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Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman	Terry "Bub" Davis 615-969-3673 terrybubdavis@yahoo.com	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
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Smith-Wilson-Stones River	Larry Binkley 615-417-5229 lb54panel@aol.com	1st Sunday @ 12, The Roost Lebanon
Sumner County	Jeff Hollins 615-808-1618 jlhollis@yahoo.com	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Hendersonville
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

Welcome to and another addition Of Tennessee Motorcyclists. I'm proud to report that since January 1st, new memberships are up by 12%. This shows an increase and what our organization is about. Membership renewals are coming in at a steady pace; that's another good sign. So despite COVID-19 pandemic and the inability to be able to do rides and social "get togethers", we have still managed to bring in new members and renewals on a steady pace. If each member of our organization would find a friend or a fellow rider and sign them up, we could double our memberships in no time. This is a goal that we must attempt and I am very confident that this can be done. Now on another note, legislation is moving right along and I'm sure our Legislative Director will have a report in our newsletter to show what he's been doing, so I will leave it up to him. There's a Board of Directors meeting that

will be held on March 14th, at 1:00 PM at the Elks Lounge, 242 Airport Rd in Gallatin TN; same place as the last BOD. For all you Gold Boosters that support the newsletter, we have a surprise for you in the works; I really think you're going to enjoy this. To all of us out there, vaccinations are on the move. I know that some have already gotten theirs (their first shots anyway) and some are still waiting in line just like me. But, I think with March, April, and May, people will vaccinate. By June and July, we can start to break free a little bit. It would really be nice to be able to break these chains that are holding us all back at home with the COVID-19, but we will persevere. We will come through this and we will be stronger. I have no doubt any member and CMT/ABATE will be left behind. We are strong, stubborn, and refuse to fail. I have seen the members of this organization, I have seen their strengths, I have seen their dedication, and I have seen their passion with their belief in CMT/ABATE. And because of what I have

seen from these members with their passion, their dedication, their termination, and the fact they will simply not give up, by June or July we will stand strong with our heads in the air the wind in our face. Well, that's all I have for right now. Just remember the Board of Directors' meeting will be held March 14th at the Elks Lodge 242 Airport Road, at 1:00 PM and I look forward to seeing everyone there. Until then ride safe and be safe.

Scott Smith
CMT/ABATE INC
Corporate Director

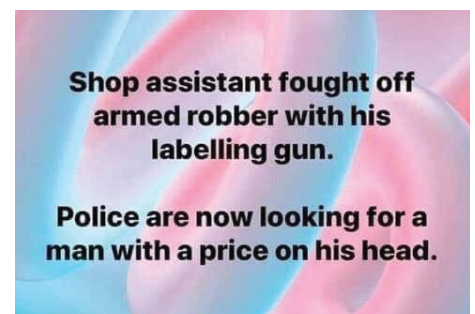
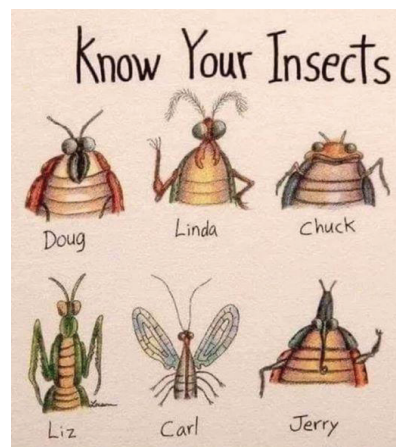
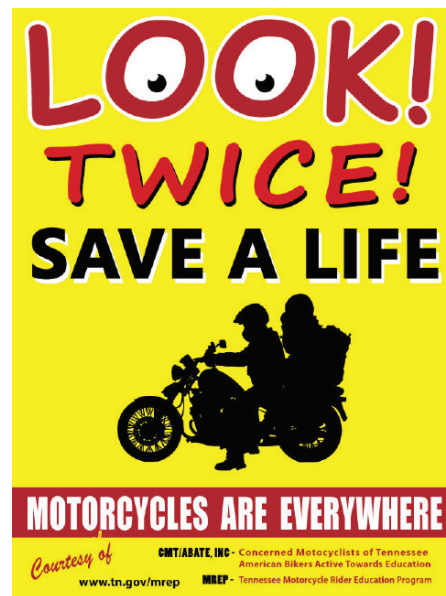


