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State Meeting

Meeting called to order Saturday, January 21, 2016, at 12:09pm, at Pooche's Bar & Grill in Smith Center, Kansas. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and a Moment of Silence was observed for our fallen brothers and sisters. District Roll Call 5, 7, 10, and 12 were not represented.

Secretary Report: Request made for the minutes of the December 10, 2016 meeting to be read. Motion was made by Bill S to waive the reading of the minutes; motion seconded by Jodi. Robin Sparks setting in as Recording Secretary in the absence of Amber S. Motion passed by a show of hands.

Financial Report: Richard B. provided written financial reports for the BOD's review and gave a detailed report on the materials provided to BOD members. He informed the Board that all banking information has been loaded in Quickbooks. Jodi S. asked about the state audits and when they would be performed. She also requested clarification on the LDR account. Jodi S made a motion to do an audit. Sheri C. reminded everyone of audit costs. Will need to do some research on audit sources. This motion was tabled until the February 2017 meeting.

Richard provided LDR account details and balance as well as informing the BOD that there were a few more payments to be made from the LDR account. Jodi S. and Sheri C. asked questions about LDR fund transfers/expenditures. Richard provided an explanation and discussed the costs associated with the Labor Day Rally as well as our annual expenditures. Paul S. provided information and ideas. He also said he'd been in contact with the Corps of Engineers regarding the new 5-year contract progress. The Corps is "OK" with the lease draft; however, they are waiting on an appraisal. The new lease

contract payment will be In-Kind as in the past. We will provide the funding for a playground to be built at "Old Town" near the American Legion in Ozawkie. Paul S. stated that at the present time we do not know whether we will have to pay the entire amount up front or be able to pay it annually over the 5 years of the new contract. Sheri C. asked about the money spent last fall that relates to 1 year extension on lease. The response was that it was the payment due for the 1 year extension on our current contract which will end in April 2017. A meeting of the Finance Committee & the Executive Board will be held next week.

Tammy R. talked about the calendar that was discussed and stated that she hasn't had much response. She took a roll call of districts present for continuing with the project. She will contact the absent districts for their input. Tammy stated that 300 calendars would be made, if all 14 districts are involved the calendar would be a 14-month one, each district having a month and the responsibility of selling 20 calendars for a stated fee. More could be printed if needed. Tammy also asked about opening WuFoo for vendors use earlier than last year. Sheri & Tammy will meet & discuss later today.

Jon P. talked about the fundraiser District 2 did for ABATE last year and requested the districts to do the same as money raising projects. Richard B. suggested have other functions on our leased grounds.

Old Business: Tabled item from December: Membership Committee reactivation. Sheri C is the chairperson. She has been in contact with others to staff the 5-member committee. Sheri discussed some ideas – getting more members, retaining members, possibly having member discounts,

and, getting old members to return. The Committee will have its initial meeting after the State meeting closes. Paul S. informed the BOD that members will get an email notification prior to their membership expiring. Jodi S. suggested asking applicants how they heard about us by adding it the paper form and/or the on-line application. Carey G-W & Sheri C explained. There are incentives when an ABATE member signs up a person. When a member signs up 5 new people they have the option of getting a year's membership free or getting a free pass to the Labor Day Rally. A membership is good for one year (365 days) then it expires unless renewed. A new member is considered as a person who has never belonged to ABATE of Kansas, Inc., or one that has let his/her membership lapse for more than 1 year. When a person signs up 50 members they are given, after validation, a life membership.

During the December meeting it was decided to send out several bids to our supply & service vendors. That has been completed with the exception of 2 which needed additional information before sending to the source. Paul S. stated he spoke to the two service providers and has the required information to finalize the bid sheets and send the bids.

New business: Sheri C. informed the BOD that a copy of the Bylaws and Policies & Procedures are in their meeting packet. She explained that they have been corrected to include verbiage from the 2013 version and from there all approved policy changes were added to bring them to a current status with the exception of one section. The section in question, along with other proposed changes, will be distributed to the B.O.D. for review prior to the February meeting for discussion and approval. Bill S. made a motion to raise the LDR age limit to 21. Motion was rescinded.

