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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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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
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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
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DIRECTORS COLUMN

I just got back from the Board of Directors meeting in Madison. Once again, Skully's laid out a fine lunch for us all. We were worried that the bad weather might hinder a few people. Sure enough, icy roads to the west prevented a couple of charters from making it. But from Nashville to the east it was only rain, so we had plenty of officers to take care of business.

The first thing we did was lay out the event calendar for 2014. I'll get this right over to Nanci so she can get in the paper. You can see there are several weekends with nothing scheduled. These holes will probably be filled in later. If you'd like to lock in a date, just let us know and we'll get it done.

I was hoping we'd be seating a new Activities chair at this meeting, but that didn't happen. Until we find someone to do this job, our PR/Communications person, Carol Simpson, is going to be handling event insurance. Her phone number and email is on the list of Board Officers in the paper. She can give you a list of costs for number of days and total attendance. Just remember, contact her at least thirty days before your event. And if you encounter someone interested in the Activities position, or Membership, or Products, get that information to us.

Well, I'm looking forward to another great year. I can't wait to get back on the road. See ya there.

Thank you,
Dean Lucas
CMT/ABATE State Director



Front Page—Dickson Humphrey's Nitro Dirt Drags.
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"YOUR RIGHTS -YOUR RIDE"



Another December 7th has passed and I notice every year it means less to folks in general. To me it will always be Pearl Harbor Day, the beginning of our country's greatest fight for freedom and liberty. The entire world bled for this. You may wonder what this has to do with helmet legislation and I would say everything. We aren't fighting to get rid of helmets, but for the freedom and liberty of choosing to wear one or not. All we have to give to our fight is a little time, but the price paid on December 7th, 1941 puts everything into proper perspective for me.

A legislative retreat and strategy meeting was held on November 23rd. Every member, along with any other groups in the state had the opportunity to provide input. Based on that input, the representatives of CMT/ABATE membership decided on the following agenda for the 2014 session. We will continue the fight for helmet choice. Helmet reciprocity -if you are from a freedom of choice state, you do not have to wear a helmet in Tennessee AND it will be a secondary offense for those from Freedom of Choice states -was number 2 on the list. This would encourage tourism and also provide some real numbers about riding without a helmet in this state. Third on the list was a bill that would state compliance of a vehicle and its occupants to safety and emissions regulations would be limited to those in place at the year of vehicle manufacture. In other words the state could not require catalytic converters on your '36 knuckle or seat belts in your '57 vette.

Cell phone use, especially

texting, was a big one. This was actually the second most requested thing I received. It was decided to let those groups already working on this to do the job and offer our support. No need to muddy the waters. Cable barriers

are best handled through direct contact with TDOT. It wouldn't hurt to contact them with your personal opinions, but be respectful. Right of Way Violation has been dealt with legislatively and now the burden of educating your local law enforcement and judicial personnel is on your shoulders. Schedule an appointment with your local judge, assistant DA and sheriff. Take a copy of the ROW law and the Ricky Otts Act. Explain it to them and leave the information along with contact information for yourself and CMT/ABATE. It doesn't get more "Grass Roots" than this.

(Note: ROWv law is TCA 55-8-197 and Rickey Otts law is TCA 55-10-110. Link to Tennessee Code Annotated is: <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/tncode/>)

There will be no single Lobby Day for 2014, but each charter will receive a day to come to the Hill and lobby. Charter names will be literally drawn from a hat and scheduled. This will give us a presence during the entire session and give you the opportunity to take a personal part in our efforts. Keep in mind that you need to schedule meetings with your representative and your senator for your day to lobby. At the end of session we will schedule a Day on the Hill for Tennessee Motorcyclists. Everyone is welcome to come help at any time, but I would ask that you let me know ahead of time.

DRAGON TALE

At times we can be our own worst enemy. Over the past few months I have been contacted by individuals concerned with what they called "harassment of bikers" on US129 or Tail of the Dragon. There were claims that the THP and other law enforcement agencies were stopping motorcycles for such things as handle bar height and vertical tags along with accusations of misuse of funding. This resulted in letters and emails being sent to different state officials, including the governor. There is nothing wrong with taking action when something wrong has happened, but, the problem, in this case, is nothing did happen. These events did not occur in 2013. In fact, people should take time to research the facts before accusing someone of wrong doings and in the process causing damage to the reputation of CMT/ABATE Inc. We cannot afford this sort of damage to our credibility. Yes, over the years, the Governor's Highway Safety Office has given Blount County additional funds for High Visibility Enforcement Campaigns on Hwy 129. These funds were used to enforce safety laws on the Tail of the Dragon, particularly when there were event weekends" involving both Car and Motorcycle groups. There have been no "motorcycle only" checkpoints or profiling.