Asst. Director's Column

All Members CMT/ABATE,

Hope all are keeping well and not suffering from Cabin Fever too bad. Poindexter and I have been doing what we can for our Helmet Bill and will let you all know when we have Bill numbers. Bills are to be filed on Feb. 11th. Remember everyone must contact their Representatives and let them know to support our cause. We can only do so much they want to hear from the constituents; your voice counts. We have just a couple more Don't Ride Fried Carnivals till the Grant runs out. Let's help out and make them a success. When they are gone, they are gone; so lets go out with a bang. That's about all for now Ride Your Own Ride.

Thanks
Joel Jernigan
Assistant Corporate Director






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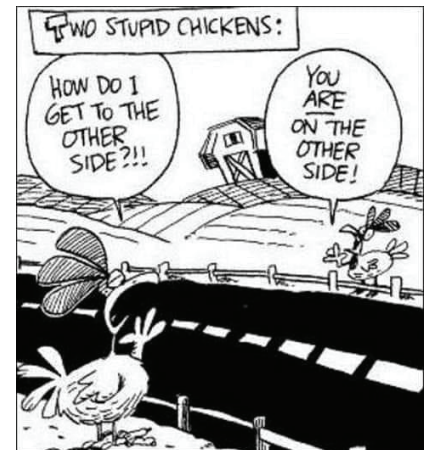
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Legislative Director's Ramblings

CMT/ABATE IS AN ORGANIZATION ABOUT SAFETY AND AWARENESS. Well, as LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR, I went to making phone calls before session was ready to open and found out that our House Rep. already had a full docket. So I got to making calls and three days to get another House sponsor and I got that pinned down. We have a new House Rep. CLAY DOGGETT so here it H.B. 903 and S.B. 1536. SO EVERY ONE MAKE CALL TO YOUR HOUSE REP. AND SENATOR AND TELL THEM A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF AND ASK THEM TO SUPPORT OUR BILLS IF THEY CAN'T SUP-

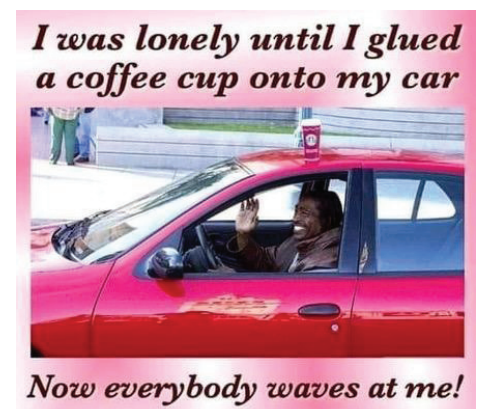
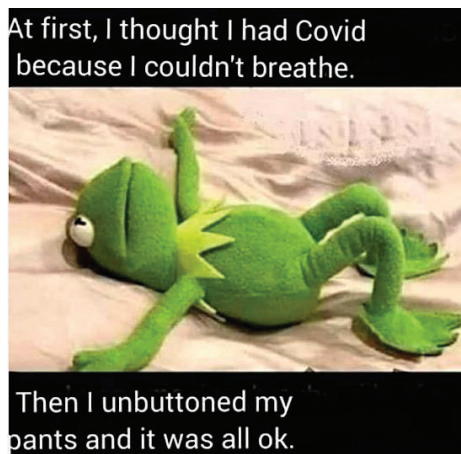
PORT IT, JUST ASK THEM TO TALK TO THE SPONSORS. PLEASE MAKE THOSE CALLS BECAUSE IT WILL TAKE EVERYONE TO GET THIS PASSED INTO LAW.

Paul "Poindexter" Gordon
Corporate Legislative Director



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MRF State Rep Report –
*“The best-laid plans of mice and men
often go awry.”*
– Robert Burns

Well, we started the year with a plan. But it looks like Washington DC is all caught up in another impeachment hearing. Once that is over, they’ve got their hands full with the next corona virus relief package so I don’t expect to see anything actually accomplished there for a while. And between the corona virus restrictions and the barricade they built around the Capitol, our legislators are locked up out of the reach of their constituents. That leaves us with phone calls and e-mail as our primary method to contact with them. The time will be soon for us to flood their offices with calls and e-mails. The MRF will send out alerts when we need your assistance in this.