The LDR artwork was discussed

and it was decided to get the information regarding the artwork for LDR 2017 in the February and March newsletter issues. The deadline is April 1, 2017. The entries received will be voted on at the April 2017 meeting. The winner will receive a monetary award, a LDR t-shirt and free entry to the 2017 LDR.

Bikers Under the Dome will be held February 7, 2017, 9am-3pm, at the Capital in Topeka. It was suggested that attendees contact their legislators to schedule a meeting with them and to wear your leathers. Our Lobbyist, Steve C., is going to try to have cards with speaking points for the attendees. Tammy will have a table set up to provide information & assistance. We will have brochures, newsletters, and membership applications at the event.

Paul S. reminded the attendees that we received notification from our current insurance provider that they would not be able to renew our coverage. A draft policy was provided to us from our broker. The building was inspected and the new policy goes in to effect in February 2017 when the current policy ends.

Bill S. brought up passes given to the Battle of the Bands members. Each band member is given 2 free passes to come in and play but does not get paid. He asked about the LDR workers getting free passes so we'd have more people to work security, main gate, etc. We need to figure out how many workers are needed for each area. Becca H. mentioned the multiple passes given out in the past. Larry, Dist 6, suggested workers admission be half price. Detailed discussion followed. Sheri C. stated the new draft of Bylaws and Policies & Procedures addresses passes. Tabled until the next meeting (February 2017).

Neil O'C asked about the nomination forms in his packet. Sheri C. explained what they were and why we needed them. Bill





S. asked whether we could do a self-nomination for an office. The response from Sheri C. was "yes." Jodi S. asked the BOD about their left-over forms from previous meetings and suggested that they be sent back to the State Office for re-use.

KDOT is putting on a Motorcycle Summit, Saturday, March 18, 2017, Wichita, KS. It will be about motorcycle safety. There is a fee to attend. ABATE of Kansas, Inc. will have a booth at the Summit. Help is needed.

Paul S. reminded the BOD that the insurance company who provides our Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance will be sending out letters in the near future. He reiterated that you do not have to have an agent come to your house, can tell them "no" and if they continue to contact you the State Office should be notified with the name & number of the agent. The State Office will notify the AIL for further action.

BREAK - Lunch: 1:27pm to 2:15pm Thanks to District 2 for the food. Thanks to Pooches for providing us a place to meet.

Jack F. was approached by Dave Larsen, a racer, with a request for ABATE to be a sponsor for him. He races all over the US. Jack provided the specifics of the sponsorship. The information will be taken to the respective districts for consideration.

Labor Day Rally - Committee: Co-chairmen for 2017: Paul S. and Mike "Ringo" Ringgold

LDR Site Coordinator: Paul Haviland, Maintenance Staff (LDR Site): Paul Haviland, Security: Ron Vawter, Stage Area/Security: Byron Harden, Entertainment: Bryon Harden, Vendors: Tammy & Tony Railsback, Event and State Products: Bill Cooper, Sheriff Dept/EMTs/Fire Dept: Paul S & Paul H

Beverage Gardens: District 1 – Nova Horton, Dist 4 – L. Jack Frost, Satellite – Amber Shutts
Bike Show/Games: Tony Rawls-

Riley, Showers/Sat. Ice: Lori Siebenaler, Front Gate – Randy Bassler, Set-up/Clean up: Paul Haviland, Other: Permits/Liquor License – Paul S., Pre-Registration – Sheri C

Paul Haviland is need of 2 more maintenance workers. If interested contact Paul H. Byron said the stage security needs people to help with moving equipment on & off the stage. Must be able to lift. Contact him if interested. Color Guard will be on hand Friday night only. There are 2 bands scheduled for Friday night; they will start later. Tammy & Tony are ready to send out contracts. There are 2 vendors from last year that will not be coming back due to issues with them. Paul S. informed the BOD that the shower bid was received and approved for 2017. The Bush Fire Services, Inc. is the provider for our shower unit; they were here in 2016. Front Gate prepared; check with them to see where help is needed. Paul S. is handling the permits and liquor license matters. Sheri C. said Pre-registration will happen. Can get it going any time. Motion made by Bill S. and 2nd by Jack F. to get pre-registration 'up-and-running' Passed by show of hands.

