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State Meeting

Call to Order ~ 12:08pm
Moment of Silence ~ Please keep Rick Keys in your thoughts . Also Lucky Bass' family with the loss of Lucky.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call ~ All present except Dist. 12. Amber S. in for Don B.
Secretary Report ~ Read by Amber S.
Discussion had on work done & record keeping. Approved
Financial Report ~ Richard B. read. Sis asked questions about mowing service. Ringo answered. . Keep pushing both!
Lobbyist Report ~ Brian absent. Bill S. read. ABATE booth is ready for the State Fair. Volunteers are needed. Get with your Dist. Rep or Brian to sign up. (In effort to eliminate repetition & reduce the possibility for error please see report in newsletter).
MRF Report ~ Paul S. reported that there was no new news at this time.
Motorcycle Awareness Report ~ Kit absent. Paul S. reported discussions with KDOT were going well. Next KDOT meeting is Dec. 5th 2014.
Public Relations ~ Sis reported Run for the Soul went great. Discussing having an ABATE booth at next yrs. Sis also reported that there have been 22 fatal motorcycle accidents this yr so far. Please slow down & be aware!
Mid South Mile ~ Sis needs help making this the best MILE in KS. Items for the basket & auctions are still needed.
Corporate Secretary Report ~ Motion was made by Doyle (2nd by Mike S.) to change August & September meetings to 3pm. 17 approved 0 not approved. Motion Approved.
Meet at ABATE office at 12pm Aug. 16th to help check over Labor Day Rally equipment.
Newsletter Report ~ Tammy W. stated we have new advertisements in the newsletter but we still need more. Thanks to Tammy for all the hard work on the newsletter.
Website Report ~ Tammy stated we will be changing the ABATE website server after the Labor Day Rally. Also she will be starting a Labor Day website to advertise the rally. New website will include online membership link & Rally preregistration.
Products Report ~ Bill C reported he is ready to start ordering new products. Paul W suggested selling products at the main gate at the Rally. After discussion it

was decided to keep products where they are. Ron V suggested the products booth needs to be better advertised. Sis suggested getting a big sign to place in front of booth. Discussion was had on products bid for Rally. Motion was made by Ben H. (2nd by Paul W to accept Bitchin' Stichin' for event shirts @ the Rally, motion Approved. Thank you to Bill C for all your work with the products.
Lunch @ 1:35pm-2:18pm
Old Business ~ Discussion was had on becoming an AMA Chartered Organization .Motion was made by Paul W.(2nd by Ben H) to become AMA Chartered Organization, 15 approved. 1 no. 1 abstain. Motion Approved.
Tammy asked for be aware signs for State Fair. Rocky clarified his statements in the June newsletter. Jim L. brought up the sheriffs doing a bike only check point outside of a church at a funeral. Brian looking into this matter. Sherry stated that the online memberships & preregistration for the Rally are doing well.
New Business ~ Need people to help with security at the Rally. Sign up will be at Vendor Row Gate. 12 hrs in security this year will get you early admission for next years Rally. Please make sure to sign in & OUT for working or your time will not be counted. There will be 2 ATMs this year at the Rally. One @ the main gate & one @ vendor row. Doyle stated he would take care of the vest, radios, & batteries for the Rally. Bill S will take care of gas storage. Jon P. will be taking care of the ATVs.
Election Nominations
Sis was nominated for President by Paul W. Sis accepted
Byron declined his nomination from June meeting for President
Tony Roberts was nominated for Sgt of Arms by Ben H. Tony accepted
Upcoming Events
Drawing won by Bill
Meeting Adjourned @ 4:15pm

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September 6 | October 11 | November 8

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Do I need to own a motorcycle?

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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.

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Saturday, August 16th, 2014
American Legion
10114 Old Town Trail
Ozawie

MEETING STARTS AT **3:00PM**

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:

September (Dist 4) - American Legion
10114 Old Town Trail, Ozawie
October 11 (Dist 9) - VFW 120 Taft
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November 8 (Dist 1) American Legion
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Crawford, Elk, Labette, Montgomery,
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Our District 3 meeting was held at the VFW in Baxter Springs Sunday July 6 with 12 members present. Bev started us off with a moment of silence for our sisters and brothers lost and then the pledge of allegiance.

The secretary report was waived as this was Ellie's first meeting as secretary. Ellie did give information about the Dodge 300 and how the Labor Day Rally at Perry is now an 18 and over party.

Bev gave her treasurer report and the detail on how we did on our Neodesha Bike Show and Rally. Thanks to all who helped!

The Cards and Darts run was discussed. Thank you Bob for all your hard work! New business included Leonard reminding us how much the MRF does for the motorcyclists across the nation. He is

concerned that they may have to fight against a nationwide helmet law.(Good time to join the MRF as they function on the memberships alone)

The traveling wall will be in Chanute the 17th thru the 19th at the Santa Fe Park. Bev also reminded us of the Legacy Run in August.

The Chanute American Legion Riders will have their Toy Run October 11th this year.

We discussed ways to make our 30th Bike show a success and tabled any changes or decisions to the August 3rd meeting at the American Legion in Chanute. Please come and give us your input on how we can make our 30th Bike Show one to remember! If we all work together we cannot fail. Ellie District 3 secretary.

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The meeting was called to order on July 13, 2014 at the Riggle residence in Mayetta , Kansas. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters . Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Ervin (Lucky) Bass , II who was a past President of ABATE . Our thoughts and prayers go out to Adam and Matt Huggins , Bert and Amy Smith who lost their Mother . We are sorry for their losses .

Secretary Report : Read by Sandi and approved by the District .

Treasurer Report : Read by Whitey and approved by the District State Report : Adam H. reported that Dodge City 300 held on July 1st -6th is a good venue to promote ABATE . Sis B reported that Run for the Soul on June 28th went well . Meetings with KDOT over installing cable barriers on Highway 10 continue . We also working with KDOT on signs at road construction areas to give extra warning to motorcyclist . A bid from Bitchin Stitchin was accepted to do the Labor Day Rally Shirts . Volunteers are needed in all areas of the Rally . You must sign in and out on the sign in sheets or your time will not count for early admittance to the Rally . We will have two ATM machines this year . One at the front gate and the other at vendor row . Tammy will start an official Labor Day Rally website . Need volunteers for the booth at the State Fair on September 5th -14th . Contact Brian Thompson if interested . Items are needed for the Mid South Mile Basket and auction items . Contact Sis B for more details. Motion was made and passed to become an AMA Charter Service Organization member . The State meetings held in August and September will start at 3 pm instead of 4 pm .

SMART Report Steve C reported that two courses are scheduled in August . Course dates for September and October are pending . Steve is working on scheduling an advanced riders course. Will report more details when available . MRF Report : Steve C reported that there is good information in ABATE Newsletter . You can also receive updates on the internet at www.mrf.org . Products Report : Rrrrich reported that he will continue to help with State products

until after the Labor Day Rally . Product ideas are needed . We welcomed a new member , Patrick to our meeting .

Old Business : Kickstart Bike Appreciation Weekend on June 12th - 15th went well . Second Harvest Church Gun Run on June 21st had 37 registered participants . Rescue Mission Ride on June 22nd had 36 registered participants and 18 motorcycles . We would like to thank Perry American Legion , the participants and to the people who made donations . You helped make the Ride a success . Everyone had a good time . Rulo Run scheduled for June 28th was canceled due to weather . We hope to reschedule the Run in September . Will report details when available . Half price Lifetime Memberships through August . Break taken and the District sung Happy Birthday to Whitey .

Door Prize won by Don K .