Although the timeline will be pushed back a bit, and the methods of contacting them might be adjusted, we are still pursuing

the goals that were set in the MRF legislative planning session at the Meeting of the Minds last year. See the November issue of this newsletter for a summary of those priorities, but the two big ones we will be promoting as soon as we can, are the Anti-Profiling Resolution and the Highway Funding Bill. Both of these are holdovers from last year, where we made very good progress, but our Senators and Representatives just couldn’t get these moving enough to bring them to a vote. We will be building on the success in crafting last year’s proposals to include the same provisions in this year’s Bills.

In addition to our legislative work, the MRF is continuing with our two major events for 2021. The Bikers in the Beltway legislative day in Washington DC is May 18th, which is our national federal motorcyclists lobbying day, and a chance to bring our concerns directly to our legislators. Closer to home this year – the Meeting of the Minds will be in Atlanta on September 23-26. Let’s support our

brothers & sisters in Georgia that are hosting this event by getting a large group of us to attend, or even assist them in putting on this gathering of motorcyclists’ rights activists from across the country.

In the wake of the corona virus, and everything else that has disrupted life in the USA recently, some of our plans may “go awry”. The details of how we accomplish our goals may be forced to change. But the goals are still there, along with our commitment to reach these goals in our never-ending quest to...

...Ride Free,
- - Ed



Ed Domine
MRF State Rep
CMT/ABATE

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

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

March 14 BOD
March 20 Scheduled New Year
Kick Off Party TBA
March 27 "Don't Ride Fried" Car-
nival at Redneck Rumble

April 3 SWSR Easter Egg Hunt
and campout
April 17 Sumner County Swap
Meet
April 24 Caney Fork Points Ro-
deo
April 30 SWSR Cinco de Mayo
Campout

May 15 Upper Cumberland
Liberty Rally and Points Rodeo
June 5 DHH Bike and Tattoo
show

June 11 Upper Cumberland
Barbarossa's
June 12 SWSR Police Dep. Sine
Day
June 18 June Bug Boogie
June 26 Music City Cookout

July 15 Kentucky Bike Rally
July 17 Upper Cumberland
Memorial Ride

Aug. 27 Southern Thunder Rally
and Points Rodeo

Sept. 11 Robertson Co. Memorial
Ride
Sept. 17 SWSR Finals Rodeo

Oct. 30 DHH Toy Run
Dec. 4 Robertson Co. Toy Run
Dec. 11 SWSR Dirty Santa Christ-
mas Party

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"ABATE members helping ABATE members"

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Midtennmotorcycle.com

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Dickson 615-521-1481

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please email publisher@cmtabate.com and we'll list it!

CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		RoCo MoCo		WOT		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
SWSR/UpCo MuCi						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
BOD			Nash	SMCo DHH		New Year Party TBA
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						Carnival Redneck Rumb
28	29	30	31			
CaFo						

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				WOT		SWSR Easter Egg Hunt
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SWSR/UpCo MuCi		RoCo MoCo				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				SMCo DHH		Sumner Co Swap Meet
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Nash			CaFo Points Rodeo
25	26	27	28	29	30	
CaFo					SWSR Campout	

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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

CANEY FORK

31 Jan 2021

Meeting started @ 4:08pm

Pledge led by John

Prayer led by Ragnar

Cheri read last month's minutes

Parker gave treasury report

John talked about safety, if riding in winter months watch for patches of ice, double check tire pressure

Activities: March 27th Caney Fork CMT/ABATE and Justified RC Turkey Shoot (flyers coming soon)

Meeting adjourned @ 4:36pm

MUSIC CITY

Meeting called to order at 2:05 By Shaun and he led us in the pledge.

9 Members and 2 Guest in attendance.

I informed group about the helmet bill Will be filed on February 11th as soon as we have bill numbers, we will let you all know so you can start calling and contacting your representatives.

Carol Pondexter and I have been attending round table meeting hosted by Representatives and Legislators. It gives us a One-on-one chance to talk to them about our cause.

