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42ND ANNUAL

NATIONAL LABOR DAY RALLY

COMING SOON

PRE REGISTRATION

AND NEW

EARLY BIRD ENTRY

ABATE of Kansas Inc.

**Wants Your T-Shirt Designs
For our 42nd Annual Labor Day Rally**

Entries must be received by
April 1st, 2017

Artwork must include:

September 1st - September 4th, 2017

ABATE of Kansas, Inc.

42nd Annual National Labor Day Rally

**Winner Receives:
Pass to the Rally, T-Shirt & Cash Prize**

*Send Artwork To:
ABATE of Kansas, Inc.
P.O. Box 102
Perry, Kansas 66073*

*or email
office@abateks.org*

*All entries become property of
ABATE of Kansas, Inc*



Headlining at The 42nd Annual National Labor Day Rally

Main Stage

Friday: Double Vision - Foreigner Tribute Band

SATURDAY: REVEREND HORTON HEAT

Sunday: Goddesses of Rock



Second Stage

All Afternoon

Battle of the Bands!

Much More So Stay Tuned



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APRIL STATE MEETING
Saturday, April 8th, 2017
VFW Post 1980
932 Graphic Arts Rd
Emporia
MEETING STARTS AT 12 Noon

Agenda: MOMENT OF SILENCE;
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
ROLL CALL; SECRETARY
REPORT; FINANCIAL REPORT;
LOBBYIST REPORT; MRF REPORT;
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS
REPORT; PUBLIC RELATION
REPORT; MID-SOUTH MILE;
CORPORATE SECRETARY;
NEWSLETTER REPORT; WEB SITE
REPORT; PRODUCT LINE REPORT;
OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS;
UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING STATE MEETINGS:
Apr 08 (Dist 12) Emporia VFW
May 03 (Dist 3) Girard Fairgrounds
June 10 (Dist 15) McGraws
EXCEPT FOR THE ANNUAL
OCTOBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING, ALL STATE MEETINGS
ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE!



ABATE of Kansas District Map

A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas is divided into Districts by county. Each District header lists the encompassed counties for each respective District.

To determine which District you are in, find your county name in the headers, and the number designates the containing District. Every active District of A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas has an elected District Representative.

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office@abateks.org

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State Meeting

March 11th 2017 State Meeting

Meeting Called to Order-12:01pm

Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call All present. Paul H for Dist 1, Ringo for Dist 4, Deb for Dist 9.

Secretary Report: Read by Amber S. Motion made by Neil (2nd by Becca) to approve minutes as read. Motion passed with a show of hands.

Financial Report: Richard went over financials. Richard asked if Bill C would find out why the MRF hasn't cashed the check that was sent to them. LDR account is not very active at this time. Discussion regarding the CD's and possibly combining all of the smaller cd's to a larger one to make more interest. Richard thanked the districts for submitting all of their financial reports for 2016. The accountant will review all events to get product taxes done.

Lunch 12:24pm-1:11 p.m. Thank you Dist 7 & Cowtown for the great lunch.

Old Business: Paul S stated that the contract with the Corp looks good & we should hear more soon. Ken discussed the membership committee ideas. Topics included business discounts and product discounts. District Representatives were asked to discuss with their district members for their opinion. Neil asked if a website link to available products could be added to the state website and was told it would be looked in to. Ken requested a motion to approve membership committee proposed membership types to

include a couples membership and 3 levels of business memberships that would include advertising etc. After some discussion a motion was made by Tony (2nd by Jodi) to approve changes to the membership forms as read, adding couples memberships and business memberships with 3 levels with the benefits as discussed by the board of directors. Motion passed with all board members voting yes. Jon asked if all information would be put on the membership forms and was told it would be and the forms would be made larger.

A discussion was had about letting a board member sign in proxy for unsigned memberships. A motion was made by Ron V (2nd by Neil) for no signature to be required on a memberships. Motion was rescinded. A new motion was made by Ron V. (2nd by Tony R) to require no signature on the membership form. Motion passed with all voting board members voting yes except the treasurer who abstained. It was asked how long a member stays on the newsletter & insurance list if they have expired. After a discussion, a motion was made by Ron V (2nd by Tony R) to make it a 60 day grace period before an expired member would be taken off of the newsletter & insurance list. Motion was rescinded. A motion was made by Ron V (2nd by Tony R) to have a 60 day grace period to get membership paid. Motion passed with all board members voting yes.

Board member passes for LDR was tabled until the April meeting. The spring fling party

at LDR site it was decided that a deposit and insurance (as discussed) would be required and rules must be followed.

Richard discussed alarm system. Motion was made by Tony RR (2nd by Neil) to keep the current system using new monitoring company. Motion passed with a show of hands. Ringo asked on behalf of District 4 if the districts would like to help sponsor David Larson sport bike racing. Donation from each district is requested.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Proclamation signing is being held (tentative date). Anyone interested in attending can meet at the State house on the north side of the building.

Labor Day Rally:

Site Coordinator: Paul H said that the forklift would be available at the same price as last year.

Entertainment: Byron said that there is still a few spots to fill but the headliner for Sat night has been booked: Rev Horton Heat. Friday is Double Vision & Sunday will be Goddesses of Rock.

Stage Security: Neil will be helping this year. Thank you to everyone that helps.

Vendors: Tammy said everything is going good

State Products: Bill C will be able to take credit cards this year.

Beverage Gardens: Dist 1 will be getting a larger tent. Dist 4 good to go.

Stage: Good to go.

Bike games: good to go

Dirt drags: Good to go.

Burnout pit is being built. Discussion was had about where to place it.

Sheriff/Emt/Fire

Departments: Everything is good

Showers: Dist 12 is ready

Front Gate: Need man power to help at gate. It was asked if the camper could be there 1 week early. Registers need to be there 24 hrs in advance. Carey will pick up registers.

Clean up: last year went great, hopefully this year will also.

A clarification was made to the motion from last month concerning the Thursday early entry. The \$100 early entry fee was to include basic entry but no extras (atvs, rvs, etc).

MRF Report: Please see your newsletter.

Motorcycle Awareness Report- Paul S stated that there would be more BE AWARE signs available.

Public Relations: Sis reported that Washington days went great despite the room change. Thank you Sis & everyone that attended.

Mid South Mile: Bill C will be a new KS rep on the MILE committee. Sis asked that you have basket ideas ready for next month.

Break 3:10- 3:24 pm

Corporate Secretary Report: Policies & Procedure changes - clarification of board descriptions were corrected, reviewed and approved. Modifications made will be available in your newsletter. Motion was made by Tony R (2nd by Lori S) to approve changes made to policies & procedures as discussed. Motion approved with all members voting yes.