New Business : District 11 Field Events will be June 25th - 27th . Valley Falls Street Dance June 26th , 8 pm . Bikes , Blues and BBQ at Hog Holler August 1st - 3rd . Terry Fox and Joann Stovall are getting hitched on August 16th , 6 pm at Hog Holler . Labor Day Rally August 29th – September 1st . Need Toys for Tots T-shirt designs by September District meeting . Designs will be voted on at the meeting . Amber S made a motion to do a give-a-way during the Bike Show and seconded by Lori H . Motion passed . Motion made by Jack F to set amount of give-a-way and seconded by Teddy Bear . Motion passed . Teddy Bear made a motion to give a gift card to the top individual seller of Bike Show drawing tickets and seconded by Amber S . Motion passed . Teddy Bear made a motion to set a limit to be spent on legs , wood and paint to repair District 4 picnic tables and seconded by Don K . Motion passed . Labor Day Rally work weekends will start August 1st . District 4 work weekend will be August 8th-10th . Motion to adjourn made by Steve C and seconded by Jeanie C . Meeting adjourned . Next District meeting will be August 10th at Paradise Point . Thank you Kyle and Julie for being great hosts and for the great food .

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Minutes not recieved by deadline

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Kiowa, Meade, Pawnee
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Dist 7 minutes from April 18, 2014

John K called meeting to order at 7:30 pm. We observed a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Brice N motioned and Rick K 2nd to wave minutes from last meeting. Minutes waved. John K reported on state meeting. It was a long meeting. Motorcycle Proclamation will be signed at the state capital on April 24, due to the state being on leave during the usual time slots. You can register for Labor Day weekend at Lake Perry, and memberships on the state website, abateks.org. If you live in Texas and build your own trike, it will NOT be street legal in Texas. Starla K gave treasurer report. The amount to donate to Hospice of the Prairie from the Charity Bowl. Mike S will get the big check ready and it will be presented at a later date. Discussed donation for Mid South Mile for hospitality room. Heather D motioned and Rick D 2nd to donate money for hospitality room. Perry gave member at large report. Dist 3 will have run May 2-4. Dist 1 will have Paradise Point Rally April 25-26. Biker Breakfasts have started. Please support all that you can. Flint Hills has a breakfast the first sunday of the month at Beaumont.

District 7 May 16, 2014

John K called the meeting to order. Moment of silence and April minutes waved-Stasia C motioned and Rick K 2nd. passed. Rep report by Dave K. online memberships doing well. State is discussing pushing lifetime memberships pre-register online for Perry and go thru a shorter line when going to Perry.

MRF is stating that President Obama is pushing for a national helmet law. Need to get out and talk to your elected officials and get this stopped.

Run For the Wall is soon. The State will donate \$500 for help with turnpike fees and fuel.

Kansas State Fair is September. State ABATE will have a booth inside this year, and is asking for help from all of the Districts.

Mike S will get information on when and where to deliver the Hospice check and will call on members to participate. Products report. Heather D said that people are asking about hats and koozies for District. She will go to Locker Room and check prices. Also need to order new shirts.

Heather D said nothing new with

Dist 7 June 20,2014

Postponed till June 27, not enough board members present.

then a ride thru the Flint Hills. Dist 13 has a Buffalo Run east of Scott City Memorial Saturday. Dist 8-9 has Annual River City Blowout during Memorial Weekend. Product report-Heather D says more hoodies and t-shirts are needed. All agreed to order more products as needed. Starla K will bring the necessary papers for an order. Website report-Heather D still needs to meet with Stasia C to get things around. Old Business-Appreciation Party is June 7 at Clark County Lake. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and Brats. New Business-Billie L reported on DC300. She has some great ideas on filling up the 3 days with events. She is going to do a swap meet with a beer garden at the shop.

Elections- John K was voted for Rep. Glenna D was voted secretary, and Heather D was voted Member at large. Drawings were held. The door prize was won by Terry Z. Membership was held over from last month. Rick D won, and donated to Rick K. Adjourned.

website.

Old business- Dodge City 300 to be here July 4. Billie L is on Board for the 300, and asked if we were interested in manning a beer garden at her place during the swap shop. We asked about regulations and fees. She will get back with us.

Appreciation party will be June 7 at the Clark County Lake. Will have hamburgers, and members are to bring other foods.

The state meeting last month was in Neodesha, and Stasia C's bike got best of show. Stasia C and Brice N won most of the games.

New Business- Heather D reported that Abate new insurance is AD&D for \$, not \$ like used to be. Great people to deal with, and have extra life insurance if you want it. Heather D said a friend was asking if we could do extra fundraisers. Like special t-shirts and things. Discussed and tabled till later. Drawings- door prize was won by Glenna D. Membership was won by Perry H. He gave it to Rhonda T. Adjourned.

WORK WEEKENDS ARE ALMOST HERE!

STARTING THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 1ST

HARD WORK AND NO PAY, YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?





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Barber, Butler, Cowley, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Pratt, Reno, Sedgwick, Stafford, Sumner
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Sis called the meeting to order at 1:40 on 07/13/14 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers, sisters.

Roll call was taken, District 8 Asst. Rep, Member at large, Secretary, Treasurer, District reps for Sedgwick county and Harvey county, 13 members, 1 guest, Sharon Van Dyke.

Treasures report, read and approved by members.

Secretary report approved as printed in newsletter.

State report: See State report this newsletter.

Products: Nothing new at this time.

Web site report: We've found a new host. State site still running, Dist 8 will be up ASAP.

MRF: See report this newsletter.

KDOT report: Kit stated safety cables continues to be addressed. Also, tar snakes, construction zones. Watch for road signs to alert motorcycle riders to road construction hazards. Next Kdot meeting, Dec 5th, 1:00. Meet at Brian Thompson's office in Topeka. Meetings are twice a year.

Old business:

Alefs birthday bash. July 19th. We will have the dunk tank. ABATE will be helping with parking. Everyone welcome.

Lake Perry Rally, still need volunteers. Sign up on line.

Sign up sheet for State Fair. Dates still need filled.

Mid South Mile. Need volunteers. Need donations for door prizes and basket. See Sis.

Nominations open for local and state positions. Nominations close in October, voting in December. Let board know if you interested in a position. Members can nominate themselves.

New business:

Vet Reunion, El Dorado Lake July 19 and 20. Camping and vendors.

Linda made a motion, Rose seconded, that we have a booth at T&O Drags. Discussion of the booth, Sam and Justin planned on manning. Drags August 16, 17.

Wichita Toy Run Rally in planning. Planning on ways to safely proceed with a run. Door prize of motorcycle lift, tickets will be available soon.

Sedgwick County: Knucklehead leather has a part swap monthly. Booth space for a donation to Honor Flights.

Reno County: Toy Run meetings, 5k run
Cowley County: Toy Run meeting in August.

Sis closed meeting.

Sam won door prize.

No District 8 August meeting, see you in September!



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

Meeting called to order July 6 at 2 pm. First agenda made food for July bash.[all officers present] Thanks to all. Meeting called to order. Pledge of allegiance and moment of silence for Lucky Bass. Minutes read all approved. Financial read all approved. Old business July Bash. Trailer donated by VVNW. New business. Thank you dist. 3 for promoting July Bash at Dodge City.

July Bash outcome. Big John DJ was great thanks. State meeting turn out was

great. Had auction turned out fair. Saturday night band too hot many left. Thanks for all that attended.

Thanks so much Dist. 3 for all you did we had fun and hope you come back. July meeting was educational to John and new officers thanks. Next meeting at Johns house August 3 at 2. [1996 chmelka rd] Hope to see you all there. Be safe ride safe dist. rep. John. Thank you all again.

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Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Jewell, Lincoln, Marion, McPherson, Mitchell, Ottawa, Republic, Rice, Saline, Washington
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The District 9 meeting was called to order at 1:40 PM on June 13th 2014 with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

The secretary's and treasure's report were given and approved as read.

State news: See state news on the newsletter.

Awareness report: Tony reported on ongoing projects. Motion to donate highway sign to the Mid South Mile.

Products report: Tony asked for clarification on the difference between products and awareness. Motion to purchase more Dist decals.

Website report: All updated.

