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Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

Director's Column

Well, let's get to the bad news first and then move on to better things. Scott Smith, our Assistant Corporate Director, Johann Forbus, Legislative Director, and I finally made it to the August meeting of the Smoky Mountain charter. I had been contacted a couple of months ago by the assistant charter director concerning what they needed to do to close the charter. I urged the members I spoke with to keep the charter open, but due to some bad leadership, they thought it best to shut down for now and look at possibly reforming at a later date. It was their call so my first visit to that charter was the last meeting for those folks. That charter had some dedicated members that I hope we are able to hang on to. I want to encourage any charters that are having problems to please take the time to contact the Corporate Director if you are having problems that can't be dealt with at the charter level. We just might be able to work out a solution to save the charter.

I hope every charter director will be at the Board of Directors meeting on September 10. If you can't make it at least send a charter representative to vote in your absence. Every board position other than Executive Board members will be up for election. We do need to see some new faces willing to take on a little extra responsibility and run for office. Since we are talking about upcoming elections, the Corporate Director and Corporate Secretary will both be up for election. Those wanting to run for an Executive Board position do need to turn in a resume by the December Board Meeting.

There will be quite a bit going on the next few months, so watch your email for any information announcements. We will try to keep anything short and to the point, but if we take the time to send it out, it is important and you need to know. Don't forget the MRF Meeting of the Minds coming up in September. We need bodies and minds to be there on behalf of Tennessee. A mind is a terrible thing to waste and a meeting of minds is a terrible thing to miss.

The changes mentioned have been moving along slow and easy like a mountain ride in the Fall. Our goal is to have everything in place by March. We are always open to suggestions on making the corporation better, so don't hesitate to unload your thoughts on us. My wife is finally walking on both feet again, so don't be surprised if an old fart on a yellor BMW rolls into one of your charter meetings. I do like sweet tea with lemon.



Tony M. Dabbs
CMT/ABATE State Director

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



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Legislative Director's Ramblings

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.

So what has the Legislative Team been up to? We participated in a meeting with high-ranking men from the Department of Transportation and the Department of Safety to discuss our idea of how to easily and safely accommodate the use of “road guards” as they relate to motorbike group riding, and we’ve met with a small number of gubernatorial hopefuls and have interviewed some candidates who are running for Legislative seats either being held by an incumbent or soon to be open. In short – we’re out making friends.

To date, the confirmed members of the Legislature who will not/will probably not return to run again during 2018 continues to increase and a bit of quick and dirty math shows somewhere between 15% to 25% of the people will change. I know

with some regret that we are losing a couple of staunch champions, but the ones running in their stead promise to be every bit as strong. We are losing a few people who we could never bring to our side, and that is of course a good thing as long as their replacements are people we can work with. My forecast is that we will see some improvement regarding people who can side with us after the 2018 elections.

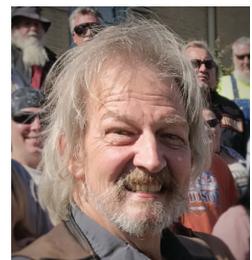
But, until that election we have plenty to do! Our plan is to charge hard with our helmet bill as soon as session begins during January 2018. It will be the same Bill that will allow those twenty-one and older the freedom of choice regarding helmet use. Will there be a different Speaker of the House? Not likely – but we’ll see. Will there be a few committee assignment changes? Definitely – but just a few. We’ll hope for the best but still work with the plan that we usually do – nurture those alliances that we have and build those alliances that are possible. The alliances that can’t be built are the ones where we need to avoid making an adversary.

I know that most of you obtain your news from television, print, or the

web, and I am sure many of you continually question what you are seeing or reading sometimes in regards to whether it is the “truth”. I know that the majority of you are of an age and maturity that you know when you are being BS’ed just a bit or you are flat-out being lied to. We know that we are living in turbulent times, and there are those who will use this uncertainty to make laws that further infringe upon rights – that “trading safety for liberty” thing. My advice? Don’t fall prey to those whose job it is to scare and worry you and convince you that they have a solution.