Newsletter: Calendar fundraiser money need to be turned in by April meeting. Tammy let everyone know that the motorcycle seminar for March 18th was cancelled due to lack of participation. Tammy asked that every district try to get a business to advertise in the newsletter. Tammy thanked Ken



for printing & delivering the newsletter last month.

Products: Bill C said they're here Buy them.

Paul reminded everyone that LDR art work is due next month. Byron asked that the districts that he spoke to regarding battle of the bands find out if they have a band for the LDR battle of the bands.

Ron V asked about reimbursing expenses instead of paying first. A motion was made by Neil (2nd by Tony RR) to only reimburse for verified receipts turned in with board approval. Motion passed with all board members voting yes.

Ron V said that Dist 9 had

the tickets made for the gun fundraiser for the state. Thank you Dist 9. Winner will be announced when all tickets are sold.

Neil asked if another dist would be willing to give up or swap the state meeting so it could be held in Dist 13 area. Please speak with district members so Dist 13 can be more involved.

Upcoming Events

Drawing: MRF - Paul H won (donated to Sis) Drawing - Neil won& donated to Washington trip. Thank you Paul & Neil

Meeting adjourned 5:05PM

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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ABATE OF KANSAS, INC.

Modifications approved by Board of Directors effective
March 11, 2017

CADRE

II. Board of Directors

A. State Officers/elected/voting:

3. Treasurer

- d. Shall require three Board of Directors to be on signature card for all bank accounts, no two being in same household, and only two signatures to be required for withdrawals.

4. Recording Secretary

- d. To keep copies of all past minutes on file with the office manager. Minutes and Motion sheets should be provided to the Office Manager within 30 days of the date of meeting. Minutes from the most recent meeting must be submitted to the Corporate Secretary and Newsletter Editor by the Tuesday following each Board of Director meeting.

B. Non-voting electors:

1. Alternate State Officers

- b. Alternates shall be selected during elections of Corporate Officers as stated below:
 - ii. Alternates shall be chosen from the list of those nominated for and who received votes during the Corporate election. Any current member in good standing who has received at least five (5) write-in votes during the Corporate election will be considered nominated for that position for purposes of serving as an Alternate. Nominee for President will be the first alternate; for Vice President will be the second alternate; for Treasurer will be the third alternate; for Recording Secretary will be the fourth alternate; for Member at Large will be the fifth alternate; and for Sergeant at Arms will be the sixth alternate.

D. State Officer/appointed/non-voting:

1. Corporate Secretary

- a. Ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. i.e.: Filing Corporation Annual Reports with the State of Kansas, Secretary of State.
- b. Approve official meeting minutes for publication in the monthly newsletter and/or website.
- c. Oversee elections for corporate officers, district officers, and approve final election results.
- d. Maintain, update, and distribute as needed, official corporation bylaws and official corporation policies and procedures.

E. State Board Member/appointed/non-voting:

1. Newsletter Editor
2. Product Manager
3. Webmaster
4. Public Relations

ELECTIONS

I. Corporate and District Elections.

A. Corporate Officer Terms:

1. The office of President, Recording Secretary and Sergeant at Arms shall be for a two-year term, with elections being held every even numbered year.
2. The offices of Vice President, Treasurer and Member at Large shall be for a two year term, with elections being held every odd numbered year.
3. Board Alternates will serve for a term equivalent to the office for which they were nominated.

B. Corporate Officer Nominations:

2. Corporate Officers and Voting Board Members are only permitted to hold one position on the Board of Directors at any one time (excluding the positions of Newsletter Editor, Product Manager, Webmaster, and Public Relations)

FINANCIALS

I. Bookkeeping, Accounts and Reporting

- A. All accounting to be done by an Independent Accounting firm. All bills, receipts, records, etc. will be kept at the corporate office building. All checks will have the corporate office address on them and a statement sent to the corporate office. The corporate checkbook will be kept at the corporate office or in the possession of the Treasurer.
- D. The Treasurer will provide a corporate financial statement at each monthly meeting and a biannual fiscal report.
- E. All monies for ABATE of Kansas, Inc., shall be managed and/or supervised by a state board member.
- G. All ABATE of Kansas, Inc., bank accounts (including district bank accounts) will require a minimum of three (3) people on the account and require two (2) signatures on checks and withdrawals.

EVENTS

I. General Functions:

P. ABATE of KANSAS, INC., requires all district and state events to be insured. All insurance requests should be made by the District Representative no later than 30 days prior to the event.

Q. Event and Insurance Clarifications:

3. All insurance fees must be turned in to the insurance coordinator (30) days prior to the event.

II. State Events:

A. Labor Day Rally (LDR). This rally will be managed by the Labor Day Committee (consisting of all state officers) and volunteers appointed by the committee. The Committee may appoint an events coordinator to oversee planning and execution of the Rally.

3. No one under eighteen (18) years of age will be allowed admittance into the rally site during the event. 18 years to 21 years must be accompanied by a member.

4. No roping off of individual camping areas is allowed.

NEWSLETTER

I. Newsletter Content:

G. Classified forums, and other forms of “open” content must include a disclaimer describing the limitations of the level at which the content is monitored and moderated and a warning that ABATE is not accountable for the inaccuracy of public statements.

II. Newsletter Submissions:

C. All paid members will receive a newsletter upon request.

E. Billing to be handled by the Newsletter Editor or others designated by the Board of Directors.

INTERNET

II. Operation:

A. District Webmasters should have their own computer and Internet service provider.

**Notice of intention to amend Articles of Incorporation
during the monthly Board of Directors meeting to be held on April 8, 2017 at the Emporia
VFW located at 932 Graphic Arts, Emporia, KS.**

Proposed: Removal of “club houses” from Third section, 4th sentence.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ABATE OF KANSAS, INC.

Third: This Corporation is a NOT for profit, and the nature of its business or purposes to be conducted or promoted is charitable and education: To foster, promote and encourage safe motorcycling in the State of Kansas and elsewhere. To engage in educational programs and other promotional activities in order to educate the public as to motorcycle safety and motorcycling in general. To encourage and stimulate public interest in motorcycling and to be an advocate for the interests of motorcyclists and motorcycling. To purchase or lease, and to maintain and operate buildings, ~~club houses~~, or other structures; to own and sell property both real and personal; to engage in any other activity which is lawful under the laws of the State of Kansas in furtherance of the purposes of ABATE of Kansas, Inc.





Can I wear a helmet and be a member?

Yes, ABATE strives to ensure all motorcyclists reserve the right to choose to wear a helmet or not. ABATE’s stance is not Anti-Helmet, but rather Anti-Helmet Law. The factors of helmet use are too complex for a simple statistic, so ABATE believes, before government law needlessly endanger lives, that such a decision should be left to the rider, and pursue other venues of motorcycle safety--primarily education and awareness.