Events coming up

We have a don't ride fried Carnival com-

ing up Feb 20th @ parsons tn.

Decatur County Fair Grounds 1925 Hwy 641 South

Parsons TN. 38363.

Also don't forget Clarksville swap meet the following Saturday.

Eddie from CMA let us know they will have a blessing of the Bikes @ Full Throttle Bar And Grill In April 17th. Billy Won the 50/50.

M/Glenn S/ Eddie to Adjourn.

Ride Your Own Ride Everybody

Thanks Joel.

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2021

24 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE 3 VISITORS

Meeting was called to order by Director

Larry Binkley

At 2:08 pm.

David Marlin led us in the Pledge

Prayer was given by our Chaplain Bret Britton.

Larry performed the role call of officers- not present

Wanda Johnson- Secretary

Gary Hensley- treasurer

Meashy Rye-Pedigo- legislative

James Sullivan- Road Captain/Safety minutes of last meeting not available

treasury report- unavailable

Membership report was given by Darlene.

Renewed members;

Lynn and Johnny Barrett

Sarah and Quint Reece

Robert and Jeannine Geekie

Dan and Diana Warner

Brad Cook and Pam Wilkerson

thank you all for your continued support.

Welcome to our newest and our youngest member

Sadie Reece !!

Please remember it takes us all to keep this charter growing.

Birthday's this month;

Emily Reece- 6th

David Marlin- 10th

Darlene Binkley- 13th

Jeannine Geekie- 24th

Kim Marlin- 26th

Happy Birthday to you all!!

Legislative report was given by Darlene.

After a phone conversation with Paul Gordon, I would like to inform everyone that our Freedom Of Choice bill will be introduced on 2/11/21. We have House Representative Clay Doggett introducing the bill with the backing of Sen. Kerry Roberts. Legislative Day (2/10/210 has been cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Old Business discussed

Biker's Bucks February 27th at Roost

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Carol



Time 4:00 pm We will have a chili/crock-pot cookoff.

Trash pickup on a two mile stretch on Hwy 70 that was adopted by our charter several years ago.

Suggestions were taken and voted to do this on March 20th. Meeting at AJ's Bar and Grill at 10:00 am to begin. Safety vest are available. We will gather for lunch at AJ's after we are done. Please come and help.

Easter Egg Hunt- do we want to try to have this event.

All we in agreement to try and hold this on Saturday April 3rd. Time to be determined, we will be having our monthly meeting that morning.

New Business

Kim Marlin made a motion for David Marlin to be our new products officer. Darlene second the motion and motion was carried. Congrats to David.

David Marlin introduced the new charter hats he had made. Cost of hats are 20.00, please contact David if you are interested. These must be prepaid to order.

Carol Simpson will be holding the "Don't Ride Fried" carnival on March 27th at the Spring Thaw at the Lebanon Fairgrounds. If you are available please let us know so we can give her your name.

Upper Cumberland will be holding their annual Broomstick tournament on March 27th in Jamestown. Please show this your support by attending. A good time is always had by all who attend. Check our FB page for more detail.

Cinco de Mayo weekend campout. it is a go for April 30th. Will be discussed more at next month's meeting.



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Motorcycle Riders Foundation Announces Historic First

January 28, 2021

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, based in Washington, D.C., along with ABATE of Georgia, announced a historic first with the announcement that the organization's annual Meeting of the Minds Conference will take place in Atlanta in September this year.

"The MRF has met several times in the Southeast. However, we have never had the opportunity to meet in Atlanta, and we're looking forward to the occasion" MRF Conferences and Events Director, Fredric Harrell announced at the organization's 2020 annual conference in Indianapolis in September.

"ABATE of Georgia worked to meet the MRF's conference guidelines and we're

reaching out to our neighboring state motorcyclists' rights organizations for participation" Donna Nunez, ABATE of Georgia Activities Director, said when the 2021 conference was announced.

This "historic first" will bring the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference to the JW Marriott Atlanta Buckhead Hotel, September 23-26 and will be the kick-off point for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's 2022 legislative agenda. Attendees are encouraged to make reservations as early as possible for this much-demanded conference.

