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Thanks for your help and understanding.



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DECEMBER STATE MEETING

December 14th

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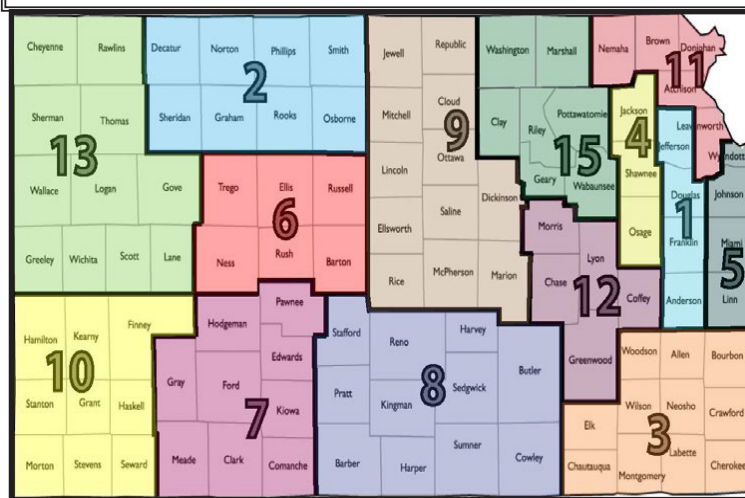
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January 11th 2025

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All submissions to Newsletter including event flyers,
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Attention District Reps and Treasurers!

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Thank you, Lori Harden, Treasurer/ office manager
ABATE of Kansas





~ State Meeting ~

The ABATE of Kansas state meeting was called to order at 1:12pm at the American Legion Post 225, in Ozawkie KS on 11/09/2024.

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

Roll Call- all present except District 10. Bear for District 2, Richard for District 7.

Byron asked that all ballots be turned in. Thank you to Kitty, Norienne, Sandy, Rusty, & Jon for counting the election ballots.

Secretary report- Amber read a condensed version of the minutes. A motion was made by Tony Roberts (2nd by Bill) to approve the minutes as read. Motion approved with Lori opposing & asking that the executive session from October be added to this month due to rumors. During the October executive session, Byron read many concerns that were brought up to him concerning Paul H & his effectiveness at the rally grounds as site coordinator. Byron asked for everyone that was present to speak their thoughts & opinions. Everyone that spoke, spoke about having issues this year & last year. Byron asked for advice on how to handle the situation as President that appoints who has the site coordinator position. It was agreed that Byron would speak with Paul in person if they could meet & thank him for his many years of service but he would no longer hold the position as site coordinator.

Financial report- Lori went over the financials. A motion was made by Tony Roberts (2nd by Doyle) to approve the financials as read. Motion passed by show of hands.

*Executive session 1:33pm- 2:27pm Discussion was held on lobbyist contract/duties/budget expectations *

Meeting called back to order @ 2:32pm

Amber read the motions that were made during the executive session to be voted on after Byron let everyone know what was discussed.

Motion was made by Bill (2nd by Tony Roberts) to pay the predetermined amount to Tony Railsback for expenses as lobbyist for 2024 with receipts. Motion passed with all board members voting yes. Motion was made by Dave (2nd by Tony Roberts) to give the lobbyist a predetermined amount budget for 2025. Expenses will be paid with receipts. Anything past the budget will need voted on by the state board. Expenses to include Bikers in the Beltway & Meeting of the Minds for the lobbyist only for 2025. Motion passed with all board members voting yes

Old Business- MidSouth MILE was held last month. Thank you to everyone who attended. Sunita said it went well. Due to the MILE not having a basket this year, the donation made by ABATE of Kansas would be used towards the MILE basket in 2025 that will be in Mid-West City Oklahoma. Byron asked if it would be OK to auction the Kansas basket that was won at the MILE at the March meeting & it was ok'd. Lori discussed what she found out with the insurance company concerning allowing Toshiba to use space at the state office. A motion was made by Bill (2nd by Barry) to allow Toshiba to

use storage space at the office as long as they agree to the insurance liability & rental fee of printer toner. Motion passed with a show of hands. Pricing for the Back to Our Roots was discussed. After discussing, a motion was made by Bill (2nd by Tony Roberts) to make gate entry fee for the 2025 Back to Our Roots rally \$20 for members & \$40 for nonmembers. Motion passed with all board members voting yes except Districts 3,4,11,13 voting no. And Districts 5,8, and Vice President abstaining. Thoughts on opening the Labor Day grounds as a shuttle/parking idea are being looked into. There will be a limited number of shirts made for the Back to Our Roots rally once a design is decided on. Preorders will be welcome with payment at the time. Byron is looking to start clean up on the site as soon as next month weather permitting. Due to needing to get online preregistration set up for the 2025 rally going, discussion was held about pricing due to the cost of everything going up. A motion was made by Barry (2nd by Doyle) to raise entry into the Labor Day Rally to \$40 for members & \$70 for non-members (\$10 increase from 2024). Motion passed with all board members voting yes except Districts 3,4,5, & 13 voting no. Districts 8,13, & Vice President abstained. A motion was made by Tony Roberts (2nd by Bill) to increase the cost to \$200 for Early Bird entry to the 2025 Labor Day Rally. Cost to include 1 person entry, 1 rally shirt coupon, 1 ice ticket, 5 beverage/shower tickets. Motion passed with all board members voting yes except Districts 3,4,13, & Sgt at Arms

voting no. District 8 & Vice President abstained. A motion was made by Barry (2nd by Dave) to increase the price of a bag of ice to \$7(ice will have its own color of ticket). Motion passed with all board members voting yes except Districts 2,3,4,5 8, & 13. A motion was made by Tony Roberts (2nd by Dave) to increase the price of the electric RV sites to \$750. Price to include entry & Labor Day Rally shirts for 2 people, must be a member of ABATE of Kansas, other SMRO or MRF. Would also receive 10 beverage/shower tickets & 2 ice tickets. Motion passed with all board members voting yes except Districts 5 & 13 who abstained. Russell recognized JR who spoke about his passion for abate & how it seemed a vote concerning insurance was made after they left intentionally. JR was told that was not the case at all. JR invited the state board & anyone else to their District meeting December 1st. Stacy recognized Paul who expressed his concerns about the rally being more important than the lobbyist. He was told that we have to be successful & earn money at the rally to have money to pay the lobbyist expenses for the year, so yes, we have to discuss the rally every month. It is the lobbyist job to discuss the issues at hand during his report every month & if he can't be there, to send in a report that can be read if there is one. Amber said she doesn't put the lobbyist report in the state minutes because it is said quickly & she doesn't want to get it wrong & depends on it being in the report that is sent to the newsletter.