For those not familiar with these events, there was a website that contained the previously mentioned accusations. Readers were asked to send letters and emails to state officials and voice their complaints. The posting was from 2007, not 2013. The so-called victim, gave only a first name and no other information. Since 2010, thanks to a bill sponsored by Rep. John Deberry, vertical tags are now lawful. There are no handlebar height restrictions in Tennessee

since the late 80's. I know this might blow some minds, but you can't believe everything you read on the internet, especially when you don't read the details.

I would suggest if anything like this comes up in the future that you check the facts and contact someone that might have more information before you start writing the Governor. I appreciate those that did contact me over this before they reacted. My reason for taking so long to respond was due to the fact that I was taking time to research this rumor.

The THP does add troopers when they hear of an event on US129. It isn't about harassment, but is all about safety. I ride there every chance I get and know firsthand there isn't room in my lane for me and that on coming Miata. As long as you are obeying the law, you won't have a problem.

Here is Colonel Tracy Trott's official quote for this article (Col Trott is the head of Tennessee Highway Patrol): "Motorcycle only check points and profiling are prohibited by the Tennessee Constitution. The Department of Safety and Homeland Security does not engage in those types of law enforcement. We do, however, focus on several problem areas across the state where high volume and dangerous activity by all types of highway vehicles are a threat to the public safety."

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GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM WORKS!!!

The letter below was given to Representative Courtney Rogers at her Turkey Shoot Fundraiser in November. Johann Robert Forbus coordinated the effort to collect funds. Music City Charter member Billy Murphy worked at changing targets and verifying shots during the entire event. Rep. Rogers was most appreciative. She did some research on our website, www.cmtabate.com, and posted our Look Twice Save a Life and Don't Ride Fried videos on her Facebook. Senator Mark Greene saw the videos on her Facebook and asked permission to post them on his Facebook as well. Since these videos were so popular with the readers of these two legislators' Facebook postings, PR/Communications will be asking other legislators to post the videos as well. Folks, this is how Grassroots politics works! This is an election year. Find creative ways to support those who support us. We are a 501c4 organization, and any and all contributions must come from individuals, not from the CMT/ABATE organization. Stay tuned for more encouragement about the upcoming elections! Thank you to all the TN motorcyclists who helped to support Rep. Courtney Rogers.

16, November, 2013

Turkey Shoot Fundraiser At Shackle Island Fire Department **Re-Elect Representative Courtney Rogers**

Representative Courtney Rogers,
I present to you funds donated by these Tennessee motorcyclists. These men and women wish you continued success regarding your representation of House District 45.

Tennessee Motorcyclist Jack Jones
Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075
\$25.00

Tennessee Motorcyclist Mark Proctor
Dickson County, Tennessee
\$25.00

Tennessee Motorcyclist Robert Forbus
Robertson County, Tennessee
\$25.00

Tennessee Motorcyclist Billy Murphy
Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075 and
Tennessee Motorcyclists Gary and Amy Allen
Goodlettsville, Tennessee 37072.
Members of Music City Charter, CMT/ABATE, Inc.
\$61.00

Tennessee Motorcyclist Roland Verchota
Robertson County, Tennessee
\$25.00

\$161.00 total from Tennessee Motorcyclists for Representative Courtney Rogers' re-election fundraiser.

On behalf of the above-named motorcyclists; it has been my pleasure to gather and present these funds to you.

Best Regards,

J. Robert Forbus

DATES RESERVED FOR EACH CHARTER AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO LOBBY WITH LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR TONY DABBS.

Feb. 11- Keg County
12- Knoxville and At-Large
18- Dickson/Humphreys
19- Board of Directors
25- Wheels of Thunder and Northeast
26- Tennessee Valley
Mar. 4- Sumner County and Robertson County
5- Caney Fork
11- Smith/Wilson/Stones River
12- Piney River
18- Montgomery County
19- Nashville and Music City
25- Upper Cumberland
26- Open day for other motorcycle organizations

If any one can't make their date, call contact Toney Dabbs at 931-232-8519 or email themotorsikledoc@yahoo.com.

For more details on how these charter visits to the State Legislature are going to be the BEST EVER grassroots efforts, call Tony!

CMT/ABATE, Inc. Legislative History What WE have Accomplished

ORGANIZATION

Founded in 1982 as Concerned Motorcyclists of Tennessee (CMT)

Refiled Corporation registration with Secretary of State in 1992 after merger with ABATE of Tennessee (East) and ABATE of the Mid-South (West) in 1991.

