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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 ensure 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.

Charter	Contacts	Meeting Times
Caney Fork	Terry Presley 615-642-8025	1st Tuesday of the month @ 7, Caney Fork Motors, 378 Cookeville Hwy, Carthage
Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman	Mark Proctor 615-477-0171	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
Montgomery County	John Ahlers	1st Monday @ 7, Sunshine Restaurant, 3195 Fort Campbell, Clarksville
Music City	Wendell Baldwin 615-838-1490 deadeyewb@aol.com	1st Sunday @ 2, Skully's Old Hickory
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Robertson County	Roland Verchota 615-533-6368 Verchotaw@bellsouth.net	1st Tuesday @ 7, Piggy Pit Springfield
Smith-Wilson-Stones River	Jerry King 615-364-1378	1st Sunday @ 2, Smitty's Lebanon
Sumner County	Jeff Hollins 615-452-0409	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Hendersonville
Tennessee Valley	Mark Moore 423-570-0250 Yog1958@yahoo.com	3rd Sunday @ 2, Call for location Chattanooga Area
Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin 931-879-3899	1st Sunday * Call for location
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

Director's Column

October was a great month for me. It started Sunday at the Upper Cumberland meeting. We cover so many counties, every meeting is at a different place. This one was at the Hideaway north of Crossville. Then just two days later I got to go to the Caney Fork meeting over in Elmwood. I knew they were coming up on elections. They also talked about having a yard sale, so I'm looking forward to that.

On the tenth I got to go to the Nashville charter's swap meet in Murfreesboro. I missed it last year because I was someplace else, so I was really looking forward to it. They took in almost 30 of those white cards. They practically doubled their membership in one day. The next weekend I went to the swap meet in Nashville. Since this was not an Abate event, I could just have fun. I finished that weekend at the legislative meeting in Chattanooga. It was very informative. On the one hand you had the 20 year lobbyist who rides and supports us, and on the other side was the local politician who thought everyone should just wear a helmet.

Two days after the legislative meeting I got to attend the Nashville charter meeting at Bikini Beach. Then the next Saturday was Upper Cumberland's benefit ride. One of our members was in a horrible accident. Just a couple of days before Halloween I hit my yearly goal of 25k on two wheels. The State Wide Poker Run helped with that. Then it came down to the Dickson Humphreys Hickman toy run. I look forward to that every year. I got there dry, but as we lined up behind our escort, it started to rain. By the time we got over to Waverly, we were pretty wet. Then it was a long, cold ride back to White County. Well, I'll be back there next year.

Happy holidays to all.

Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE
State Director



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



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I don't have many words to waste this month, so we best get to it. Everyone that wants to try to pass our two bills needs to schedule an appointment with their Senator and Representative. Your goal will be to gain their support and hopefully they will become a co-sponsor. Time will be in short supply this session, so make that appointment as soon as possible and take the first available. We will have information packets for you to take with you upon request. If you would like a member of the lobby team to accompany you to your appointment, please let me know. This is not a Lobby Day. This is your chance to visit with your representation as a constituent. If we get out of finance,

in both houses, we will have a Lobby day and pay a visit to every member of the General Assembly.

Committee changes are being made on the hill, therefore it will be after January 12th before we know how the finance committees will look. We will put out information as soon as we have it. We have to secure yes votes from finance members and will be calling on constituents of those members for assistance.

We have a lot of hard work ahead of us for the next few months. We cannot pass either bill without the help of every motorcyclist in the State. If you ride, these bills belong to you. CMT/ABATE member or not, we are on the hill to represent you.



Hello Abate members
December 13, BoD meets at Skullys at 12:00. We will be gearing up to put events on the calendar for 2016. Please be respectful of other charters events so everyone has a chance to come to your events.

Also you need insurance for swap meets, yard sales, and events that are not a poker run, it doesn't matter if the business you are having it at has their own insurance or not. We have to protect CMT/ABATE.

Hope all charters have a great year.

Please try to attend other events and let folks know what you are about.