Old business: None

New Business: Discussion on why

annual bike show cancellation. Janet B reported that there will be a Casino Night committee meeting July 25th, at 7:00 at Brenda A.'s house at 510 S Randall Moundridge. The district needs as many volunteers as possible. Discussion held on drawing item for Casino Night.

Upcoming events:

Dist 9 LDR work weekend Aug 16th and 17th.

Next meeting Aug 10 at Bob and Juanita's in Delphos.

Drawing won by Ron D. and was donated to Motorcycle awareness.

Thanks to Somewhere Bar and Grill for hosting the meeting and the food.

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Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Leavenworth
district11.abateks.org

July 13, 2014

Location: District 11 Field Events Site – Powhattan, Kansas, 12:27PM

Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters and For Those Currently Serving Our Nation

Approximately 10 members and guests present.

Secretary Report: Hillary briefed everyone on June's meeting. Mark J. made the motion to approve the report, Jerry W. gave a second, and the report was unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report: Ruth was not present until after the meeting, therefore Pat gave the treasurer's report. Mark J. made the motion to approve the report, Dennis M. gave a second, and the report was unanimously approved.

Webmaster Report: Kevin B. reported on the new face of the District 11 website and notified everyone that it was up to date. He also mentioned that if there are pictures that people have that are able to be used on the website to please contact him.

Asst Rep Report: Pat mentioned that there was much work to do prior to the Field Events, i.e. mowing, painting, etc. and that we will have 1 work weekend prior to the event. He also mentioned the need to obtain a key from Marty for the electricity.

Brown County Report: Dennis M. had nothing to report, but did mention the need for more rock at the Field Event site.

Atchison County Report: Mary was not present.

Doniphan County Report: Tommy was not present.

Leavenworth County Report: Mark V. was not present, but Mark J. gave a report on the Southern County Run, there is hope for a better turnout next year.

Products Report: Lea P. was not present due to the State meeting, Hillary relayed that the Field Event t-shirts had been ordered and would be ready the week of the Field Events.

State Report

General Business and News: Mike S. was absent due to the State meeting on July 12th, therefore there was no State report given.

Lobbyist Report: No lobbyist report due to the State meeting.

District Report

Old Business: Mark J. gave a brief report on the Dodge City 300, he mentioned that they have a great event and that the Dodge City Commission has asked them back.

New Business: Specific job responsibilities were reported to the group: Ruth S. and Rick F. will be in charge of running the gate, Johnny P. will be in charge of the track and Snavelly will be in charge of the Crow's Nest. It has been asked of all members to help out at the gate as they can.

14th Annual Field Event Information

- The 14th Annual District 11 Field Events will be July 25th and 26th, gates will open at 3PM on July 25th. For more information, please contact a board member for more information.





- On Friday, July 25th, there will be an Open Bike Show with trophies given out to the Top 9 bikes, as well as trophy given as the Beefy Martinson Memorial Trophy. Entry will start at 5:00PM and close at 7:30PM, trophies to be handed at 8:00PM.
- The Beefy Martinson Memorial Ride will gather at 8:30AM on Saturday, July 26th and will return by 10:00AM.
Upcoming Events

- July 25 – 26, 2014 – District 11's 14th Annual Field Events
- August 2 – 3, 2014 @ 9A – Field Events Clean-Up Weekend
- August 3, 2014 @ 12P – District Meeting at Field Events Site
- August 23, 2014 @ 9A – Labor Day Rally Main Stage Assembly at Lake Perry
Adjourn: 12:45

with Cathy H. after the meeting.
Bill L. made a motion to have the Toys for Manhattan Benefit Ride on Saturday, October 18th, seconded by Arlene T. Having no discussion, the motion passed. Tony R. and Herbie offered to set up the ride. More information will be provided at the August meeting.
Randy Mumpower gave some ideas on dollar amounts for funding the Wamego Area Veterans Memorial. Bill L. made a motion to donate a certain dollar amount for the memorial, seconded by Tony R. Following a short discussion on clarification, the motion passed.
Door prize was won by Tony R. He

donated his winnings to the Memorial Fund. Thank you Tony.
A motion was made by Tony R, seconded by Herbie M. to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.
District 15 meeting will be on August 24th at NOON at Paradise Point, Lake Perry.
A group ride or drive will meet at K-Mart, Manhattan 8:30 a.m. and will leave at 9:00 a.m. for a work day at the rally site. Lunch will be provided.

12 Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris

Dist. 12 meeting July 13th, 2014
Held at the Pump Jack in Hamilton, KS
Richard opened the meeting with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters, followed by the Pledge of Aligence.
Visitors to the meeting introduced themselves and spoke for a few moments.
Jessica, mom of Braysen, talked about his fight with cancer and Julian, father of Malachi, talked about his battle. These will be the two young children we will be doing the benefit ride for.
Connie gave the treasurer's report.
Old Business – Benefit ride – September 20th, 2014 will start and finish at Soden's Grove. Stops to be announced.
Debi F. will be in charge of all things Public Relation – flyers/advertising.
Sarah G. will help with sponsorships along with Devlon.
Sarge will take on the route, stops, maps and also be in charge of the bike games.
Gloria and Devlon will help with door prizes.
Richard and Connie will head up registration.
Devlon will do the auction.
Lori S. will take care of the food.
Contacts for the ride will be Debi F. and

Devlon.
New Business – there will be a work weekend day at Perry Lake for our group on August 9th. Leaving from the Presto station on E. 12th Street at 7:00 a.m. Please bring any lawn mowers, weed eaters or other yard tools you might have. Anyone is welcome to work anytime to get hours for early admittance, just get a hold of ABATE of KS and let them know and be sure to sign in and sign out for your hours to be counted.
Today's meeting was dedicated in honor of a celebration of the life of Harold Young. Thank you to his wife, Joan, his family and to the Pump Jack for including us in this honor!
The door prize was won by Sarge, who donated it to the Pump Jack, who in turn donated it back to ABATE Dist. 12 for the benefit ride.
The next meeting will be held on August 10th, at Dave's Place in Strong City at 3:00 p.m. There will be a group leaving from the Flying J at 2:00 to ride over together.
Ride Safe!

13 Cheyenne, Greeley, Lane, Logan, Rawlins, Scott, Sherman, Thomas, Wallace, Wichita

Meeting After Newsletter Deadline

15 Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Riley & Wabaunsee www.abateks15.com

On July 13, 2014, Paul Woodyard called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. at Sportsman's Tavern in Onaga. A moment of silence was offered for lost brothers and sisters and the troops serving our Nation today. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
Carl H. read the minutes for the June meeting. A motion was made by Tony R. to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Paul W. Having no discussion, the minutes were approved.
Cathy H. gave the Treasurer report. A motion was made by Deb W. to accept the report, seconded by Teresa V. Having no discussion, the report was approved.
Paul W. gave the District Rep State Meeting Report. He asked members to take time and refer to the State Report in the Newsletter.
Old Business: Nominations for Assistant District Rep and Secretary, Signing RFTW and Governor's Ride for Rocker Points
Mark K. was nominated for District 15 Secretary by Carl H. seconded by Bill L.