I originally planned a pair of Legislative meetings for the month of August, but a sudden and serious medical issue with a family member placed all my August and September plans on hold. Once the end of September is nigh I should be able to make plans. We’ll have plenty to talk about. You know me - my words are strong and sometimes terse – my convictions are stronger than my words. I want each Local Charter to invite candidates and incumbents to their meetings. If you want me there to guide the discussion or just be a part of the audience, please ask me to be there and I will work it out. We have a lot of job candidates to interview.

J. Robert Forbus
Corporate Legislative Director





MRF State Rep Report –

Congress might have taken their recess, but that does not mean nothing is happening in Washington DC.

There's a new distracted driving bill introduced just before the recess - H.Res.493 is a resolution that "recognizes the dangers of distracted driving and expresses support for" several programs to address the issue.

The MRF has been closely involved with the Senate Commerce Committee regarding possible legislation regarding autonomous vehicles (self-driving cars). Initial discussion of the draft appears to adequately consider

motorcycles, and it is hoped that the bill will be introduced after the recess.

Biofuels continues to be a hot topic, and the MRF, along with many other groups, has provided written testimony, as well as comments at EPA's August hearing, regarding the proposed ethanol mandate.

August also saw new guidelines issued by the government regarding classification of "autocycles" in accident reports. These are those rather different-looking vehicles, typically two wheels in front and one in back – think Polaris Slingshot or Can-Am Spyder. I've been seeing more of these vehicles on

the road. They look like a lot of fun, but these are creating some serious concern for motorcyclists. Due to the way they are regulated in many States, they don't need to comply with motorcycle laws (helmets and motorcycle license endorsements are not required), but they have been included in motorcycle accident statistics. The new guidelines should help by separating them out into their own category.

And on top of all that that's going on, the MRF is working hard on planning for this year's Meeting of the Minds conference in Williamsburg, VA being held September 21-24. I'll be there – and I hope to see some of you there as well.

Ride Free,
-- Ed

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Guidance Updated - Separates AUTOCYCLE from MOTORCYCLE August 1, 2017

MRF Friends and Supporters:

I wanted to quickly pass along some information that I hope you will find useful and somewhat helpful as it pertains to our concerns over autocycles.

We have discussed the need to differentiate AUTOCYCLE from MOTORCYCLE for the past several months. With the rise of autocycles on the road, so has the incidents of crashes and unfortunately, many of these crashes have been categorized under motorcycle due to an outdated definition of the term. As a result, we believe motorcycle crash rates are inaccurate.

Your MRF has been working with NHTSA as well as the Department of Transportation and our elected officials to identify a solution to this problem. We identified confusion at the state level and the need for consistency to separate autocycles from motorcycles. I'm pleased to report that several of our recommendations were included in recent guidelines released by the federal government. Though of course, not everything was included....read more below:

The Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) are voluntary guidelines that provides States and localities with informa-

tion about data elements collected at the scene of a crash and included in the State database. The 5th edition of these guidelines was recently released and there were several new elements that were added:

In crash reports, under Motor Vehicle Body Type category, they have added distinct categories for 2 wheeled motorcycles, 3 wheeled motorcycles AND autocycle (see attached)

They have added a definition for 'autocycle':
Autocycle – A large motorcycle with one rear wheel and two front wheels, with either a saddle and handlebars or seat(s) and a steering wheel, that can be fully enclosed, partially enclosed, or unenclosed.

They have updated the definition of a motorcycle:
Motorcycle, 2-Wheeled, 3-Wheeled – A motor vehicle with two or three wheels in contact with the ground (excluding trailers suitable for motorcycle hauling) and having a seat or a saddle for driver and passenger as well as possessing wheel rim diameters of 10 inches or more. A motorcycle may or may not have an enclosure over the driver and passenger.

Though, it was NOT the MRF's recommendation to refer to autocycles as a 'large motorcycle' we are pleased that they have separated these types of vehicles under

a different category. We will continue our work to narrow the definition even further, but believe this is a good first step.