Thanks and have a great 2016.

Carol Crowson



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(Reprinted from www.mrf.org)

MRF is the Washington, D.C. voice of rider safety and freedom in the United States of America -- the State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs) nationwide. Because we are all about progress and advancement, we refer to our members as MRF Volunteers -- all of us join the MRF to work, not just to belong. While our volunteers number over 3,000, many are SMROs with a combined MRF/SMRO volunteer force in excess of 250,000.

MRF is partisan about one thing and one thing only -- motorcycling. We are women and men of every race, creed and political party devoted to one cause -- riders' rights and safety. Our volunteers value each others' opinions, but understand fully that we will, from time to time, agree to disagree. MRF volunteers are committed to each other as brothers and sisters and pledged to uphold MRF's core values of respect, integrity, leadership, teamwork, and excellence.

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our base of MRF volunteers to encompass every rider, no matter the ride.

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Products designed to instill pride in every ride, carry the message of liberty to other riders and encourage them to volunteer in our non-stop struggle for their safety and freedom.

A bold, aggressive, bipartisan political agenda -- an agenda aimed at getting out motorcyclists' votes for friends in legislatures across the U.S.A. We do this through MRFPAC, our political action committee. Our aim is to elect friends, educate foes and cultivate genuine MRFPAC Champions of Motorcyclists' Rights & Safety.

As an MRF volunteer, you'll tackle all the challenges facing motorcyclists today. Our public policy interests are the protection of riders' interests across the board: highway safety, personal liberty, law enforcement, health care, discrimination, labor issues, technology development, public opinion, highway access and the relationship between federal power and state prerogatives. We also pressure regulatory agencies to stay off our bikes and climb aboard a campaign for proven safety strategies. Together, we work city halls and state capitols, Capitol Hill and the international arena.

MRF has an aggressive agenda to advance safety and freedom on the road. Our agenda covers the globe. So will you, our volunteer. Together, we will:

Preserve rider access to America's roads and highways -- access that can always be stripped away by opponents of your rights and safety.

Make all roads and highways safer by working with Congress, law enforcement, transportation authorities and even MRF allies around the world to boost motorist awareness and motorcycle safety train-

ing, and eliminate road hazards by making crash barriers and other systems motorcycle-friendly.

Win health care coverage -- protection that is now systematically and unlawfully denied to riders and their families simply because we choose to ride motorcycles. Safeguard our right to individualize the look and improve the performance of our motorcycles, now under imminent threat by the U.S. EPA in this country, and in Geneva where extremists are advocating changes in how motorcycles are manufactured -- changes that could hike purchase prices, boost repair costs, mandate the use of dangerous devices in the name of safety and all but eliminate the consumer mechanic and customizer and the after-market that sustains us.

Rein in and redirect regulatory agencies -- we want regulators like the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration off our bikes and on the job of advancing proven accident prevention strategies, keeping them off our bikes and focused instead on their primary task of accident prevention.

Limit federal intrusion -- restore state prerogatives and preserve personal liberty.

It's time for you to

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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.

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

12/19 SWSR Labeling Party

CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

December 2015



VFW POST 4641 HONOR GUARD paying tribute to Sylvester Caldwell, veteran and D/H/H CMT /ABATE member at the 28th Annual Toy Run. Although Mr. Caldwell was in his 90's, his passing was un expected and much too soon. RIP



D/H/H Charter 28th Annual Toy Run & Food Drive riders, family, and friends & VFW Post 4641 Honor Guard



Youngest Couple riding in D/H/H Charter 28th Annual Toy Run & Food Drive

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CaFo RoCo	2	3 WOT	4	5
6 Muti/UpCo SWSR	7 MoCo NoCa	8	9	10	11	12
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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

CANEY FORK - Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 1, 7:00, Caney Fork Motors

Our meeting started around 7:00. Brian Nixon led us in the Pledge.

We discussed our upcoming Yard Sale on Nov. 7th. We put the ad in the paper and made the flyers. Everything went great.