Mark K. accepted.
Nominations for both positions are closed.
Paul asked everyone who was involved in the Run For The Wall and the Governor's Ride to sign the sheets for points towards their eligibility for the achievement award.
New Business: Members and Guest Sign up Sheet for Work Day at Rally Site, Lunch Ideas for Work Day, Volunteer Sign Up Sheet for Labor Day Rally, Toys for Manhattan Benefit Ride, and Funding for Wamego Area Veterans Memorial
Paul asked members and others to sign up for District 15 Work Day at the rally site on August 24th.
Lunch ideas were suggested for the workday. A motion was made by Herbie M. to have the District provide meat, cheese, bread, and condiments for the lunch, which would not exceed a certain dollar amount, seconded by Deb W. Having no further discussion, the motion passed. Members may bring salads, chips, and relishes to complete the meal. Sign up

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DISTRICT 15 BALLOT

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In Memoriam Erwin "Lucky" Bass



Ervin "Lucky" Bass.
I met Lucky through ABATE of Kansas more years ago than I care to remember. Lucky would see something that he thought could be better and would not hesitate to mention it knowing he would be given the task to fix it. He set up the ABATE event insurance program, updated the policies and kept them current as well as many other lasting improvements.
Lucky was one of the most dedicated individuals I have ever met. If he believed in something, he gave it his all. ABATE of Kansas and the Mid-South M.I.L.E. were two of his passions. I was blessed to have served with Lucky on the ABATE Board and the MILE Committee. Lucky and Mary were also members of our ABATE Newsletter team during this time. I can't count how many all-nighters Lucky, Mary, Noriene and myself pulled to get the newsletter to print on time.
Lucky served as an ABATE of

Kansas District 1 Representative, State Vice President, State President, Newsletter Staff Member, Kansas State Representative to the Mid-South M.I.L.E. and Labor Day Head of Security as well as other positions in the pursuit of motorcycle rights. For Lucky, the battle to keep motorcyclists free in Kansas was a full time job. It did not stop at the end of a meeting or an event. When he wasn't active at the time with ABATE or the MILE, he kept friends and members informed of calls to action, news releases, MC recalls or anything to do with the motorcycle life style.
Lucky was as dedicated to his friends and family as he was to his beliefs. I am fortunate to have had Lucky as a friend. If you knew Lucky, you know what I mean, if you did not know him it is truly your loss.
I know Lucky is riding free now, if not he will change it!
Your friend forever, Dave Mann

A few days ago we lost a great member, Lucky Bass. For those that had the privilege to work with him you know what a great person and how dedicated he was to our cause. I am honored to list him among my friends. I have eaten in his home with his family and those that know me well know that means a lot. Lucky worked hard and did what ever his job was extremely well whether on the District, State, Regional or National level. One year at Labor Day at Military trails he fell on his motorcycle on Friday night but because he was in charge of security he rode and worked all night before going to the doctor. Turned out his leg was broken. He still worked all weekend. He served as in most every position and office we

had available. He cared worked hard for ABATE, the rider education program, the MRF and the Mid South MILE. He could have had more positions and awards but those were not important to him. Thank you Lucky for the joy of having known you and having had the privilege of knowing you and working with you over the years. Gods grant your well deserved rest. My Deepest regrets to his family.
Those that never got to know him you lost a great chance of know a Damn fine man, husband, father and damn a fine example of what our members should be. Will miss you Lucky and pray I can ride with in the Summer Land some day.
-Weasel

At the time, I was just the webmaster for ABATE of Kansas. I wasn't too familiar with the organization itself, but working from the state office on the website, I got to shoot the breeze with the presidents when they came by to deal with ABATE business. Heidi Stacer was intended to be the next editor for the newsletter after Bruce Jones, but for personal reasons, she couldn't handle the requirements of the position month to month. Eventually, Heidi resigned her position. And when the president, Lucky Bass, came to the office that week, time was short to find someone to do the newsletter. Deadline was going to be here before the next state meeting. Lucky looked straight at me and said, "Congratulations, Donnie! You're the editor." It staggered me, to be sure, but at the next meeting, Lucky proposed to make me the interim editor until a replacement could be found. The Board agreed. A few months later, Lucky proposed that we didn't need an interim editor, that I was doing a good job and should keep doing it. The Board again agreed.
Lucky was cool and stoic. Being a part of the volunteer editorial

staff for years, he was very knowledgeable about the organization. He'd write presidential editorials for the newsletter, informing the reading membership of his thoughts on rising issues. Whenever someone had an idea, even the younger members like myself, he'd hear it out. Well, aside for the time I suggested he make a voice podcast for the organization. He took exception to the comment that his gravelly voice was cool and radio-like.
The board was often resistant to new ideas, the product of good Kansas pragmatism, even if it did slow things down a lot for us. Still, Lucky didn't let his own pragmatism stifle the excitement and idealism of members. Instead, he often utilized the enthusiasm of new members to revitalize the focus and motivation within the organization. He was also very good at delegating and relied on the strengths and tenacity of our members. Always a composed and evenhanded leader, Lucky Bass will be remembered by me as a man with conviction, trusting in people he believed could get the work done.
- Donnie Boose

I first met Lucky Bass in the late '80s, but really got to know him when the Rally moved to Paradise Point. For many years he ran security all night, and I ran it all day. There was never any doubt who was in charge at night. Even with his soft spoken ways, Lucky was a voice of authority. Later when I became President, Lucky served as my Vice-President, as he had before with Dave Mann. He used his calm authority and wisdom to keep me and ABATE on the right path nearly every meeting. When Lucky spoke, you just knew it was time to listen. His loss is a blow to motorcycle rights, and to all his friends. Anna and I send our prayers to Mary and all the family.
-Rocky Henneberg





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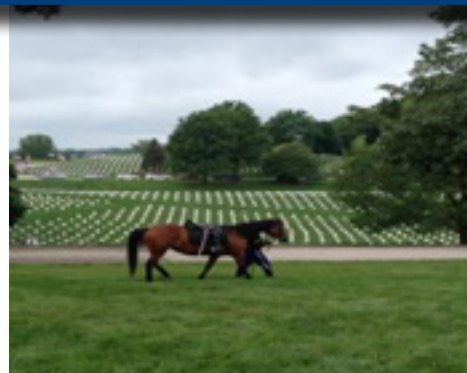
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Memorial Day Events District 11

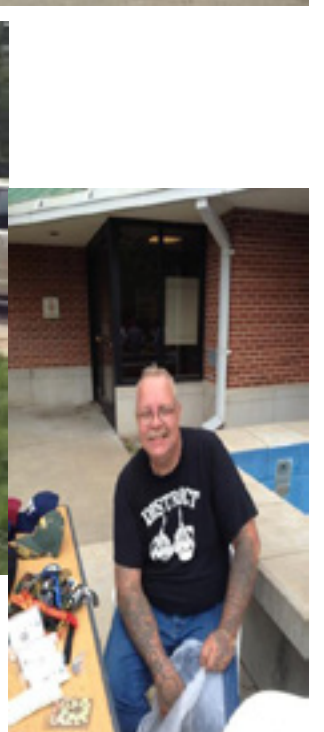


For over 20 years, every Memorial Day, A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas, District 11 pays their respects to our military community by attending the Memorial services held at the Military cemetery adjoining the Eisenhower Veteran's Medical Center, Leavenworth, and Ks. After a very moving and thoughtful speech from the current commander of Ft. Leavenworth, there was a presentation of wreaths from local organizations that want to honor our fallen heroes. A wreath, representing A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas, was presented by Vice Pres. Doyle Pendergraft and recent retired veteran, Ric Campbell (member of Dist.11). Presenting a wreath on behalf of A.B.A.T.E. Dist. 11, were County Rep. Mike Snavelly and Dist. member Mark Joslin. The closing ceremonies included the presentation of the rider less horse, first used in the funeral of Abraham Lincoln. Looking closely you will notice the rider's boot are backwards

in the stirrups. This was designed by Mrs. Lincoln to represent the President looking back to his troops. Closing is a four-canon salute, firing multiple times. Very moving every year and a grim reminder of the price paid by so many so that we may enjoy the privilege of being an American. After conclusion, we retire to the V.A. Domiciliary and throw a cookout for the veteran's who live there. We have a Veteran's choice bike show and prizes for the Veteran's only. It is a wonderful experience for everyone.

While this is an event started by District 11, the success is attributed to our wonderful partners, CMA (Christian Motorcycle Assoc.), CVMA (Combat Veteran's Motorcycle Assoc.) and WOW (Women on Wheels). We invite all to join us next Memorial Day or your local Veteran's services. It is an overwhelming experience you will feel great pride in supporting.