Lobbyist report-Tony & Tammy gave a report please see in your newsletter





MRF- Bill C absent- please see report in your newsletter.

Election results: Ron read the results & number after asking if it was OK to do. Results are as follows

President

Byron Harden-199 votes

Tammy Railsback-44

Jason Farr-2

Recording Secretary

Amber Shutts-205

Lindsey Jones-29

Sgt at Arms

Rick Gitchell-173

Tony Roberts-63

Jacob Farr-2

Tracy E-1

Congratulations to Byron, Amber, & Rick!! Thank you to everyone that took the time to vote

New Business- Byron asked that the districts get in their list for 2025 District meeting time & place to Lori as soon as possible. Also, for the state meeting places for 2025 to be turned in to Lori. Lori has started ordering supplies for the 2025 Labor Day Rally & they are coming in already.

Motorcycle Awareness report- please see in your newsletter.

Products- Bill C absent

Raffle coordinator- buy them

Newsletter- Lauren asked that you don't double space minutes that are sent in as she just removes it. Newsletter deadline is November 12th by 5pm. No exceptions!!

Website- absent

Upcoming events- Tony Roberts passed a hat with the benefits to help 19-year-old Kameron Bank who was in a motorcycle accident on Sept 27th, 2024. A motion was made by Dave (2nd by RC) to round up the donation to the nearest 100. Motion. Passed with all board members voting yes except District 15 who abstained.

Next meeting is December 14th at the Moose Lodge 1999 in Kansas City KS at noon. District 5 end of year party to follow the meeting.

Raffle: MRF -Derik K 50/50- Rick

Byron asked Kevin to accept the position of Labor Day Rally Maintenance Coordinator. Kevin accepted

Thank you to District 1 & the American Legion Post 225 for a great lunch/hosting today!

Meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.



As 2024 nears its end, ABATE of Kansas state election have come and gone. I would like to thank everyone that took the time to vote and everyone who put their names out there to run for the positions of President, Recording Secretary and Sgt. at Arms.

I want to thank all of ABATE for the honor of once again serving as President. Over the past four years we've worked together on several major accomplishments and kept ABATE moving in a positive direction. While it's not easy, together we are doing important work.

ABATE is nothing without its members and I'm proud that our membership continues to grow. One challenge I'd like to make is for every ABATE member to

sign up one new member in the new year. If we could double our membership it would more than double our influence in the statehouse and our ability to fight for the rights and freedoms that are so important to us all.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Amber Shutts and Rick Gitchel for being re-elected as recording secretary and Sgt. at Arms. You both serve ABATE well. I would also like to thank Kitty, Noriene, Sandy, Rusty and Jon for counting the ballots.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Ride Safe, Ride Free & Enjoy the Freedom of the Ride

Byron Harden

ABATE of Kansas President



- ABATE of Kansas is currently running its online 50/50 raffle. It begins September 1 and ends December 31st 2024

Email all raffle reporting sheets to Rusty Burdette Rusty.Burdette@gmail.com and the Office office@abateks.org







be dramatically different starting in January.

While the MRF is tracking what happens at the federal level, do not forget that thousands of officials were also elected in state and local elections on Tuesday. Stay up to date on what is going on where you live, remain engaged, keep informed and be active. Elections are a great reminder that "we the people" decide who leads us.

Kansas elections - Rep Jake LaTurner did not seek reelection and our former AG Derek Schmitt is the new Rep for the US House - Kansas District 2. This change will effect eastern Kansas. I hope our positive

relationship with Rep Schmitt we had in Topeka will continue in Washington DC.

With your help, the MRF will continue the fight for motorcyclist rights. If we do not do this, who will?

I have been asked and asked this many times, who will? The answer is YOU, we are the experts in motorcycle rights, we are on the front lines, we are the activist and the business is in our yard.

Ride Free Fellow Freedom Fighters
-Tammy Ward-Railsback
Kansas MRF Assistant
Representative

Legislative Director Report

Legislative Director /
Lobbyist Report Nov. 2024

There is nothing currently going on at our state capitol.

The elections are now behind us. I hope everyone took the opportunity to vote. It is your constitutional right.

Before the elections, Tammy and I attended several local political campaign events. Tammy also went to the Kansas State Fair to the political booth on more than one occasion and visited with many candidates at the state and federal levels. She also left literature about ABATE of Kansas or talked with them about ABATE of Ks. and the M.R.F.

At the Federal level, Derek Schmitt was nominated for US House Representative for District 2 as Jake LaTurner did not seek reelection. District 2 is on the east side of the state. Derek Schmitt has proven to be a champion for the motorcycle community in the past.

At the state level, we lost

a couple of legislators who had proven to be friends of motorcyclists and helped with legislation regarding motorcyclists. I have my work cut out in Topeka doing the meet and greet with new legislators. I will also try to build working relationships and nurture the old ones.

Some of the things we will be working on at the State level are The Right To Repair, Profiling, Definition of a Motorcycle, Preserving The Internal Combustion Engine, End of Life Directives, Autonomous Vehicles, Crash Avoidance.

This year is the start of a new 2 year legislative agenda. Any bills that didn't pass or were vetoed last year will have to start over from scratch. I will try and keep everyone updated as this year's season progresses.

Respectfully
Legislative Director /
Lobbyist
Tony Railsback



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On November 10, 2024, the ABATE of Kansas District 1 meeting was held at the American Legion in Ozawkie. The meeting was called to order by Bill at 1:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for our Fallen Brothers and Sisters; there were 16 members present.

