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## **Smith/Wilson/Stones River State Points Rodeo - June 9-11**

## **French Broad States Points Rodeo – June 24-25**

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French Broad	Scott Smith (423)571-6608 wt1011@icloud.com	1st Wednesday of the month @ Sagebrush Steak house, Newport, 7pm
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## Director's Column

I hope everyone has taken the time to enjoy some of this pretty weather we have been having. There is no shortage of events to attend and summer isn't even here yet. While you are out getting in a little scooter time, don't forget to haul a little CMT/ABATE and MRF information around with you. Every stop you make is an opportunity to meet folks and maybe pick up some new members. We still have a lot of riders across the State that don't know a thing about either organization. I haven't had a person yet that didn't thank me for telling them about both groups.

With the June Board of Directors meeting coming up very soon, I want to ask all the charter directors to take time to be there. It is your duty to represent your membership at these meetings. I do understand how little time we all seem to have nowadays, but if it wasn't important we wouldn't be doing this in the first place. There will be some differences in BOD meetings that I think everyone will appreciate. Growth starts with the roots and we will be working to get back to our roots.

Now don't be discouraged over the first session of the 110th General Assembly. We still have issues that we will be meeting with department heads on in order to change some internal policies. One goal is to make road guards legal in this state. Due to the high tension on the hill from the gas tax, we took more of a stealth approach to the entire session. We were seen and did manage to support some good legislation and make new friends, but CMT/ABATE, Inc. was not a part of the turmoil. In fact, we were complimented more than once on our strategy and conduct. You have to remember that on the hill, the conduct of the lobby team is a direct reflection of every rider in the state. Right now bikers are looking pretty good on the hill.

I do believe in the chain of command, but if I can help anyone with anything, please take the time to contact me.



Tony M. Dabbs  
CMT/ABATE State Director

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# YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



Howdy everyone –We, CMT/ABATE, Incorporated are an advocacy group for Tennessee motorbike riders since our initial founding and our mission remains that we work as a team for the rights, safety, and freedom of Tennessee motorbike riders. Faces and names may have changed – the core mission remains the same. I will probably preface every article I write with this statement.

As you read this, legislative shenanigans have occurred in the public view and I am sure that some alleged shenanigans have occurred out of the public view. Many Legislators were either browbeat or strong-armed and deals and promises were made... and apparently now some promises were broken. What am I writing about here? I'm writing about the "tax cut" known as the Improve Act. Longtime friends at the plaza have become pretty disgusted with each other over this matter, and the damage is apparent and perhaps permanent. I am personally very disappointed with MANY of our Legislators, yet I am very proud of both of mine – Representative Sabi Kumar and Senator Kerry Roberts. Both men stood firm to their conservative ideals and voted against this tax increase. This Bill consumed weeks of valuable legislative work and caused other things to be dropped.

I know that several of our members are represented by Legislators who promised they would not vote for this tax increase, yet decided to break their promise. Hmmm... where I come from that's called lying. Folks, this matter needs to become very personal between you and your representatives and you need to make it personal. Talking to them, yelling at them, "cussing them out", bitching about them on social media will not accomplish a thing – you must support chal-

lengers who have YOUR VALUES.

Why am I writing about this subject and not motorbike matters? Well, I need to. Most folks I know become pissed when our State government extends an open palm and asks for more money – especially when the State has a massive surplus of over-collected tax revenue. People who state that they are "conservatives" generally do not vote for BIG GOVERNMENT unless they are really not conservatives at heart or at practice and several showed their true colors, did they not? The same smoke and mirrors, sleight of hand, or just plain old bullsh!t is applied to how they speak compared to how they act regarding any restoration of our rights. Some Legislators really do think that they 'know better' what's "good for the people".

Speaking of our money...I am pleased to report that we have received another Safety and Awareness grant of \$5,000.00! More details will be forthcoming as we plan events.

Bills the membership wanted us to support: The Freedom of Choice Bill. As both Tony and I stated earlier this session, our chance of passing this in Senate Finance is ZERO unless we can change two (02) to three (03) votes.