- Lea Pendergraft District 11





ABATE of Kansas, Inc. 2014



National Labor Day Rally

August 29th through September 1st 2014

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Name: _____

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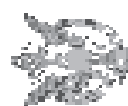
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Open Forum

California Coastal Experience

I am sure it happened as easily as this: We were sitting around the garage shooting the bull during a cold winter snap. Thoughts turned to motorcycle rides and things spring and summer. For once, it wasn't me. Mrs. K was the one to mention going to California. We hadn't taken a trip the summer before, and she said, "We ought to ride to California and take the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) along the coast." Probably, no one jumped up and started packing, but several certainly starting thinking. One mention leads to another mention which leads to final plans. For me, it was a dream I have had since I watched Then Came Bronson and spent my time reading On the Road. For all of us, we researched the trip and found places and things we wanted to see.

Soon, the time to depart had arrived. Some weren't sure; some were absolutely sure. The same can be said for Sturgis. The crowd going in January is a vastly different crowd then the crowd at the end of the driveway in August. I have started saying, "We'll see who is at the end of the driveway on Friday." For this trip, we had a band of five riding four bikes. Pigeon Whisperer and KP on a '07 Streetglide, Habs on a 2014 Ultra, Mrs. K on a '07 Ultra, and me, Kubob, on a '14 Ultra. Both Habs and I were pulling pop-up trailers.

We were sitting at a barbecue dinner when a friend asked, "What was the best thing from the whole trip?" Tough question, very tough question. The travelers sitting at the table kind of looked at each other and shrugged, but each of us mentally reviewed the events and placed them on a list. We crossed mountains, rode in rain and hail, faced 102 degree temperatures in the desert, 40 degree nights on the coast, crossed the Golden Gate Bridge, road the PCH right on the coast, ate fresh fish on two wharves, and on and on and on. So many possibilities. 3900 miles of bests. Still, how do pick only one?

For me, the best didn't emerge until after I had some time to reflect on the whole ride. It involved reflecting on the events and talking about the trip with the others. It involved establishing a hierarchy of events and disassembling and reassembling the list in different orders with different reasons for each list. Does a fresh seafood dinner served by another 60-year old guy named Steve in the Sandbar trump watching a bum sort through the trash at the Crab Shack? Does walking on the pier at San Simeon go before or after being hit by hail at 65 miles per hour? Does the Pigeon Whisperer walking a hundred pigeons across a park in Chinatown outweigh getting chewed out for being tourists by the lady on the cable car?

One of the best aspects of riding a motorcycle is that you have so many miles to think. Undisturbed thinking about lists and which experience does indeed trump the others. For me, it became clear that crossing the Golden Gate Bridge on my bike was the pinnacle, the defining experience, of the entire trip. As someone said, it was an iconic moment.

California is a long state, and we reached San Francisco after 400+ miles of riding on the PCH/CA-1/101. We stayed in Monterey, and our goal was to reach the KOA campground in Petaluma, CA which

is north of San Francisco the next day. Monterey to Petaluma was far from the longest stretch of the trip. The stretch from Monterey to the Golden Gate was longer than the stretch from the Golden Gate to Petaluma. We had more time to anticipate the crossing than we did in reflecting on the crossing. The bridge, as all bridges are, is a choke point. The traffic builds and tightens until you cross; your anticipation does the exact same thing. It builds and tightens as you approach and cross. Then, just like crossing, your mind frees to consider the experience you just had.

Our crossing was on a beautifully sunny day. You could see forever. A rare event in San Francisco we were told later. As we approached the bridge, the city closed in as we rode through the exurbs, suburbs, and city. You can tell you are in San Francisco by the hills you face getting to the bridge. Fortunately, the 101 seemed on a ridge, and you can see the streets descend to either side, or so it felt to me. The signs for the Bridge increased in frequency and directed us without error. As the blocks clicked by, the traffic got closer and tighter until we were in bumper-to-bumper traffic five-lanes across all heading to the Golden Gate.

The lanes merged to three, the traffic tightened. We were in Golden Gate Park, I think. We could see the support towers for the bridge standing above all else. Finally, a slight dip, short curve, and we were climbing up the bridge. People were walking on the right. I moved into the right lane so I could see more. The massive cable that supports the bridge started to climb to the top of the first tower. We were on the bridge leaving San Francisco behind and heading to the Marin Highlands. Beneath was the Pacific Ocean, only engineering, steel, and concrete was holding us up.

You could see Alcatraz to the right. We weren't able to get tickets for Alcatraz, but there it was on a beautifully clear day. A glance over my right shoulder revealed Fisherman's Wharf and downtown San Francisco. Over my left shoulder was the Pacific Ocean, miles and miles of ocean. Above me stood the giant towers holding the whole operation. I was surrounded by cars, and trucks, and bikes, and pedestrians.

All I wanted to do was stop. I wanted to stop right in the middle of the Golden Gate Bridge, put my kickstand down, and get off my bike. I wanted to stand right on the bridge and pump my fists in the air like I was Rocky after making it to the top of the stairs. That was the moment of the trip that signified the entire thing. Everything before lead to that moment, everything after was homeward bound. I thought that moment might be at the Bixby Bridge on the PCH; it wasn't. It was the Golden Gate, and the traffic, the view, the ocean, the people, my friends, and my bike made it the special moment it ultimately became. It was, as Joe, a guy who had the poor timing to ask how my trip was, noted, "an iconic moment."

Steve K.
Dist 13 Treasure

Originally, you can easily say, I joined ABATE for the parties. It was an easy way to find out where they were, and when they would be. It still is, but over time, a short time, it became so much more...

You see, I really was there, way back when. I did meet Lou, for a short moment, right here, in Kansas. I guess you could say it was the final point, when the state chartering became what it is today. Just a kid, really, I was.

Over the years, I ran around, living, for a short time, in most of the lower forty-eight. Meeting an untold amount, of Brothers and Sisters, you start to get the idea of what these two wheels are all about. It's not about the bike at all! Not really... It's the people who ride these wondrous machines. We may look different from one another. We sound different. But, for those who truly appreciate this life, we are all, exactly, the same.

We started out, just fighting for our independence. The freedom to live and ride where ever, however, we wanted was the true focus. Along the way, we discovered there were more things to fight for, more peoples' rights to defend. We have lost many along the way, and for many of us, continuing that fight is our way of holding on to them, doing these things in their memories. I know, in the curtains of my past, there are so many that I think about, when I step into the meetings. Both state, and district, there is no real distinction for me. One gives me information to relay to the other, it is a two way street, information goes both ways.

But, what is ABATE? If you look in the book, or on the web page, they will tell you we are a not for profit organization, lobbying for motorcyclists' rights. Well, this is true, but ABATE is so much more than that. You see, when you're riding down the street, take a quick look at that kid along the sidewalk. Do you see those wide eyes? Do you really see the wonder in that face? The desire to one day have one of his/her own, to feel the wind blowing through hair? We are here for that. We are here to help ensure, that one day, when that kid finally gets on two wheels, that he/she will enjoy the same freedoms we now enjoy! We are here, to

not only preserve our freedom of the wind, but theirs as well. It really is everything, everything to do with riding, and those who can only stand and cheer us on. A last bastion, if you will, of the freedoms our forefathers fought for, and enjoyed.

It seems everyone is into being politically correct, nowadays. We worry more about what some few others would think about us, than we do, just doing. Being who we truly are, a motley group of like minded individuals, trying to preserve what we have enjoyed our entire lives. The only ones we used to entrust our values, our desires, our love of this life, was one from our own ranks. Those few salty riders, who were willing, to step among the so-called makers of our laws. They were heard, listened to, and appreciated, by those elected citizens. They made huge strides, not because they were paid, but because they were one of us! They were willing to go forth, to speak, to stand tall, for all of us. We really did not care what others thought of us back then! We knew what was right for us, our life, our kids, and rarely did anything ever get in our way! Now? Now we find it easier to pay one of them, to carry our message, in a way that will not offend tender ears.