Do I need to be a Harley owner?

No, ABATE is an advocate for the rights of all motorcyclists, regardless of what or where they ride.

Do I need to own a motorcycle?

No, ABATE consists of all advocates of motorcyclists and motorcycling. The rights of which may be supported by anyone who cares, and are welcome to do so.

Do I have to live in Kansas?

No, ABATE of Kansas has many non-Kansas-resident members who still ride in Kansas. ABATE of Kansas does not believe the rights of motorcyclists stop at the state borderline. ABATE of Kansas works with other state and national Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs) to preserve rights wherever the road leads.

Is ABATE a motorcycle club?

No, ABATE of Kansas is classified as a lobbying organization.

Which District can I belong to?

You can belong to any district

you prefer. Districts are divided by county groups, except District 20 which is mostly out-of-state members, however also choose districts adjacent to their state, if preferred. You may choose any district based on where you work, live, or have social ties. The only restriction is that you can only belong to one district at a time.

Why did I stop getting a newsletter?

Chances are most likely you have either moved or your membership has expired. Please check with your district or the ABATE of Kansas State office. It may also be you are not listed with your local post office. Please check with them to make sure you are listed at that address.

Do I need my ABATE card?

Yes, keep your membership card with you when you can. At events, it’s faster and more reliable than roster checking. Also, many of your stops may give discounts for ABATE members.

Is ABATE just about helmets?

No, ABATE monitors all bills, laws, and regs that impact motorcycling, including manufacturing, operation, environment and education.

Do I need a permit to camp on leased area at Lake Perry?

Yes, permits are required by the Corp of Engineers which are requested and obtained from the ABATE of Kansas State office in Perry, the only exception being if you plan to camp during the Labor Day Rally event.

MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION PROGRAMS LOCATIONS

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LOBBYIST REPORT

February Lobbyist Report	legislature has until June 30th to come up with this new formula.
February 23rd, was “turnaround day.” What that means is that bills that were in House Committees go to the Senate, and Senate bills go to the House. Both chambers were in recess from February 24th through March 6th.	As far as bills we have been working on, we are having moderate success. HB-2174, regarding disabled veteran/ disabled persons license plates was heard in the Committee on Veterans, and was amended and approved by the Veteran’s Committee. It went to the House floor and was approved 125 to 0, and has now been sent to the Senate Transportation Committee. I provided written testimony for this bill and District 4 member George Hanna testified at the House Committee hearing. HB-2188, the right of way bill, was never worked by the House Transportation Committee, despite written testimony and testimony at the hearing from myself and by many of our ABATE members. According to the secretary in Representative Proehl’s office (Chair of the Committee on Transportation), it is pretty much dead this year. We’ll have to do some legwork to get it re-submitted next year. HB-2194, regarding motorcycle licensing and fees, is an interesting case. On February 21 it was referred from the Committee on Transportation to the Committee on Appropriations. On February 22 it was referred from Appropriations back to Transportation. The Committee on Appropriations is an exempt Committee, and apparently since the bill was touched by them it is still alive. That does not mean it will be acted upon, but at minimum it will resurface in the 2018 Legislative Session without
As you should know if you are attentive to the legislature, the main focus the past two weeks has been on budget bills. There are two general types. The first, which the governor vetoed yesterday, and had enough House votes to overturn, but not in the Senate, is the budget bill that goes forward to fix the state budget in the future. The other type of budget bill is the rescission bill, which is supposed to fix this year’s budget shortfall. The rescission bills that are out there have yet to be voted on, and the budget bill is back in the hands of the Senate and the House. The Senate voted on March 7th to reject the Governor’s budget proposal, as expected, so back to square one.	
Oh, if that is not complicated enough, on March 2nd the Kansas Supreme Court ruled that the state is not adequately funding K-12 education and that the block grant system used the past two years is unconstitutional. While the Court did not put a dollar figure on expected funding levels, there are estimates of the need to add up to 800 million dollars to education. Consequently, the legislature will be tasked with not only addressing the state budget but also re-writing the education formula. The	

having to be introduced as a new bill. I was advised to continue to monitor it this session as it may yet have an audience, so will be looking closely at it when the Legislature convenes again on March 6th, but as of today (March 8th) it has not been moved to the Senate. ABATE had a hospitality suite on Friday night, February 24th, at Washington Days at the Downtown Ramada Inn in Topeka. It was an opportunity to meet legislators and their staff, as well as network and have a good time. There was a good turnout from our membership, although I did not get a count of how many were there. This year was a bit different for the convention as Senator Bernie Sanders came to Topeka to speak on Saturday night, and that was at Topeka High School, so it changed how the Democrats do their usual banquet. Special thanks to Sis for managing our hospitality

room. As usual it was a gathering place for both our members and many others who attended the event.

I also submitted a request to the Governor’s Office for a 2017 Proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month. My original request was for April 21st. I received confirmation from their office on March 4th, and it will be on Wednesday, March 22nd, 10 AM. They ask that only 10 people attend, so Paul will be soliciting participants.

As always, contact me if you have questions or concerns or issues you would like ABATE to address, or that you have personal interest in.

Respectfully,
Steve Christenberry
Lobbyist
ABATE of Kansas

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DID YOU KNOW?

SIGN UP 5 NEW ABATE OF KANSAS MEMBERS AND
RECEIVE 1 YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP OR A FREE
ENTRY PASS INTO THE LABOR DAY RALLY.
SIGN UP 50 NEW MEMBERS AND RECEIVE A
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP.

(A NEW MEMBER IS SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER HAD A MEMBERSHIP OR HAVE HAD IT LAPSE FOR OVER A YEAR)





DISTRICT NEWS

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Anderson, Douglas, Franklin and Jeffersondistrict1.abateks.org

District Rep. Nova Horton 785 393 6994



MEETING MINUTES NOT RECEIVED

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**Decatur, Graham, Norton, Osborne
Phillips, Rooks, Sheridan, Smith**

District Rep. Rick Gitchel 785-533-1205



District 2 March 12, 2017
Meeting held at Sand Trap
Phillipsburg.

Moment of silence for fallen
brothers and sisters.

Secretaries report given by
Jeff no corrections.

Treasurers report given by
Terry and Gary no corrections.

State meeting report given
by Bear and Gary see report in
newsletter to save space.

No old business

No new business

Committee report bike show

Trophy sponsors are done

Bear is still working on
associate sponsors

Met with the city of
Phillipsburg to make sure
we had the building for the
weekend and to get the streets
closed and we do have both,
Porker run will be 6-17-17
proceeds will go to the family
of Jenny Castle who is battling
brain cancer and has 3 young
children

Next meeting will be held
at Jeff and Libby Millers 800
south Broadway Plainville.

**Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee,
Crawford, Elk, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho,
Wilson and Woodson**district3.abateks.org

District Rep. Bill Cooper 620-764-3734



We had our meeting
Saturday March 4th at the
American Legion Post 139 in
Independence before the Hawg
Waddle.

Coop started us off with
the Pledge of Allegiance and
a moment of silence for our
brothers and sisters lost.

Coop talked about the Bikers
under the Dome at the Stated
Capital in Topeka. They talked

about the Right of Way bill. The
next day they had a hearing on
it and about 6 people got up and
testified on behalf of it. Coop
was impressed with Robin, a
long-time ABATE member who
got up and spoke. Her husband
Tim Sparks was killed on a
motorcycle last year and she
gave a powerful presentation.

Labor day was the main
discussion at the State meeting.

Coop then gave the financial
report supplied by Bev and all
approved.

Ellie gave a report on the
products and showed the new
coozies available.

All plans are underway for
the Bike Show and Rally in
Girard the 1st weekend in May.
Flyers were handed out and
sponsor sheets also. We will
have a t-shirt design by next
month.

The fund-raiser calendar
pictures need to be in by the
April state meeting in Emporia.
We discussed a district calendar
as an option for the future.

Denny stepped up for the
Crawford County Rep and
Curtis will update on the web
site.

Curtis won the door prize
and Denny motioned to close
the meeting. All approved.

4

Jackson, Nemaha, Osage and Shawneeabateksd4.com

District Rep. Jack Frost 785-383-4836



ABATE District 4 Meeting,
3-12-17

Jack called the meeting to
order at 1:15 PM. We said the
Pledge of Allegiance and had a
moment silence for lost brothers
and sisters as well as for our
military and first responders.
24 members were present for
the meeting.

Secretary's Report: As
always, it is in the newsletter.
Kyle moved to waive reading,
Dee seconded, approved as
written.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanie
provided the financial report,
which mostly included expenses
and revenue from the Capital
City Motorcycle Show. We have
not received the final bill from
the ExpoCentre, but Jeanie did
get a figure from the financial
person at the Expo so will
have to verify when we get the
invoice. RC moved to accept
the report as written. Alvin
seconded. Approved.

State Board Meeting:
None of our Board members
were able to attend the state
meeting in Dodge City, so
Jack appointed Ringo as our
District representative at the
meeting. Sheri and Ringo
arrived at 2 PM. District 2,

11 and 8 each contributed to a
fund for Dave Larson's drag
racing sponsorship. The state
also voted to approve a drawing
for a gun, 125 tickets at \$\$
each. Ringo has tickets for
this fundraiser. The drawing
will be held when all the
tickets are sold. New types of
membership will be available,
a couple's membership, and 3
levels of business memberships.
Entry to the LDR on Thursday
with a fee will be allowed for
members who preregister. This
will allow those who do not
work the number of required
hours to enter early, but at a
fee. ABATE State of Kansas
Policy and Procedure changes
that were presented two months
ago, mostly wording changes,
were approved at the meeting.
Changes will be posted in the
newsletter.

SMART Report: We are in
process of scheduling spring
dates at Seaman High School.
We have 6 possible weekends in
April and May, and are working
on instructor schedules. We
need to update the range layout,
so are on a short timeline to
accomplish that before the
second weekend in April. I
have signed an agreement with



Shawnee Heights for our new
range, and have met with the
facility supervisor about getting
details arranged so we can paint
the range, access a classroom,
and other details. We should
have that completed and ready
to train at the additional site by
June.

MRF Report: Steve reported
that both the MRF and AMA
are working at the federal level
on anti-profiling legislation.
The AMA has also discovered
that in a proposal to increase
tariffs on imported beef there
is a section that would also
increase tariffs on 51-500
cc engine motorcycles. It is
not clear how motorcycles
have anything to do with beef
imports, but the AMA and MRF
is looking into it. As always,
read your newsletter and look
for the MRF updates posted
by Bill Cooper, our MRF
representative.

Products Report: We still
need a District 4 member to
assume responsibilities for
our products. We only sold a
small number of shirts at the
bike show, so did not come out
well there, although we did sell
a few of the old shirts. Event
shirts for this year, and previous
years, are still available.

Old Business: Bike show:
Jacked thanked everyone for
their hard work at the show.
After expenses we made a
very small profit, as far as
we can tell. We had much
discussion about things we
could do differently, including
accountability for sales,
individuals not working full
shifts, and even whether or not
we should have a show in the
future.

Washington Days. ABATE
had a hospitality room on
Friday night of the event. It
was well attended by ABATE
members and Democrats alike.

Senator Bernie Sanders was in
Topeka for a speech at Topeka
High School on Saturday
night, so another boost for the
Democrats, but it also changed
how the usual Saturday night
banquet worked.

Calendar fundraiser: Still
looking for sponsors from our
districts. Sponsorship fees
need to be in by the April state
meeting and the photos are due
by the end of May. SMART
agreed to take the large photo/
ad, and Jack will do one of
the small ads. That leaves 2
small ads to sell. There was
discussion about the photo,
whether or not to do a bike and
one or more district members
in the photo. Steve suggested
that perhaps we could do a
photo of the SMART trailer if
SMART is doing the big ad,
and Sheri added that perhaps
we could do the state Capitol in
the background. If necessary
she can photo shop it to make
it work. That plan seemed
acceptable to the district, so
we'll proceed with that idea.
Jack will approach Historic
Harley and the Kickstart Saloon
about the two remaining smaller
ads.

New Business: District 4
received a thank you letter
on behalf of the Wabaunsee
County 4-H for the contribution
we made to Tim Farr's fathers
Memorial Fund.

Nominations for Vice-
Representative, Treasurer,
and Member at Large were
accepted in January, February,
and March. Todd accepted last
month's nomination for Vice-
Rep. RC nominated Charlie
Unrein for Vice-Rep, Charlie
accepted. Karen declined the
nomination for Treasurer but
nominated Nicole Unrein, who
accepted. After this month's
meeting nominations will be
closed, and nominee's will be

submitted to the newsletter
editor for posting in April, May,
and June, with elections in
June at the District 4 meeting at
Jeanie and Steve's house.

American Income Life
Insurance Company: ABATE
of Kansas members are entitled
to a \$\$\$\$ Accidental Death
& Dismemberment policy.
Members should have received
a notice in the mail with a
card asking for demographic
information and a beneficiary.
Members need to know that
they do not have to send the
card in to be eligible for the
benefit, so they may send it in if
they want, with or without their
contact information, or with
only the beneficiary name.

