



ABATE OF KANSAS

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ABATE OF KANSAS



President Awards

Sis Bohrer
Pictured left

Tony Rawls-Riley
Pictured Right

Richard Malott
Not Pictured

Chad Smith
Not Pictured





State Meeting

November State Meeting
Meeting Called to
Order-12:06 pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

Roll Call- All present except
Dist 6 & 10. Steve for Dist 13.

Ron V started the meeting by
announcing the 2015 winner
of the Jacque Sue award was
Corbee (Whitey) Kitzman.
Congratulations Whitey! The
2016 Jacque Sue award went to
Tammy Railsback. Thank you
Tammy for everything that you
do. Ringo gave the Presidential
awards for 2015 & 2016 next.
The recipients of those awards
were Richard Malott (2015)
Chad Smith(2016), Sis Bohrer
(2016) & Tony Rawls-Riley
(2016). Thank you to all for
everything you do for ABATE.
Ringo asked that all ballots for
the elections be turned in so
counts could start. Thank you
to everyone that took the time
to vote & to the people who
counted the ballots.

Lobbyist Report- Brian
stated that he went to the MILE
& it was very informative &
entertaining.

Closed meeting was called
@ 12:16 pm -3:25 pm for
Lobbyist interviews Lunch was
taken from 1:30 pm -2:18 pm.
Thank you for the great meal.

Meeting called back to Order
at 3:30 pm

Ringo announced that the
new lobbyist would be Steve
Christenberry. Congrats
Steve & thank you Brian for
everything.

Secretary Report- Read
by Amber S- Motion to pass
secretary report made by Tony
RR (2nd by Jodi) with the
exception that the motion for
reimbursement to the Mile be
corrected to include gas both
ways. Motion passed by a show
of hands

Financial Report-Richard
asked that everyone retuning
money not used for the MILE
to use the old form. Richard
went over the report in the
packet & thanked Lori &
Byron H for the sponsorships
already coming in for the
Rally entertainment next year.
Richard also stated that the
loans have not been paid on yet.
The donation to the MRF was
stated & discussion was had
on who should pay & after, a
motion was made by Tony RR
(2nd by Randy) for the State to
write a check to the MRF with
each dist paying the state back
if they can afford it. Motion
passed with all board members
voting yes except the treasurer
who abstained.

Old Business-Tammy R
brought up making a calendar
for the state & passed around
a sheet of info for each dist
& how to help cover the cost.
It was decided that each dist
would receive the month that
corresponds with their Dist
number & the person used for
picture needs to be a member.
A motion was made by Jack
(2nd by Nova) to approve the
calendar fundraiser for the
state. Motion passed with all
board members voting yes
except dist 13 who voted no.

New Business- None at this
time

MRF- Bill C gave report.
Please see report in newsletter

Motorcycle Awareness
Report gave by Paul S. KDOT
safety seminar will be held in
Wichita March 17th 2017 &
will be \$25 to attend.

Public Relations- Nothing at
this time

MidSouth Mile- Sis thanked
everyone that went. Kansas
received that award for most
attendees with 58 Kansas
members attending. Discussion

was had about Louisiana
joining the Mile. A motion was
made by Jon P (2nd by Tony R)
to allow Louisiana to host the
2019 MidSouth Mile. Motion
passed with all board members
voting yes. The Kansas basket
was a great success! Thank
you to everyone that helped
& donated this year. Ron V
said pictures of the basket that
Kansas won should be placed
in the newsletter for auction &
to hold the auction at the Feb
meeting.

Corporate Secretary Report-
Nothing at this time.

Website/Newsletter Report-
Tammy went over the report
in the packet & the fb survey
results. Thank you Tammy

Products-Bill stated that they
are over there buy them.

Other- Byron stated that
we have a chance to have
Goddesses of Rock for the
Rally if we pay the deposit now.
A motion was made by Tony
RR (2nd by Steve) to pay the
deposit for Goddesses of Rock

for the 2017 Rally. Motion
passed with all board members
voting yes.

Ringo said it has been a
honor to represent everyone as
president. Byron thanked Ringo
for everything that he has done.

Election results: President-
Paul S, Srg of Arms- Ron V,
Recording Secretary- Amber S

Upcoming events
MRF drawing- after
numerous winners who already
have a membership & gave it
back Amber S won

Drawing-Byron H
Meeting Adjourned at 5:06pm





Abate of Kansas State Meeting

District 5 End of the Year Party

December 10th, 2016 @ NOON

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

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

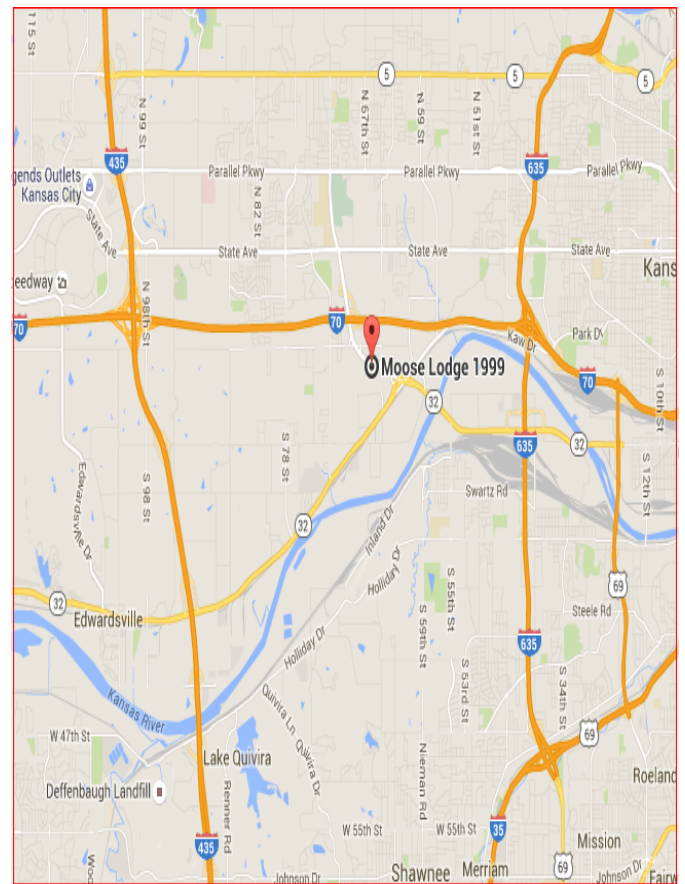
Band: Anthem

Silent Auction

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



Abate District 5 End of the year Party!

**Dec 10th Saturday!
Anthem ROCKS
Time: 7 pm to 2 am**

**KCK Moose Lodge #1999
6621 Turner Dr.
Kansas City, KS 66111**





Silent Auction

At the Mid South MILE, Kansas won the state of Louisiana basket. We are holding a silent auction at the February state BOD meeting in Newton. Individuals and districts can participate. Note the fire pit is large in size and will need a truck to haul.