I find myself looking back more often, these days. A quick hand clasp, and a hug, spoke more about ourselves, and what we thought of others, than any amount of words could possibly convey. Going into a place we normally wouldn't, just because a bike was setting out front, was pretty much the order of the day. Turning out in droves, just because a Brother or Sister was in need, was not only what we did, it was a thing we lived for! There were really no social grouping, at any given time, we could walk into a group, and feel that welcome, that knowing, that we belonged, right there, where we were. Where we are... There is not much in my past that I like to reflect on, but yes, I wish we could turn back the clock, for just one more day.

My Brotherhood, Our Brotherhood,
Ride On!

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TBD

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DISTRICT 9
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08/10- Dist meeting- Bob & Juanita's
08/16-17- Dist LDR Work Weekend

DISTRICT 10
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DISTRICT 11
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09/01- LDR Stage tear Down- 9:00 AM

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TBD

DISTRICT 13
08/16- Robert's Run

DISTRICT 15
08/24- Dist Meeting/ Work Weekend- NOON- Paradise Point, Lake Perry- Group ride/drive to meet at K-Mart, Manhattan 8:30 leave
09/14- Dist Mtg- Corey's Country Corral, Junction City, 2:00 pm

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10/11- Meeting-VFW,10 AM- 120 Taft ST, McPherson-
11/08- Meeting & Elections-Amer Legion,NOON Perry
12/13-Meeting-Eagles, NOON- 4726

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I hope this info is helpful to everyone. First a little feel good article from the Virginia-Pilot. Like a lot of people I wish more cagers would think like this.

By Kathy Adams
The Virginian-Pilot
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VIRGINIA BEACH

June 3 was like any other Tuesday for me. I went to the pharmacy and then headed to The Pilot's Town Center office. I was almost there when the other cars and trucks on Virginia Beach Boulevard started moving over. Police had blocked off the two right lanes because of a crash. As I passed I spotted what I most dreaded: a motorcycle and what looked like blood on the pavement.

"Please, God, don't let me recognize that bike," I prayed. It could be my fiancé's or belong to any of the bikers we call friends.

This time, it was a maroon Harley-Davidson with chrome accents. The rider, a stranger to me, ended up in a hospital with critical injuries after striking a sport-utility vehicle that crossed into its path, police said.

The SUV driver got off easy by comparison with a failure-to-yield ticket, which carries at worst a \$250 fine.

Another motorcyclist died two days later after a crash with an SUV on Colley Avenue in Norfolk. Yet another died the following Sunday after a pickup on Interstate 664 in Newport News swerved to avoid slowing traffic and struck her motorcycle, ejecting her from the seat.

The truck's driver even left the scene, Virginia State Police said. Troopers later charged a woman with felony hit-and-run.

The story is all too common in Hampton Roads, especially in Virginia Beach, especially when the weather gets warm.

There were 488 motorcycle crashes in the seven cities last year, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles. A third of them were in Virginia Beach. And 32 percent of those 488 resulted in deaths or serious injuries.

If, like me, you ride a motorcycle or love someone who does, those stories and those numbers fill you with dread.

My biker – my fiancé, Darrell – is thoughtful and funny and one-of-a-kind. He's the kind of guy who leaves cash on the fridge so I can buy lunch when I'm tight on money before payday. The kind of guy who doesn't get mad at me for leaving clothes and shoes all over our bedroom. The kind of guy who always says yes when friends ask for help moving, even when it's 100 degrees outside.

He's the man I spent 28 years looking for and he loves riding his motorcycle. I would never ask him to stop, even though I know it's dangerous. It's part of what makes him, him.

But sometimes it terrifies me.

It terrifies me because I know people in much larger vehicles are not always paying attention. They're texting or talking or doing any number of things that distract them from watching out for other cars and motorcycles.

I've driven by the wrecks on my way to work, such as the June 3 crash. I've seen the police news releases announcing the dead riders will be named after their next of kin is notified.

Who wants to get a phone call like that? I pray I never do.

The rider from the June 3 crash was still hospitalized last week, two weeks after the collision. How terrible for him and his family.

Every biker is important to someone. They're husbands, fathers, friends and fiancés. So this is my plea for them and for my biker: Please be careful driving. Put your phone down. Check your blind spot twice. Look out for motorcycles, which can be easy to overlook.

Motorcyclists have to do their part, too. I know the crashes are sometime their fault if they're going too fast or weaving in and out of traffic.

But, in my experience, it's more often the case that another driver isn't paying attention. And motorcyclists have far more to lose. A fender-bender with an SUV can be a fatality on a motorcycle.

That doesn't have to happen if we all just try a little harder.

Well here we go again. More recalls, as if we don't have enough problems with cagers.

Safety Recalls

Below are two recalls that have recently been issued. One is for certain 2014 BMW R1200RT motorcycles, and the other is for certain Harley Davidson chrome hand control lever kits. Both of these recalls came to our attention through the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association. We thank the MMA for their continued vigilance in the area of motorcycle safety.

BMW Issues 2014 R1200RT - BMW of North America is recalling 950 2014 R1200RT motorcycles produced between November 27, 2013 and May 5, 2014 for a problem with the Dynamic Electronic Suspension Adjustment (ESA) rear shock absorber. The piston rod within the rear shock absorber can break without warning, causing loss of stability.

More information and details of the recall can be found here: <http://documents.clubexpress.com/documents.ashx?key=8JeBp5xOhRB5vw9s5RPdMIGCbolu8zy0JQjtXn3v%2beo%3d>

http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/Se archResults?searchType=ID&targetCategory=R&searchCriteria.nhtsa_ids=14V320000
<http://bmwmcmag.com/2014/06/2014-r1200rt-recall-is-official-2012-14-c600-sportc650gt-scooters-also-recalled/>

BMW will notify owners, and dealers will replace the Dynamic ESA shock absorber, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in July 2014. Owners may contact BMW Customer Relations at 1-800-525-7417. Note: Owners are advised not to ride their motorcycles until they have been remedied (<http://bmwmcmag.com/2014/06/2014-bmw-r1200rt-recall-coming>).

HD Issues Recall on 2014 Sportster XL Motorcycle Chrome Hand Control Levers

Harley Davidson has issued a recall for certain Chrome Hand Control Lever Kits, part number 3670053, intended for use on 2014 Sportster XL motorcycles. The reason is that affected kits may have excess chrome plating on the brake lever which could prevent the front brake master cylinder piston from fully returning. This could cause front brake pressure to not

be fully released and may cause the front wheel to lock up, which could lead to a crash.

More information and details of the recall can be found here:

<http://documents.clubexpress.com/documents.ashx?key=8IQdvTWOAtOpIJxdl1lccOCyAM%2bS%2fjR%2baFIXrtBxHhDZ6yS6Gm7mkK3%2b66Lj5Y4dYOLoPgxHpIJDJc988zTQdQ%3d%3d>

http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/Se archResults?searchType=ID&targetCategory=R&searchCriteria.nhtsa_ids=14E023000

Harley Davidson is notifying owners of the affected levers and dealers will inspect and replace the them as necessary with no charge to the owner. Owners may contact Harley Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464 and reference recall number 0156.

Matt Danielson McGrath & Danielson Tom McGrath's Motorcycle Law Group 1-800-321-8968 Motorcyclelawgroup.com

On July 10, USA Today reported the following recall of certain 2014 Touring and CVO Touring motorcycles: Chris Woodyard, USA TODAY 8:13 a.m. EDT July 10, 2014 At the height of riding season, Harley-Davidson has ordered up a big recall of near-new motorcycles. Harley is recalling 66,421 Touring and CVO Touring motorcycles from the 2014 model year. It warns that the front wheels can lock up without warning. The recall applies to bikes with anti-lock brakes made between July 1, 2013, and May 7. The flaw has resulted in five crashes, with two minor injuries. The snafu occurs when a brake line in front is pinched between the fuel tank and the frame, causing the front brake fluid pressure to increase and increasing the risk that the front wheel could lock up while riding. Dealers will replace brake lines and install straps to keep them in place.