Richard B. discussed electricity use at the rally site with Paul H and others. Costs throughout the year are more than the cost of electricity used during our LDR. Richard suggested that we charge a fee for electric usage during the year. Amounts were set for RVs and for tents. The fees will be charged for events held on the LDR grounds, i.e., cabin fever, hibernation, etc. There will be no fees charged for those who come and work during our LDR work weekends before the rally.

Rick G made a motion to charge all non-workers who come out to camp and not work a set fee for the weekend. Roll Call vote: all present 'yes'; District 1 was not present. Motion passed

There is a winery that wants to come set up a tasting booth in a designated area. Paul S. will check how that would affect our liquor license; he will check on it. Providing vendor's ice at the rally was brought up in regard to giving it away or selling it. Winery and Ice issues tabled until the next meeting. District 4 would like more help with their beer garden on the vendor pad. Contact Jack Frost if interested. Byron brought up selling shots at the Satellite bar and splitting the funds with MRF and the MILE. Discussion followed. Tabled to next month.

Discussion regarding the support of MRF by donating a specified amount each year to MRF and the districts having sustaining memberships. District 6 is not on the current membership list for MRF and wanted to know how they can get on the list; what do they need to do. Explanations were provided. Sheri C. ask if each district could be responsible for their own sustaining membership submission by sending the funds directly to MRF each year. District 6 ask permission to send their funds directly to MRF. Paul S approved the request. Ron V. made a motion that each district pay their own MRF sustaining membership and that the funds currently held by the State Office be refunded to the districts. 2nd by Becca H. Roll Call Vote: 14 yes; 1 no. Passed

Byron talked about having a designated area for RVs and letting them pay fees and enter the LDR grounds on Thursday. There would be an additional fee for coming in early. RV early entry would be made possible by on-line registration only via the Pre-registration site with an additional link for early RV entry. Discussion ensued. Tabled until next month.

State Meeting adjourned for a Closed Session at 3:26pm. State Meeting reopened at 4:20pm.

Lobbyist Report: The new Lobbyist, Steve Christenberry, is

busy with the Bikers Under the Dome event scheduled for February 7th.

MRF Report: Bill C. stated there are 11 pages of information. Please read the MRF report in the upcoming newsletter.

Motorcycle Awareness Report: Motorcycle Summit, March 18, 2017, Wichita, KS. MC statistics will be available next month.

Public Relations: Sis absent due to surgery. Democrat Washington Days will be February 24 & 25, 2017 at the Ramada in Topeka. We will have a Hospitality Room set up on Friday for Democratic Day. The districts are asked to bring snacks/finger foods. Food can be brought in around 2-3pm.

Republican Days will be in Manhattan on February 10 & 11, 2017. Wear your leathers if you attend. Try to speak to the Aides. Contact Sis for more information.

Mid-South Mile Report: None
Newsletter Report: Articles, ads, etc., for the newsletter are due Tuesday, January 24th. Tammy said she will be sending out invoices in February. Tammy also reminded everyone that the silent auction (MILE basket) will be held at the February meeting in Newton. Bring \$\$\$. Bear mentioned that we are an MRO; we can put articles in the newsletters.

Website Report: New host site up-and-running. If you are having issues with email let Tammy know.

Products Report: Bill C. told everyone he had pins & rockers for sale as well as hoodies and shirts. Come buy them!

Upcoming District Events – information given by districts MRF Drawing: Won by Bill Cooper. He will give the membership to another person he knows.