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| Large fire pit with lid | 2 Look Twice, Save a life signs |
| Long handled utensils for cooking | Long handled tongs |
| Louisiana ABATE flag | 4 wooden spoons in netting |
| Package of 2 lighters | Fish basket (for grilling fish) |
| Black Vest (POW patch) | Lodge cast iron skillet |
| Long handled hot dog forks | Skewers (set of 6) |
| 2 camp chairs w/ bags | 5 boxes, Tony Chacheres, Mixes |
| Flame light | Hamburger patty press |
| Oil painting (landscape) | 2 containers of seasonings |
| Small tent | Chicken roaster (metal) |
| Small cooler | 2 metal travel mugs |
| 2 sleeping bags | Repellent spray |
| Lg Thermos jug | Burger baskets (4) |
| Painted skull | Lg mustard & ketchup containers |
| Camp stove, 2 burner, Ozark Trail | |
| Table (about 48" long, folds) | Box plastic eating utensils |
| Storage basket | Package of napkins |
| Hammock | Styrofoam dinner plates |
| Lantern, Ozark Trail | Styrofoam dessert plates |
| Brush for cleaning grill | Sleeve of plastic solo cups |
| | Dave Mann memorial patch |
| | Basket of artificial flowers (fall colors) |
| | 2 plastic skillets w/ play food in them |
| | Brush for spreading sauces |





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MOTORCYCLES**





Jacque Sue Spirit of Freedom Awards



2015

Corbee (Whitey) Kitzman



2016

Tammy Railsback



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Motorcycle Summit
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DECEMBER STATE MEETING

Saturday, December 10th, 2016

Moose Lodge

6621 Turner Drive

Kansas City Kansas 66111

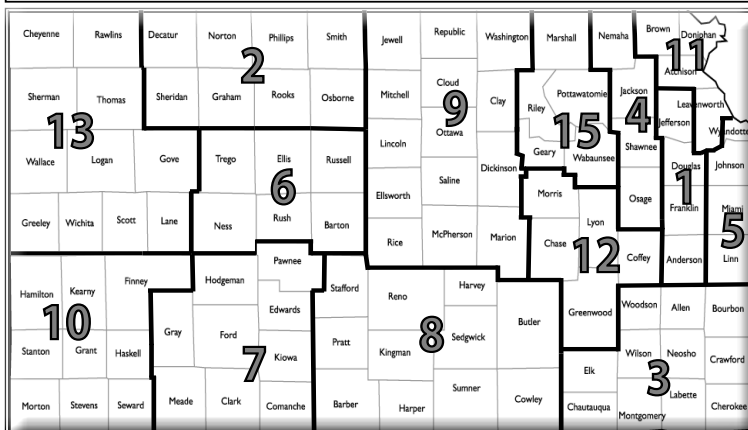
MEETING STARTS AT 12 Noon

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

UPCOMING STATE MEETINGS:

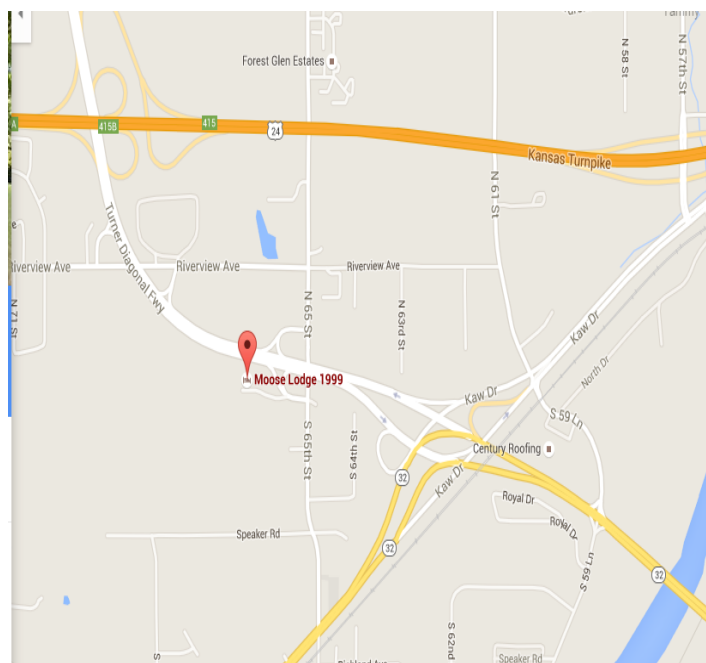
Jan 14 (Dist 2) Poochies
Feb 11 (Dist 8) American Legion
Mar 11 (Dist 7) Cowtown Palace

ABATE of Kansas District Map



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

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



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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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	
Return Application to your nearest District or Mail to: ABATE of Kansas, Inc., P.O. Box 102, Perry, KS 66073	
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DISTRICT NEWS

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Anderson, Douglas, Franklin and Jefferson

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District Rep. Nova Horton 785 393 6994



Meeting minutes not turned in by deadline

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

District Rep. Rick Gitchel 785-533-1205



The November Dist. 2 meeting was called to order by Rick with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Donna read the October secretary's report, and it was accepted with no corrections. Bear gave the treasurers report, and it was accepted with no questions.

Rick gave a report on the Mid-South Mile. He brought back a lot of good information. Kansas received the award for the most attendees. Rick gave the report on the State meeting, to save space and reduce possible errors read the State meeting report in this newsletter.

Old business--Casino Night will be January 14th 7:00 pm, at Pooches in Smith Center. Jeff

is working on the flyers. Gary is working on something for the cash auction. Everyone needs to be looking for prizes for the funny money auction.

New business--Bear resigned as treasurer, for personal reasons. Thank you Bear for all of your years of dedicated service. Terry Gitchel was appointed to finish out the rest of Bears term. Thanks for stepping up Terry.

The December Dist. 2 meeting will be the 11th at 4:00 pm at Terry and Donna Gitchel's, 651 F Street, Phillipsburg.