The Breakdown Lane Bill. As expected, "The Colonel" has lobbied members of House Transportation scaring them with fabricated yarns of gore if this were to pass. This places us in "damage control" mode and we have the summer break period and the fall to fix this matter and change some minds. Handheld Devices. This Bill failed, although it was a close vote.

Some other things we worked on: Road Guards. This is where we prefer to not have a Bill or corresponding law; rather we

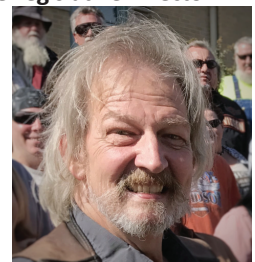
want that conversation with the transportation folks so we can work out this matter with language edits for the topic of road guard training and allowed activities.

You know, I have for many years a very personal and serious disappointment with our Governor. He proved quite some time ago that he believes that both he and Big Government know what is best. He does not like the idea of us having any freedom of choice since any restoration of rights is too much for us to handle – in his "opinion". We are treated as if all the peoples of surrounding States are much smarter or much better than we are, for they enjoy the restoration of certain rights – some for many years now. During 2018 we will elect a new Governor, and if we get the wrong one we will never see any restoration - I promise that. You know, a Gubernatorial candidate who wants to represent "all of the people" should feel quite at ease attending one of our Local Charter meetings, and I urge you guys and gals to think about this.

It's summer time now and your Legislators have gone home for the summer and fall. No doubt that some of them will start their campaigns soon since the Primary will be April 2018. And, their opponents will start as well – some already have. Legally, I remind all of us that we cannot legally endorse any candidates – but we can sure speak to them and as individuals offer our support if we wish. What we need, is for Local Charters to arrange meetings with the candidates in your area to speak to the Local Charter folk. Now, I can help you all with this and am happy to be there as I need to be. We need to make sure we show no bias – invite all the challengers. If some choose to not show, well, you tried and they failed.

Okay – May is Motorcycle Awareness Month – let's all be safe out there.

**J. Robert Forbus**  
Corporate Legislative Director







## MRF State Rep Report –

Progress is being made in Washington DC on several issues of interest to motorcyclists. Last month I reported on the formation of the new US Senate Motorcycle Caucus, which will provide a voice for motorcyclists within the Senate, and along with the existing Motorcycle Caucus in the House of Representatives, will help bring a motorcycling perspective to much of the legislation as it is being developed and discussed. In a separate article this month there is an update on the effort to combat profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement agencies. The MRF is continuing to work with Congress on the RPM Act which would protect our ability to modify street bikes and cars for race-only use. And there is the continuing effort to protect our motorcycles, and other small engines, from blends of gasoline containing dangerously destructive levels of ethanol. In order to keep up with this level of activity, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation relies on the support of its individual members, and the support of our sustaining member organizations – Has your local charter renewed their sustaining membership?

The MRFA&E (Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education) is a separate entity from the MRF, established to “To promote awareness and education in the motorcycle community to improve rider safety. To educate non-riders globally in the interest of all riders’ safety.”

Every year, the MRFA&E sponsors the “Young Activist Scholarship”, which provides an opportunity for one of our younger CMT/ABATE members to attend the MRF’s Meeting of the Minds with travel and lodging expenses paid by the MRFA&E, along with a 1-year membership in the MRF. This “Young Activist Scholarship” is intended to provide a way for the State Motorcyclists Rights Organizations, like CMT/ABATE, to recognize their young members, and provide an inspiration to get more involved in our efforts, even perhaps to take a leadership role in CMT/ABATE or their local charter.

Nominations for this award must be sent by July 1st. The details of the “Young Activist Scholarship”, requirements for the award, and the application form can be found at: <http://mrfae.org/young-activist-scholarship/>

Do you know anyone deserving of the award? Please consider nominating a young

member from your charter to be recognized at this year’s Meeting of the Minds.