Drawing: Won by Darin
Motion made by L. Jack Frost to adjourn the meeting; 2nd by Becca H. Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Sparks





DISTRICT 2

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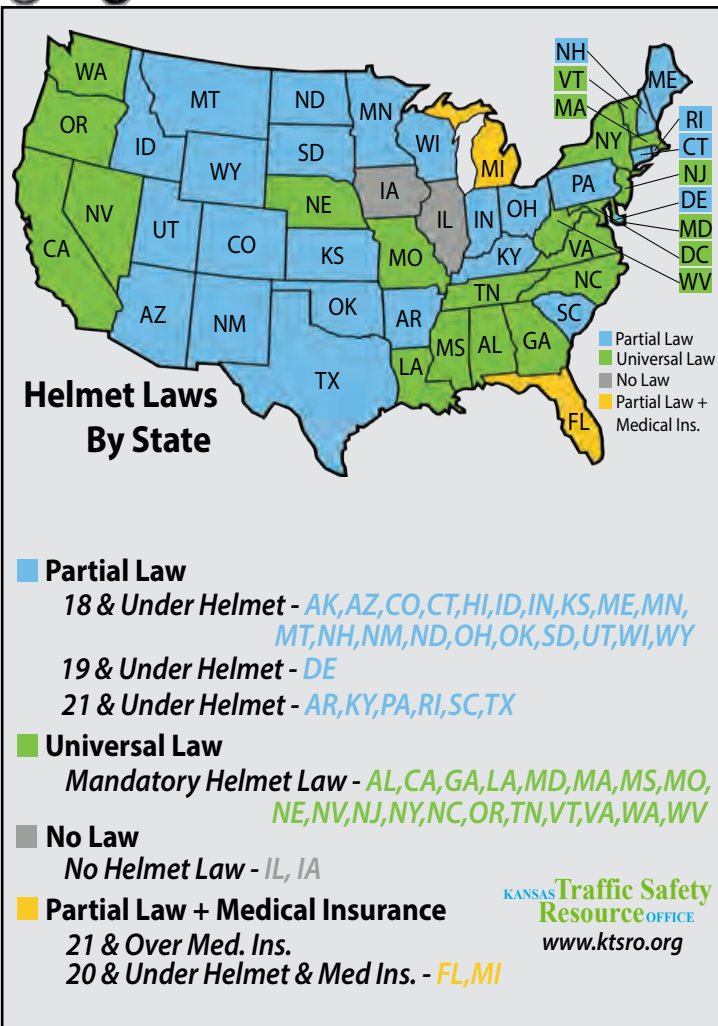
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Frequently Asked Questions

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	
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DISTRICT NEWS

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District Rep. Nova Horton 785 393 6994



ABATE District #1 meeting was held Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 1 PM, ABATE State Office, Perry, KS.

Chad G. opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Chad G. recognized our guest, Mark Fitzgerald from the Meriden VFW. He was in attendance to accept and express his gratitude to District #1 for their donation this year to the Meriden VFW.

State Report: District #1 beverage garden ranked #2 in the LDR survey.

State Elections were held. Results are available in your newsletter.

MRF - \$ of every districts membership dues goes to MRF.

2018 fund raising calendar – Each district needs to secure a sponsorship for this 14 month calendar that will feature a district for each month. District #1 will represent the month of January 2018. The calendar will be made using the State's copier for cost effectiveness.

Mid-South Mile – KS ABATE bought the Louisiana

ABATE District #1 meeting was held Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 1PM, Perry American Legion, Perry, KS.

Nova H. opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Paul Swoyer, ABATE

basket. KS was to host the 2018 MSM, but gave our slot to LA to get them in the rotation since this is their first year being a member State.

Treasurer Report: Roger F. gave the report. It was approved.

Secretary Report: Bill S. waived the reading of last month's minutes. Richard B. seconded, motion passed.

Website: There was nothing to report.

Old Business: The D.J. for 2017 LDR District #1 beverage garden has been secured.

There was discussion and suggestions on contacting businesses for LDR sponsorships.

Everyone was reminded about the District #4 Christmas party.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss.