ALSO, please be aware that MMUCC guidance is VOLUNTARY and states do not have to incorporate suggestions. However, we hope that States will utilize the updated guidelines therefore encouraging greater uniformity and common definitions for vehicle crash data to make it easier to share and compare data at the local, state and national levels.

Hopefully, though far from perfect, this standardization will ensure that motorcycles are distinct from autocycles when discussing crash and fatality data going forward.

Your MRF will continue working on its long-term goal in asking legislators to also review the issue and consider potential changes/updates.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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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.

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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

2 CaFo Toy Drive
10 **BOD**

CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2
3 MuCo/UpCo SWSR	4 MoCo NoEa	5 NoCo	6 FrBd	7 WOT	8	9 CaFo Poker Run
10 BOD	11	12	13	14	15	16 FrBd Poker Run
17	18	19	20	21 SuCo DHH	22	23 NoEa Fall Ride
24 CaFo	25	26 Nash	27	28	29	30

NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

WINTER PROJECTS

What are you working on this winter?
Please send in your photos of your winter project along with a brief description of what it is and what you are doing... Please share, you never know how may have that one part you need or that that one special skill you don't have to get it together...

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Our meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at The Pit in Springfield at 7:00pm. Jeff lead off our meeting with the Pledge and George lead us in prayer. Roland thanked everyone for coming and Treva went over events and treasury report. Everyone don't forget about Southern Thunder Rally August 25th & 26th at Hickman County Fairgrounds. Get your tickets early. Please keep in your prayers for Tommy (Bull) Durham and Vicki at the passing of Tommy's father. George said that his son is doing a lot better. We got Thank You cards from George & Tracy Moonehan and one from Joshua Moonehan for all the love and prayers. Also member Butch Kerr who had surgery on his arm. Get well soon. Johann went over the Legislative. Wade won the 50/50 and donated back to our down biker fund. Thanks Wade. And a big thanks to the Pit for our pizza for supper.
Connie Jones

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER

SUMNER COUNTY

WHEELS OF THUNDER

UPPER CUMBERLAND

Smokey Mountain Charter

Charter Meeting August 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: In absence of Director, Assistant Director Donald as Acting Director called to Order
At 7:02 pm
Treasurer and Secretary reports were unavailable.

A motion to close Smokey Mountain Charter by Patty, 2nd Rick. Motion tabled for discussion-none. Motion to call by Patty, 2nd by Rick. Vote is unanimous.

SMOKEY MOUNTAIN CHARTER AS OF THIS DATE IS

NOW CLOSED.

By acting Director Donald, Meeting Closed

Motorcycle tool-guide

- Eight-Foot Long Douglas Fir 2X4 - used for levering a bike upright after using a hydraulic jack on the bike.
- Hydraulic Bike Jack/Platform - ingeniously-designed tool for flipping bikes onto their sides, usually when you're alone in the shop.
- Wire Wheel - cleans rust off old bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "Hand me 'nother beer, Bubba!"
- Drill Press - a tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against the Pamela Anderson poster over the bench grinder.
- Oxy Acetylene torch - used almost entirely for lighting those stale garage cigarettes you keep hidden in the back of the Whitworth socket drawer (What wife would think to look in there?) because you can never remember to buy lighter fluid for the Zippo lighter you got from the PX at Fort Campbell.
- Vice-Grips - used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.
- Electric Hand Drill - normally used for spinning steel Pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age, but it also works great for drilling roll-bar mounting holes in the floor of a sports car just above the brake line that goes to the rear axle.
- Mechanic's Knife - used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing leathers or bike covers.
- Hammer - originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive chrome scooter parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.
- Tweezers - a tool for removing wood splinters.
- Phone - tool for calling your neighbor Bubba to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.
- Snap-On Gasket Scraper - theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for getting dog-doo off your boot.
- E-Z Out Bolt and Stud Extractor - a tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit.
- Two-Ton Hydraulic Engine Hoist - a handy tool for testing the tensile strength of ground

straps and hydraulic clutch lines you may have forgotten to disconnect. Almost capable of lifting a Gold Wing off the floor.