Animal moved to adjourn, seconded by Sharolyn, all in favor. Thanks to the Pizza Hut in Norton for hosting us.

about the abate state and district elections and about the state reviewing applications for the lobbyist position. He urged all to vote. Coop talked about the importance of the Meeting of the Minds put on by the MRF and the Mid-South Mile put on by the local states. Louisiana has joined and the meeting will be there within the next few years. The state of Kansas will donate to the MRF as they have done in the past and Coop urged the district to think about giving also. The State is working out the bugs in its budget and hope to have it all worked out by next month. Coop and Bev reminded all in our district that we need to budget responsibly and thoughtfully so that the funds will be there in the future if times get hard. Coop plans to go to the Bikers on the Beltway in Washington D.C. next May 22 and 23rd. The Meeting of the Minds will be in Williamsburg Virginia next year and he will plan to attend that also. He was pleased to announce with his MRF report that the Motorcycle Advisory Panel in Washington will have motorcyclists on it! There was review of the 2017 MRF agenda and one of the issues was of motorcyclists being more visible. Tim V. suggested upgrading to brighter headlights. We talked about the benefit of driving lights and pulsating break lights. A question was asked about where Missouri stands of the helmet issue and Coop said it failed on the governors' desk. There was much discussion about autocycle classification, mopeds and even about how Missouri had in their Bill about motorcycles that the driver would have to sign up to be an organ donor. We discussed then maybe we should be able

to say "family first" on the donations. Tina V. mentioned how informative the meeting was and how she learned some new things.

Bev gave the treasurer report. All approved. Again she stressed how we need to be wise in our choices on what we budget and how.

Ellie gave the Elm Creek Lake report and the products report. We have hats available and will have toy run shirts for our 35th annual toy run the sat after Thanksgiving. Pre-orders were taken. We will get together with Sherry B. and have more memory patches made for Bob. We also had a request to order more koozies.

Coop said he would keep the meeting places the same for next year but was open to any suggestions. No one had any at the meeting but you can call him at 620-764-3734 is you have any concerns.

The door prize went to Curtis and he gave back to add to the December drawing. Thanks Curtis!

See you Sunday December 4th in Fredonia.

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**Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee,
Crawford Elk, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho,
Wilson and Woodson**

district3.abateks.org

District Rep. Bill Cooper 620-764-3734



Our District 3 meeting was held at the American Legion in Caney on November 6 at 1:00. Coop started us off with the Pledge of Allegiance and

a moment of silence for our brothers and sisters lost.

Coop gave the state report. It was a recap of our rally at Perry Lake. He also talked

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Jackson, Nemaha, Osage and Shawneeabateksd4.com

District Rep. Jack Frost 785-383-4836



Meeting Date November 13, 2016 Time 1:00 PM

Secretary's Report: Sandy moved to waive, Traci seconded. After discussion that the minutes cannot be approved until read, Steve provided an overview of the minutes. Jeanie moved to accept the minutes as read, Traci seconded, approved.

Treasurer's Report Pumpkin sells at Sheri and Ringos went well, Luke donated his 50% back to the district. Will send thank you card to him. Jack reviewed the bank statement for October and Steve shared the September report that Lori had provided. RC moved to approve, Kyle, seconded, approved as reported.

Still need a treasurer. We had much discussion about this. Jeanie stated that she would be willing to assume this position, with the caveat that we would need to also appoint an assistant treasurer to assist. After discussion Jack appointed Jeanie as the District Treasurer. The discussion continued to include the need to revise the District 4 policies and procedures. Sheri cited the ABATE By-Laws which allows alternates and/or assistants to positions. Kyle moved that we meet to revise the policies to specify having an assistant treasurer, as allowed by the State By-Laws. Dee seconded, approved by the District members by a vote of 18-0.

State Report: Paul Swoyer was elected by the membership as our new President

Amber Shutts was re-elected by the membership as our Secretary

Ron Vawter was elected by

the membership as our Sgt at Arms

Steve Christenberry was selected as the new ABATE Lobbyist from the 3 candidates

Ringo presented several awards at the meeting. Whitey and Tammy Railsback were awarded the Jacque Sue award. Sis and Tony Rawls-Riley and Chad Smith and Richard Malott were also presented awards for their contributions to ABATE of Kansas.

MRF: ABATE has pledged to contribute \$1 per member to the MRF. Richard proposed a \$\$\$ contribution from each district for that donation as well as \$\$\$ from each district for a sustaining membership. Roger Ackeret moved to provide the funding to the state for the ABATE membership and sustaining membership. Ringo seconded, motion carried. Check needs to go to Richard and he will send one check to the MRF in behalf of the districts and the state.

Calendar fundraiser: Tammy presented the possibility of creating a 14 month calendar with each district having a month with a photo on each page. Districts would need to get 4 advertisers and sell 21 calendars (300 total). Sheri suggested that we have a contest where people send in photos and we vote on the one for the 2018 calendar. Steve pledged that SMART would do one of the advertisers.

SMART Report: Our last course of the year was the last weekend of October.

We have applied to MSF for approval of a new site at Shawnee Heights Middle

School. Once approved we will move forward with contracting with the district and assisting them getting approved by the Department of Education.

MRF Report: As always, read Bill Cooper's excellent report in the newsletter. House Resolution 831, federal anti-profiling bill Crash data released by NHTSA in 2016 looking at 2014 shows an overall increase in crashes and fatalities across all types of vehicles and all population groups (e.g., age). Both the MRF and the AMA are concerned about crash avoidance technology and how it may impact motorcyclists. The AMA workshop at the M.I.L.E. focused primarily on this. Standards proposed by the CDC do not even include motorcycles, while including bicycles, pedestrians, cars, and trucks. The MRF is also paying close attention to the upcoming presidential transition, as no one knows yet what will be deemed priorities. On a high note, Governor Pence, the vice-presidential candidate, is a motorcyclist.

Products Report: Toys for Tots shirts have been ordered. Still need a district products person.

Old Business: Toys for Tots: November 27. Need sponsors, giveaways, etc. Josh volunteered to drive his truck with the ABATE banner on it.

Salute our Veteran's Bike Show. We only had 8 bikes and

a novelty buggy.

Ringo was the winner of the People's Choice trophy.

New Business: Button making party, Don & Whitey's on November 19th at 3 PM

Toys For Tots, Post 1 to Post 400.

2017 District Calendar of events. We went through the proposed calendar.

There are some dates that need to be confirmed, will need to consult with surrounding districts to make sure we either can do a joint event or try not to have competing dates.

Christmas Donations: Dee moved to continue supporting the VA and veterans,

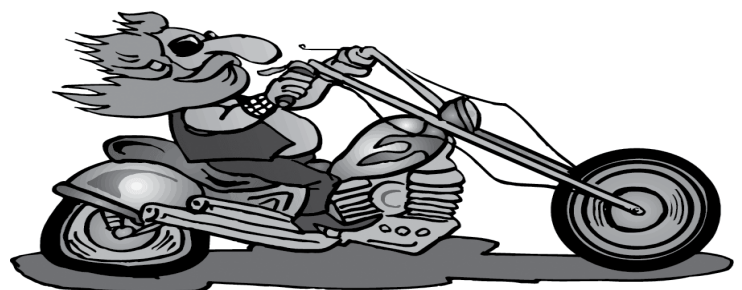
Todd seconded. RC noted that the Legion will be doing a donation on December 18th at 1 PM. Sheri noted that Jennifer Godfrey, with the Jackson County Christmas Bureau, which is within District 4 boundaries, may also be a contact for us to consider supporting.