Drag Race Sponsorship:
After discussion about
sponsoring Dave Larson's drag
racer, RC moved to sponsor,
Kyle seconded, approved.

Labor Day Rally: Dee moved
that District 4 board members
be required to work at least
one shift per day at the rally at
the main beer garden, with the
number of hours per shift to be
determined by the board. Ringo
seconded. Much discussion
followed. Sheri suggested that
we consider adding this to our
district policies, but also read
the state policy regarding State
Board members overseeing
money collection at state
events, but not necessarily
having to actually be the person
collecting the money. State
Board members include the
State Executive Board and
District Reps. There was some
concern expressed about this
new requirement, as not all
Board members can commit to
spending the entire weekend
at the Rally. The motion was
approved by the membership,
12 in favor, 2 opposed, with
just over half of the members
in attendance voting. It was

suggested that the District
Board work through and fine
tune this, and perhaps amend
the motion at the next meeting.

Upcoming Events:
Governor's Proclamation
signing for Motorcycle
Awareness Month in May will
be on April 28th, at the state
Capitol. Limited numbers of
attendees are allowed, so Paul is
soliciting members to attend.

American Legion Post 421
Bike Rodeo, March 25th, north
end of Kmart Parking lot on
Wanamaker, 9 to 3 PM.

Bowling Fundraiser: March
26th, West Ridge Lanes, sign up
at noon, bowling at 1 PM

Run for the Wall: Should be
on May 22nd this year.

Drawing: Brian won the
drawing today, and donated it
to Dave Larson's drag racing
sponsorship. Thank you, Brian.

Next Board Meeting: April
?, 2017, Papan's Landing, 7:00
PM. We are looking at changing
the meetings to the Wednesday
before our District meeting
due to conflicts with Papan's
Landing, or perhaps at another
location. Jack is exploring this
further.

April District 4 Meeting:
April 9, 2017 1:00 PM, Don &
Whiteys

RC moved to adjourn at
4:00 PM, seconded, meeting
adjourned

Minutes recorded by Steve
Christenberry

DISTRICT 4

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**BALLOT DISTRICT 4**

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MEMBERSHIP # _____

ASSISTANT DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:

Todd Howard _____

Charlie Unrein _____

WRITE-IN: _____

WRITE-IN: _____

TREASURER:

Nicole Unrein _____

WRITE-IN: _____

WRITE-IN: _____

MEMBER AT LARGE/HISTORIAN

Alvin Bonjour _____

WRITE-IN _____

WRITE-IN _____

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**BALLOT DISTRICT 6**

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MEMBERSHIP # _____

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:

Rebecca Hardman _____

WRITE-IN: _____

WRITE-IN: _____

TREASURER:

Tammy Halligan _____

WRITE-IN: _____

WRITE-IN: _____

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Mike Chlumsky _____

WRITE-IN _____

WRITE-IN _____

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Johnson,Linn,Miami,Wyandotte
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District Rep. Tony Rawls-Riley 913-706-8449

District 5 did not have enough officers present for an official meeting.

Discussion on district events

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Barton, Ellis, Ness, Rush, Russell, Trego



District Rep. Becca Hardman 785-259-9557

MEETING MINUTES NOT RECEIVED
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**Clark,Comanche,Edwards,Ford,Gray
Hodgman,Kiowa,Meade,Pawnee**
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District Rep. Doc Pritchett 620-339-5814

MEETING MINUTES NOT RECEIVED

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**Barber,Butler,Cowley,Harper,Harvey
Kingman,Pratt,Reno,Sedgwick,
Stafford,Sumner**
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District Rep. Tony Railsback 620-204-8018

MEETING MINUTES NOT RECEIVED

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**Clay,Cloud,Dickinson,Ellsworth,Jewell
Marion,McPherson,Mitchell,Ottawa
Republic,Rice,Saline,Washington**
district9.abateks.org



District Rep. .Russ Walline 620-245-5207

The District 9 meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm on March 12th 2017 with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence given, with 21 members, 5 county reps, and 2 guest present.

The secretary's were given and approved.

The treasure report was

given and approved.

State News: Lots of news from the state meeting. Bylaws and procedure review is in progress and updates will be coming out later in the year.

Awareness report: Still handing out yard signs. Have a couple new locations for highway signs.

Product report: Still have Awareness shirts, District 9 shirts, and memory patches.

Website report: All updated.

Old business: Personal thank you came from Tony and family for the support from Abate due to loss in family. Janie, also gave a personal thank you to Abate and the support she has received due to loss in family.

New Business:
Discussion held on bike show in September. Nomination for

"Stoker Award" was unanimous for Ron Vawter for the years of service for Abate. Thanks Ron.

Upcoming events: Signing of the proclamation in Topeka is April 28th.

Drawings won by. Kelsey K. Thanks to Tony and Janet for hosting the meeting, and thanks to Chad S for the food. Next meeting at Senior Citizens Center in Glasco at noon.

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**Finney,Grant,Hamilton,Haskell,Kearney
Morton,Seward,Stanton,Stevens**



District Rep. Troy Love 620-214-3507

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm at the VFW in Garden city with 7 members and 3 guest. Pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Financial report review and given motion made by Stormy 2nd by Donald; Financial Report approved.

Secretary report was waived due to meeting not held in February due to lack of members. Motion made to waive report was made by Mark and 2nd by Donald; motion was approved.

Old business- July bash state meeting meal was discussed and agreed upon.

Highway clean up has been moved to May 7th with meeting following after at Donalds House due to some conflicts. We will meet at Plymell at 2pm and start. If interested in assisting contact Mark, Troy or Stormy and we will put you down.

Biker saving Boobies shirts are in and have been picked up.

State meeting information regarding District 10 Tasks

were relayed by Stormy.

New Business - nomination and elections are officially opened up

Nomination for District Rep. Troy Love- nominated by Donald Seconded by John and accepted by Troy

Nominations for District Tres. Mark Estrada- nominated by Linda seconded by John and accepted by Mark

John Mowry- nominated by Mark seconded by Donald and accepted by John

First official act of duty will start in July.

Next month's meeting will be on April 2nd at 4 pm at the VFW.

Motion for meeting to be adjourned made by John and seconded by Garrett at 5 pm Motion approved



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Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Leavenworth

district11.abateks.org

District Rep. Jodi Stutzman 785-364-7265



March 12, 2017 District 11 meeting called to order 2:30pm at the Chatterbox. Followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence for our fallen and those still serving.

Secretary report: Robin S. read February minutes and were approved by all.