HELMET LAW BATTLES

Have continued to seek opportunities with elected officials, government agencies and departments, and the motoring public regarding freedom of choice in wearing helmets. It is not the device, but the law that is our point of concern. Senator Doug Henry has been our advocate for freedom of choice since the mid-1980's. He was instrumental in the education of the legislature that while seatbelts are a part of a four-wheel vehicle, and that device is warranted by the manufacturer to operate in a specific manner, helmets are not included in the sale of a motorcycle, have a disclaimer label in their lining stating they are NOT guaranteed or warranted to prevent injury, and are sold in the apparel department of motorcycle dealerships. We have gained some incremental legislative successes regarding helmet usage.

- Parade Bill- TCA 55-9-302 b4 – 18 years and older can ride in a parade without a helmet at speeds not to exceed 30 mph. Each incorporated community has its own parade ordinances as to whether a permit is required. No community as of this date has an ordinance to rescind the helmet choice provision of TCA 55-9-302 b4.
- Ventilated Helmet is Legal --TCA 55-9-302 a 2-4. Must have label stating approved by CPSC. Holes cannot exceed 1 ½" in diameter. These helmets may be purchased in sports stores, department stores, specialty stores catering to roller blading, kayaking, bicycling, snowboarding, horseback riding, and other recreational activities involving some risk of crash or falling.
- Have repeatedly staged Freedom Rallies on the Capitol and annual Lobby Days within Legislative Plaza.

OTHER SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE INVOLVING MOTORCYCLING

- Repealed mandatory Crash Bar Law. **1984**. Formerly TCA 55-9-301
- Changed eye protection law from mandated windshields or goggles to allow clear or tinted glasses with impact resistant lens or face shields. **1984** TCA 55-9-304
- Established Legislation which created and funded the Tennessee Motorcycle Rider Education Program. Funded solely by \$2 from each motorcycle registration and \$1 of each M endorsement. **1987**. TCA 55-51-101-107
- Handicap Plate available on motorcycle 1988. Administrative decision involving TCA 55-21-101 et seq; DEFINITION OF MOTOR VEHICLE INCLUDES MOTORCYCLE in tea 55-1-103C). Landmark decision by legal department of legislature and general counsel of Department of Safety that the two above mentioned TCA sections equal a definition that a motorcycle is a "vehicle" and is to be considered as such in all laws referencing vehicles, including the DISABLED DRIVERS LAW OF 1975.

- Legalized continually flashing brake lights. TCA 55-0-402b. NOTE: this allowance is in conflict with federal law. Has not been challenged in court. Warning: Memphis does not, like most incorporated communities adopt the entire TCA into their city ordinances and refers to the Federal Statute in this instance.
- Convinced the Tennessee General Assembly to send a Joint Resolution to the US Congress in support of States Rights **1993**
- Motorcyclists to treat electronic traffic signal that do not detect motorcycle as a 4-way (all-way) stop and proceed after a reasonable wait. **2003**. TCA 55-8-110(b)-
- Handlebar height of maximum height of 15 inches restriction lifted. Formerly TCA 55-9-305.Repealed in **2005** by Public Chapter 135.
- Military plates for motorcycles. Incorporated language for inclusion of motorcycles in original bill for all vehicle military plates which became law in **2005**. TCA 55-4-110(b)
- Right of Way Violation legislation that increases fines and penalties for those who cause serious injury or death when violating right of way in an accident (applies to all vehicles) **2006 and expanded in 2007**
- Motorcycles specifically included in Lemon Law. **2010** TCA 55-24-101(4)
- Vertical Tags on motorcycles allowed. Letters read top to bottom. **2010** 55-4-110(b)
- Amended bad bill which would have prohibited motorcycle passengers under the age of 5 to a good bill—feet must be on passenger foot pegs and supported passage into law. **2012** Was HB 153, became TCA 55-8-164 e(1)
- The "Rickey Otts Act" which requires an officer to arrest drivers involved in accidents resulting in serious bodily injury or death when such drivers lack a valid driver license and evidence of financial responsibility; prohibits the issuance of a citation in lieu of arrest in such circumstances. **2012** Amends TCA title 39, Title 40, Title 55-10, title 55-12, title 55-50, and title 55-8
- Defeated HB 428/SB 253 which would have mandated Motorcycle Rider Education for those under 18. Our position-not enough rider ed sites spread across the state to meet the demand, cost of travel and accommodates for youth prohibitive for successful enforcement (unfunded mandate) and infringes on parental rights for decisions of training and safety. **2013**
- Have garnered many May is Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamations and designations from several governors and the Tennessee General Assembly

CMT/ABATE will be amending a bill this that passed last year that will provide a specialty plate for Tennessee Motorcyclists.