Paul reviewed the statistics we received at our Kansas Motorcycle Safety Committee meeting (KTSRO). Fatality statistics are slightly lower this year than last year, but have been consistently in the mid 40s.

Jeanie won the drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Minutes recorded by Steve Christenberry





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District Rep. Tony Rawls-Riley 913-706-8449



November 5th, 2016 District 5 monthly meeting started at 12:00 at Jamz Bar and Grill.

We started with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tony read the state meeting report and legislative report.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved.

Old business: We discussed our end of year party. The State meeting will be December 10th at Moose Lodge, 6621 Turner Drive, Kansas City Kansas 66111, starting at noon.

The party will start at 7 p.m. after the State meeting, with the band Anthem rocking the house from 7 pm to 2 am. We will be serving pork tacos and started a list of food donations. Please contact Amber A. or Paula W. to find out any additional donations that may be needed in regards to food. We are asking for donation baskets again this year. Keep an eye out for the large basket District 5 is putting together to drawing. We are also looking for donations

from businesses and members. Kim P. and Jody G. have both volunteered to bring donations. If you have items you can donate please contact Tony R. or Debbie H.

New business: Congratulations to Tony R. for receiving the President's Award for 2016 for "Service Above and Beyond"!

2017 Labor Day Rally has new rules in regards to mileage and work hours. District 5 will have drive time counted as 1 hour and you will only receive time for the drive out, not both directions.

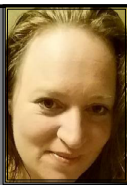
New work hours for early entry will be Saturday morning at 6 am and will end at 6 pm on Sunday evening each weekend.

The biggest need during the rally is for volunteers to help with the front gate. If you volunteer for any station during the rally, please make sure to show up at your scheduled time and be sober so others can also enjoy the weekend.

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Barton, Ellis, Ness, Rush, Russell, Trego

District Rep. Becca Hardman 785-259-9557



Meeting minutes not turned in by deadline

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

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District Rep. Doc Pritchett 620-339-5814



District 7 meeting was held to on Saturday October 15th at 7:00 p.m. At Clark County Lake. With 9 members and 2 guest.

Doc Pritchett opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for brothers and sisters lost.

Rep Report: Doc brought us up to date on state meeting. See state news letter.

Assistant Rep Report: Nothing to report.

Secretary Report: Motion was made by Mitch, seconded by Lynn to waive the reading of the minutes.

Treasure Report: Starla read financial report and was approved.

Member at Large Report: Nothing new to report.

Product Report: Lynn may have found a new vendor. She will have more details next meeting.

Old Business: Nothing to report

New Business: Discussed Charity Bowl flyers. Also we discussed the Labor Day rally and how disappointed we are at other districts for taking over our camping spot. That has been district 7 spot since day one of Paradise Point.

No drawings were held.

November meeting we be held Friday November 18th at 7:30 p.m. At Doc's house 2700 Hennessy Dodge city.

Meeting adjourned.





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**Barber,Butler,Cowley,Harper,Harvey
Kingman,Pratt,Reno,Sedgwick,
Stafford,Sumner**

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Distret Rep. Tony Railsback 620-204-8018



Brian Van Dyke opened ABATE District 8 meeting, November 13, 2016 at 1:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

In attendance was Assistant district rep, Treasurer, Sedgwick County rep, Harvey County, Cowley County rep, Butler County rep, 18 members and 1 guest.

Secretaries report: Didn't have quorum to approve.

Treasures report: Didn't have quorum to approve.

Website report: We are using FaceBook, going well. Flyers, stories welcome. Check in on FB to see up coming events.

State report: See this newsletter.

Lobbyists report: See this newsletter

MRF and MILE report: See this newsletter

Old business: Thank everyone that helped with Wichita Toy Run parking.

Gun tickets available until February meeting.

Ryker Boston will be discussed Dec meeting.

Votes for new officers will be accepted and counted Dec 11 meeting. Dist Rep, BML, and Treasurer.

Pre Sturgis rally being discussed. Sam checking on venue. Band Camp is interested in having it there. They also expressed an interest in the bring back River City Blow Out.

Now is the time for ideas for February meeting hosted by Dist 8. Fund raiser? Food served at meeting for lunch.

New business: Events in December, next meeting Dec 11, dinner will be served.

ABATE will provide ham.

Events January, Dist 8 chili cook off.

Events in February, Alefs Chili cook off, State meeting in Newton, Sunflower Swap meet

Reno County: Toy Run Nov 20th. Calendars for sell.

Brenda F won the door prize. Woot woot!

Next meeting December 11, 3016 at 1:30.

Ham will be provided. Bring a side dish.

Meeting adjourned.

Regards,

Brenda

BALLOT DISTRICT 8

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MEMBERSHIP # _____

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:

Tony Railsback _____

Milton Collins _____

Brian VanDyke _____

WRITE-IN: _____

BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE:

Tammy Ward-Railsback _____

Sis Bohrer _____

Justin Bass _____

WRITE-IN: _____

TREASURER:

Tracie Collins _____

WRITE-IN: _____

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**Clay,Cloud,Dickinson,Ellsworth,Jewell
Marion,McPherson,Mitchell,Ottawa
Republic,Rice,Saline,Washington**
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District Rep. .Russ Walline 620-245-5207

The district 9 meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. on Nov. 13th 2016 with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence given.

The secretary's and treasurer's report were given and approved.

State News: See state news in the newsletter. Discussion held on Mid South Mile.

Awareness report: None

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

Website report: All updated.

Old business: Held discussion on Calendar Fund Raiser.

New Business: Election held with results as follows:

Dist Rep: Russ W

Treasurer: Brenda D

Secretary: Dave Z

Member at Large: Kyle K

Upcoming events:

McPherson County Toy Run
Nov 26th at McPherson Wal-Mart

Next Meeting-Dec 11th 501 E Pacific in Salina

Drawings won by Ron D, Deb C, Jon P and Keith J.

Thanks to Renee for hosting the meeting

hesitate to call district rep. Troy Love at 6202143507. We would love to have you guys there.

Until next time STAY WARM!!

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Atchison,Brown,Doniphan,Leavenworth

district11.abateks.org

District Rep. Jodi Stutzman 785-364-7265



Meeting called to order at 12:25pm Nov. 13 2016 at Wathena VFW. Followed by Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen, and those still serving. Also mentioned to keep Maxton and Jeff V. in our thoughts, as they recover.

Robin S. read secretary report: Stan motioned to approve, seconded by Robin R.