We had the best event ever we all pulled together and everyone donated their time and stuff and it couldn't have been better.

The money raised from the yard sale is going to one of us charter members. She is a wonderful person and we are so proud to be able to help her and her family. So please keep SPARKETTE in your prayers. We also had our vote for new officers.

DIR- Terry Presley ASS- DIR- Gary Hensley TRE- Robin Presley ACT- Kristie Silcox SEC- Hanna Porter Leg- Kevin Wooten SGT- Jimmy Young- Brian Nixon. We are very pleased with all our officers and so excited to see what we can do to make our charter grow.

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN-

Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 17, 7:00,

VFW, Dickson, TN

OCTOBER 15, 2015

13 souls met at the VFW Thursday night. Mark called the meeting to order and we all rose to face the flag and say the Pledge. Got some sick folks in our community we need to remember – Jess's mom Barbara; Allen Burrow's brother Roy, who has since passed away; family of the Humphreys County young couple and child killed in car wreck; and Steve's customer Chuck's (Southern Steel band member) mother battling lung cancer.

Shelia reported several new memberships and renewals. Great job at keeping our membership growing!

Mark & Becky attended a Rep. Jay Reedy event in Woodlawn. Rep. Reedy is working hard for motorcyclists' rights and we are proud to support him. Congrats to Rep. Reedy for completing the Riders Edge course and getting that "M" on his license!

28th Annual Toy Run & Food Drive coming up on Saturday, October 31, 2015. T-Shirts are in (a big thanks to Mary Cunningham Johnson for getting these ordered for us), as well as wrist bracelets (thanks Shelia & Steve) – both honoring our deceased member Mr. Sylvester "Grandpa" Caldwell. Update on Toy Run & Food Drive – huge success this year even with damp, cool weather – about 30 bikes, 2 clas-

sic cars and lots of cagers. Approximately 138 lbs. of food each to Helping Hands of Humphreys County & Dickson County Help Center. Many toys to American Legion of Waverly and White Bluff Fire Department. All 4 agencies will receive \$\$ from D/H/H Charter, too, from T-Shirt sales. Honor Guard presented colors and performed ceremony, Charter Chaplain Mike Boehm shared wholesome words and a good time was had by all! Waverly Elks had chili and dogs waiting on the group and donated all funds to Wheaties Kids. Humphreys County Sheriff Chris Smith has given permission for the run to be hats free, but since Dickson County Sheriff Jeff Bledsoe said "no", everyone donned the hats from Charlotte to Waverly.

Discussion that VFW needs help with maintenance on their building. The VFW is... well, the VFW, and is deserving of our help. Several things we can do to support this need and we'll discuss further at our next meeting. Also, the VFW Honor Guard is hosting a Fish Fry on November 6, and everyone is invited – please try to attend and support their purchase of new uniforms.

Benefit for Mihai family (after mc accident) on November 8. Several of our members (Tony, Drew, Bobby) are serving up some good ribs – come get you some for a great cause! We want to help each other and this is an excellent way to do just that!! As always – thanks to members Randy & Renee Brewer of Bottoms Up Bar & Grill for hosting this benefit – they are there for our bunch every time we call. If you're ever in Waverly – be sure to stop in to say hey and give them a big thanks for being huge ABATE supporters.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 19, 2015.

50/50 and meeting adjourned.

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

November 2015 Minutes

MoCo held our monthly meeting at 7pm 2 Nov. 2015, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville, TN. There were 15 members in attendance and 3 guests. The meeting kicked off promptly at 7 pm and the first topic discussed was membership. We discussed different ways to try to increase both our local and State membership numbers. The next topic was nominations for our December elections, the open positions are Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and SGT of

Arms. We then moved into discussion and agreement on supporting the local Angle Tree for the Christmas Season. The last topic covered was our annual Christmas party in lieu of the monthly meeting. The party will be held on 4 Dec at the Ahlers House starting at 5:30, food at 6pm. Pot Luck style. The floor was then opened for any other conversation or information. The meeting ended at 7:42pm. May everyone Ride Safe & Keep the Rubber Side Down

John Ahlers, MoCo Director

MUSIC CITY - Next meeting: Sunday, Dec. 6, 2:00, Skully's, Old Hickory

NASHVILLE - Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 15, 7:00, Bikini Beach Bar, Antioch

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Meeting was brought to order with the pledge.