Bill gave a summary of the State meeting. Points of discussion: Price for admission to the Back to Roots rally; raising admission to the Labor Day rally; raising price for the RV ranch and early bird entry at the Labor Day rally; a donation was made to Tony R. for an individual injured in an accident; copier company to rent space at the ABATE office; shirts for Back to Roots rally need to be pre-ordered; State election results – Byron – State Rep; Amber – Secretary; Rick – Sargent of Arms. See State Report for additional information.

Secretary Report. Jason made a motion to waive, Brian seconded. All in favor.

Financial Report. Holley gave the financial report. Roger made a motion to approve, Brian seconded. All in favor.

Old Business.

More discussion regarding

Battle of the Bands set for March 23 at the Ozawkie Legion.

New Business.

Jason suggested having a gun raffle. Bob made a motion, Brian 2nd, all in favor.

Jason suggested having the November 8, 2025, State ABATE meeting at the American Legion in Perry. Mat made a motion, Bob 2nd.

District meeting dates for 2025 were set. January 12 @ Perry Legion; February 9 @ Ozawkie Legion; March 9 @ Meriden VFW; April 27 @ Cabin Fever; May 18 @ Kickstart; June 8 @ Back to Roots Rally; July 13 @ Perry Legion; August 10 @ Labor Day rally site; September 14 @ Hackethorns; October 12 @ Farleys; November 9 @ Joint; December 14 @ Ozawkie Legion.

Next meeting will be December 15, 2024, at 1:00 PM, at the VFW, 612 East Palmer, Meriden. January meeting will be held January 12, 2025, at 1:00 PM, at the American Legion, 410 Perry Place, in Perry.

Brian made a motion to adjourn, Mat seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.



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District Rep Larry Kibbee

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The November 10th District 2 meeting was held at Cowboy Junction in Hill City, KS with 10 members present. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for lost members.

The Secretary's Report was given and hearing no corrections or additions, the report was approved as read. This was followed by the Treasurer's report, which was approved with the unanimous consent of those present.

State Meeting Report:

Finalized plans for the 2025 rally. No legislative updates as nothing is pending at this time.

Discussed the ABATE lobbyist, a full time individual with expenses covered and no salary.

State Officer Elections were completed.

Gun raffle to fund the 2025 Rally. Bear has tickets available.

Districts are to turn in 5% of profits to the State, from any events.

More details will be in the December Newsletter.

Old Business:

State Meeting: Jan 11, followed by Casino Night, 6-9 pm

Bull's Eye Event Center – not responding to phone calls. Motion and 2nd presented to hold the event at Cowboy Junction, Hill City. Motion passed with the unanimous consent of those present. Larry will talk to Ralph about the details regarding rooms needed, etc.

Noon: Meal for state meeting is set with individuals signed

up.

Black Jack, roulette wheel, craps table: for funny money prizes

50-50: Bear has tickets

Flier: Larry will discuss with Lorie. For January newsletter.

White elephant donations need to be wrapped for the auction Auction Items: Combined silent and live auction process. Start at highest bid from the silent auction.

Open to the public.

New Business:

Right to repair legislation covers all things and Lobby groups need to work with Lobby groups. Though this is a slow time, the need to be prepared for any lobby efforts that might come up stays the same.

ABATE working to define motorcycle: to include a definition if you straddle it and have handlebars. Example: Slingshot vs Spyder.

Add Hays information to the newsletter for the KS motorcycle program location. Lorie will contact Good Times and try to get this updated.

2025 Poker Run: June, think about who to benefit.

Next Meetings:

December 8th: Roger Hessler's, 514 S. 5th Street, Stockton, KS.

January 11th, following the state meeting, Cowboy Junction, 2649 280th Ave, Hill City.

February 9th, Winter Social, 183 Lanes, 906 S. Cedar St, Stockton.

With no more business to discuss, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting.

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Meeting started with the pledge and county rep roll call. Russel introduced Matt Bretz, our attorney so he could help discuss some insurance topics that have come up.

Arlene gave the secretary's report. Minutes were asked to be read and so it was done. Some of the tabled issues were briefly discussed. A benefit for Windy's daughter was mentioned. JR made the motion that we have a taco bar at the VFW in Independence and a pool tournament on January 18th. Chuck second the motion. Time will be decided at a later date. Motion passed. Pre Orders for the Toy Run t-shirts need to be picked up at the toy run. JR made the motion to accept the secretary's report, Troll second, and all agreed.

Sam gave the treasurer's report. Papa Dave made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Chuck second that. All agreed.

There has not been a state meeting to report on for this month.

Toy run...there was a motion last month to have a chili feed. Three people have volunteered to make chili. We are able to line up for the toy run at the northeast corner of the oval and then park at the stitch building after the run. It is completely okay to park our bikes on the grass. They ask that there are no cars parked on the grass.

Bike Show and Rally- Plans are well in the works. If we do not get the insurance covered, we cannot do many things for our bike show and rally. As a

backup plan, we are trying to raise the money. Tada made the motion to use the flyer for the shirt, Dustin second the motion and it passed. Color of the shirt was discussed. Light grey and Khaki won the vote. Tada made a motion that we have preorders for members only, and Windy second and all were in favor. Dale made the motion for tank tops for women with the rally design. There was some discussion. All in favor of 10 women's shirts and 10 tank tops. 2025 patches need to be ordered. JC made the motion and Kimmy second for 100 of the 2025 patches. All approved. There was some discussion regarding the Girard Legion. They asked that we not return for a meeting, but D3 is welcome. JR stated that we have the state meeting for our rally be at the Girard Legion. We can feed them there. Chuck made the motion and John second that. All agreed.

Old business:- Bill asked that the turkey shoot be on February 1st. JR made the motion and Troll second it. All those in favor for the date passed. He has also asked that we use the same flyer. JR motioned that we use the same flyer and Denny second. All agreed. Russel said that the Ol' Bastard's Ball will be in March. Chuck brought up 15th and made a motion. Windy second the motion. Passed. Tabled for later discussion is the time and food.