- Craftsman 1/2 x 16 Inch Screwdriver - a large motor mount prying tool that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end without the handle.

- Battery - electrolyte Tester A handy tool for transferring sulfuric acid from scooter battery to the inside of your toolbox after determining that your battery is dead as a doornail, just as you thought.
- Hacksaw - one of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

- Trouble Light - the mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin", which is not otherwise found in garages at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.

- Air Compressor - a machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty suspension bolts last tightened 40 years ago by someone in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and rounds them off.

- Phillips Screwdriver - normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splash oil on your shirt; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off Phillips screw heads.

- Timing Light - a stroboscopic instrument for illuminating grease buildup on crankshaft pulleys.

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



Hey everyone, I hope everybody is having a good time this summer. With so many different rides going on out there, it's really hard to know which one to go to. For the last several months I have been writing in on this commentary to help with the newsletter to have some interesting reading. It was also a chance where I could put some of my thoughts and maybe ideas that could be shared with everyone. There are so many interesting topics about motorcycling out there and we usually talk with a friend about it. I thought this would be an interest-

ing place to put thoughts down on paper. So Keebler called it a Soap Box, Interesting name for it. But for the past several months I haven't seen anyone else make any comments or have an appealing question. It would really be great to hear from others and their thoughts since that's what this soap box is for...heck even if you something on your chest about motorcycling and would like to share it in hopes that an answer can be found. That's all I have for now, it's been a tight month. Still trying to get around to everyone charters that I can do so hopefully we'll see ya all soon. Look forward to hearing others Ideas and comments. Ride Safe Ride Free.

Scott

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

SMITH WILSON STONES RIVER

State Points Rodeo 6/10/17

SLOW RACE

1st	Ryan Waters
2nd	Jeff Hollins
3rd	James Sullivan

BARREL ROLL

1st	Ryan Waters
2nd	Jeff Hollins
3rd	Tommy Jones

BALL & CONE

1st	Ryan & Cortney Waters
2nd	James & Leslie Sullivan
3rd	Jeff Hollins & Becky Foss

WEENIE BITE

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

STATE POINTS ROEDO TOTALS AFTER 6/10/17

RIDER

15	Ryan Waters
14	Jeff Hollins
9	Tommy Jones
6	James Sullivan
4	Cody Toungett

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THINK YOU ARE HAVING A BAD DAY?

A man was working on his motorcycle on his patio and his wife was in the kitchen. The man was racing the engine on the motorcycle when it accidentally slipped into gear. The man, still holding onto the handle bars, was dragged through the glass patio doors and along with the motorcycle dumped onto the floor inside the house. The wife, hearing the crash, ran into the dining room and found her husband lying on the floor, cut and bleeding, the motorcycle lying next to him, and the shattered patio door. The wife ran to the phone and summoned the ambulance. Because they lived on a fairly large hill, the wife went down the several flights of stairs to the street to escort the paramedics to her husband.

After the ambulance arrived and transported the man to the hospital, the wife righted the motorcycle and pushed it outside. Seeing that gas was spilled on the floor, the wife got some paper towels, blotted up the gasoline, and threw the towels in the toilet. The man was treated and released to come home. Upon arriving home, he looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his motorcycle.

He became despondent, went to the bathroom, sat down on the toilet and smoked a cigarette. After finishing the cigarette, he flipped it between his legs into the toilet bowl, while seated. The wife, who was in the kitchen, heard the loud explosion and her husband screaming.

She ran into the bathroom and found her husband lying on the floor. His trousers had been blown away and he was suffering burns on the buttocks, the back of his legs, and his groin. The wife again ran to the phone to call the ambulance. The very same paramedic crew was dispatched and the wife met them at the street. The paramedics loaded the husband on to the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. While they were going down the stairs to the street accompanied by the wife, one of the paramedics asked the wife how the husband had burned himself. She told them and the paramedics started laughing so hard, one of them slipped and tipped the stretcher, dumping the husband out. He fell down the remaining stairs and broke his arm - Taken from a Florida Newspaper.