Director Report: Attended the State Wide Poker Run Final and Rodeo at Smith/Wilson Roost. Deane won 1st place and Becky Foss won 2nd, Leslie Sullivan 3rd. Attended the Nashville Charter Pumpkin Fest on October 11. The week of Oct 17th Attended the BMW Rib Fest.

Asst Director: Attended the 2015 October Fest in Daytona.

Secretary Report motion to accept minutes as they appeared in News Letter. Passed. Reminded people of the up and coming Smith Wilson November 8th. I won \$100 in Biker Bucks at the Rodeo. Boswell Toy Run November 7th meet at Centennial Park Kick Stands up at 1.

Treasurer Report: We made a good Profit at Pumpkin Fest. Good turnout. Nashville Charter T Shirts are on Sale with the new logo (Batman Building). See Bette Stewart if interested.

Legislative Report: Carol Attended Meeting of the Minds, Workshops were good. Paul D. Discussed the regulation on Tail of the Dragon not allowing vehicles over 40 '. Discussed the ELIO Three Wheeler Auto Cycle. They are enclosed vehicles do not think they should be considered as Motorcycle. Jackie and John Ahlers are going to register as Lobbyist for us. Still working on Letters that need to be signed and presented to Reps.

New Business: January 16th New Year's Kick Off. Time to start getting prizes. Price of the party room has gone up to \$1400. Carol motioned that each Charter kick in \$100 to the cost of the room, this passed for Nashville Charter. State will kick in the

rest and they profit from the gate. Nashville will get the band and have silent Auction. Tossed around the idea for a contest as to the best Animal Print Contest if this is ok would add to the Flyer. Rooms are \$94 plus Tax. 30 Day Advance for Room Rental. 2016 State Poker Run. Shorty already has a list of people wanting to sponsor and participate. Tickets for the Prizes are \$5 or 5 for \$20. Already have prize from Titan Tattoo. Will continue to get donations for prizes.

Open Forum: Discussed the success of Pumpkin Fest and Swap Meet. May change the Date for Next year.

Motion to adjourn passed. Nashville Charter next Meeting is Nov 17th 7pm at Bikini Beach. See you there.

Next BOD is Dec 13th at Skullys.

ROBERTSON COUNTY- Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 1, 7:00, Piggy Pit, Springfield

Robert County CMT/ABATE meeting held 11/3/15 at The Pit in Springfield. Jeff lead off our meeting with the pledge and Robert lead in the prayer. Treva gave the treasury report and Roland and Samantha started with upcoming events. The Robertson County CMT/ABATE Toy Run will be held on Nov. 21st starting at Douglas BP 2622 Tom Austin Hwy in Springfield. Kickstands up at 1:00pm and will end up at Ebenezer Baptist Church 6028 Ebenezer Rd Greenbrier. Everyone come and bring an unwrapped toy. All toys stay in Robert County for the Children in need. Also there is a Cancer Benefit for Shannon Graves on Nov. 14 at Our Place 3838 Cross Plains Rd. Springfield, TN. Gate opens at 9:00am and kickstands up at 11:00am. Everyone come and enjoy good music, fun and food. All proceeds go for medical bills and expenses for the family.

Vickie had a Thank You card from DeWayne Groves for the Benefit thanking everyone for everything that was raised and everybody that participated. Thank You to all.

Robert thanked everyone for flowers sent to his mother, and Mr. Bush donate \$20 for Toy run. Thank you.

Our Christmas Party this year will be held Dec. 11 at Pine and Samantha's at 5:30pm. Bring a side dish, and if you want to participate bring a Dirty Santa gift to exchange. Always a great time.

