.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

Next meeting: November 3, 2:00 pm at Smitty's Bar and Grill in Lebanon.

Events

January 4: Biker Bucks Auction: Vern & Duck's home

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10/19/13

Meeting called to ordered

Pledge

Officers Report:

Membership Report: Renewals and membership goals reviewed.

Treasury Report: We made we made a little money on the combine charter wine ride poker in September. No expenses for September.

State Legislative Report: Legislative report per Scott. Scott went over that 2014 will be a big election year because of so many seats on the state and federal level will be up for grabs.

Events Report: The Wine and poker run was a success with several members from both charters participating. We look forward to another joint effort in the future
Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting : Sunday November 17th 2:00p.m. at Sports Fanatic's Bar and Grill.

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

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Dale led us in the pledge. Ron opened meeting at big springs bar & grill at 12:15pm.

Secretary report: Trina – reading of October minutes suspended.

14 members and 5 guests were present.

November birthdays: Ron Erwin and Trisha Catron

Treasury report: Ron Financial report given

Activities: Trina – Calendar for 2014 was passed around and agreed on.

Lynn motioned for a rally committee; John 2nd

Committee will meet after every meeting. Anyone welcome to be on committee

Old Business – None

New Business -Trina well be going At- large on January 2014, we will need a new secretary.

Meetings:

December 1st Hawg Barn – Cookeville, Dirty Santa / Xmas Party

January 5th Scooters Biker Bar

February 2, 2014 Just One More Bar, Crossville


Lynn motion to adjourn Trina 2nd

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Safety and Awareness Meeting with Colonel Tracy Trott
Department of Safety and Homeland Security
November 5, 2013

Three members of CMT/ABATE and one long-time supporter met with Colonel Tracy Trott, head of Tennessee Highway Safety Patrol, and John Milliken, State Coordinator for the Motorcycle Rider Education Program (MREP) on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to educate Colonel Trott on all that we have done and all that we can do to help prevent motorcycle accidents through our Safety and Awareness Projects and to see if we are in “good standing” for any future grants from the Department of Safety and Homeland Security.

As Clarence “Batman” Hawkins, CMT/ABATE, Inc. Safety and Awareness Director commented after the meeting, “We are definitely playing in THEIR ballcourt.”

The meeting was cordial, and a few misunderstandings by both factions of the meeting were clarified. We showed the Colonel many pictures of our projects and we think he has a clearer understanding of how well-developed our projects are, how many of our members ARE involved in the LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE and the DON'T RIDE FRIED CARNIVAL.

This year, the MREP is investing nearly their entire annual budget in promoting the Rider Education Courses. You have probably seen more than one of the 300 billboards promoting the classes that are posted all across the state. They are spending some “dual-purpose” money with Vol State Athletic association on radio ads and some booth set ups at ball games---most notably one of the Vanderbilt football games.

When talking about documenting success of both our LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE and DON'T RIDE FRIED CARNIVAL as well as the billboard project of the MREP, it was agreed that statistical outcomes are difficult to establish. Last year the MREP graduated 8200 students. The highest year was back in 2007 or 2008 – the last time they had a billboard blitz. So if that goal is again attained, that would be an increase of 1800 people being exposed to Rider Education. At the Easyrider Bike Show this past February, we ran about 300 people through the Don't Ride Fried Carnival, and passed out several thousand flyers about our project and token promotional items like key chains, bumper stickers, air fresheners, and drink coasters---each carrying the message of Don't Ride Fried or LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE. There were 20,000 attendees at the event, and probably MOST of them stopped and observed our project for a few minutes. Although the Easyrider Bike Show was the largest event we worked, we did nearly twenty events and successfully completed 10 of our twelve projects listed in our 20112 grant, including providing over 100,000 LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE litter bags to 14 Welcome Centers through a contract with the Department of Tourism. The Tourism people have asked repeatedly if we will be providing the litter bags again, so we MUST look for another source of support for that project.

J. Robert Forbus, who has most recently been the Grant Comptroller for the Safety and Awareness grant, noted in his report regarding the meeting that both Col. Trott and John Milliken expressed regret that the independently owned rider ed. sites were having trouble encouraging dealerships to loan or give them motorcycles to use at their ranges. Of the 33 rider ed. sites in Tennessee, according to the www.tn.gov/safety website, 8 are owned by Harley Davidson/Riders Edge, 22 are independently owned, and three are military sites. If you happen to have a 250-500 cc used motorcycle that is in great shape, call John Milliken, MREP coordinator, at 615 232-2913 if you would like to donate it to the program. Some of this year's budget will be going to buy some motorcycles for some of the sites.