Speaking of the Meeting of the Minds (MOTM), the time to start making your plans to attend is right around the corner. This event is the premier national gathering of motorcyclists’ rights activists. Recognition of the accomplishments of the individual state organizations is a highlight of this event, and at last year’s MotM, CMT/ABATE was presented an award for our efforts in passing the “Respect Bill” to allow motorcyclists to ride without a helmet in funeral processions and memorial rides, under specific conditions. In addition to the awards, there are classes and break-out sessions on a wide variety of topics important to CMT/ABATE. A weekend spent with a bunch of bikers is always a good time, and the information presented and contacts made make this a worthwhile event for anyone involved in the motorcyclists’ rights movement.

The 2017 Meeting of the Minds will be held September 21-24, in Williamsburg, VA. Details and registration are at: <http://mrf.org/events/>

I hope to see you at the Meeting of the Minds, and on the road throughout Tennessee. Until then . . .

Ride Free,  
-- Ed

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## Bipartisan, Bicameral Bill Introduced Addressing Motorcycle Profiling May 4, 2017

WASHINGTON, DC...Today, Representatives Tim Walberg (R-Mich.), Mark Pocan (D-Wisc.), Michael Burgess (R-Texas) and Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) along with Senators Ron Johnson (R-Wisc.) Jeanne Shaheen (D-New Hamp.) jointly introduced a bipartisan and bicameral resolution concerning the profiling of motorcyclists.

The bill defines the practice of motorcycle profiling and expresses the sentiments of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives on the issue of motorcycle profiling. Additionally, the bill promotes increased public awareness on the issue and encourages collaboration, education and training for the motorcycle and law enforcement communities in order to end instances of profiling.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), which has been advocating for a national solution to address motorcycle profiling with the support of the Motorcycle Profiling Project, will work over the coming months with States’ motorcyclists’ rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders to advance the measure.

President of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, Kirk “Hardtail” Willard, stated this with the bill’s release: “For too long motorcyclists have felt the effects of discrimination from law enforcement. Riding a motorcycle doesn’t make me suspect. We hope that, with this bill’s introduction, we can shine a national spotlight on this issue that affects every rider in every state, and helps put an end to this unconstitutional practice.”

About Motorcycle Riders Foundation The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for States’ motorcyclists’ rights organizations

as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.

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Note: The above article is a posting distributed to MRF members through their legislative alerts e-mail. If you find this interesting, please consider joining the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

- Ed

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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 [keeblersg@yahoo.com](mailto:keeblersg@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.

## 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

## CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

### JUNE

9-11 SWSR State Points Rodeo  
11 **BOD**  
24-25 FrBo State Points Rodeo

### JULY

4 Smoky Mountain Charter Parade Gatlinburg  
15 SWSR Robin Long Memorial Poker run  
22 Up Cu Memorial Ride  
22 CaFo Scavenger Hunt & Poker run  
30 TeVa Awareness Ride

### AUGUST

12 CaFo Relay for Life  
19 CaFo Canoe Run  
25-27 STR  
26 CaFo Bike Show

### SEPTEMBER

09 CaFo Poker Run  
10 **BOD**  
16 FrBr 2nd Annual Moonshine Poker Run  
23 NoEa Fall Ride

### OCTOBER

15 Smoky Mountain Toy Run  
13-15 SwSr State Points rodeo Finals  
21 Nash Fall Pumpkin Fest & Swap meet  
28 DHH Toy Run

### NOVEMBER

4 SwSr Toy Run and Chili Cook Off  
18 CaFo Turkey

### DECEMBER

1 Smoky Mountain Christmas parade  
Gatlinburg  
2 CaFo Toy Drive  
10 **BOD**

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				WOT		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
MuCo/UpCu SWSR	NoEa MoCo	RoCo	FrBr		SWSR	Rodeo
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
BOD SWSR Rodeo		Nash		SuCo DHH		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
TeVa					FrBr Rodeo	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)



## **CANEY FORK**

Our meeting was held April 30, 2017. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jimmy Young. Terry Started the meeting with roll call. Hanna read the minutes from last month's meeting. Robin gave the treasury report.