Treasurer report: Doug gave report. Recap of Topeka Bike Show. Doyle made motion to that we absorb cost of space

Robin S. set up at the bike show, Missy seconded. All in favor.

Products: We have long sleeve logo, fingers, and thumbs up shirts. Contact Lea.

State/Rep Report: Pocket calendars done. Ask Jodi for one. Drawing tickets for Rustic swing available. Talked about D.C. trip to Bikers in the Beltway May 22-23rd, and raising money to help get Robin S. and Jodi along with Tammy and Cooper get there and back. Jodi discussed memberships and changes to come. Sponsors for upcoming events discussed.

Stan asked that we have better communication so we don't overlap on sponsors. Brian made motion for Jodi to mention no more free passes for LDR to anyone, except vendors, Stan seconded. Motion passed, all in favor. Work weekends and LDR discussed. Stan brought up newsletter and pointed out it is still not clear as to time, date of District meetings.

Atchison Co. Report: Chop gave list of sponsors he has for Mother's Day. The Milk House has closed, but will still be available for the Century Party. A few more sponsors for

the Mother's Day Bike show are needed. Missy has been working hard and has gotten numerous sponsors and items donated. A banner is being donated to the District by Wolf printing. There will be a duck release, face painting, Chuck and Hank's River shack will be having BBQ cook off and street dance Saturday night, BBQ judging Sunday and several vendors along with the bike show. Mark your calendars and plan on attending

Brown Co. Report: BCDS BBQ and Bike show April 2nd, donations need for bingo and volunteers for food. Kansas Wheathearts chapter of Women on Wheels is providing chips and cakes. Charmaine donated for the hamburger. Stan and Darrell will be the grill masters. Matt and Mary will provide cooler of pop again this year. Artwork for Field Events needs to be in by next month.

Doniphan Co. Report: Blessing of Bikes April 29th, 10am Troy. Blessing at 11:30, followed by a ride to Rulo, NE. Helmets required in NE. Nonperishable food items collected will go to the Highland food bank. Motion made to pay insurance for the Blessing of Bikes, all in favor. Bikers for Babies discussed and date change to Saturday. Contact Robin R. for info and become part of the team and keep us in the top ten fund raising teams.

Leavenworth Co. Report: Ric reminded everyone of the Memorial Day ride to Cemetery, vets choice bike show and bbq. Donations

needed, salads, desserts, buns, hot dogs, servers, etc. Charmaine will have her team grilling and has donated for the hamburger. Kansas Wheathearts chapter of WOW is providing chips and desserts.

Old business: Trailer bought, needs logos. Radios still tabled. Picture for the state calendar was decided.

New business: Bull let us know Atchison nursing home is wanting bikes to meet and greet seniors June 25th. Doyle stated that is weekend of Jessie James chapters bike drag and we could all swing by on our way back from event. Plans are in the works. Swift kick has been booked for the Field Events, Saturday night. Bands discussed for Friday night and battle of bands. All decided to see if Eleven After could play Friday at Field Events. Jodi asked about donating to Dave Larson, top fuel motorcycle racing. District agreed to donate with a stipulation before donating. Burn out trailer discussed and Ringo would like a flyer created

by district to promote it for this year's Labor Day Rally. Brian reminded everyone of Emporia's Bike Show April 8th. Jodi handed out flyers and asked Co. Reps to hang a few in each county to help promote the Emporia bike show. Jodi said she will be riding down and those wanting to ride with contact her.

Drawing won by Tom and donated back to the Bikers for Babies Team.

Thank you, Chatterbox for the pizza's and letting us hold our meeting there. 22 members attended. A huge thank you to Missy and Brian for covering our booth at the Topeka bike show, while we showed our respects to the Howard family.

Our deepest condolences to Pat Howard and family. RIP Don.

Next Meeting April 2nd following the BCDS BBQ & Bike Show in Hiawatha. Meeting adjourned 4:30, all in favor.



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Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris

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District Rep. Lori Siebenaler 620-757-1664



The March 2017, District 12 ABATE meeting was called to order by Lori S. The Pledge of Allegiance succeeded, followed by a Moment of Silence for our Fallen brothers and sisters.

Beginning Statements:

Advance America's Spokesperson, Dot B. came to inquire if District 12 would be willing to join forces to benefit the Shiloh House by doing a "Christmas in July" toy run (either the 15th or 22nd). Plans would include having a drop off for donations at Advance America and donations made to the children of the Shiloh House. Advance America would offer a tree, adorned with ornaments and would help with food and beverages. The idea for Christmas in July was to come upon as more 'hopeful' and a better time of year for everyone involved or wanting to be involved. A Meet and Greet was also touched upon in the meeting. Kim made a motion to host a July benefit run, keeping the Dec. toy drive option. Bob P. seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: the treasurer's report was given by Debi F. and a motion was made and passed to approve as presented.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of last month's meeting were read by Shauntae and a motion was made to approve with corrections and carried.

Lori S. gave the State Meeting Report. The new membership committee is working on revamping the memberships to include couples being able to do a

joint membership and adding business sponsorships. Requirements include a discount for ABATE members. This way, it'll get businesses on board in the supporting for ABATE.

Old Business: Nominations for District Representative, District Secretary, and Sergeant At Arms were reviewed – Jerry W for District Rep, Shauntae S. for District Sec. and Michael L. for Sergeant At Arms still stand. Nominations were then closed. Ballot information will be submitted to state office for publishing in the next two newsletters.

Bike Show: There are a few more vendors than previously stated; Free local transportation still provided, from Bike Show to Bourbon Cowboy. More volunteers to help with the Bike Show are needed, so inquire with one of the officers.

Dave won the door prize. Next Abate Meeting on April 16th, 2017 at the VFW on Graphic Arts Road at 2 PM.

**BALLOT DISTRICT 12**

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MEMBERSHIP # _____**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:**

Jerry Wenciker _____

WRITE-IN: _____

WRITE-IN: _____

SECRETARY:

Shauntae Stewart _____

WRITE-IN: _____

WRITE-IN: _____

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Michael Lauppe _____

WRITE-IN _____

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DISTRICT 1

CABIN FEVER

MAY 26TH, 27TH, 28TH 2017

OPEN @ 5PM FRIDAY MAY 26TH

VENDORS

BLUEE 88 @ NIGHT

8PM SAT

5 memberships to be given away to new members

PARADISE POINT

LAKE PERRY KS

ELECTRIC HOOKUP 15.00
NON-ELECTRIC 5.00

BISCUTS AND GRAVEY SUNDAY MORNING

PROMOTING AWARENESS OF ABATE OF KANSAS INC



ABATE of KANSAS DISTRICT #12
Promoting Awareness of ABATE of KANSAS, INC.