If you know of corrections or additions to this document, please contact csfreedom@aol.com. This is a work in progress. The TCA's in their entirety, can be found at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/tncode/>



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The following is a letter to the CDC from Representative Tim Walberg (R) Michigan.

November 21, 2013

Washington, D.C. - Today, Rep. Walberg

Dr. Thomas Frieden
Director
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Rd
Atlanta, GA 30333

Dear Dr. Frieden:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to a series of findings and conclusions reached by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Community Preventive Services Task Force as part of their continued efforts to advocate in support of universal motorcycle helmet laws.

Of utmost concern is a slide contained in the recent October 23, 2013 presentation by the Helmet Law Review Team designated as the "Economic Impact of Motorcycle Helmet Law: A Systematic Review." Slide 11, entitled "Analytic Framework: Motorcycle Helmet Laws to reduce Motorcycle-related Fatal and non-Fatal Injuries," infers a positive awareness of helmet laws with the potential for reduced motorcycle use. The presentation goes on to conclude that "economic evidence shows that universal motorcycle helmet laws produce substantial economic benefits, and these benefits greatly exceed expected costs," "however, there is no reference whatsoever to the significant economic costs anticipated by reducing motorcycle use.

In fact, the only costs identified by the Task Force on slide 37 are the costs of purchasing a motorcycle helmet and the enactment and enforcement costs of helmet laws, which are concluded to be negligible. Not only does this contradict the earlier findings about how imposing motorcycle laws would discourage motorcycle use, but it ignores the positive economic impact motorcyclists provide.

Motorcyclists not only enjoy riding on American roads, they also spend billions of dollars touring and attending rallies. Reducing motorcycle use would have a detrimental effect on the motorcycle-industry, dealer sales, tourism, associated benefits of responsible and tax revenues. As an avid and experienced motorcycle rider, I believe government should be in the business of promoting the recreational, economic and environmental benefits of responsible motorcycle riding – not discouraging it.

The CDC has the great responsibility of addressing and protecting public health. During difficult fiscal times, the American people would be better served by your continued efforts to address widespread societal health matters such as virus prevention, cancer and heart disease. In order to ensure Congress and the public may be fully informed and confident in the information promulgated by the nation's health protection agency, I respectfully request that you provide answers to the following questions:

1. With the staff of the Community Preventive Services Task Force stating the "potential reduction of motorcycle use" as a potential outcome of helmet laws, is it the goal or strategy of the CDC to reduce the use of motorcycles – a legal mode of transportation – by recommending and pursuing a federal helmet law?
2. If so, how would the strategy be implemented and by what authority would it be instituted? Does the Community Preventive Services Task Force intend to engage Congress or the motorcycle community before making recommendations?
3. Do you believe CDC is the federal agency best suited to research and make recommendations on the issue of transportation safety?
4. As the CDC considers future policy recommendations, will you consider the full economic costs associated with

Submitted by Angel Richardson NCOM/TNCOC

CDC TASK FORCE CALLS FOR HELMET LAWS


A task force operating under the auspices of the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending that all states have a mandatory helmet law in place to require motorcycle riders of all ages to wear a helmet.

Citing reduced injuries and fatalities, as well as economic benefits, the Community Preventive Services Task Force, appointed by the director of the CDC, will make its recommendations to the federal agency and report its findings to the U.S. Congress in early December.

The CDC, whose primary mission is to fight disease, issued a report last summer recommending that all 50 states enact universal helmet laws in response to a sharp increase in motorcyclist fatalities; but ignoring the fact that the number of motorcycles in use nationwide has increased substantially over the past decade, and that costs associated with un-helmeted cyclists involved in fatal accidents represent a tiny fraction of overall U.S. healthcare expenditures.

In the meantime, U.S. Representative Tom Petri (R-WI) has authored a joint letter from members of Congress calling for the CDC to stop investigating motorcycling issues such as helmet laws, which they have no experience or expertise with, and "...to direct your attention and resources to areas that are not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the government."

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Our Mission: 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 motorcyclist who ride Tennessee.

We have revived the State Wide Poker Run event to fund our efforts and promote fun and safe motorcycling in Tennessee. The Poker Run project will begin in March 2014 and conclude October 2014, at the final event. Any and all motorcyclists and supporters may buy a Poker Run Book from our organization. It will contain approximately 100 destinations of Motorcycle-friendly businesses. Individuals will present the booklet with your coupon at your place of business and you or your employees will sign the coupon and verify the visit. Many cash prizes up to \$1000 will be awarded at the final event.