Past keynote speakers at the annual event include, Keith "Bandit" Ball, former editor of Easyriders Magazine, Dave Zein, former Wisconsin State Senator, Paul Landers, Texas Freedom Fighter, Chopper & Slider Gilmore, Freedom Fighters & Motorcycling Safety Advocates, Mark

Buckner, Former MRF President & current MRF Executive Director, among other notables who have added insight, levity and strong messages on freedom and individual rights to the MRFs annual conference. Conference agenda includes, but never limited to general sessions, 15 break-out sessions, safe riding demonstrations and awards banquet.

The first Meeting of the Minds Conference, held in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1985 witnessed barely 100 motorcyclists' rights advocates and a very limited agenda. The Meeting of the Minds Conference has grown to over 500 participants from state motorcyclists' rights advocacy groups in addition to representatives from Canada, the European Union, Australia and Liberia.

About Motorcycle Riders Foundation
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Automated Driving Systems (AKA Autonomous Vehicles)

February 5, 2021

Late last year, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced a rulemaking process for developing a "Framework for Automated Driving System (ADS) Safety." As part of the process public comments were solicited by NHTSA. This week the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) submitted a 6-page formal letter outlining our thoughts on the development, testing and deployment of ADS.

Building on past submissions to both Congress and the U.S. Department of Transportation, the MRF laid out important priorities that NHTSA should consider. Some of the main topics the MRF highlights include the need to account for the unique attributes and characteristics of motorcycles, cyber security concerns, liability provisions, the role of individual

states, the need for public transparency, threats to the protected communication spectrum and the challenges of regulations keeping pace with this technology.

While ADS has promising potential, the devil will be in the details. How this technology is developed, tested and deployed will impact all Americans. We at the MRF will continue to fight to ensure motorcyclists are included in these discussions.

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2020 MRF Accomplishments

Highway Bill –

These six items were included in the House Highway Bill that passed in 2020. The Senate failed to pass their version of a bill.

The goal for 2021 is to ensure this same language appears in a 2021 Highway Bill that passes both houses of Congress.

Check Points / Profiling: The provisions passed in the last Highway Bill which included no motorcycle only checkpoints were not changed in this bill. This means that states and local governments will continue to be prohibited from using federal funds to establish motorcycle only check points. This federal provision compliments the nearly 20 states who have outlawed motorcycle only check points in their States.

In addition to retaining the prohibition on funding motorcycle only check points an amendment was passed that prohibits using federal funds to “profile and stop motorcycle operators or passengers using, as a factor, the apparel they are wearing or their mode of transportation.” (The MRF got this provision added via amendment during the Committee Hearing on the Bill.)

Racial Profiling: States were eligible for grants to track the race and ethnicity of

individuals stopped by police during traffic stops. We added via amendment, mode of transportation as something states would have to collect. Ideally this would help confirm our belief that motorcyclists are being stopped disproportionately to our numbers. (The MRF got this provision added via amendment on the floor of the House an hour before the final vote.)

Motorcyclist Advisory Council: The Motorcyclist Advisory Council would be reestablished for another 6 years, with dedicated seats for 2 motorcycle rights groups and a motorcycle manufacturer. (The MRF got this provision added via amendment during the Committee Hearing on the Bill.)

Autonomous Vehicle Technology: The Department of Transportation is directed to conduct a safety study on autonomous vehicles. Motorcycles must be one of the data points the study accounts for. Additionally, motorcycle groups will be included in policy groups on autonomous vehicles. (The MRF got this provision added via amendment during the Committee Hearing on the Bill.)

Motorcycle Safety Funds: Motorcycle state safety funds increased \$1,488,285 or nearly 35%.

NHTSA Lobbying Ban: The ban on NHTSA lobbying was retained. Specifically, NHTSA employees are barred from

activity designed to favor or oppose the adoption of any specific legislative proposal pending before any state or a local legislative body.

Profiling Resolution –

An updated version of the motorcycle profiling resolution was reintroduced in the House of Representatives during the 116th Congress. Since 2016 the number of resolution cosponsors has grown from 18 in 2016 to 139 in 2020.

The goal for 2021 is to build additional support for passage of this resolution in the House of Representatives and have it passed in 2021. As a reminder the Senate passed an identical version in 2018.

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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