Next meeting will be Dec. 1st. Hope to see everyone.

Connie Jones, Forms Integration Specialist I

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

TENNESSEE VALLEY - Next Meeting: Sunday, Dec. 20, 2:00, Call for Location Mark (Yog) 423-570-0250 10/ 18 /15

Our October meeting was dedicated to the Legislative Retreat.

Tony Dabbs led the meeting discussing how our two major bills the Freedom of Choice and Lane Splitting / Sharing were progressing and how we can help get them passed in the 2016 session.

Events report: The Wine Run which is our combine charter event with the Upper Cumberland Charter went well. We look forward to next year.

Next Meeting: November 15th At "The Honest Pint" located at 35 Patten Parkway Chattanooga TN 37402 2:00p.m.

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

Yog

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER - Next Meeting: Sunday, Dec. 13, 2:00, The Roost, Lebanon

SUMMER COUNTY - Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 17, 7:00, VFW Hall, Hendersonville or TBA

UPPER CUMBERLAND - Next Meeting: Sunday, Dec. 6, 12:00. Call for Details, Ron 931-879-3899

Upper Cumberland – Next meeting and Christmas Gala: December 6th Hawg's Barn, Cookeville

Meeting of November 1st at 12:00P took place at Denise's (Sparta). Meeting brought to order with the pledge

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Briefly went through expenditures and all-in-all Charter doing well (working balance of \$635.91).

Legislative:

- Freedom of choice bill (asked for opinions)

- Next session not until mid-January

- "Meet on the Hill" each Charter will have their own day

Activities:

- "Rode to see Lynn" (Fund Raiser) - collected \$495.00 total

- In need of finding an Activities Director

- Liberty Rally is the 3rd weekend in May

at Jackson County Fairgrounds

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Smith Wilson's Toy Run and Chili Cook-off is next Sunday (Nov.8)

- T-shirts are available (in black and XXL on in white) \$10 each.

- Christmas Party and next meeting is scheduled for December 6th at Hawg's Barn in Cookeville. Food was voted to duplicate last year's Turkey Meal (from Kroger's); however, all are welcome to bring dessert tray or side dish. Also, if you wish to participate in the "dirty Santa" gift exchange (\$10 or less) we will have as this too as it was a big hit last year too.

- Meetings for January and February (1st Sunday of the month) were decided as follows: January at Scooter's (Waterloo Rd; Cookeville); and in February at the Blind Zebra.

Conclusion:

- November's meeting's 50/50 drawing (\$8.50) and Members drawing (\$13.00) were both donated back to the Charter

WHEELS OF THUNDER - Next Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 3, 7:00, Pancho's, Memphis

Thanks to Randy & Renee Brewer of Bottoms Up Bar & Grill, Waverly, TN for being such great CMT/ABATE supporters!





Fred and Tony Thompson, 2015



CMT/ABATE officers with Fred at campaign open house, 1994

CMT/ABATE, INC. MOURNS THE PASSING OF FRED D. THOMPSON

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The entire CMT/ABATE organization sends our sympathy to the family of Fred Thompson and wishes them Wisdom, Courage, and Serenity in coping with their grief. Fred Thompson was embraced by CMT/ABATE as OUR candidate for U.S. Senate in 1994 under the leadership of State Director Tim Saltsman and worked diligently from the opening day of his campaign to help with his success for election. During the 1995 Federal Repeal of the U.S. Mandates on Helmet Laws effort, Fred was thoroughly engaged in the passage of the legislation and remained a true supporter of Less Government, More Freedom throughout his lifetime. His son, Tony, is currently a fierce motorcycle rider and member of CMT/ABATE.

Passing of a Legend and CMT/ABATE champion, Fred D. Thompson

November 1, 2015

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Officers and members of CMT/ABATE mourn the passing of Fred D Thompson, who died earlier today.