Harley-Davidson has issued a recall for its ABS-equipped 2014 Touring models. The recall notice affects 66,421 units. At issue is placement of the bike's front brake line, which may become pinched between the fuel tank and frame and potentially lock-up the front wheel.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) details the defect as follows: "Some of these motorcycles may have been assembled with a front brake line in a position where it could become pinched between the fuel tank and the frame, either at original assembly or during subsequent service activity. If this condition remains undetected, it could cause front brake fluid pressure to increase while riding, possibly resulting in a front wheel lock-up."

Harley began an investigation on September 11, 2013 after it was "advised of a pinched brake line under the rear fuel tank mounting bracket of a police motorcycle being set up for service." On October 8, 2013, H-D determined that "six warranty claims/consumer contacts" were potentially linked to the brake line issue. Among those six incidents were "one crash with no injuries. Within a week corrective action was taken on the final assembly line at the York facility, as on October 14 a cable strap was added to retain the brake lines from being pinched under the aforementioned fuel tank mounting bracket. H-D reports it then closed its

investigation on November 11 of that year.

However, the investigation was reopened on May 7, 2014 when the York Final Vehicle Audit "reported a Touring bike with a brake line pinched in a different location, between the fuel tank and the frame several inches forward of the rear fuel tank mounting bracket." Harley-Davidson added another cable strap to the production process addressing the issue at the new suspect location. The company subsequently reanalyzed its warranty data on May 12, reporting "a cumulative total of 39 warranty claims potentially related to this issue, four of which reported crashes (with one reported minor injury)." On May 20, it determined another "customer complaint involving a reported crash with minor injuries" was related to the front brake line issue.

For this most recent brake line recall, H-D owners can contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464. The affected recall units are from the models listed below manufactured from July 1, 2013 through May 7, 2014:

- 2014 FLHP Road King Police
- 2014 FLHR Road King
- 2014 FLHRC Road King Classic
- 2014 FLHRSE CVO Road King
- 2014 FLHTCU Electra Glide Ultra Classic
- 2014 FLHTCUTC (Uncertain on specific model, but potentially FLHTCUTG Tri Glide Ultra Trike)
- 2014 FLHTK Electra Glide Ultra Limited
- 2014 FLHTKSE CVO Limited
- 2014 FLHTKSHRINE Electra Glide Ultra Limited Shrine Edition
- 2014 FLHTP Electra Glide Police
- 2014 FLHX Street Glide
- 2014 FLHXS Street Glide Special
- 2014 FLHXSHRINE Street Glide Shrine Edition

More information and details of the recall can be found here:

<http://documents.clubexpress.com/documents.ashx?key=qcilkezHZ3GgYcDoUUjlZAhORxU0rY%2fMBPejFWm3r0v2akBjdk0r3QTUtbS8OeYULyx4NTRx1hE4bKJlIkHbF6OGU%2fPiQcA>

http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/Se archResults?searchType=ID&targetCategory=R&searchCriteria.nhtsa_ids=14V319000

Harley-Davidson will notify owners and offer a fix at local dealers free of charge. Dealers will inspect the brake line for damage and replace as necessary. The dealer will also install additional cable straps to ensure the brake line will not become compromised in the future.

14NR27 - MRF News Release - HR 4745 Walberg Amendment Passes 10 June 2014

Contact: Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

On June 9th the United States House of Representatives agreed on the Walberg Amendment to the 2015 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill by voice vote on the House floor, reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

The Amendment offered by Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI) along with Mr. Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and Mr. Ribble (R-WI), eliminates a provision





in the 2015 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations act that would have allowed the Secretary of Transportation to discuss motorcycle safety initiatives with state legislators.

In 1998 Congress passed a law that made it illegal for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to lobby state legislatures. Prior to 1998, according to the Government Accountability Office, NHTSA had spent tens of thousands of dollars traveling to states whenever a state debated changing their own state helmet law. Seeing this as a waste of taxpayer money, the congress prohibited anyone from NHTSA to lobby states uninvited.

Mr. Walberg had this to say "This money should go to fund eliminating distracted driving, motorcycle rider education, and motorist-motorcycle awareness campaigns."

"Put simply this is a states rights issue", said Jeff Hennie Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the Motorcycle Rider Foundation. He added "With such limited, precious funds they need to be used in areas of safety that are proven, not for bureaucratic waste."

The amendment was opposed on the floor by Ed Pastor (D-AZ).

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) thanks everyone who made calls on this important issue, your participation was key in getting this amendment to pass.

The full bill was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives the evening of June 10th with the Walberg amendment enacted.

14NR28 - MRF E-MAIL NEWS
Motorcycle Riders Foundation - From
Hardtail 13 June 2014

Contact:Kirk "Hardtail" Willard,
President

Gone. Done. Thanks! That is the short and sweet of it.

In 1998, the bikers of this nation wrapped up a two-year lobbying effort with the signing of the TEA 21 (Intermodal Surface Transportation Equity Act reauthorization bill which became Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty First Century). In this bill was the work of the collective "we". A ban on NHTSA lobbying states to enact laws. The prohibition of motorcycle bans on highways and roads that use federal monies. A change in NHTSA's mission statement to include "accident PREVENTION". Also, the inclusion of motorcycles in the development of the Intelligent Transportation System.

Each time some of this hard-gained ground has been threatened, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has rallied constitutionally-minded motorcyclists to contact their legislators.

The MRF issued a Call to Action on Saturday, June 7 regarding an imminent vote on an appropriations bill, Monday, June 9. With not even 48 hours with which to work, we saw a swift surgical strike by the bikers of our nation once again.

Thank you - to the constituent bikers who called U.S. Congressional House members and let them know that Section 102 of HR 4745 was inappropriate; that you considered it a violation of previous agreements, and an infringement upon the 10th Amendment of our U.S. Constitution.

Thank you - to U.S. Congressmen Walberg (MI) and Sensenbrenner (WI) for offering up an amendment to the bill language.

Thank you - to the bikers of Michigan and Wisconsin for cultivating and maintaining relationships with your U.S. Congressional Reps and Senators so that quick resolution, when needed, is possible.

We are small, but we are mighty. You are why. Thank you.

14NR30 - MRF News Release -
Independence Day 2014 3 July 2014

Contact:Kirk "Hardtail" Willard,
President

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

The governed who do lift up their "yea" and "nay" do so amidst the silence of too many. Let's take the time to reflect upon the men, women, and yes, children, who fought & died as the 13 colonies wrested their independence - their very freedom - from the British Empire.

Many lawmakers have said that they agree; bikers could well be the last bastion of America's freedom fighters. Within our nation's biker population, less than 2% are within the ranks of freedom fighting organizations that focus on what affects us as riders. Oftentimes it is that 2% who fight against laws or regulations that, while a motorcyclist issue on the surface, could open yet another door to impinge upon freedoms in general.

Today we honor those who truly gave their all. In fields seen from the front porches of their homes, in woods with their children also armed, or across miles and miles - away from loved ones, food, warmth, & and safety. It was horrifyingly real and it happened here, not really all that long ago.

If you go to our nation's Capitol, you will see a female statue gracing the top of the dome. That is Lady Freedom. She stands facing East, to signify thanks for another day, and to ensure that the sun never sets on freedom.

Please join the Motorcycle Riders Foundation today. Renew today. Give a membership as a gift, today. Bring that 2% up to a number worthy of those who died to defeat the rule of the British empire. Help us stand against the loss of the freedoms so hard won. There is no "They" to take care of it. There is only you, and us. <http://motorcyclridersfoundation.wildapricot.org/page-1654836>

Kansas Readers and members where ever you ride the following is here for your education. Opposition to such legislation is important and should be discussed any chance you get to talk to legislators or other riders. These things can and are happening throughout the country. Knee jerk reactions to issues are not good for anybody. I realize that my reports get long trying to get information out but it is important to follow these issues wherever they turn up. I would edit these down but what do I leave out it is all important and shows how we need to respond also.