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CANEY FORK

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, 7:00, Golden Nugget, Carthage

Dec 3, 2013

Call to order 7:20 by Jeff. Pledge was led by Nanci and said by all. 5 officers, 11 members and 2 guests were present. Secretary and treasurer's reports were given. Activities by Carol, been working on a location for our swap meet, and vendors. Talked by Kick-off Party, January 18, 2014. Nanci mentioned Biker Bucks Auction, January 4, 2014, at Vern and Duck's. SWSR's Toys for Tots December 15, 2013.

Karen from New Attitude mentioned Pastor Run Benefit December 21, 2013. And we are invited to their dinners at the clubhouse every Thursday.

\$50.00 to Emily for dinner for seniors, motioned, second, passed.

Elections were held for new board.

Meet your new board for 2014;

Director Jeff Parker, Asst. Director Yee Haw, Secretary Tammy Kennedy, Treasure Robin Presley, Activities Carol Crowson, Legislative Rep. Dan Whitman, Products Lolly Allison and Clydette Richard, Safety Jacky King, Sgt. of Arms Sparky, Jimmy Young, Pete.

Meeting adjourn 7:56

Thank you Terry for your years of service. We had fun with you at the head of the table.

Thank you Caney Fork for letting me be your secretary. I enjoyed my time with you. Good luck to Tammy. I know you will go a great job.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Nanci

Dickson/Humphreys

Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014 7:00, VFW Hall

November

There were 13 souls to say the pledge to our flag and start our Nov. meeting. Cycledellic Mark said howdy to everyone then got down to business. We talked about our 26th Annual Toy Run and that we have 24 t-shirts left to get shed of.

Lil John gave us a money report. Bub Davis said he would pay \$200 on our lease at the Blue Hole. Thanks to you Mr. Davis!

It was told that our member Mike Bohme led the Vets Day Parade with 84 bikes riding behind him. A motion was made for us to enter the Dickson Christmas Parade on Dec 1st. All said "yep" be it so! Freak show update: 9 people, 3 bikes, and on teddy bear made the parade and threw out \$25.00 worth of candy to kids along the way. Big ole drank to us 9 souls who took a couple hours to represent this fine charter!

Mark and Becky have been talking with the people of Slayden and we will put up 2 Look Twice signs up in that town. We then had a conversation about our Humphreys Co. members. We are gonna get with Bobby Rich to see if he can work on that part of our charter for us. Damn good man for that job! We also talked about the positions in our far our charter that needs attention. We need people to fill position of Products, Membership and WWW Dot person. These are very important and not so hard to cover. If any of our members are interested in doing these or even helping with these positions, please come to your charter meeting and offer your help. 10 of us can't keep doing everything all the time. Elections are in April, but we need help NOW! Also want input from you, our fellow members, on what we need to do to get you out and involved in this very groovy charter. It's up to you to help us keep the D/D Charter going, so get up get out and let your voice be heard.

We talked about our Turkey Shoot, and our 2014 events. Made plans for the D/S Xmas part/Dirty Santa at Barry and Kathy's home on Dec. 21st. We will nail down the details of our Annual Blue Balls and Hard Nips Run on Jan. 1, 2014. Have you seen pictures on our Face butt thang? Need info on anything this charter is doing? Call info line 615-430-7931. When does your membership x-pire? Re-up man, don't e-pire! We need ya! Welcome new freak Big R, Ronnie Lewis and Happy B-Day. Big R will be 120 years old I think on the 15th!

Nuff Said, We Scattered,

That's all from me, **Beefy**

The Freak Show wishes everyone a very groovy Xmas and a gooder next year!!



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Traditionally its "out with the old and in with the new" at the beginning of a new year, but 2014 finds the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), based in Washington, DC, still dealing the old. The three top ones are motorcycle only check points, E15 and the CDC.

Motorcycle only check points are unconstitutional in our state, but there are other objectives with this piece of legislation. It lays the ground work for a federal helmet law. Money is used to encourage helmet use. Amendments attached to federal bills tend to turn them into something more than they appear to be. Over the past few months MRF has asked everyone to contact their U.S. Congressmen on this.

The ethanol debate has turned into a regular free-for-all. The federal government, EPA, oil companies, members of the alternative fuel industry, automotive manufacturers and engineers along with farmers are all involved in this argument. The MRF was finally asked take part in this discussion. At least we now have an official voice in this fuel experiment by the federal government.

The CDC is by far the more serious of the three. This organization has become the administration's method of circumventing legislation. In other words, the President gets his way and We the people have no say. I don't consider myself a disease of epidemic proportions even though I ride a motorcycle and have guns, but the CDC says I am. Do you smoke, drink or are over weight? If

so, you are a disease, too. While we are wondering what the hell these fools are thinking, they are dead set on carrying out the anti-American agenda of this current administration. If you don't think this is real and can work, just look at what the EPA has done to the country. Neither the EPA nor the CDC have the authority to create law, but they are doing it with the encouragement of the President.