Biker rolling through town on his custom, fastest bike in town. He's going around a bend when he rolls up on a cop. The blue lights come on and out rolls the cop. The biker thinks, "He'll never catch me in that car" and takes off. Several miles later the cop is still behind him as he pulls over.

The cop walks up to the biker and asks for his license. Then the cop says, "OK. I've had a crappy day, and I'm ready to head home. Come up with a good excuse for speeding away from me and I'll let you go."

The biker looks at the cop and replies, "The old lady left me last week for a cop. I was afraid it was you and you were trying to bring her back."

Cop hands him his license and tells him to have a nice ride home.

SkidMark, an ex-biker, still drank pretty regular with his old ridin' buddies at the local watering hole. The bar just happened to be a half block from his house so it was a good bet you'd see him there almost every night. One night, after too many pitchers of beer, Skid decides it's time to head home. He stands up, takes one step and falls right to the floor. Couple of his ridin' buddies walk over and lift Skid to his feet and put him back in his chair. "Thanks, youse guys are the best," says Skid in a thankful tone. A few minutes later he stands back up and falls right to the floor again. This time, his buddies pick him up, sit him back in his chair and offer to drive him home.

"Nah, that's OK guys, ol' Skid's got it covered." He stands up one more time and goes right to the floor again. "Listen, man," says one of his buddies. "Let us give you a ride home." Skid starts crawling for the door and says, "If ya' wanna give me hand, open the door for me."

Skid crawls out to a lightpost in front of the bar, pulls himself to his feet, tries taking a step and goes right to the pavement. He thinks to himself for a second -- "This is gettin' old" -- and decides since his house is only a half block away, he'll just crawl the rest of the way.

Next morning he wakes up on the floor of his apartment with a pounding headache and blood all over his elbows. "I hear you got falling down drunk again at the bar last night," says his ol' lady from the kitchen. He raises his head up and says, "Oh, mornin' baby." Then he thinks, how the hell did she know he was out drinkin'? "Say, baby, how'd you know I was out drinkin' last night anyway. Did I smell like beer when I came home?"

His ol' lady comes walking into the room slipping her coat on and jingling the car keys in her hand and says, "The bar called this morning. You left your wheelchair there again."

You might be a biker if ...

Your best friends are named after animals.

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You owned three different bikes before you ever owned a car.

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When you refer to Captain America, you mean the bike and not the comic book hero. You know that Marlon Brando rode a Triumph in The Wild One and not a Harley-Davidson.

You also know that it was Lee Marvin who rode the Harley in The Wild One.

You have motorcycle parts in the dishwasher. Your idea of jewelry is chains and barbed wire.

You can tell what kind of bugs they are by the taste.

You're only sunburned on the back of your hands and neck.

You carry around a crushed beer can in case you have to park your bike on hot asphalt.

You pull your bike into the motel room and use a bath towel to wipe it off.

Your significant other (SO) has to climb over your bike to do the laundry in the basement.

You don't know how to do laundry, but you have four different kinds of cleaners for your bike.

You carry a picture of your bike in your wallet.

You wave at bikers even when you're in your car.

Your other vehicle is a truck equipped with a motorcycle ramp.

Your three piece suit consists of leather chaps, a leather vest, and a leather jacket.

Your other suit is a rain suit.

You wake up next to your SO and your first thought is if your bike will start.

You know where Sturgis is.

You take your kids for a ride on your bike before they can walk.

You can't remember your kids' names or birthdays, but you can remember that Harley-Davidson made the Knucklehead, Panhead, Shovelhead, Evolution, and Twin Cam 88.

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- Midnight bugs taste best.
- Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.
- Home is where your bike sits still long enough to leave a few drops of oil on the ground.
- The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.
- Bikes don't leak oil, they mark their territory.
- Never mistake horsepower for staying power.
- If you don't ride in the rain - you don't ride.
- A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.
- Young riders pick a destination and go. . . Old riders pick a direction and go.
- A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.
- Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.
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