Ruth gave treasurer report: Robin S. motioned to approve, Matt seconded.

Products: Doyle told us Lea would like to do products again. Robin S. motioned for Lea to do Product, Chops seconded.

Jodi let everyone know we have need for more finger shirts, and showed us a design for shirts, bragging & dragging. Jodi has Dave Mann and Mac patches. Time to get started on artwork for field events.

Kevin has updated 2016 sponsors on website.

State/Rep report: Jodi gave State election results. Mid-South M.I.L.E. went well. State calendar discussed.

How the sponsorship works, month given is November. We would like your ideas, photos. Robin S. donated to calendar in memory of Tim Sparks.

The calendar will be for 2018. Deadline of March to have ours submitted to State. Doyle appointed to get sponsors for the calendar. MRF discussed, Doyle motioned to retain MRF membership, Chops seconded. Motion passed. Thank you to all who came to Century Party. A

big thanks to those that brought items for silent auction and to the Hung like Monkeys for rifle drawing. Funds will be presented to Maxton soon.

Congratulations to all who received special recognition for all their hard work, presented by Ringo. A big thank you to Ringo for your dedication and years spent on state board and all you have done for ABATE!

Asst. Rep: Nothing to report.

Atchison Co. Rep: Chops stated we had 15 bikes at Halloween parade. Ran out of candy. 7th in line up was good. Century party had excellent food, silent auction went well. Chops asked about having Century party earlier because of cold weather.

Doniphan Co. Rep: Robin stated nothing new at this time. Robin presented plaque to Jodi for being a top ten team.

Doyle stated that Robin keep plaque. All agreed. Jodi congratulated Robin for all his hard work. Second year we have come in top ten, moving up a spot to 9th in the March of Dimes Bikers for Babies. Robin attended the banquet and D11 was mentioned.

Web page – Bing web search, has D11 ABATE of KS listed.

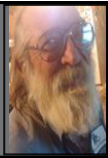
Robin has patches for members of team. He also has memorial patches for Tim Sparks.

Leavenworth Co. Rep: Veterans parade went well, over 100 bikes of many org. Upcoming events Leavenworth toy run

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

District Rep. Troy Love 620-214-3507



ABATE of Kansas District 10 meeting called to order November 6th at 2:20 pm at Marks house with our Mascot Charlie, 6 members, and 2 guest.

Opened with pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Minutes for October meeting read by sec. Stormy -motion to approve made and approved

Treasure report reviewed and read by Mark-motion to approve made and approved

Old Business: Memorial Bench will be talking to Liberal guy this following week to have made and placed.

Highway clean up did not go over so well so going to try again for April 2nd, 2017. So if you are able to come

please come join us and enjoy a afternoon of cleaning up the highway a little bit.

Plans for Pershing manor Christmas we will be delivering on December 11th so if you don't got anything going on come on down and meet up with us to enjoy a couple of AWESOME smiles.

July Bash weekend will be the 2nd weekend in July.

Ballots for elections were passed out for voting today as well.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Next meeting will be held at Arts house on December 4th starting at 2 p.m. on Neil Street which is just on the south side of Mary. If you have any questions when or where meetings are please don't





Nov 4th. Meet up at 7th and Cherokee at 11 am. Meeting will follow at Tom's Country stampede, food will be provided.

Thank you Freedom Riders CMA chapter #829 for offering to provide sandwiches. Jodi is bringing soup. VA chili/ bingo will be Dec 18th. Those bringing food, be at the domiciliary by 9:30 am. Items for bingo still needed, gift cards are always good. Desserts/ cookies also needed.

Brown Co. Rep. Nothing to report.

Old Business: Doyle reported on radios, he presented several to consider. We will do more research before making decision.

New Business: Peterman asked if the Jessie James chapter of Mo could use fencing again this year for their event to

be held Father's day weekend in Fillmore, MO. It was agreed to loan to them. Peterman invited everyone to his birthday bash Dec 3rd at The Shamrock, Southern Reign will be rocking it!

Break in meeting before continuing on to planning meeting.

Meeting resumed, dates, times, events scheduled for year. Concerns over state meeting scheduled on Veterans Day.

Jodi will bring concerns to next state meeting.

Next meeting, December 4th at Tom's Country Stampede following toy run.

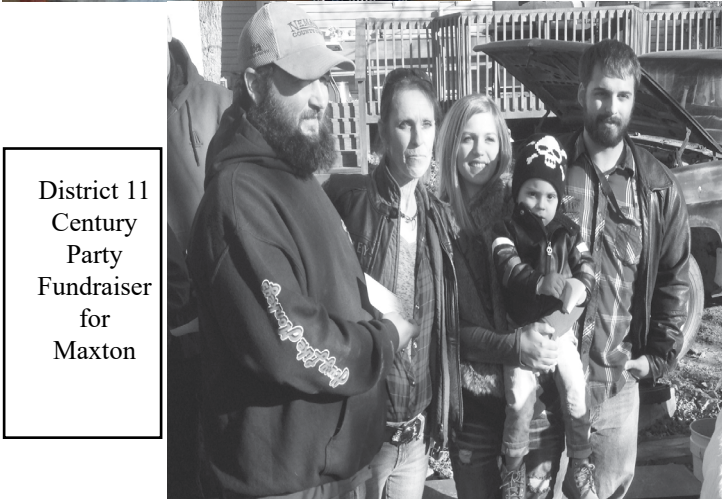
Motion to adjourn by all.

Meeting adjourned, 3:26pm.

Reminder: District ballots and election next meeting



Bikers
for
Babies
District 11
Top 10 Team!



District 11
Century
Party
Fundraiser
for
Maxton

BALLOT DISTRICT 11

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MEMBERSHIP # _____

TREASURER:

Doug McGuffin _____

WRITE-IN: _____

SECRETARY:

Robin Garza _____

WRITE-IN: _____

DONIPHAN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE:

Robin Ruhnke _____

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Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris

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District Rep. Lori Siebenaler 620-757-1664



The meeting was called to order by Lori. The pledge of allegiance followed with a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Deb F. gave the treasurer's report. There was a motion made to wave the reading of October minutes. Jerry read state meeting report; all reports were approved as read.

The Mid-South Mile was held last month in Missouri and we'd like to give a big THANK YOU to our members who attended Michael, Shauntae, Daizy, Ashley, Mike L., Ed, and Tish! Lori received a phone call about how very helpful you were and she is very proud how everyone represented our district!!

We now have a storage shed for our District 12 items that was voted on and approved last month.

Old business was discussion about our up coming Toy Run for Shiloh Home of Hope & SOS on December 3rd @ the VFW on Graphic Arts.