MMA URGENT CTA: Urge your Representatives and the House Ways & Means Committee to vote NO on H.3584! 16 July 2014

The House Ways and Means Committee is currently hearing bill, H.3584, An Act relative to motorcycle permit requirements, which would mandate a Basic Rider Course prior to a junior operator obtaining a Motorcycle Permit; it would also prevent a junior operator from obtaining a Motorcycle endorsement for up to a year after obtaining a Driver's License, essentially eliminating most junior operators as a category of rider in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts

Motorcycle Association (MMA) strongly opposes this bill and asks that all riders, families, and friends, contact their State Representatives and the members of the House Ways & Means Committee, urging them to vote NO, or "ought NOT to pass" on this excessive and extraneous legislation! Additionally, ask your Representative to push for passage of S.1677, which is a far better approach to this issue.

Filed on behalf of a grieving father, this legislation has no basis in statistical relevance to the broader issues facing operators on the road today and really doesn't address the real issues even for junior operators. Instead, it is an excessively emotional reaction to a sad situation that is best left in the hands of parents.

The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association does not support H.3584. We consider this to not only be an emotional response to a tragedy, but both excessive and extraneous. There are 3 key points to the bill:

Requiring a Junior Operator to successfully pass a Basic Rider Course PRIOR to obtaining their Motorcycle Learner's Permit.

Requires a Junior Operator to already possess a Junior Operator's License (Class D).

Requires a Junior Operator to maintain a clean driving record for at least 6 months immediately preceding the date of application.

First, H.3584 requires a junior operator to take the MREP Basic Rider Course (BRC) before being able to acquire a Motorcycle permit. The BRC, however, is designed as a license waiver course, meaning it's for riders with a permit. While a permit is not required to attend a BRC, it would make more sense to invest in improvements to the motorcycle permit test which would include more motorcycle-specific content. Also, a learner's permit is required before attending a Driver's Education class, which would create a discriminatory situation when dealing with motorcycle permits. Further, the BRC is already mandated by Massachusetts General Law (MGL) for a Junior Operator for licensing (Chapter 90 Section 8, proposed by the MMA and enacted in 2010).

Second, H.3584 requires a Junior operator to have a Class D license prior to being able to acquire a M permit. That's not a current requirement and frankly one that could create issues with younger people who perhaps can't afford another vehicle initially. Motorcycles are an economical and convenient mode of commuting, and in some ways create better drivers. At the same time, the vast majority of applicants do have a Class D license already, in fact over 99%, making this proposal extraneous.

Third, H.3584 requires a 6 month clean driving record prior to obtaining a permit. This affects seasonality based on birthdate of the applicant, relative cost of Driver's Education, and in some cases availability of driver's education, which for some potential riders could become a year or more, effectively making the "Junior Operator" a moot class of license. Yet, MGL Chapter 90 Section 8, already requires the permit and clean driving record to exist for 6 months prior to licensing, so this is again, extraneous, just not adding yet another 6 months after obtaining a Driver's License.

Massachusetts fatality statistics do not demonstrate a significant problem with junior motorcycle operators – in fact, the last 5-year Massachusetts Motorcycle

Fatality Report, listed zero Junior Operator Licensees by age group. More often, it's junior operators behind the wheel of a car and distracted. They're simply not going to be texting or chatting on a cell phone while riding – it's neither practical nor realistic.

The bigger cause for concern here is the continued insistence on a parent's right to be a parent. A parent must already give permission for a Learner's Permit to be obtained, so they should also then strongly encourage Rider Education, not have it legislated for them. The MMA's position is that we are a strong proponent of Rider Education, and in fact the BRC teaches awareness skills that Driver's Education does not.

The MMA believes firmly in Education, not Legislation, but we object to legislated/mandated education which would include students who don't want to be there (which would be disruptive to students who do), and the likelihood of increased illegal riding.

Instead, S.1677, An Act to promote and advance motorcycle safety, proposed by the MMA and which currently sits with Senate Ways and Means after hearing a "Out-to-Pass" result from the Joint Committee on Transportation, is a better choice – it makes Rider Education affordable to those that want it. Some of those funds, which come from a premium on the Motorcycle Annual Registration, could be used to advertise the Massachusetts Motorcycle Riders Education Program to prospective Motorcycle Operators.

The current Massachusetts Legislative Session is rapidly winding down with formal sessions due to cease at the end of July! All are encouraged to contact the House Ways & Means Committee Members and formally request a "Ought NOT to Pass: recommendation from the committee so that H.3584 can be stopped.

The MMA has written formal letters requesting this Ought NOT to Pass recommendation to all 28 House Ways and Means Committee Members, and to the Senate Ways and Means Committee regarding S.1677. We ask that all riders reading this to do the same!

Questions and comments should be sent to LegislativeDirector@MassMotorcycle.org and additional Legislative information can be found at: www.MassMotorcycle.org

The text for H.3584 can be found here: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/188/House/H3584>

The MMA's Legislative Agenda Planning Session is currently being scheduled for October 2014. Be a part of these decisions and voice your concerns and recommendations for the 2015-2016 Legislative Session beginning January 1, 2015.

Join the MRF today click the link below

<http://www.mrf.org/join.php>





Lobbyist Report

We are ready for the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson September 5-14, 2014. We will be located in the air-conditioned Sunflower North Building at Booth #70. We are still looking for volunteers to help at the booth. If you are interested in manning the booth and attending the fair, please contact Brian Thompson. Everyone who signs up and works at the booth will be given a ticket to attend the fair and lodging will be provided.

The KDOT Committee is still working on issues. We met with KDOT on June 20, 2014, and we are moving forward. Those attending were District 8, David Fields and Kit Williams; District 4, Ringo, Paul Swoyer and Brian Thompson; District 13, John Faber; District 9, Jon Pucket and Ron Vawter; District 15, Tony Roberts. Please contact your District Representative with your suggestions and concerns so the committee can present them to KDOT. The next meeting with KDOT is December 5, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

Run For The Soul took place on June 28, 2014, at Ellsworth. This event included the motorcycle run, The Old Iron Custom Car and Cycle Show and fireworks. This was a fun occasion with something for everyone all day long. Those attending were District 8, Tony Railsback, Tammy Ward and Sis Bohrer; District 4, Brian Thompson.

July 1-6, 2014, was the Dodge City 300. This was the Centennial celebration for the Dodge City 300! Those attending enjoyed the antique and vintage bike shows, gypsy tours, races, concerts and the motorcycle

trade show. Attending were District 3, Bill Cooper and Ellie,Sara,Paul, Duck and Stacy; District 1, Bill Saric; District 4, Brian Thompson; District 8, Tony Railsback,Tammy Ward, David Fields and Brenda Fields.

The K-10 Committee is moving forward with its work. The committee met July 9, 2014. Those attending were District 1, Bill Saric; District 4, Ringo, Paul Swoyer and Brian Thompson; District 5, Tony Rawls Riley. The committee would welcome your input. Next meeting August 8th Eudora Law Enforcement Center 9:30 am.

There are more upcoming events. Your participation promotes ABATE and gives a voice to important issues. Please join in as many of the following as you can:

August 29-September 1, 2014, Labor Day Rally: The annual Labor Day Rally will again be held at Lake Perry. The Rally is always fun and with good music and a chance to catch up with friends from all over.

September 5-14, 2014, Kansas State Fair: Please contact Brian Thompson if you would work at the booth. We are inside in air conditioning. This is a good way for ABATE to get the word out to a lot people. Besides meeting many, many others, come to the fair and have a great time enjoying the displays, rides and shows!

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JOKE OF THE MONTH

Good Advice

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman...neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have

- to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
 10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
 11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
 12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.



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