CMT/ABATE members worked diligently to elect Fred Thompson as our State US Senator in 1994. Fred defeated Jim Cooper with a wide margin due to the work of the motorcyclists of Tennessee and many other grassroots organizations, business coalitions, and the good people of Tennessee. After his success, Fred became a well-known supporter of motorcyclist's rights in Washington, DC, particularly his staunch belief in repealing the Federal Mandate on Helmet use. Senator Thompson was always receptive to promoting motorcyclist's causes, both in Tennessee and Washington, DC, for over two decades.

In the last year or so, his son, Tony, has joined the motorcycle community, riding far and wide on his Harley. As a lobbyist registered with the Tennessee General Assembly, Tony's casual encounters with Tony Dabbs and other members of the CMT/ABATE Legislative Team have provided valuable advice for our legislative efforts. Tony is a member of CMT/ABATE.

Our heart-felt condolences go out to him and the entire Thompson family who will be missing him dearly.

Our sorrow is immense.

Details:

<http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/politics/2015/11/01/former-us-sen-fred-thompson-dies-73/74752142/>

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Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman Charter says Good-Bye to Grandpa

On October 31, the D/H/H Charter had its 28th Annual Toy Run and Food Drive. It is the second largest toy run in the state, something we are very proud of. This year's run was a Memorial Ride in honor of our member Mr. Sylvester "Grandpa" Caldwell.

Grandpa was our oldest member at 90 years old. He passed away September 8, 2015, due to injuries sustained in a car accident on Labor Day and was buried September 11, 2015.

Grandpa was a Veteran. He was in the Navy and served in the Pacific during the Second World War. A favorite son of Charlotte, Tennessee, Grandpa was a stained glass artist, a lover of Indian and Harley Davidson motorcycles and a NASCAR driver in the dirt track days of the sport. He was the 1st person in Charlotte

to own a Color TV.

I met Grandpa at the Dickson VFW Post 4641 where he loved to sing karaoke on Friday nights. His favorite song to sing was Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" with his train whistle added in. Quick with a smile or a joke, it was an honor to have him share my table on Friday nights.

The day of the Toy Run it was off and on rain all day with Grandpa's three daughters and several other family members in attendance. Our Charter Chaplain Mike Boehm offered up a beautiful prayer and the VFW Honor Guard performed a Fallen Soldier Ceremony for Mr. Caldwell. A recording of Grandpa signing Folsom Prison Blues was played and the Honor Guard did a 21 Gun Salute and played Taps in his honor.

Mr. Caldwell was a beloved member

of the VFW and because of the weather and an event at the Post on the day of his funeral, there was no military honors performed that day. The Ceremony at the Toy Run was them saying good-bye to Grandpa, as well as our Charter. It was very difficult for them and several were in tears at the end of the Ceremony, as were many in the crowd.

The rain might have hurt our attendance this year, but it didn't dampen our spirits. We filled Mark's trailer with toys and food for needy families this holiday season.

We want to thank everyone who dropped off toys and food and especially the 30 or so riders who said "the hell with the rain" and rode their bikes. With the help of the community and the members of this Charter, I think we did Grandpa right proud! RIP our good friend.

Steve Teston

Activity Director

Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman Charter

Short story written by Batman formed CMT/ABATE Safety and Education Director.

Yes, I am the kind of guy who rides at night. I enjoy the midnight wind, that sweet smell that you can only get when the four wheelers are not trying to run you over and that fart smell that these new cars let go with. It's good to feel the power kick in when you roll the throttle down. Speeding down the highway, you don't even slow down to hit your exit. You bank hard, just to make the curve. You have to bank so hard that sparks fly from your roll bars. Fire is coming out of the tailpipes. You raise up at the end of the curve, hitting the gas even harder. Bugs bounce off your face. You wished

to hell that you hadn't lost your glasses. Your eyes water as tears stream back toward your ears. By now, you're just pissed. Refused service!! What made her think I couldn't hold anymore? I've drank more than that before and rode. By now you can't see the speedometer. The lines on the road look to be only a foot long. The bike is vibrating hard. You can only see down the tunnel that is your headlight. You roll on the gas with a purpose. The road is empty, just you and the bike. Flames are leaping from the pipes a couple of feet. The wind is roaring in your ears, your eyes watering so bad you can barely see at all, 1500cc, 45 horses straining against the night, your hair flat