Activities from Amy on our upcoming event on May 27, 2017. We will be having a Family Fun Day at Crump Paris Park on May 27, 2017. So everyone come on out and enjoy the day with your family.

Kevin discussed the Pregnancy Run for July 23rd or 30th of 2017. Final vote on next month's meeting.

Just a reminder we will be moving to our new location next month.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm. Everyone ride safely... Hanna Young

## **DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN**

### **FRENCH BROAD**

### **MONTGOMERY**

### **MUSIC CITY**

Hey everyone.. I am going make this short.. My computer crashed last month. Thanks to Hattie and Joel, I am back up... Anyway, here is a small update on Music City

1 : We had Brenda's St. Paddy's Day run, and had a great turn out!!! Thank you everyone that came out.. We all had a great time!!!

2 : Brenda was contacted and asked if we would do a Benefit Run for Billy Bunn, and many showed up. The monies collected was taken straight to the funeral home.. R.I.P. Billy.

3 : We held the Intervention Ride with Ms. Lynn and Doc, Wow.. it was awesome, a wonderful ride and a lot of support. This is a wonderful thing they do!!! My 1st year and I will definitely go again. All donations went to this cause, and trust me it was a good amount It goes to the Teen Challenge Program.. J-Bird, a big shout out to you, you helped get this started with our people around here.. Thanks brother, and a really BIG shout out to the best Road Guards I ever seen. They are with Doc and Miss Lynn's church.. Members of CALLING ALL BIKERS.. WONDERFUL JOB FELLOWS!!! Oak Hill Church ended us with an awesome dinner, and auction.. Thank you all for your commitment!!!

Now, for a short update... Our meeting was called to order and led in Pledge by Wendell.. Had a good amount of mem-

bers and even got some new members.

Miss Vista let us know that the Outreach Center was getting low on food supplies and asked if anybody could help build it back up. Amanda suggested any items be brought to the next meeting. Also Wendell made a motion to make a donation from the charter. Motion 2nd by somebody... LOL... voted and carried!!! June 17th ride to Fat Daddy's.

July 8 : We will be holding our 1st Christmas Toy Run.. Keep a watch for information coming out.

August 25 & 26 STR!!!.. going to be better every year, so, ya'll get your butts out there!!!

Keep your eyes and ears open, . If your a member of Music City , you will receive info by mail, watch Facebook and our site for upcoming info on all runs

Betty won the 50/50 and donated it back to the charter. hank you Betty!!!

Like I said, I am keeping this short.

So everyone be safe, and come on out to the meetings.. Prayers out to those who need them ..

Talk to ya'll later..

Ride Safe, "Crash"

## **NASHVILLE**

### **NORTHEAST**

### **ROBERTSON COUNTY**

Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at The Pitt in Springfield. We lead the meeting with the pledge and George lead us in prayer. A big thanks to everyone that attended our meeting and we had two new visitors. Roland talked about The Liberty Rally which is May 12th thru the 14th. Treva gave the treasury report, and Samantha when over events. Southern Thunder Rally will be August 25 & 26 at Hickman Co. Fairgrounds. Hope everyone will plan to attend. Johann went over the Legislation. Tom won the 50/50 and donated money back to our Down Biker Fund. Thank you. Big thanks to the Pitt for our sandwiches and chips for supper. Hope to see everyone at our next meeting June 6th.

Connie Jones

## **SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER**

### **SMOKY MOUNTAIN**

May 2017 Minutes

open of meeting

welcome new members: four new members were present and we had a little intro and more after meeting.

Approval of last meeting

minutes:minutes were distributed and recapped for new members

Approval of treasury report: no changes in treasury report except for the pass the hat amount for state contribution that was sent in.

Old Business: nothing new carried over  
New Business:

A Family day in June was proposed and voted to have so a date will be looked into to have a family day at River Rat in Townsend.

Moonshine 28 fun run confirmation of participation. Camping was voted on to do instead of hotel room for overnight stay.