The next Dist.#1 meeting will be held on January 8th, 2017 at the Perry American Legion in Perry, KS.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill S. and seconded by Richard B.

president was in attendance. Paul was there to encourage everyone to attend the Bikers Under The Dome on February 7th, 2017 at the Topeka Capital Building from 9AM to 3PM on the second floor, SW corner of the tundra. This is an opportunity to speak to your

legislators. He also requested help at the information tables. If you can help, please let Paul or Nova know. The help would be very much appreciated. There was also discussion of our Dist. #1 LDR beverage garden plans for 2017.

State Report: Nova H. reported that the State approved a Christmas bonus and raise for the state secretary at their last meeting. She also noted that sponsorships need to be secured for the ABATE fund raiser calendar.

Dist. Rep Report: Nova H. received a resignation letter from our Vice Rep, Chad G. to be effective immediately. Per our by-laws she appointed Bill S. Bill S. accepted and will carry out the duties of Vice Rep until that position is up for election.

Secretary Report: Pam W. read the minutes from the last meeting held on 11/13/16. The December 2016 meeting was cancelled. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Bill S. and seconded by Roger F., motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Roger F. gave the report. The report was approved. There was a motion made by Dora G. to use a portion of our petty cash to add more tent space to our Dist. #1 LDR beverage garden. Bill S. seconded. Motion passed.

Website: It was noted by Dora G. that there appears to be problems with the State email. Paul S. explained that this was due to the new server. This should be resolved now.

Old Business: There were only 2 members from Dist. #1 that attended Dist. #4 Christmas party. It was discussed that more membership attendance would be appreciated at other ABATE districts functions to show support across districts.

Incentives to get more members to attend Dist. #1 meetings and be involved in our activities have been discussed at prior meetings. Suggestions were made with some being tabled. A motion made by Dora G., seconded by Deno M., and approved is to offer new attendees in good standing free door prize ticket(s) for attending 3 monthly meetings in a row. The incentive would work like this:

1st monthly meeting attendance – 1 free ticket.

2nd consecutive monthly meeting attendance – 2 free tickets.

3rd consecutive monthly meeting attendance – 3 free tickets.

For members that want to be included in the door prize, tickets are available at the meetings and are \$ for 1 ticket or \$ for 6 tickets. There is normally 100% participation.

New Business: Cabin Fever will be held Memorial Day weekend, Friday through Monday, May 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th on the pad at the LDR site. Add this GREAT event to your calendars now! More information will be forthcoming on camping opportunity, live band entertainment, and food availability.

The Dist. #1 bylaws need to be updated and revised. Pam W. will make the current by-laws available at the next meeting.

Suggestions were made on where to host the State Meeting that Dist. #1 is responsible for in November 2017. This was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Dora G. and seconded by Bill S.

The next Dist. #1 monthly meeting will be held at the Meriden VFW on Sunday February 12, 2017, 1 PM.





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

District Rep. Rick Gitchel 785-533-1205



The January 8th Dist. 2 meeting was called to order by Rick with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Secretary's report was read by Jeff, there was one correction, the Dist. 2 Bike Show is April 15th not the 5th.

Terry and Gary gave the treasurers report, and there were no questions. No state meeting report due to it being after our meeting, read the State report in this newsletter.

Committee reports: Casino night, everything is ready,

Winter social: It will be February 12th after our Dist. meeting at the Bowling alley in Stockton. The dist. pays for the meal, if you want to get in on the gift exchange bring a wrapped unmarked present and join the fun.

You will also be able to bowl afterwards at your own expense.

Bike Show: The Dyno is set.

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

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District Rep. Bill Cooper 620-764-3734



Dist 3 meeting was held in Girard Sunday Jan 8th. Coop started us off with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our brothers and sisters lost.

He gave a state meeting report and encouraged all to read the newsletter. He will be attending the Bikers Under the Dome at the State Capital in Topeka on February 7th. He will also try to attend the Rep State Party Convention February 10th and 11th and the Democratic Washington

Bear is still working on trophy sponsors, anyone wanting to be an associate sponsor can contact any board member.

It will be April 15th at the Community Building in Phillipsburg.

Old business: Sharolyn and Bear have gotten all the sponsors needed for the state calendar, so all we need to do is take pictures and get it turned into the state.