Next month will have the elections and calendar at the Coffeyville Legion.

Speed made the motion

that we continue to fight this insurance issue and Linda second. All agreed.

Papa Dave made the motion to draw the 50/50 and adjourn our meeting. Dr. John stated

that we need to reimburse Tracy for the Mid-South Mile.

50/50 was won by Hank.

Next meeting at 1pm at the Coffeyville Legion.

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NO MINUTES RECIEVED



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The November District 5 Meeting was held at noon on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 at Big D's on The Hill in Kansa City, KS. Tony called the meeting to order. All stood for The Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters.

Sergeant of Arms Report: Tank reported on the number of members and visitors present. He also gave a rundown on the meeting agenda and expectations.

Secretary's Report: James went over the minutes from the October District 5 Meeting. The Report was approved as reported in the meeting, as well as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: James reported on Ang's absences. All accounts are in good standings. James presented the accounts for the District Representative, as well as for those present to observe. The Treasurer's Report was approved as reported.

Membership Report: Tony reported on the District 5 membership numbers.

Product Line Report: There will be product available for the End of Year Party. The district is currently holding off on purchasing new product until after the End of Year Party.

State Report: Tony went to the Meeting of the Minds. It was a great turn out. We are still fighting the Right to Repair. This is not just an issue with motorcycles. This issue is motorcycles, cars, farm equipment, lawnmowers, everything. It is making anything to where you are

unable repair or service your own vehicle or equipment on your own at home. Look into this and contact your local representative about it.

Old Business/New Business: The December ABATE State Meeting will be hosted by District 5 and will take place at noon at the Moose Lodge at 6621 Turner Dr., Kansas City, KS.66111. It will be followed up by the District 5 End of Year Party later that evening at 7pm. We are still needing donations for the live auction, door prizes and party in a wagon.

District 5 has been asked to host the motorcycle games at the ABATE June Rally at the Old Military Trail. This is an old rally style event. More to update soon.

ABATE will have a booth at the 25th Annual Santa Fe Trail Antique Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet in Lawrence, KS, on Sunday, February, 2, 2025. Showcasing motorcycles from the 50's. They will feature motorcycles 35 years and older as well. The show takes place at the Douglas County Fairgrounds: 2120 Harper St., Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS 66046.

The December District 5 Meeting will be held at noon on December 7th at The Bar on K32 – 6720 Kaw Dr., Kansas City KS 66111, followed the next week by the state meeting and District 5 End of Year Party as previously mentioned.

The January District 5 Meeting will take place at noon on January 4th, 2025 at the American Legion, Post 199 – 7942 Leavenworth Rd, Kansas

City, KS 66109.

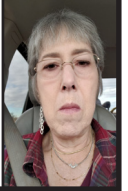
The February District 5 Meeting will be at noon on February 1st, 2025, at Big D's on the Hill, 2139 S 34th ST., Kansas City, KS 66106. This meeting will also consist of the

District 5 chili cook-off. So, bring your best chili and enter it to win. Everyone has a secret to their best chili, what's yours? I'll tell you mine if you tell me yours... eh? We'll see.



Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Ford, Gray,
Hodgeman, Kiowa, Meade, Pawnee

District Rep Glenna Day
620-826-5293



Abate of Kansas District 7 was called to order at 6:30 pm November 8, 2024 at 309 Cherry Street, Dodge City by Assistant District Rep Richard. We began the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and then observed a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll call followed; 3 board members and 5 members and 2 guest were present.

Treasurers report; Stasia gave the financial report.

The secretary's report; minutes were waived.

State report, Minutes were waived you can read them in the Newsletter.

Old business; We went over the Toy application acceptance, tables have been set up path

the Library and YMCA. The handing out of toys will be December 14, 2024 at the American Legion between 1pm-3pm. We will be serving a meal and snacks at the toy handout.

New business; Memberships are all turned in and current. We are having a meeting December 6, 2024 at 2400 Post Avenue to check on the status of our applications and toys donated. March state meeting was discussed.

Next District 7 monthly meeting December 13, 2024 at 6:30 at the American Legion Street Dodge City.

January meeting will be January 10, 2025 at 6:30pm location 309 Cherry Street Dodge City.





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December 2024 ABATE HAPPENINGS		
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>1</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 15 - VFW 10815 - 612 E Palmer, Meriden Ks , Ks 1pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>2</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 8 - Roger Hessler's, 514 S. 5th Street, Stockton, KS - 4pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>3</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 1 - American Legion - 811 W 12th Coffeyville Ks, 1pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>4</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 8 - Papan's Landing, 619 NW Paramore, Topeka, Ks 1pm Toy's For Tot's Ride- December 1, Walmart South 1301 SW 37th, Topeka Noon
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>5</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 7 - The Bar, 6720 Kaw Dr., KC KS - NOON End of the Year Party - December 14 - Moose Lodge 1999, 6621, Turner Drive, Kansas City Ks.
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>7</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 13 - American Legion Post 47 - 801 S 14th Ave, Dodge City, KS 6:30 pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>8</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 15 - Salty Cycles at 129 E Sherman St, Hutchinson, Ks - 2:30pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>9</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 8 - Ike's Bar & Grill , 100 NW 14th St. Abilene, Ks. Eat at noon Meeting at 1pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>10</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 8 - American Legion Post 9, 405 S Main, Garden City, Ks - Noon
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>11</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 8 - Tom's Country Stampede , 745 Cherokee, Leavenworth - Ks, 2pm December 8- All Riders of Leavenworth Annual Toy Run- Tom's Country Stampede, 745 Cherokee, Leavenworth, Ks -KSU Noon
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>12</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 7 - VFW POST 1980, 932 Graphic Arts Rd, Emporia, Ks, Noon
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>13</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 8 - Smoking Gun Club - 824 Main Ave, Goodland, Ks. 2pm CT Dirty Santa Party to follow meeting
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>15</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - December 8 - Blue Hills Room, RC McGraws in Manhattan. , 2pm
STATE MEETINGS & EVENTS 2024/2025		
<u>December</u>	<u>14th</u>	Moose Lodge 1999, 6621, Turner Drive, Kansas City Ks. - Noon
<u>January * 2025</u>	<u>11th</u>	Cowboy Junction, 2649 280th Ave. , Hill City, Ks - Noon





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Meeting was called to order at 2:53 pm on November 10, 2024 at The Barracks. All stood for The pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was given for our fallen brothers and sisters. Roll call was taken. District Rep, Assistant Rep, and Secretary present, Missing 4 County Reps. 15 Total Present.