Next was discussion about our Annual Bike Show in

April; Lori would like to go back to having committees for various needs, such as food, trophy's, set-up, ect. Please come to December's meeting if you are interested in being a volunteer. Letters for vendors and sponsorships were mailed out falling the meeting.

New business was discussion about our New Year's Eve get together. Suggestions are having it at the VFW on Graphic Arts. Please come to the December meeting to get the details.

Tom Higgins, a long time member, was injured recently in a fall and a motion was made to renew his membership that is currently expiring, the motion carried.

Rob R. won the door prize.

Our next meeting will be held on December 11th, 2016 at the VFW on Graphic Arts @ 2:00 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

more information from the state level. A motion was made to accept the report. Motion was seconded and carried.

Old business: Merchandise was discussed. Working the kinks out.

Chilli cook off results: ABATE District 13 took home the people's choice award. Thanks to Susy for being there to help me out and support our district.

A quick reminder from Neil, that if you are contacted by insurance company wanting to talk to you about your insurance through ABATE, get a name and call back number and contact Neil ASAP!

A discussion on the canned goods and donations was held. All donations will be divided amongst the counties for distribution. Buffalo Run discussion was opened with Jim from Cap't Jacks in Oakley sharing his proposal for having the 2017 Buffalo Run at his establishment.

Jim kindly took questions and gave answers.

Some of the board members will visit with the council in Russell Springs, pertaining to the 2017 Buffalo Run.

There was a motion made pertaining to the Buffalo Run discussion, but the motion failed due to lack of a second.

Motion to table discussions on the 2017 Buffalo Run until

all venues had been spoke with was made by Curtis. Motion was seconded by P.D. Motion carried.

A motion was made to accept the old business. Motion seconded by P.D.

Old business was closed

New business was opened.

Steve shared with us his thoughts on the motorcycle museum in St. Francis, and told us they were selling personalized walkway bricks to raise money for the museum. A motion was made to purchase a brick with A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas District 13 on it. Motion was seconded and carried.

The next three meeting places were discussed and set as follows..

December- Scott City

January- B-Hive in Oakley.

(This meeting will be held the same day and place as T.S.C.C.M)

February-Leoti. (Location to be announced)

A motion was made to hold meetings in stated towns. The motion was seconded and carried.

Upcoming events : Tri-State C.C.M. will have their Winter Bash February 18th in Oakley!!

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried.

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**Cheyenne, Greely, Lane, Logan, Rawlins
Scott, Sherman, Thomas, Wallace, Wichita**

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ksabate13@wbsnet.org

District Rep. Neil O'Connell 620-214-0485



November 13, 2016 the monthly meeting of ABATE, District 13 was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was given, followed by a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll call was taken of board members. Two board members

were absent.

Secretary report was given.

Report was accepted as read.

Treasurers report was given.

A motion to accept the report as given was made. Motion was seconded and carried.

Steve gave the state meeting report. Neil followed up with





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**Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Riley
Wabaunsee**

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District Rep. Randy Bassler 785-826-6372



On November 13 District Rep Randy Bassler called the meeting to order at Cock-n-Bull in Manhattan. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by a moment of silence for our brothers and sisters lost.

Secretary's report was read by Mark K. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Sarah G. seconded by Ken W. motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Cathy H. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Sarah G. seconded by Rita P. motion passed.

State Report: Randy B. gave the state report. Please refer to the state report in the newsletter for additional information.

Guest Speaker: Lobbyist Brian Thompson gave members an update on issues and wanted to thank everyone for their help throughout the year.

Old Business: Randy B. asked for volunteers to count district election ballots. Rita P. and Bill P. volunteered.

Teresa V. updated us on the food drive. She stated that we still have some collection boxes needing picked up. We collected a large amount of food at the meeting. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Mark K. gave an update on the Veteran's Christmas gift bags; need to bring donations to the December meeting.

New Business: Bill P. gave the election results,

George T. won Assistant District Rep with 17 votes.

Sarah G. won District Secretary with 10 write-in votes, Mark K. got 2 write-in votes, and Cathy H. got 1 write-

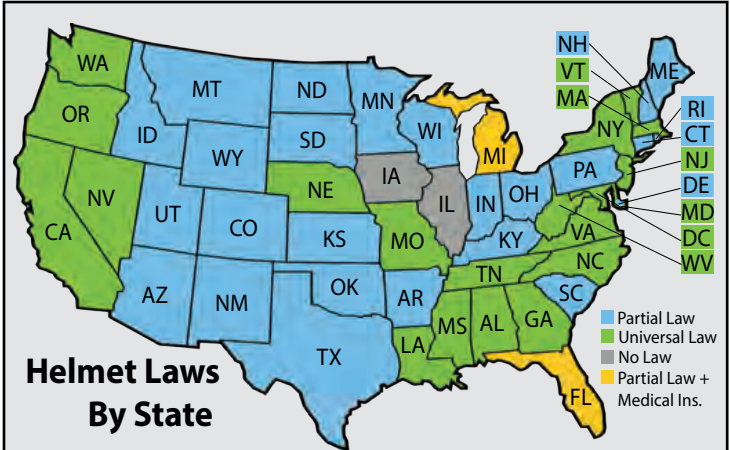
in vote.

Cathy H. made a motion to have the Biker Ball again in 2017, Sarah G. seconded motion. Motion passed.

Comments: Next meeting is December 11, at RC McGraw's Bar and Grill, 2317 Tuttle Creek Blvd, Manhattan, starting at 12 p.m.

Drawing was won by Randy B.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill P. seconded by Mark K. motion passed.



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On November 3rd 2016, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) nominated Ric Mellon to serve on the recently formed Advisory Committee on Self Driving Vehicles.

In October, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced a new Federal Advisory Committee on Automation in Transportation. The primary purpose of the committee, known as ACAT, will be to assess DOT's current research, policy and regulatory abilities to advance the safe and effective use of autonomous vehicles. More specifically, the committee will gather information and present recommendations to the Secretary on automated transit vehicle technologies and other advanced technology deployment in the area of surface transportation.

Ric Mellon, an active member of the MRF and ABATE of Wisconsin has been nominated to serve the Advisory Committee given his expertise in the area of motorcycle safety and information technology. President Kirk Willard of the MRF in his letter of endorsement, "Ric has a record of reliability in being able to speak to the impact that Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and autonomous vehicles will have on almost 10 million registered motorcyclists on our nation's highways.

Mellon can provide critical information, advise and recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation the safety, societal, ethical and real life impacts this emerging class of vehicles may impose on motorcycles."

Federal Lawmaker Ried Ribble has drafted a letter of support along with Wisconsin State Senator Kathleen Vinehout touting Mr. Mellons depth of knowledge and leadership skills as Executive Director and Board member of ABATE of Wisconsin.

Nominations to the AKAT committee close this week and announcements of appointments should be determined by early 2017.