against your head. Why wear your helmet, you've made this ride a thousand times? The road still clear, you relax, sit back, put your feet up on the roll bar, just in time to see it step out of the dark, into the headlight, eyes glowing in the night. You grab for the brake, but too many beers and too much speed, you pull hard on the brake. The sun is coming up just as the trooper stops. Looking at the deer in the middle of the highway, he followed the tire marks off the road, found the bike against the tree, shaking his head as he calls for back up. He had told him not to drink and ride. Now he has to make plans for his brother's funeral.



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History of ABATE in America - How it all started

The following material was originally published in Easyriders magazine in the early 1970's
Continued from October, 2015

The History of ABATE the Organization

Back in June of 1971, a new and exciting motorcycle publication was introduced--EASYRIDERS--a motorcycle magazine for the entertainment of adult bikers. This came into existence by the hard work of Lou Kimzey, the Editor, along with the owner of Paisano Publications. Along with Lou were Mil (Hog Expert) Blair, Editor-at-Large, and Joe Teresi, Senior Editor. Joe was the one who came up with the needed funding to get things running smoothly. He was owner of D&D Distributor, later known as Jammer. About the same time that EASYRIDERS got underway an organization by the name of N.C.C.S.I. (National Custom Cycle Safety Institute) got going. Joe Teresi was Vice President of this group. This organization was for manufacturers and distributors. Their main function--was to come out with their own safety standards for custom parts. They concentrated mainly on custom front ends and frames with raked necks. They are credited for keeping a lot of junk off the market and were able to keep Big Brother at arm's length. In Issue No. 3, October 1971, EASYRIDERS started a non-profit organization just for bikers. It was called NCCA (National Custom Cycle Association). At the time, dues were \$3 for a one-year membership. One must keep in mind that back in 1971 no other motorcycle magazine except Roger Hall's "Road Rider" was even giving an inch of space to anti-bike legislation. Yet Lou Kimzey saw fit to take on the extra burden of starting a motorcycle rights organization.

It wasn't long until Lou changed the NCCA to ABATE (A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments). Lou came about the Eagle logo in an old civil war publication. The eagle is one of the largest birds, and a strong flier. It has long been used as a sign of power, courage, and freedom. The American Bald Eagle is not only our logo but it is the official emblem of the United States. Its picture is on the Great Seal of the U.S., the President's flag, some coins and paper money. Our logo with the 13 star shield is truly worthy of our cause, and our founder foresight. In early 1972, Keith Ball arrived on the scene at EASYRIDERS. He became Associate Editor of EASYRIDERS and Director of ABATE. Through the work of Keith and the guidance of Lou, ABATE started area coordinators in different states to help organize bikers so that they could better represent ABATE on the local level. This also helped form a better line of communication. From this mushroomed a sophisticated network of state and county chapters.

It should be noted that the little funds that ABATE had in the early days went to hiring an engineering firm to determine whether a raked front end or an extended front end was safe. This resulted in two lengthy documented reports, complete with engineering drawings that established proof that they were safe. This allowed bikers to fight in court "unsafe vehicle" tickets with scientific facts--not just opinions. EASYRIDERS, on behalf of ABATE, also picked up the tab on a test case concerning an extended front end being unsafe. From 1971-1974 most of ABATE's efforts went into fighting such laws. Had it not been for the efforts of ABATE-EASYRIDERS in the early 1970s, choppers would have been outlawed.