The Secretary Report was waived, Motion made by Sam, Seconded by Paul. The Treasurer's report was read by Sam, motion to approve made by Rose, and Seconded by Robert. For the State report, we went over many of the topics that were brought up at the state meeting, for more details see State Minutes in Newsletter.

For the MRF Report we talked about several of the bills that we would like to be pushed

during the next go around, including but not limited to; Right to Repair, Profiling, Autonomous Vehicles, Definition of a Motorcycle, and Right of Way.

For old Business we discussed events that have happened. The Cowley County Kids Run had a good turn out. The Wichita Toy Run had a good turn out but would like more help next year. For New Business we discussed upcoming events, Reno county Toy Run is coming up on November 24th.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT Salty Cycles at 129 E Sherman St, Hutchinson, Ks at 2:30pm On December 15, 2024

Rose made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tony. Adjournment was 4:34pm.

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District Representative

Charles "Mick" Jimenez

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ABATE of Kansas - District 8 Policy Changes

Under the Officers section we added that the District Representative only votes in a Tie Breaker, Moved District Sergeant of Arms up from county to Elected District Officers, Changed "District Board Members are expected to attend State Events" to "District Representative, or their Appointee, is expected to attend State Events and Meetings".

Under General Duties, District Secretary we changed "3. Keep a constant updated list of district membership" to "3. Turn in minutes by Newsletter Deadline".

Under General Duties, District Treasurer we changed "5. Any applications and moneys taken by members, the member must buy a money order, make copies of money order and membership application before mailing to the state office. Then forward the copies to the District Representative." to "5. Any applications and moneys taken by members, the treasurer must make copies of membership application before mailing to State office. Then forward the copies to the District Representative."

Under General Duties, District At-large Board Member/Sergeant of Arms we added "3. Must keep Meeting in Order."

Under General Duties, County Representative we changed "2. Call meetings on a county level and presides over these meetings so as to comply with state and district policies" to "2. Call meetings on a county level and presides over these meetings so as to comply with state and district policies, if needed."

Under Section III, Office Terms, District Board of Directors we changed "A. the officers of District representative and the District At-Large Board Member shall be elected Bi-Annually for a 2 year term" to "A. the officers of District representative and the District Sergeant at Arms Board Member shall be elected Bi-Annually for a 2 year term", "C. If the District Representative's position becomes vacant for any reason, the State board shall appoint an active District 8 Member to fill the position for the remainder of the Term" to "C. If the District Representative's position becomes vacant for any reason, the District Members shall appoint an active District 8 Member to fill the position for the remainder of the Term", we added for further clarification "1. The Assistant District Representative will take over until the next meeting so we can Vote for an Interim District Representative"

Under Office Terms, County Representative We changed "A. The election of all County Board Representatives shall be elected for a One-year term and the same time as the district elections" to

Under Office Terms, County Representative We changed "A. The election of all County Board Representatives shall be elected for a One-year term and the same time as the district elections", we added "E. A member can hold Two County Representative Positions."

Under Removal from office , County Representative, B. we added "1. By post on social media, or call."

Under Events, District and County events we changed "C. Counties must submit event proposal form, map, and flyer to the district representative 60 days prior to the event." to "C. Counties must submit event proposal form, map, and flyer to the district representative 90 days prior to the event.", and "1. District board approval is required to avoid conflict with other events" to "1. District board approval is required to avoid conflict with other events statewide.", "E. All district and county flyers must include ABATE Logo and District Logo promoting awareness of ABATE of Ks." to "E. All district and county flyers must include ABATE Logo promoting awareness of ABATE of Ks.", "J. Counties that need start-up money shall include the amount needed on the event proposal form" to "J. Counties that need start-up money shall request the amount needed from the District Board."





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The ABATE of Kansas District 9 meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm, November 10th, 2024, with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence given, with 17 members, and 2 county reps, and 4 guests present.

The secretary's report was given and approved.

The treasurer's report: given and approved.

State News: See state news in the newsletter.

Awareness report: Discussion on sign placement.

Products report: None

Website report: Website updated. Facebook is current.

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion on memorial day weekend appreciation party. Reminder Dec meeting is when calendar is set for meetings and events.

Election results:

Dave Z- District rep

Kevin M- Secretary

Bob M- Member at large

Upcoming events:

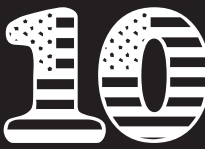
McPherson County toy run.

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Thanks to Russ and Myrna for hosting the meeting and everyone for the food

Next meeting December 8th at Ike's 100 NW 14th, Abilene

January 2025 meeting at Russ and Myrna's in Galva

DISTRICT 	Finney, Grant, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearney, Morton, Seward, Stanton, Stevens 620-640-8471 Milton "John" Mowery	
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A.B.A.T.E of Kansas District 10 meeting was held on November 3 2024 405 s. Main Garden City KS . Meeting was called to order at 12 pm by District Rep John M. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters .

Roll call: All board members were in attendance plus 9 members. Rose K. read the minutes motion to accept by Raymond D. Seconded by Randy H all in favor. Yolanda S. read the financial report Raymond D. Motion to accept Karen W. Second all in favor.

Old Business: Cancer Run was a huge success a Big Thank you to District 13 for all your help and support. We are shy a few hundred dollars of reaching our goal of \$5,000 we are still

working on meeting that goal . We are still needing volunteers for concessions for Friday night Bingo please contact Yolanda S. If you can help.