So how do we stop the CDC from creating a national helmet law? First contact your Congressmen and let them know how you feel. The second step would be vote these idiots out of office that have allowed this to happen. Third, you might want to join the MRF and take a stand with Motorcyclists across the country. You can join online: www.mrf.org. I receive a database every month from the MRF DC office, and I'll be sure and thank you when I see your name on the list!

We do plan on doing some fundraisers in order to help cover the cost of sending folks to Meeting Of The Minds. The goal is to take some of the financial load off the charters. Keep your eyes and ears open. Papa MRF has spoken.

Tony M Dabbs

MRF State Rep for Tennessee

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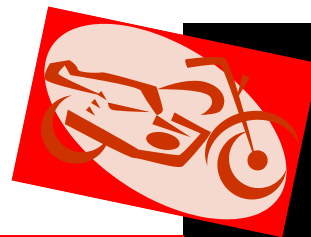
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2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

CHARTER MEETINGS CALENDAR



January 2014

1/18		New Year's Kick Off Party
2/1		Easyriders Bike Show
3/9		Board of Directors
4/12	CaFo	Swap Meet
	MoCo	Spring Thaw
4/26		Tri County Swap Meet
4/27	UpCu	Poker Run
5/9-11		Liberty Rally
5/17	SWSR	Bike Show & Swap Meet
6/8		Board of Directors
6/19-22		June Bug Boogie
6/28	SWSR	Points Rodeo
6/29	UpCu	Elderly Ride
7/12	SWSR	Memorial Poker Run
7/19	CaFo	Canoe Trip
7/26	UpCu	Memorial Ride
8/16	MoCo	Blood Drive
8/17	SWSR	Swap Meet
8/22-24		Southern Thunder Rally
9/13	CaFo	Memorial Ride
9/14		Board of Directors
9/19-21	SWSR	State Rodeo Finals
9/28	TeVa/UpCu	Wine Run
10/4	RoCo	In Memory Ride
10/12	UpCu	Poker Run
11/2	SWSR	Toy Run & Chili Cook Off
11/8	UpCu	Toy Run
11/15	KeCo	Toy Run
	RoCo	Toy Run
12/7	SWSR	Needy Family Run
	UpCu	Christmas Party
12/14		Board of Directors

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12	13 MoCo	14	15	16 DiHu SuCo	17	18
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NEWS & EVENTS
(Mark Your Calendars)

KEG COUNTY

Next Meeting: Jan.11, 2014, 11:00, Lulu's Restaurant

KNOXVILLE

Next Meeting: Sunday, Jan 26, 2014, 1:00, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson

MONTGOMERY

Next Meeting: Monday, Jan. 12, 2014, Sunshine Restaurant

MUSIC CITY

Next meeting: Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014, 2:00, Skully's

Bob called the meeting to order at 2:05pm. Billy led us in the pledge and Eddie led us in an opening prayer. We had a great turnout considering it was a holiday weekend.

Wendell and Carol have checked out some sights for the swap-meet. If you know of a location that might work for us let them know.

Wayne gave us an update. We had a legislative retreat Nov 25th. Some of the items discussed were "distracted driving". This is still a major issue. There are laws already in place but they need enforcement. Also helmet Legislation is still a high priority. Wayne also reminded us that we each need to meet with our legislatures face to face (much better than e-mails, phone calls etc.). Let them know your name and what you want. They don't know unless we tell them!

Billy went to the Courtney Roger turkey shoot that we helped sponsor. He received a thank you card. Billy also made a motion that the charter pay for the ham and turkey for the Christmas party. 2nd by Joel... voted and passed.

Get your room reserved for the kickoff party, Jan 18th. \$79 plus tax, same location. Hotel completely renovated. Bring a covered dish and BYOB.

A big welcome to our new members, Vista and Pastor Kay!!! 50/50 drawing was won by Phil Neal. Bob made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Glenn, all in favor. Let's Eat!!! Thank you Skully's Crew for the awesome food!

SHARON a.k.a. "CRASH"

NASHVILLE

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014, 7:00, One Stop Bar

NORTHEAST

Next Meeting: Monday, Jan. 6, 2014, 7:00, Sagebrush



PINEY RIVER

Next Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014, 1:30, Senior Center

The Robertson County CMT Abate minutes for our meeting of December 3, 2013. We would like to thank The Pit for the hot dogs and chips buffet tonight, it was delicious! 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 32 people).