In March of 1977, ABATE, through the help of the staff at EASYRIDERS, held a State Coordinators meeting in Daytona, Florida. It was decided as a matter of policy that ABATE, nationwide, as a lobbying organization would discourage back patches on cut-offs. This was decided as necessary in order not to be misjudged as a "club," either by outlaw groups, police, or Joe Citizen. At this meeting it was also decided that it was about time ABATE got organized, with a charter, bylaws, etc. Nominations were held, and five State Coordinators were elected as a steering committee to take ideas from all the members and chapters, and boil the results down to a charter and bylaws. Fuzzy Davy from ABATE of Virginia was elected spokesman of the steering committee along with Donna Oaks from ABATE of Kansas, Russell Davis (Padre) from ABATE of Pennsylvania, Wanda Hummell from ABATE of Indiana, John (Rogue) Herlihy from ABATE of Connecticut. A meeting was set up for Labor Day at the second national ABATE get-together in Lake Perry, Kansas. This gave the new steering committee seven months to get everything together. At the Kansas meeting, Lou Kimzey could not make it because of a sudden illness. In his place he sent Keith Ball, Joe Teresi, Pat Coughlin, a union organizer, and Ron Roliff, business agent of the M.M.A. A hall was rented by EASYRIDERS so that a professional meeting could be conducted. At this meeting a proposal for a new national was presented by the people from EASYRIDERS. In this proposal was a five-member board of directors. A problem arose when it was learned that none of the board would be made up of any of the state coordinators or any ABATE people, but would be composed of people from California, led by Ron Roliff of the M.M.A. This intimidated a lot of hard working ABATE people. Also, none of the recommendations of the ABATE steering committee were considered.

After a lot of in-fighting, the state coordinators were asked to send what they thought should be changed and to submit their ideas to Lou Kimzey. Lou had sent around a letter explaining that he was sorry that he had missed the meeting in Kansas and that he was scheduling a meeting in Sacramento in October 1977. Lou paid the air fares of the steering committee members (5), put them up in a hotel, and then attempted to explain how and why things had gotten out of hand. Unfortunately, ABATE people who had not been invited to this meeting provoked uncalled-for attacks against Lou and EASYRIDERS. Lou had tolerated a lot of mud slinging concerning forming a national organization; thus he stated to the people attending the meeting that he and EASYRIDERS were relinquishing the organization to the people attending the meeting in Sacramento.

Out of this mess two national organizations were formed: one in Sacramento; the other in Washington, D.C.; the latter being formed by all the state ABATE organizations. In March of 1978, ABATE chapters held another meeting in Daytona. The Sacramento people sent Pat Coughlin with another proposal. It was rejected by the ABATE organizations attending. 'At this meeting the ABATE chapters were told that the Sacramento group was not going to change its name (National ABATE) and was going to go on doing business as usual. It was decided that the D.C. base national that was formed by the state organizations should be dissolved, thus doing away with a lot of the hassles taking up everybody's time, and that the states should get back to doing the business they were formed to do--fight state anti- motorcycle legislation. Continued next month...

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US House Passes Long-Term Highway Bill November 9, 2015

The United States House of Representatives finished up work on a long-term highway bill and approved its passage by a vote of 363-64. The bill, "the first long-term highway bill passed by the US House in decades", is matched by a similar bill passed earlier this year by the Senate.

"This bill is absolutely critical to America and our economy" said Rep. Bill Shuster, R-PA, Chairman to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

This bill has several provisions important to motorcyclists. First and most importantly, the bill ends the federal funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints, a top priority of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

The bill also re-convenes the National Motorcycle Advisory Council (NMAC), an advisory council that advises the Secretary of Transportation on how infrastructure issues affect motorcyclists in ways that are vastly different than for four-

wheeled vehicles.

Lastly, the bill commissions a study to determine the best ways to prevent motorcycle crashes. Because it focuses only on prevention rather than on helmet use, this study would be the first of its kind.

The House and Senate will next form a conference committee to iron out the slight differences between the two versions of legislation before sending it the President for his signature, a process that is expected to be fast-tracked for quick approval.

The MRF thanks every motorcyclist who came to DC to lobby, as well as every motorcyclist who communicated with their members of Congress on this important issue.

As always, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation will keep you updated and informed on this issue.

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