New Business: Mark E. Attend Oct state meeting and gave us an overview of next year's Rally and the changes being made. We will be assisting the American Legion with Santa's meet and greet on December 7th from 2 -4 pm .

We will be presenting gifts to Pershing Manor for our annual gift giving on December 8th during our monthly meeting. Our next meeting will be held at the American Legion 405 s Main Garden City KS on December 8th at 12 pm . Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.



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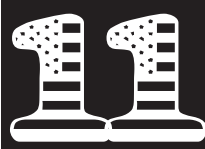
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The district 11 meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM on 11/10/2024 at the VFW in Wathena, KS with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all our fallen brothers and sisters. There were 9 members and 2 guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Rusty read the minutes from the September meeting. Keegan motioned to accept – Robin seconded - all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Rusty read the checking account and savings account financial statements. Chop motioned to

approve – Keegan seconded - all approved.

Assistant Rep's Report: Keegan is still working on gun safes – not having any positive luck lately. Looking for brand names and fire rating to purchase a good gun safe for the raffle. Other members will look at other locations for possible gun safe options and bring the information back next month. Robin made a motion to cap the cost of the gun safe at a certain price – Keegan seconded the motion – all approved.

Atchison County Report: Chop had nothing to report.





Leavenworth County Report: Ric is MIA. The Leavenworth Veterans Day parade will be on 11/11/2024 and staging will be at 9:30 AM behind the Baan Thai Restaurant on Cherokee street. The local Toy Run was moved from 12/01/2024 to 12/08/2024 and our District meeting was moved as well to after the Toy Run.

Doniphan County Report: Robin suggested being at the Veteran's parade site on in Leavenworth at 9:00 AM because there are over 200 entries for that parade. Staging will be between 9:00 – 9:30 that morning. Wreaths Across America will be on 12/14/2024 and will need to be staged at 8:00 that morning – Robin will get more specific details and have that information available at the December meeting.

Nemaha County Report: Angel had nothing to report.

Products Report: Lea was MIA.

State Report: Election results were announced. An executive session was held. New printer is up and running in the Abate office. Back to Our Roots rally gate prices were announced – the rally is to be held in the first weekend in June 2025. Lobbyist report noted some legislation resources that we lost in the recent elections. MRF report notes were discussed. Doyle brought back information he received at the state meeting to

share with the district members. LDR report – gate prices, early bird prices, ice, and RV sites are all going up for 2025.

Old Business: The Veterans Day parade was discussed in more detail. Discussed purchasing radios for Field Events – more information coming later. Ruth asked about numbers for the VA Chili feed as she is waiting on information from Ric but he is MIA so we are still waiting on those details at this time. Doyle has Dead City Rockers committed for the Saturday night band at our Field Events in 2025.

New Business: Nothing to discuss.

Took a break from 2:50 – 3:05 PM and then completed the 2025 planning session. Ruth motioned to donate for the local Toy Run of a specified amount – Robin seconded – all approved.

Everyone motioned to close the meeting – everyone seconded - meeting closed at 3:52 PM. The December monthly meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on 12/08/2024 at Tom's Country Stampede (745 Cherokee St. in Leavenworth) following the local bikers toy run. The January monthly meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on 01/12/2025 at the VFW in Atchison, KS (2201 Main St. in Atchison).

Please Note That Date Has Changed for District 11 Meeting, Election & Toy Run

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Assistant Representative

Keegan McNally ☐

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Treasurer

Rusty Burdette ☐

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Brown/Nemaha County Rep

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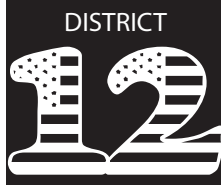
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On 11/10/24 ABATE of District 12 meeting was called to order at 2:15PM by the District Representative Barry at the VFW in Emporia with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters. RIDE FREE... We had 23 members attend the meeting. The Secretary's report was read by Deanna. Motion was made 1st by Karlee and 2nd by Matt. The Treasurer's report was read by Sheila. Motion was made 1st by Karlee and 2nd by Matt. Barry went over the state meeting.

Old Business: We got all the toy drive barrels out to all the locations. Cutoff date for the toy drive is December 6th. Ed made a motion to save left over items from the mid-south mile basket and use them for the bike show. Was 2nd by Tish.

New Business: We will have the Chili Cook Off January 5th, 2025 12PM. Door will be open at 11:30AM at the VFW in Emporia. Motion was made by Ed and 2nd by Bob. We are looking for a new T-shirt design for our 30th annual bike show. Designs must be turned in by January 5th to be looked over and voted on at January's meeting. Motion was made by Sarah and 2nd by Deanna. Motion was made by Bob for the winner to get a t-shirt and 2nd by Karlee. Sarah made a motion to be able to pass out cards with candy at the Veterans Parade with the information of our toy drive on them. Was 2nd by James. Anyone that is interested in being on the bike show

committee get with a board member or Sarah. We went over our big-ticket raffle items for the bike show. We have a mini fridge that was donated that will get a custom paint job for one of the items. Rims and tires were also being donated for an item. We are looking into a couple more items. We are discussing where we should have the state meeting in April. A motion was made to have an attentive flyer put out early for the bike show once approved threw the state we will start to mail them out to sponsors and vendors. Sarah received the crystal eagle award for all the hard work she has put into the District. We thank you for everything you do. We tabled the policies for the district and will pick back up next meeting. A motion was made by Ed and 2nd by Karlee. Tish let us know that Ray Rummel passed away and was a life time member. A motion was made for a plant or flowers to be sent. 1st by Deanna and 2nd by Karlee. Motion was made for the dollar amount to be spent. 1st by Karlee and 2nd by Deanna. Nominations will be opened in January for our upcoming elections in May. The spots are District Representative, Secretary, and Sargent at Arms.