23rd Annual Spring Fling BIKE SHOW

Free Admission!

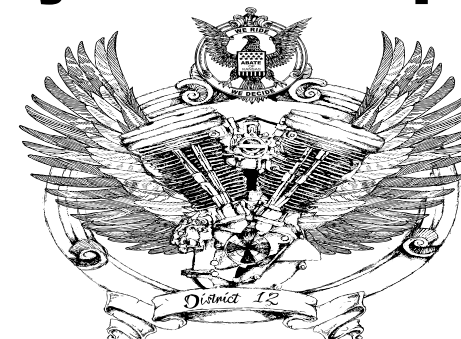
April 8, 2017

Free Admission!

Lyon County Fairgrounds
2650 W. Hwy. 50 • Emporia, Kansas

CATEGORIES:

- Stock
- Touring
- Classic
- Antique
- Euro-Asian
- Rat
- Ladies
- Sportster
- Custom Big Twin
- Custom Sportster
- Sportbike
- Special Interest
- Trike
- 16 and under



- People's Choice Large Trophy
- Judge's Choice Large Trophy

OPEN FOR SET UP
7 AM

JUDGING
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

TROPHY PRESENTATION
5 PM

For more information call Debi 620-340-7526 or Lori 620-757-1664

Bike Show Spaces

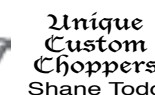
Vendor Space 10 x 10
\$50 (before March 25)
\$65 (after March 25)

Outside Vendor Space 10 x 10
\$30 (before March 25)
\$45 (after March 25)

Bike Space
10 x 10 Display \$30
Single Bike \$15

After Show Party • Bourbon Cowboy

The Bourbon Cowboy is excited and humbled to host the 2017 ABATE Spring Fling After Party! Live music begins at 10 PM with a special show by Matt Mason, winner of CMT's Next Superstar competition. \$3 Cover Charge - over 21. Free local transportation provided.



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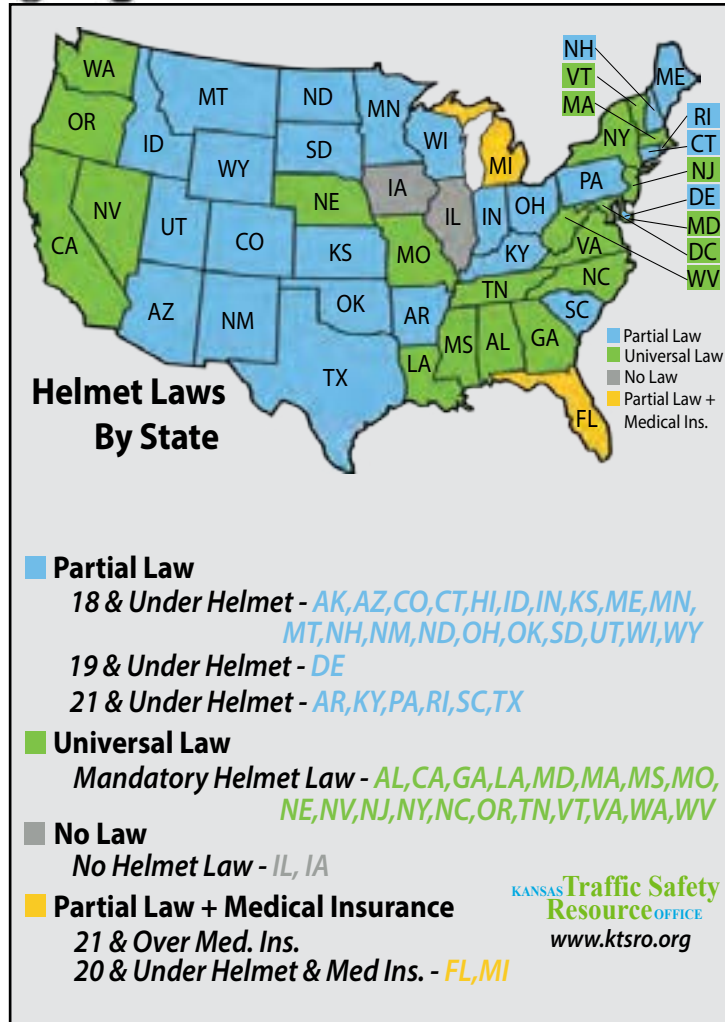
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SIGNATURE: _____

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April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						 1 Dist Mtgs: 2, 5
2 Dist Mtgs 3, 10, 11	3	4	5	6	7	8 STATE Mtg Emporia, KS Noon
9 Dist Mtgs: 1, 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15	10 Passover 	11	12	13	14  Good Friday 21 Dist Mtg 7	15
16  Easter Sunday	17	18 	19	20	21 Dist Mtg 7	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	State Meeting Location: VFW, 932 Graphic Arts Rd, Emporia, KS					

ADVANCE NEWS

District 1: Unless noted, all meetings start at 1:00pm
Meetings are the Second Sunday
4/2 – Mtg
District 2: Unless noted, all meetings start at 4:00pm
Meetings are First Sunday
4/9 – Mtg,
4/15- Bike Show, 10AM, Phillipsburg, KS
District 3: Unless noted, all meetings start at 1:00pm
Meetings are the First Sunday
4/2 – Mtg, Sassy’s, Sycamore, KS
District 4: Unless noted, all meetings start at 1:00pm
Meetings are the 2nd Sunday
4/9 – Mtg, the Kitzmans
5/22 – Run for the Wall, Topeka stop
District 5: Unless noted, all meetings start at NOON
Meetings are the First Saturday
4/1 – Mtg, Jose Pepper’s
District 6: Meeting time & Places vary
4/9-Wild Fire Run & Mtg
4/29 – Birthday Bash, Eagles Lodge, WaKeeney
District 7: Unless noted, all meetings start at 7:00pm
Meetings are the 3rd Friday
4/21–Mtg,
District 8: Unless noted, all meetings start at 1:30pm
Meetings are 2nd Sunday
4/9-Mtg - Former RCBO Site
District 9: Unless noted, meetings start at 1:00pm
Meetings are the 2nd Sunday; come eat w/ us at Noon
4/9 –Mtg
District 10: Meetings are the First Sunday,
4/2 – Mtg, VFW Post
5/7-Hwy clean up, meeting to follow at Donald’s
District 11: Unless noted, meetings begin at Noon
Meetings are the First Sunday
4/2 – 9am, BCDS BBQ & Bike Show, Hiawatha, KS;
Mtg to follow
4/29 – Blessing of the Bikes, 10AM, Troy, KS
District 12: Unless noted, all meetings begin at 2PM
Meetings are the 2nd Sunday
4/9 - Mtg
District 13: Unless noted, meetings begin at 2:00pm
Meetings are the 2rd Sunday
4/9 – Mtg
District 15: Unless noted, meetings begin at Noon
Meetings are various Sundays
4/9 – Mtg
STATE MTGS:
Apr 8, 2017: VFW, 932 Graphic Arts Rd, Emporia, KS, Noon
May 6, 2017: Crawford County Fairgrounds, 247 E Hwy 47, Girard, KS, Noon
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This week, Carl Icahn, of Trump's administration suggested that or Executive Order changing the Renewable Fuel Standard is on the way. The Renewable Fuel Standard or "RFS" is the law passed several years ago that dictates how much ethanol should be used in the nations fuel supply. Apparently, White House policy staff are discussing what to do with the issue. However, activity on a legislative proposal is picking up steam in Congress and now has many wondering is an Executive Order could blow up an attempt at an RFS reform bill. Reps. John Shimkus (R-ILL), Bill Flores (R-Texas), and Peter Welch (D-VT), have been hosting conversations on broad changes to the RFS, but a memo from the White House directing EPA to change the program could "torpedo" the process a legislative aide said. The Congressmen had introduced a similar reform bill last congress which would have capped the amount of ethanol in the fuel supply. The three lawmakers and their aides plan to keep talking over the next few weeks and then put the word out to other House members who may be interested in working on the bill. They hope to introduce a bill after the August recess and get passed out of the House with a wide margin by the end of the year.