May 20th Good fellows childhood cancer run starting at Smokey mt ride.

Memorial day ride to clinch mt after or events at SMHD.

Ideas for additional awareness: Ideas to set up at swap meets at local shops and additional candle set up options.

July fourth Parade prep needed to be set up. A trailer is available as well as materials in the Charter storage area. Dates were confirmed for overnight stay. More details on decorations and meeting area will be set up as well as a possible table set up for awareness in Gatlinburg.

other fundraiser opt.: voted to pass on the calendar this year.

Meeting adjourned

## **SUMNER COUNTY**

### **TENNESSEE VALLEY**

### **WHEELS OF THUNDER**

### **UPPER CUMBERLAND**

Ron opened the meeting and Billy led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dean gave the treasures report.

Legislative: Nothing new.

Activities: Sponsors donations and information was collected for the Summer Fun Run. List will be ready and for sale at the June meeting. A novelty Foods vendor has been added to the Liberty Rally.

Old Business: \$100 was paid to MRF to renew our sustaining membership.

New Business: The Statewide Poker Run Books are out and available for purchase. See Dean if you interested in getting one.

Meetings: June - Trina's; July - Deans; Aug - Northfield Winery; Sept - Highway Hogs; Oct - Docks

Thank You Boone and Fred for being being such great hosts for this meeting!

Meeting Adjourned.

Safe Riding o~o`

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# SOAP BOX

This is a new page I am including to give everyone a voice in our paper! As long as it is kept fair and clean... by that I mean no calling out people or calling them names... They will be edited for grammar, punctuation, content and clarity.

Please submit your comments and thoughts about whatever...

Thank you

The editor

## Commentary



Hello again and it's good to see everyone. I hope your past month has been as exciting as mine. I have been able to get three radio stations to play a Public Service

Announcement (PSA). It's the same one that everyone should have received from Carol Simpson. I'm currently working on three other stations plus working on a TV spot for a PSA. WJ's cycles here in Johnson City held their annual Bike show and Cleaning supplies for homeless Veterans who have received their first homes. I won first place

on my bike. A lot of clubs MC and RC along with MM, of course many individual riders were present. Some of these guys had some really cool bikes. While there, an interesting issue came up. That was the red light law. Now many have heard different stories such as, you have to wait two cycles before you can go. Some say on multiple lanes you have to wait for a car to trip the light and so on. My thought was even though the code is in our pamphlet, how do we back it up? A president of a local MC here did get a ticket and I'm working with him to get it dismissed. Anyway I called Carol Simpson, told her the story on what happened and she sent a couple emails out. To both of our surprise,

the response was a quick return. From THP & DOS was more than we could hope for. I'm not sure if she is going to publish in here or send an email blast. But basically it says, "As long as the motorcycle stops at the light and after exercising due care, he may proceed to go." We even received case referral and an opinion from a Judge from 2013. The only thing we didn't receive was an opinion from the Attorney General but we can get that if we need it. I think it's important for us that when we tell people what we have done for bikers we should be able to back it up. I'll let you know how the MC case turns out. So for now Ride Safe and Be Free Scott

Attention Guys & Gals, I have been, so far this year, to two Legislative rides and have not seen any other members except for that local charter participating in their own event. All charters should be supporting each other on this major event. If a charter has an event of this importance in their community we should all support it. You see a ride like this and only five bikes are in, what is the public going to think? But if this ride is supported by everyone and now there is 75 bikes in this event what do you think the public would think then. We can have our bike shows and swap meets. Our local rides for charity and that's great, but when it comes down to our mission in CMT/ABATE Inc. for Legislation and Education, we need to band together to help that charter and show our Organization

it's strength in that community for all to see. East Tennessee has the most beautiful of God's creation you can ever amaze your eyes with. Two of the largest events in Tennessee happen here and that's Gatlinburg's July 4th & Christmas parades. Smokey Mountain Charter hit this with their 1st one on July 4th last year. ONE message that hit over 90,000+ humans who had attended the event. I was there and I was awed! Never had I ever seen that many folks in one place, and we were in the middle of it. But let me ask you, we just had a few bikes there. How much more powerful of a statement would have been if all CMT/ABATE Inc. members had attended also. Strength is in numbers not alone. Your charter enters a local parade in your area you want as many members there to show