Upcoming Events.
Jingle all the way at the Lebo High School gym. Sarah will have a booth set up. December 7th at noon at the VFW in Emporia will be our next meeting. We will also deliver the toys to the Bloom and Shiloh house after the meeting. We also have Trevor's

fundraiser from 4-6 at the Flint Hills Lane. January 5th we will have our Chili Cook off and our meeting afterwards around 2PM at the VFW in Emporia.

February 9th meeting will be at 2PM at the VFW in Emporia. A motion was made to end the meeting. 1st by Bob and 2nd by Karlee.

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Jimbo called the meeting to order at 2:01 CT on October 10, 2024. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jimbo followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers, sisters and Military.

Secretary Report was read by Darla from the September meeting. Mona made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report, Andrea seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bruce gave the accounting for September. We are finishing up getting the bank changed to a more convenient location. Mona made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; P.D. seconded. Motion passed.

State Report: Jimbo attended the State meeting. Legislative items are moving slow currently. LDR was down 500 from 2023. Pricing was discussed and increased. Insurance has been a very difficult issue. If coverage is available it is very expensive. Bretz law firm is assisting with options of finding more feasible coverage. This is still in the discussion phase. Elections were held. Other information can be read in the Newsletter. Mona made a motion to accept the State Report; Pam seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business: Thank you to those that were able to attend our "Save the Twins" Breast Cancer Ride in October. District 10 and District 13 were pleased to make their goal.

Andrea made a motion to close old business; Kevin seconded. Motion passed.

New Business: Gove Rally is scheduled for June 13th and 14th. Mona will change contract dates. Anthony and the Anamals is booked for Friday. Bring other band ideas to the next meeting for Saturday entertainment. Corn Hole tournament again – need brackets. Raffle ideas were discussed. Gift cards, meat bundles and motorcycle servicing. Gun raffle sales have been down but we will keep the bike run as a gun run. Table raffles to next meeting. Kevin made a motion to close new business; Lauri seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements:

Abate 13 – 12/8/2024 –
Smokin Gun Club (Christmas –
Dirty Santa)– Goodland, Ks
1/12/2025 – B Hive – Colby,
Ks

Tri State Events - 12/1/2024
– Mikkelson's Tavern – Hill
City, Ks

Veteran's Day Parade
11/11/2024 in Oakley @ 11:00.
P.D. made a motion to adjourn
meeting at 3:27 PM CT, Kevin
seconded. Motion passed.





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The November 10th meeting for Abate of Kansas District 15 was held at Rosebud's in Junction City, Ks. Tony Roberts, District Rep opened the meeting at 2:00pm with opening ceremonies.

It was moved and seconded to waive the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, motion carried.

Tina Ingle updated everyone regarding the silent auction for the Kameron Banks family. The auction will begin November 17th and end at 3pm on December 6th. The auction items will be available to pick up at the soup/chili feed on December 7th, location to be determined.

State Meeting, Tony R. encouraged all to read the State minutes in the next newsletter.

Old Business:

RFTW plaques and chase vehicle sign are done. Tony and Lori will determine the best time to present the plaques.

Lori G. reported that she had reserved the Blue Hills Room for the annual Christmas Party on December 8. RC McGraws will cater the event. Plan to eat starting at 1pm. It was left up to individuals to give white elephant gifts. Those who bring a gift will get to choose a gift. Party ends at 4pm. Cost is \$20 per person.

Jen H. reported that she is working on the Veterans gifts and will contact Via Christi Village next week and begin purchasing the gifts.

Tony R went over the Toy Run scheduled for Saturday, November 16. Audible Empire

will play from 7pm to 11pm, the silent auction will run from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. Items for the auction will be photographed and uploaded to our Facebook page so members can see what is available. Donations will also be collected at the door.

It was moved and seconded to hold next years bash at the Lakeview Campground site (where this year's was held). Bash will be June 13-15, 2025 (Father's Day Weekend), put it on your calendars. Next year's bash will be more family inclusive; planning will begin right after the new year.

The meeting was temporarily adjourned so members could vote in the district election. Results are Lori G. Assistant Rep, Jen Hardy Secretary and Jon Roberts Sargent-At-Arms. State election results can be seen in the next newsletter.

There was no New Business.

Next meeting is December 8 at the Blue Hills Room at 12:30pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE), in Manhattan. January 12 meeting is at The Little Grill in Manhattan at 2pm.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53pm. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Hardy, District 15 Secretary.

DECEMBER 2024 EXPIRATIONS

TONY	BOTTOM	1
ALEXIS	BRIMM	1
J	DENNISON	1
MICHELLE	EISERMAN	1
ROBERT P	GALLEGOS	1
JASON	SEAGER	1
ERIC	SHAW	1
RICK	GITCHEL	2
RUSSELL	BARKER	3
SANDRA	BARKER	3
WILLIAM 'BILL'	CALDWELL	3
AL	COLLINS	3
JUSTIN	COPELAND	3
CHARLES	DAWE	3
RICHARD MICHAEL	HULL	3
JOHN	NARVAEZ	3
CALE	PERDUE	3
MORGAN	PERDUE	3
ANNA	ROSAS	4
ANDY	ISBELL	5
STACY	KENYON	8
TONY	RAILSBACK	8
DARRELL E	ROGERS	8
CHRIS	WILSON	8
MITCHELL	SCHULZ	9
DEBORAH E.	UNRUH	9
EARL	UNRUH	9
DANIELLE	MOWERY	10
JAVIER	PUENTES	10
DAVID	WHATLEY	10
THERESA	WHATLEY	10
ALICIA	HOLMES	11
DEANNA	LAUPPE	12
MICHAEL	LAUPPE	12
DAVID	WYCKOFF	12
LAURIE	HARPER	13
RAYMOND	HARPER	13
RICHARD W	REYSTEAD	13
PAUL D	WILLIAMS	13
MICHAEL PATRICK	CROWLEY	15
CHRISTAL	PADILLA	15