11-10-16 MRF analyzes Election Outcome and Plans for Road Ahead.

President Elect Trumps transition team will focus on vetting and identifying a new Cabinet. Positions such as Secretary of Transportation and Administration of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine the policies of the respective agencies which may or may not align with the priorities of the motorcycle community depending on the selections.

Congress will need to shuffle a number of Committee

Chairmanships due to term limits and other factors. For Bikers there are four key committees that have jurisdiction over issues effecting the right to ride; Two in the House and Two in the Senate. The MRF expects to see change especially in the Senate.

There are a number of issues specific to bikers that may also see Congressional and White House activity including but not limited to the authority of the EPA, the amount of ethanol in the nations fuel supply and toll roads as they relate to an infrastructure plan.

Vice President Elect Mike Pence who most recently served as governor of Indiana, is a motorcycle rider himself, participating in "Ride with the Governor" events for charity in Indiana. As for Trump, he made a special trip to Washington D.C.'s annual Rolling Thunder event which brings bikers from all across the Nation.

A lot has happened the last month with the Meeting of the Minds in Oklahoma City hosted by the MRF and the 25th annual Mid South Mile in Branson Missouri. We have gathered a lot of information critical to the Motorcycle World.

Be careful out there as we do our Toy Runs and Food Pantry Drives to help the needy as we near the holidays. Keep in your

hearts brothers and sisters lost and pray for the Troops in the Front Lines. Last but not least, Look Twice Save A Life the Life You Save Will Probably Be Your Own.

Bill Cooper
Kansas MRF Rep.





Lobbyist Report

NOVEMBER LOBBYIST REPORT SUBMITTED 11/15/16

By BRIAN R. THOMPSON

Fall has arrived time for me to put away my riding shorts and bring out my long pants. This has been one of my happiest summers. After last years near death accident it has been such a pleasure to get out among the members and attend many District Events for such good causes. I am proud to be a LIFE MEMBER as well as your lobbyist. I have been to 14 of the 14 districts.

October 15 I attended Debbie and Danny Harden's of district 5 annual Backyard Bonfire.

October 27th thru the 30th was I in Branson, Missouri for the 25th annual M.I.L.E. CONVENTION November 5th found me at District 11 Century Party.

Thanksgiving is coming. I am very thankful for all I have as well as all of you.

I WISH YOU ALL
A
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GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE

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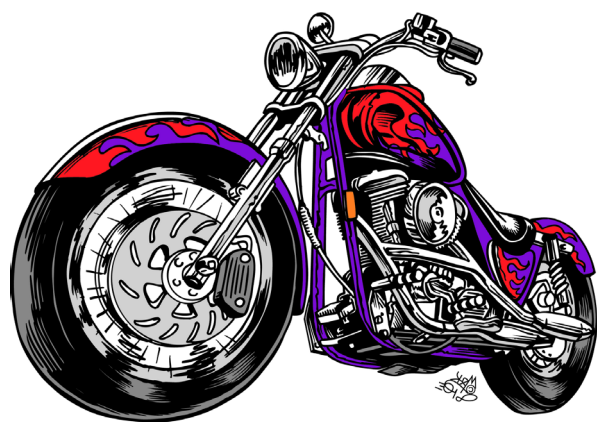
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RONDA KAY	PERRY	03
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DEBRA RUPERT-SJOLANDER		09
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In Memoriam



PITTSBURG, KS – Cindy Lou (Walker) Rushton, 47, of Pittsburg, died Thursday, November 10, 2016 at her home.

She was born December 19, 1968 in Sioux Falls, SD the daughter of Daryl and Ida Mae Timm Walker. Cindy had been a resident of Pittsburg for 10 years, moving from Wichita.

She was the Municipal Court Administrator for the City of Pittsburg for six years, prior to that she was the advertising department manager for the Pittsburg Morning Sun and the Wichita Eagle Newspapers.

Membership was held in the Pittsburg American Legion Auxiliary, the VFW Auxiliary, National Rifle Association and ABATE of Kansas. She was also a Harley Davidson enthusiast, along with her fiancé Jason Denney. Cindy was always the caretaker of her circle of friends.

Survivors include her fiancé Jason Denney of the home in Pittsburg, one son Scotty Lutz of Lennox, SD, one daughter Suzanne Ferguson of Council Bluffs, Iowa, several brothers including Chris Walker, Kent Gutzmer, Tim Morrissey and Gary Walker, several sisters including Joni Langley, Sheri Gutzmer, and Kathy Thompson, three grandchildren Zane Ferguson, Kaidense Lutz and Blake Lutz, her four loving dogs German Shepherd Ida Mae, Aussie Shepherd Dyna, Beagle Rider and Tibetan Spaniel Joni.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters Barbara Eitrem and Belinda Gutzmer.

Celebration of Life services will be 2 pm, Thursday, at the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, 522 S. Broadway in Pittsburg, KS with the Rev. Adah Hutchcraft, officiating. The family will host a gathering immediately following services at Faces Saloon in Pittsburg and all friends are invited to attend and celebrate Cindy's life. A memorial has been established to the SEK Humane Society or the Sioux Falls, SD Humane Society in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be left at our web site www.bathnaylor.com.



Cindy was not only active in ABATE of Kansas District 3, but back in her South Dakota days she served as Membership Officer of her local ABATE district there.





Motorcycle-Deer Crash Stats (1991–2012)

1991–2012 Total Motorcyclists Deer Crash Deaths

57



6%

of total rider deaths
during those years

2013 Total

Motorcyclists Deer Crash Deaths

7



13%

of total rider deaths
to-date in 2013

Fatalities resulting from a collision with a deer are an emerging trend within the last decade. During 2002–2012, 48 motorcyclists have been killed in a crash with a deer, nearly five times more than the 10 deaths between 1991–2001. 2013 is on pace to be the deadliest year with rider deer crashes.

DNR Deer Stats



Deer population
900,000–1,000,000

Deer harvested by
hunters each year
150,000–200,000

Habitat and range

White-tailed deer live in prairies, forests, swamps, wood lots and agricultural fields. They are common in both suburban and rural areas. Deer become a traffic hazard when crossing highways.

Reproduction

White-tailed deer mate from November to early December. Their young (often two fawns, weighing eight pounds each) are born seven months later. During the mating season, male deer (bucks) travel widely in search of females (does). It is at this time they become a real hazard on roadways.

Safety Tips:

Deer are unpredictable, it is important for riders to be alert and focused on riding. Also wear full protective gear, including a DOT-approved helmet.



When encountering an animal slow down and use both brakes to stop. If a larger animal, like a deer, jumps out in front of you, use emergency braking (applying both front and rear brakes) to stop as quickly as possible. If you are unable to stop in time and/or contact is imminent after maximum braking, and you have room in the lane, release the brakes and attempt to swerve slowly behind the animal.