New business: Bear brought up the idea of putting an ad in the newsletter for motorcycle awareness. Gary made a motion to do it, Animal seconded it, all approved, motion passed.

Our February Dist. 2 meeting will be at 183 Lanes in Stockton, followed by the winter social. Animal moved to adjourn Gary seconded, all approved. Thanks to 183 Lanes for hosting the meeting.

Days February 24th and 25th in Topeka. He encouraged all to contact their legislators.

Treasurer report was waived as Bev unable to attend.

Secretary report and products report given by Ellie. We have some shirts left over from our toy run and new hats.

There was discussion about our Bike Show in May. All decisions were tabled until next meeting.

Our next meeting will be Feb 5th at My Place in Cherryvale at 1pm. See you there!

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Jackson, Nemaha, Osage and Shawnee

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District Rep. Jack Frost 785-383-4836



Jack convened the meeting at 1:15, with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters.

Secretary Report: Kyle moved to waive reading the minutes, Julie seconded, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanie provided a report of revenue and expenses for December. We did gain some revenue over expenses at the Christmas party. She also reviewed the Silver Lake bank statements, as well as the targeted dollars for Run for The Wall and the slush machine.

State Board Meeting: Due to the way the calendar worked out, the second Saturday state meeting will not be until next Saturday, January 14th, in Smith Center, so no report this month. Jack reviewed the meeting at District 5 in December, and the follow up party that the district hosted. We are working on a display using the Bone Bike and models for the 2018 ABATE calendar. Jack suggested that District 4 consider doing a calendar in 2019.

SMART Report: We have applied to MSF for approval of a new site at Shawnee Heights Middle School, and were finally approved right before Christmas. The next step is to establish a contract 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, has been proposed by MRF. The MRF has posted their federal legislative platform, available on their website and also the email Steve sent out to district members. Within Kansas we need feedback from members about issues we might need to

pursue at the state level in terms of our legislative platform. Please send any issues to Steve, his email and phone is in the newsletter.

ABATE Products: We still need someone to be the District products person.

Old Business: Toys for Tots: November 27, Christmas Party, and District 4 received thank you cards from those we supported over the Christmas holiday.

New Business: 2017 District Calendar of events: Copies were provided at the meeting.

Bowling Tournament: January 15, West Ridge Lanes, registration at noon and bowling starts at 1. We need volunteers to help run the event.

Bikers Under the Dome: February 7th, 9 to 3, State Capitol, 2nd floor Rotunda

Bike show button making party: Don and Whitey's, Feb 4th, 3 PM. Bike show: Feb 17-19; Need goodie bag items, will stuff the bags at the February District meeting. Need folks to check out the bike show drawing tickets.

2017 District 4 Elections: Nominations were opened up for the position of Vice-Representative, Treasurer, and Member at Large.

Steve won the drawing, and challenged someone not an MRF member to make of the difference in the drawing and the MRF membership fee. RC will become a new member of the MRF, thank you!

Next Board Meeting February 9, 1017 Papan's Landing

Next District Meeting February 12, 2017, Papan's Landing

Adjournment: Kyle moved to adjourn at 3:15 PM, Todd seconded, approved.





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



The district 5 meeting was called to order at 12:00 on January 6th 2017 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for brothers and sisters. There were 10 members present.

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

Tony read the state meeting report and legislative report.

Old business: We would like to thank everyone who attended our year end party, as well as Moose Lodge, 6621 Turner Drive, and Jose Peppers, 16605 Midland Dr.

District 3 has asked us to switch ABATE fundraising calendar month's with them, motion passed to switch our calendar month to March. We are still in need of pictures to include in the calendar.

New business: We discussed events and schedules. Keep an eye on the Newsletter, and district website, for specifics but here are some of our upcoming events: "cooler of beverages",

bowling, chili cook off, Spring Fling, Biker Bash, and miniature golf.

Starting with our February meeting, please bring liquor for our cooler of beverages with winner to be announced at our May meeting. We are also trying to set up a date/time for bowling in February.