Roland announced that tonight is 2014 Officer's election. Anyone that is interested in a position please speak up, and then we heard Pine make a Motion to stay the same. Shawn 2nd. Roland said we have a Motion and a 2nd...all in favor (that was everyone).....any opposed (none). Pine then said "if it ain't broke don't fix it". Director is Roland Verchota, Asst. Director is Tim Sugg, Sgt. of Arms is John Mullins, Chaplain is George Mooneyhan, Secretary is Pamela Cobb, Treasurer is Treva Garrison, Products are Samantha Stubblefield and Treva Garrison, Activities is Samantha Stubblefield, Membership is Kathy Rood, Legislative is Marlin Rood. Well folks congrats to us all again! Let's make a huge impact on 2014 with our Charter!

Roland announced that Chaplain, George wasn't present due to work. Secretary, Pamela announced that I will submit pictures of November events for our January 2014 Newsletter. Products, Samantha announced anyone wanting shirts or hats see her after the meeting. Also, she said if you have any ideas of any other products let her know. Treasurer, Treva announced General Fund is all good and Down Bikers Fund is all good as well. Treva announced thanks to everyone that participated in our Downed Bikers Inter City Poker Run on November 9th. We raised a great dollar figure to help replenish our Down Bikers Fund. Membership, Kathy wasn't present. She was not feeling well, girl we hope you feel better soon, we missed you! We had a membership renewal tonight, yeah! Activities, Samantha announced at our January 7th meeting those who wish to participate in Dirty Santa bring a gift This is the only time we can celebrate our Christmas together due to everyone's schedule. Samantha announced that she has flyers for a Christmas Benefit for Christmas Kids Shop with a Mason that is on December 14th at 6:00 p.m. at 4605 Jernigan road in Cross Plains (building behind Trues BBQ). This benefit is another way to help children to get Christmas. Samantha announced the New Year's Kick-Off party is January 18th at the Premier Hotel on Spring Street in Nashville. Great party, everyone is invited!

Marlin announced still in touch by email with representatives. Robert said thanks for the \$161.00 contribution to Courtney Rogers in the Sumner County Charter towards her Turkey Shoot. Everyone is invited to attend Legislative meetings. Assistant Director, Tim had nothing to announce.

Roland announced that the BOD meeting is at Skully's on December 8th anyone that is interested in going please see him after tonight's meeting. Roland announced the float that was in the Robertson County Christmas Parade on November 23rd was great! Thanks to those who worked on this float for all your hard work. Also, a huge thank you to the Christian Motorcyclist Association for participating in our November 16th Robertson County Toy Run. It was a huge success! Thanks to everyone that was there. Thanks to the Green Ridge Civitan Secretary and Pastor Jack Evans of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Greenbrier for being there to accept all the toys that we delivered from Santa for many children!

Samantha and Roland announced that we need to pick out our In Memory Of Ride and Toy Run dates for 2014. We have potential dates in mind and will talk more about at our next meeting in January 2014!

John announced that February 1st is Easy Rider Event at Convention Center in Nashville, more details at our January meeting. Roland announced what our Pledge was for 2013, so do we stay the same or what for 2014? Pine made a Motion to stay the same and David England 2nd. Roland said we have a Motion and 2nd, all in favor everyone, opposed none. Thank you Pickle for your donation to our General Fund. See Weiner (Lynn), that is what you get for not coming tonight. Pickle was the Weiner.....lol

Samantha made a Motion to Adjourn. Treva 2nd and Roland all right we have a Motion, a 2nd all in favor EVERYONE...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!

FROM OUR CHARTER TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Sincerely,
Pamela



Nov. 16th Robertson County Toy Run with riders from Christian Motorcyclist Associations

Dec 1, 2013

Called to order at 2:05 by Kim, followed with the pledge. All officers present except; assistant director, treasurer and public relations communications. There were 34 members in attendance. Kim awarded Tommy and Sharon Jones with the plaque for most points in the state rodeo competition. Letter from the Smith County Pregnancy Help Center was read thanking the charter. Secretary Report - given and approved. Treasure Report - N/A. David presented a check to charter from Stones River remaining funds. Legislative - Bullit welcomed all and spoke of Dean Lucas column and said March is election for state officers. We still have empty positions that need to be filled. And Tony Dabb's column, he stated need to contact your insurance companies for medical on your motorcycle

Carol Simpson sent a thank you note to us for the check to help with the expenses with the Meeting of the Minds.

Activities – Charter recognized the loss of family member for Tony Jones and also his new grandson. Details nailed down for upcoming xmas parade float. And also for xmas for the vet toy run.

Membership – 1 renewal, Rick Twillette. 2 December birthdays Jonny Barrett and Ron Van Hook.