we are a force to be reckoned with. If we want young riders and new members, then we have to show ourselves in the community as a strong and stable unit when we ride by them and they look and say "I want to be with them". Look at the Shiners; everyone knows who they are, right? See someone with a CMT/ABATE Inc. patch on and a lot of times you hear "who's that" tell me what's the difference? Anyway, we all need to take a look at ourselves and say, "how strong of an Organization do we really want to be and what can I do". Until then I'll see you all soon because I'm coming that way. RIDE SAFE, BE FREE

Assistant Corporate Director  
Scott Smith

## STATE POINTS RODEO – LIBERTY RALLY

### SLOW RACE

1st Tommy Jones  
2nd Cody Toungett  
3rd Ryan Waters

### BARREL ROLL

1st Ryan Waters  
2nd Tommy Jones  
3rd Cody Toungett

### BALL & CONE

1st Jeff Hollins & Becky Foss  
2nd Ryan Waters & Cortney Waters  
3rd Cody Toungett & Sarah Lipinski

### WEENIE BITE

1st Jeff Hollins & Becky Foss  
2nd James Sullivan & Leslie Sullivan  
3rd Tommy Jones & Teresa Presley

## RODEO TOTALS AFTER 5/13

### RIDER

6 Jeff Hollins  
6 Tommy Jones  
6 Ryan Waters  
4 Cody Toungett  
2 James Sullivan

### PASSENGER

6 Becky Foss  
2 Leslie Sullivan  
2 Cortney Waters  
1 Sarah Lipinski  
1 Teresa Presley





from left to right Sue Leonard, Ronnie Leonard, Kevin Butler, Randy Guthrie, Kerry Reasoncuch, Terry Presley, Eddie Enoch and Terry Ward



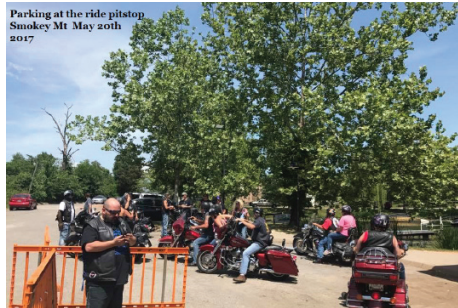
Waiting with the escorts before the line up  
Children's Ride  
Smokey Mt 2017



Assistant Director in  
his element  
Smokey Mt 2017



Getting in the line up  
(Slo Roll and Wolf)  
Smokey Mt May 2017



Parking at the ride pitstop  
Smokey Mt May 20th  
2017



Slo Roll Rollin in!  
Smokey Mt May 2017



Refueling ...  
Smokey Mt May 2017



Children's ride before line up  
Smokey Mt May 20th 2017



Socializing with the band of brothers  
in the community for a cause.  
Smokey Mt May 20, 2017



on the road  
Smokey Mt Children's Hospital Ride  
May 2017



Wind therapy  
Smokey Mt May 2017



And off we go to see the views of the  
TN countryside.  
Smokey Mt May 2017

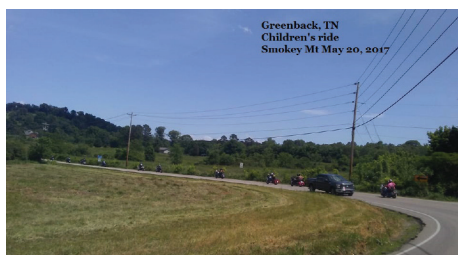


Smokey Mountain  
charter's mission  
for awareness is  
sticking apparently.  
We are still a long  
way away from our  
goal, but closer.  
These babies are on  
everything from  
four wheels to  
company work  
trucks!

LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE  
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In formation  
Smokey Mt  
May 2017

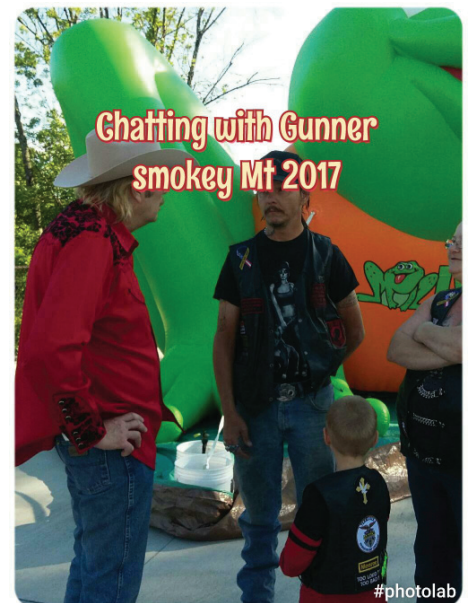
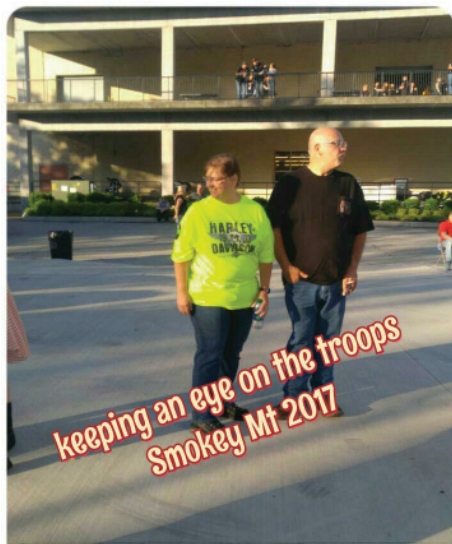
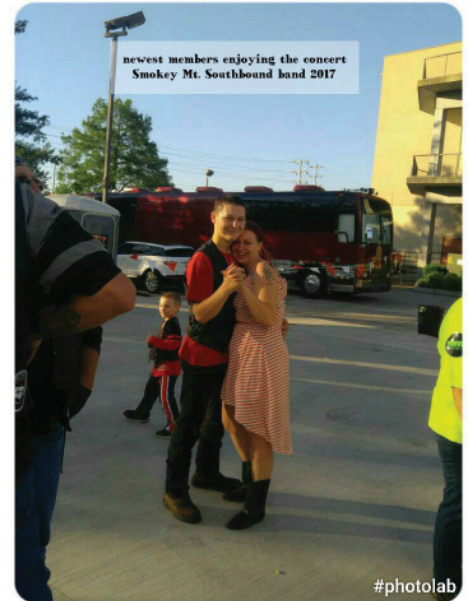
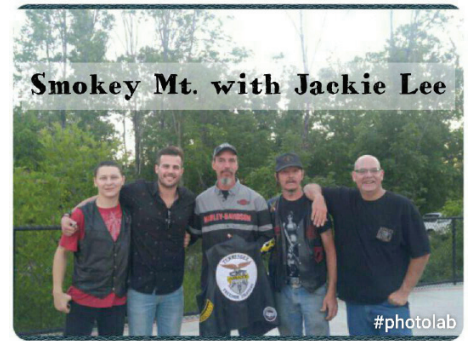
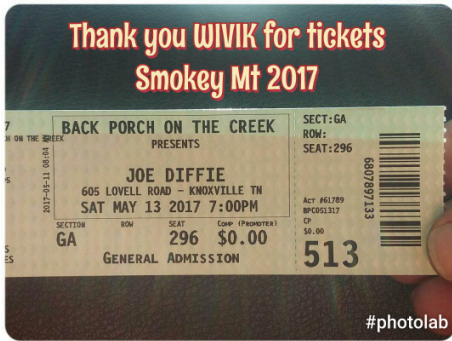


Greenback, TN  
Children's ride  
Smokey Mt May 20, 2017



A great day to support Children's  
Hospital and to support brothers  
Smokey Mt lining up  
May 20 2017











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