ABATE OF KANSAS INC

Labor Day Rally



August 29th - September 1st, 2025



GUN RAFFLE

50TH LABOR DAY RALLY

COMMEMORATIVE ENGRAVED HENRY GOLDEN BOY LEVER ACTION 357 CAL. RIFLE

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

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\$5.00 PER TICKET

DRAW DATE
AUGUST 31ST 2025 @
THE LABOR DAY RALLY
PARADISE POINT
LAKE PERRY OZAWKIE, KS
8:15 PM



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Abate of Kansas State Meeting / District 5 **End of the Year Party**

December 14th, 2024

**Location: The Moose Lodge located at 6621 Turner Drive, Kansas City
Kansas 66111**

The party starts at 7:00 pm after the State meeting

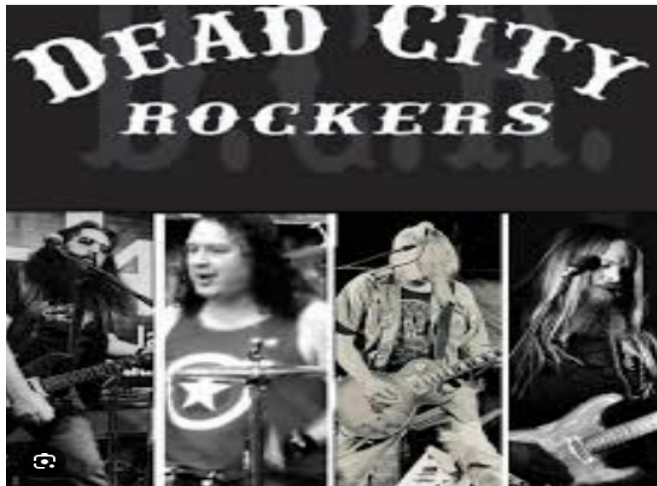
Band: Dead City Rockers

Silent Auction / Door Prizes

Off I-70 onto Turner Diagonal south exit to 65th street exit.

(The entrance to the Moose is actually on the exit ramp to 65th)

For more information contact Tony @ 913-706-8449 or Debbie @ 913-909-2131



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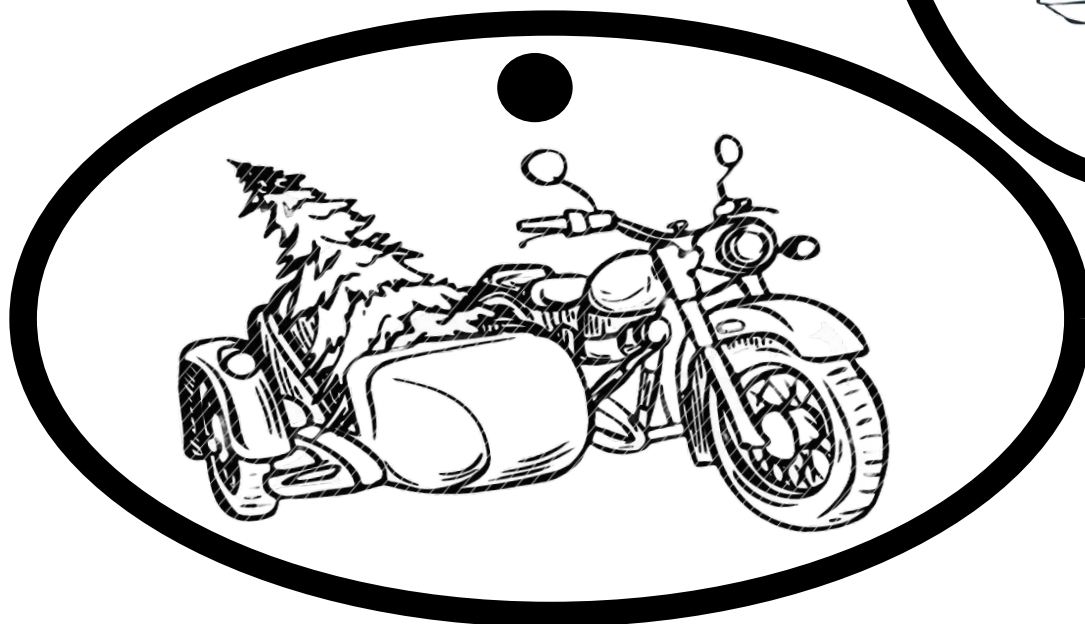




Enjoy these cut out Christmas ornaments you can color.

Merry Christmas

-A.B.A.T.E of Kansas





Frequently Asked Questions

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.



A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas, Inc. Membership Application

Return Application to A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas, Inc.

P.O. Box 102, Perry, KS 66073

Date _____

Dist# _____

☐ New Member \$30
☐ Life Member \$400

☐ Couple \$50
☐ Change of Address

☐ Renewal Ind/Cpl Mbr# _____
☐ Change of District

☐ Registered Voter

Please Print Clearly

Full Name _____

Full Name _____

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Newsletter: ☐ Mail ☐ E-Mail

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Applicant's Signature _____

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☐ Business Bronze ☐ Business Silver
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Applicant _____

Received By _____

Receipt for applicant

Fees are not tax deductible.





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Business Name _____ Point of Contact _____

Place remainder of Business info on reverse side of form.

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While the goal is to always keep two wheels down, we all have experienced other motorists not keeping a lookout for motorcycles, turning in front of us, or driving while distracted. The Referral Service will ensure that attorneys participating in the program support the Mission of A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas, are motorcycle riders who are highly experienced in representing motorcyclists in Kansas, and understand the unique legal and insurance issues surrounding motorcyclists.

All injury claims - motorcycle, car, truck, semi, dangerous product, dangerous premises, etc. - qualify for the service. Additionally, in an effort to make sure that members have adequate insurance, lawyers participating in the referral service will be available to review insurance policies and coverages on members' policies at no cost.

To refer an injury claim, please contact Lori Harden.
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Lori Harden
ABATE of Kansas
Treasurer/ Office manager
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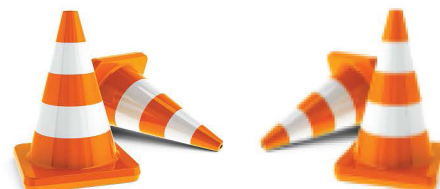
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