Products – Tereas has plenty available, get with her and fill your xmas list!

Discussion over ideas and participation for upcoming Liberty Rally. Charter to do the games and may do food to help out.

Old Business - Needy family changed from St. Jude to actual family of five mother with cancer, husband and 3 girls.

New Business – Ronald McDonald House and St. Jude tabled to May or June next year.

Motion to adjourn and 4:15.

Merry Christmas and Happy New

Ruth

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Robertson County Christmas Parade



SUMMER COUNTY

Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014, 7:00, VFW Hall

TENNESSEE VALLEY

Next Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014, 2:00, Call for Location
Mark (Yog) 423-570-0250

11/17/13

Meeting called to order

Pledge

Officers Report:

Membership Report: Renewals reviewed.

Treasury Report: no expenses. Pledges for 2014 reviewed

State Legislative Report: Legislative report per Yog and Scott. Legislative Retreat November 23 at Paris Landing State Park.

Events report: Dates for charter events set.

BOD: Sunday December 8

State wide Poker Run need sponsors needed.

Meeting adjourned:

Next Meeting: December 15th meeting will be a Slicks's Bar and Grill.

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

YOG

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UPPER CUMBERLAND

Next Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014, Hawg Barn
Call for Details, Ron 931-879-3899

December 1, 2013

Ron opened the meeting at 12:20pm at the Hawg Barn. Dale led us in the pledge.

Secretary report: Trina – November minutes waived. December birthdays – Michele Hill, Genieve, and Trina. 2 new members, Greg and Chaune Crandall. I would like to thank you all for putting up with me these past years. I truly enjoyed being your secretary. I will still support you whenever you need me.

Treasurer Report given by Dean. MRF reports are in. He also mentioned the legislative retreat.

Activities: Lynn gave a report on the Rally Committee. Bunker brought a copy of the rally flyer. It is Awesome! The committee asked Trina to keep doing the trophies since she has a great place that gives us great discounts. Trina accepted. Trina made a motion that we give 1 free membership to whom ever gets the most sponsors for our annual poker run. Johnny Angel 2nd, motioned passed. Annual poker run sponsor forms are ready, contact Dean. Deadline to turn in sponsor form is April 6th, no exceptions! Trina mentioned Herbert from Scooters did the run Bikers for Kids November 23rd. They raised over \$1,700.00 even though it was very cold and had only 5 bikes. Hopefully better next year and warmer!

Old Business: Trina motioned that we have Heather as temporary secretary until April elections. Johnny Angel 2nd, and passed. Heather accepted, and you can call or text Trina anytime for help.

Meetings:

Jan 5th Scooters Biker Bar, Cookeville

Feb 2nd Just One More Bar, Crossville

March 2nd Gearheads, Cookeville

Ron motion to adjourn, everyone 2nd.

Enjoy the Christmas party! Thank you Hawg Barn for having us.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

See you all next year. Ride safe and free

Trina Goodsell (Mermaid)



WHEELS OF THUNDER

Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014, 7:00, Pancho's Bar and Grill

December 5, 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. Buoy gave an update about his daughter who was in a wreck during last month's meeting!

Joy 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.

Charter Pledge will be paid in January. We had 8 members, 0 guests at tonight's meeting.

Director's Statement –

December BOD is this weekend: in March the Director and Secretary positions will be up. If you are interested you need to submit your resume to the office by January. Also open are: Activities, Membership and Products.

Charter nominations were made in December, speeches in January, and elections in February. Director, Secretary and all chair positions.

2014 events calendar was reviewed. Bob will present dates at BOD. May 3 we will have a ride for our monthly meeting. Stay tuned for details. Maybe Holcomb BBQ in Missouri!

Legislative –

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

-The Legislative retreat was November 23, 2013 None of our members were able to attend.

Activities –

Toy Run – CHANGED TO December 22nd – 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 – Joy will send out an email. **Safety and Ed** – No report. **New Business** – no report. **Old Business** – No report

Club News and Announcements – Polar Bear Plunge Feb 1, 2014.

A motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed unanimously. We're outta here! 7:36!!!!

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Nash	50	600
NoEa	7.50	113.60
PiRi	5	60
RoCo	125	1500
SWSR		814
SuCo	100	1200
TeVa	25	275
UpCu	25	300
WoT	10	340



Members

Welcome New Members!

CaFo	Mark Botten
CaFo	Teri Botten
KeCo	Lisa Smith
MoCo	Crystal Dees
MuCi	Jerry Lewis
MuCi	Debbie Lewis
NoEa	Mark Wood
RoCo	Steve Tucker
RoCo	Michael Richards
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