Rider training is an affordable, potentially life-saving option. Training is important for beginning, as well as experienced riders, to sharpen skills and improve crash-avoidance techniques.

To receive more riding tips and training information go to motorcyclesafety.org





5 Tips for Safely Riding Your Motorcycle at Night

When I first learned to ride in the mid 1980s, the process of getting licensed required that I first get a “temporary license.” I wasn’t allowed to ride after dark and couldn’t carry a passenger.

Nighttime riding was restricted—and still is some states—because it requires extra awareness and vigilance.

Reduced visibility for both the motorcycle rider and other drivers make skilled and experienced riding that much more important. Being prepared with proper equipment helps as well.

Here are five areas of expertise that both new and seasoned riders should master for riding safely at night.

1. Visibility

Visibility is obviously reduced at night for all roadway users, but be aware that as a cycle rider your presence is much smaller and you are much harder to see. Increasing the visibility of your motorcycle and yourself can be done in several ways:

Wear bright colored or better yet, reflective clothing.

Add reflective striping to your motorcycle and your helmet.

Consider adding lighting to your motorcycle. If it does not already have three lights in the front (two spotlights and a headlight). Add super bright LED lighting to increase both your road presence and your ability to see upcoming road hazards. You can also replace your tail/brake light with an LED bulb for as little as \$10, which helps with rear visibility.

Drive slower than you do during the day to allow for the reduced visibility. This will give you more time to react to changing road conditions and road hazards.

2. Lane Position

Riding near the centerline gives you more room for evasive maneuvering of your motorcycle. It also increases the likelihood that other drivers will see you.

Always be aware of other drivers drifting into

your lane and be ready for countermeasures to avoid collisions.

3. Animals

Animals tend to roam more freely at night. Deer, raccoons, possums and skunks are just some of the animals you might encounter both live and as road kill.

Keeping an eye out for animal’s eyes and movement can help you to avoid unwanted encounters.

Where you see one animal crossing the road there is likely to be another so always slow down and be ready to take action.

When roadkill is present, avoid running over the animal. If you have no choice but to hit it, be sure to have your motorcycle in an upright position and coast over the bump. Do not brake or accelerate while driving over it.

4. Eye Protection

Be sure to have good night time glasses or goggles. A good pair of clear glasses will help you to be able to see well.

Glasses that are vented prevent fogging up and wrap around glasses keep your eyes from drying out and watering.

5. Apparel/Comfort

After dark the temperature drops and you will want to be prepared for the additional layers of clothing you will likely need to stay comfortable.

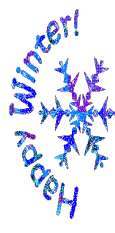
I carry gauntlet style gloves to keep the air from blowing up my sleeves, a neck warmer, and leather chaps to make myself comfortable.

by Vicki Sanfelipo
September 20, 2016





December 2016

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ADVANCE NEWS

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12/11 – Mtg

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Christmas Luncheon

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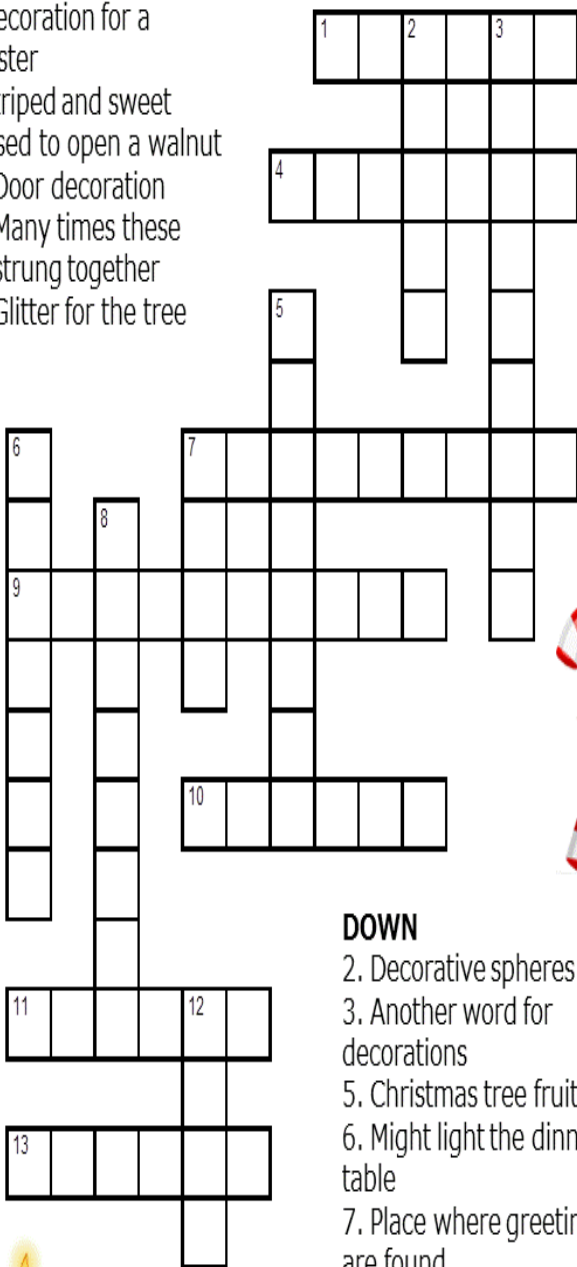




Christmas Decorating

ACROSS

1. Used to wrap a present
4. Decoration for a banister
7. Striped and sweet
9. Used to open a walnut
10. Door decoration
11. Many times these are strung together
13. Glitter for the tree



DOWN

2. Decorative spheres
3. Another word for decorations
5. Christmas tree fruit
6. Might light the dinner table
7. Place where greetings are found
8. Hung by the chimney
12. Might be cedar, fir or pine



JOKE OF THE MONTH

Happily Married Biker

Badass Biker Bob woke up at home with a huge hang over. He forces himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirins and a glass of water on the table.

He sits up and sees his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed. Bob looks around the room and sees that it is in perfect order, spotless, clean.

He takes the aspirin and notices a note on the table: "Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left earle to go shopping. Love you."

So he goes to the kitchen, and sure enough there is a hot breakfast and the morning newspaper. His son is also, at the table, eating.

happened last night?"

His son says, "Well, you came at home after 3:00 AM, drunk and dilirious, broke some furniture, puked in hallway, and gave yourself a black eye when you stumbled into the door."

Confused Badass Bob askes, "So, why is everything in order and clean, and breakfast on the table waiting for me?"

His sun replies, "Oh, that! Mum dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your pants off, you said, "Lady, leave me alone, I'm married!"

Bob asks, "Son, what

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