NO advertising money went directly to ANY rider education site. The money that is being spent on Rider Education Course promotion is mainly through the billboards and the Vol State Athletic Program radio spots and on site promotion. The advertising is GENERIC to the MREP program, not specific to any individual site.

Colonel Trott did say that if there were to be a grant award situation after July 1 2014, he thought that our request to make an “in person” presentation to the Advisory Committee would be helpful. BIG “IF”.

Many thanks for the attendance of Mark Watrous. Mark is involved primarily with Patriot Guard but is a well-known and well-respected motorcyclist involved with many facets of the motorcycling community. His observations of the meeting and succinct comments during the meeting were most appreciated.

We must continue to show legislators and leaders in government departments that CMT/ABATE is not just “THE HELMET PEOPLE”, but a multifaceted organization that is involved in legislation, safety and awareness, motorcycle events, charity to those suffering unfortunate health and life situations-regardless of whether they are motorcyclists or not---and a fair dose of partying--statewide We are no more THE HELMET PEOPLE, than the Department of Safety and Homeland Security are THE SPEEDING TICKET PEOPLE. Col. Trott did have a bit of a smile when we offered this comparison.

It is necessary, to be successful in any of our endeavors with the State and/or Federal Government, to network with those who affect our riding and our lifestyle. This is the first in a series of several meetings that the Safety and Awareness Team will attend in an effort to continue to build good working relationships with a variety of people in the Tennessee Government. If you would like to participate in the Safety and Awareness Team efforts and/or meetings, please contact Carol Simpson and she will get you on the email list for notifications. csfreedom@aol.com. 615 944 9797.



Safety and Awareness Meeting with Colonel Tracy Trott

WHEELS OF THUNDER

Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec 5, 2013, 7:00, Pancho's Bar and Grill

November 7, 2013

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.

Lynn 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.cmtabate-wheelsofthunder.com, under the meeting date.

Lynn reported our current bank balance and we reviewed deposits and bills paid for October. He also gave us a summary of the Bash finances. We had 9 members, 0 guests at tonight's meeting. Lynn will renew his membership.

Director's Statement –

Joy made a motion that we increase our annual pledge to \$150 for 2014. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Charter nominations will be made in December, speeches in January, and elections in February. Director, Secretary and all chair positions. Bob will update the form and Joy will email it out before the next meeting.

2014 events calendar was reviewed. Joy will edit it and Bob will present dates at BOD. We will pick a weekend and have a ride for our monthly meeting sometime in the spring. Stay tuned for details.

We talked about Tony's request for ideas: 1. Helmet bill, 2. Change license plate slogan from Bikers are Dying to be Seen to Look Twice Save a Life, and fix "logo" statement, 3. Use of Breakdown Lane for motorcycles in stop and go traffic, 4. Fix ROW legislation to make it usable.

Legislative –

-NCOM Newsbytes – were passed around for everyone's viewing pleasure.

-The Legislative retreat will be November 23, 2013 at the Inn at Paris Landing State Park in the back dining room from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Please try to make plans to attend.

Activities –

Toy Run – December 8th – Bob will be at the BOD. We need to put boxes out at as many locations as possible. Also, need to get flyer out to bike shops, bars, and clubs.

Christmas Party – Lynn made a motion to have it at Split Creek on December 14th at 6:30, Joy seconded, passed unanimously.

Safety and Ed – Watch out for deer and wet leaves!

New Business – no report

Old Business – Discussed membership ideas:

1. Booth at Motorcycle Shows and other events
2. Go to bike nights and hand out business card sized info
3. Call and/or email those whose memberships have expired.
4. Include Charter info through dealerships
5. Go as a group to other organization's events

Have a legislative picnic and membership drive (ride to eat or cook out). Print flyers and tri-folds and offer discounted ride (\$5 off) if you join that day.

Club News and Announcements – no report

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed unanimously. We're outta here!



2013 WHEELS OF THUNDER

LEBONHEUR TOY RUN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th 2013

Registration from Noon to 1:30 P.M. at

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TeVa	25	275
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WoT	10	340



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Welcome New Members!

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