This week Sen. Bill Nelson (FL) cosponsored S. 203; this

bill would ensure that any attempt by the EPA to regulate racecars or racing bikes is thwarted after confusion last year when the EPA suggested they had this authority under the Clean Air Act. As a result of Nelson's sponsorship, all five Democrat cosponsors from last year have now rejoined the effort. Our immediate focus is on securing three more Senate Democrat cosponsors to demonstrate the bill is able to garner the 60 votes needed to overcome a filibuster. Over in the House, the RPM Act broke the "100" cosponsor mark and continues to gain momentum. Here are current cosponsor totals for the House and Senate Bills HR 350: Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC), and 103 cosponsors (11 Democrats). S. 203: Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC) and 25 cosponsors (5 Democrats). To ask your elected official to become a cosponsor, visit <http://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/> for a pre-drafted letter asking for their support.

Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao this past week raised the prospect that needed infrastructure improvements may be funded to some extent by imposing tolls on more of the nations roads and bridges. It was unclear whether she intends to expand tolling on the U.S. interstate system. The concept of granting massive tax credits to lure private infrastructure investment was

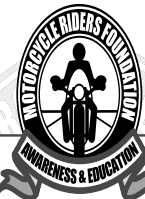
the centerpiece of President Trump's campaign promise to raise \$1 Trillion for the roads and bridges. The MRF is an active member of the Alliance for Toll-Free Interstates and is working with the coalition to encourage lawmakers to not turn existing roadways and interstates into toll roads to fund any infrastructure plan. The coalition has met with lawmakers from the Committees of Jurisdiction and also sent letters to key Members of Congress urging them to not view tolls as the solution to paying for any infrastructure improvements.

Motorcyclists know first hand that distracted driving is one of the fastest growing safety issues on the roads today. Distracted drivers are not just a threat to themselves, they are a danger to everyone on the road. There is currently a national distracted drivers effort initiated by the Department of Transportation which is focused on ways to change the behavior of drivers through legislation, enforcement, public awareness, and education. The Products for Enforcement Action Kit (PEAK) aims to help others join the fight against texting and driving, a growing epidemic that took 3,151 lives in 2013 alone. This tool kit helps to alert the public to prepare for maximum high visibility texting ban enforcement. There will also be a paid media advertising campaign on stopping distracted

driving which will run nationally April 3-10, 2017.

Bikers Inside the Beltway in Washington D.C. will be on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. Four of us from ABATE plan to attend. This will be my first trip to Washington D.C. and I know it will be a great learning experience for all of us. Nice weather is on us so as you are getting geared up for riding season remember to look twice save a life, the life you save will probably be your own.

Bill Cooper
Kansas MRF Rep. http://mrfae.org/ads/eighth_pageBW.pdf



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This is the true story of George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, who was going to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the shed. George opened the door to go turn off the light but saw there were people in the shed in the process of stealing things.

He immediately phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?" and George said, "No," and explained the situation. Then they explained that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be there when available.

George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the

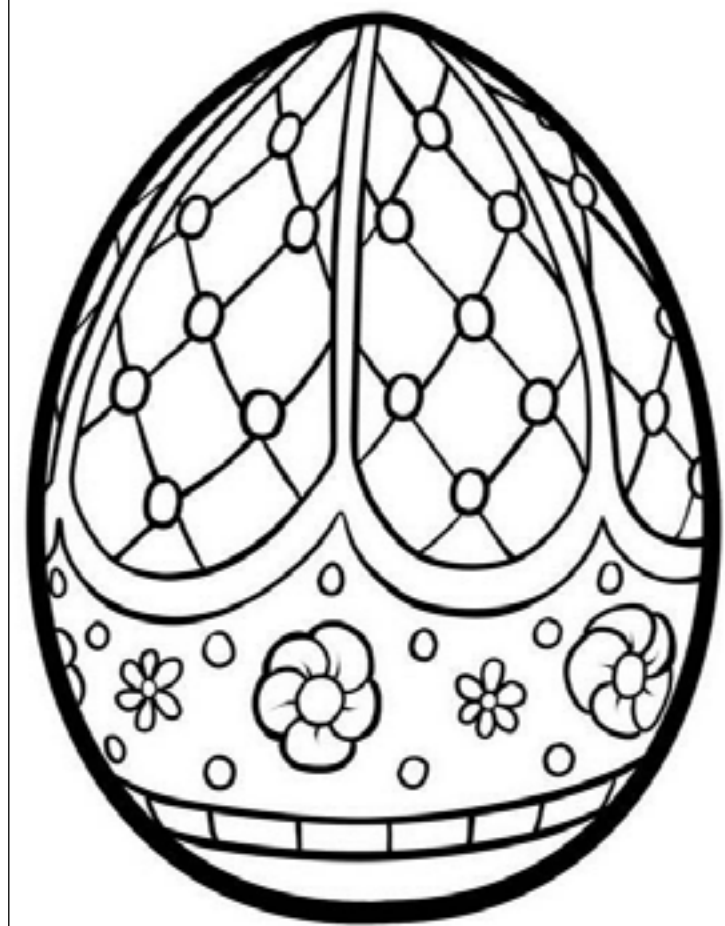
police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them all."

Then he hung up. Within five minutes three squad cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up. Of course, the police caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"



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