A motion passed to move our May meeting to May 13th due to the State meeting being the first weekend of May.

We have been asked to bring minibikes and do minibike races at the state meeting May 6th in Girard KS.

We discussed Bikers Under the Dome, Democratic Convention "Washington Days", and the Topeka bike show.

Motion was passed to donate to help with state costs of hospitality room at the Democratic Convention.

If you have any issues that are a hazard to motorcyclists on the roads let Tony R know so he can notify KDOT. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm

will be April 29, 2017. Lou Ann suggested a small group to brainstorm ideas; Lou Ann, Greg, Dianne and Sunni agreed to be on the small group committee.

New Business included: state meeting minutes, District 6 Member at Large has not been in attendance in over a year- all were in favor of following policy to remove him and appoint Lou Ann Kibbee as Member at Large, Lou Ann accepted the appointment. Assistant Representative has not been in attendance of meeting required- all were in favor of

following policy to remove him and appoint Larry Kibbee as Assistant Representative, Larry accepted the appointment.

Up for election this year is Representative, Secretary, and Member at Large. Nominations were accepted as Becca for Representative, Chavonne and Dianne accepted nomination for Secretary, and Lou Ann accepted nomination for Member at Large. Voting will take place in April for these positions.

Fred motioned to adjourn, Larry seconded, all in favor.

ABATE District 6 met at 4:30 pm at the Eagles Lodge in Wakeeney on Sunday January 22, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Representative Becca Hardman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

12 members and 2 guests were present. Welcome to new member Robin Geibler.

Minutes of December 19, 2016 meeting were read by the Secretary. Greg motioned, Dianne seconded, all in favor of approving as written.

Financial report was given by Becca; newly appointed Treasurer, Tammy Halligan, was present. Greg motioned, Dianne seconded, all were in favor of accepting the financial report.

Old business included discussion of the Birthday Bash with Lou Ann reporting. Chavonne and Larry are participating in the committee. There are 2 possible locations which include the Horseshoe in Hays and the Eagles Lodge in Wakeeney. Music and food was discussed; due to food being provided the ticket prices

may need to be raised. Mike C. motioned to use the Eagles Lodge in Wakeeney with members providing the food, Larry seconded, 11 members approved and 1 abstained. Brian motioned to raise the price of tickets to \$15 and rent the kitchen, Scott seconded, all in favor. Music was discussed and will be determined at a later date. Proceeds from the Birthday Bash were discussed, there is a desire to repair the Be Aware signs with either vinyl or paint- this will be determined at a later date.

New Business included state minutes, For state calendar District 6 will be featured in June, need to work on sponsorships and get picture taken.

Monthly rides were discussed, it was asked that all consider and bring ideas to the next meeting.

Dates to remember include: Bikers Under the Dome February 7 and NW Rotunda in Topeka, May 20 is Thunder on the Smoky Marquette, Ks, March 18 is St. Patrick's Day parade in Rush Center (Mike C. has a place for tents or campers if desired), February 18 is Tri

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Barton, Ellis, Ness, Rush, Russell, Trego

District Rep. Becca Hardman 785-259-9557



ABATE District 6 met at 4:00 pm at the Golden Q in Hays on Sunday December 19, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Representative Becca Hardman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll call was taken with introductions to guests and new

members.

Financial report was discussed in detail This was motioned by Dianne and seconded by Larry to accept this financial report and the plan of correction. All members were in favor.

Old Business included discussion regarding the District 6 Birthday Bash which





State Mardi Gras in Oakley.
Motion to adjourn made by
Greg, seconded by Dianne, all
in favor.

Next meeting February 12,
2017 at the Horseshoe at 4 pm.

7	Clark,Comanche,Edwards,Ford,Gray Hodgman,Kiowa,Meade,Pawnee Facebook.com/pages/abatedist7/101952168299 District Rep. Doc Pritchett 620-339-5814	
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8	Barber,Butler,Cowley,Harper,Harvey Kingman,Pratt,Reno,Sedgwick, Stafford,Sumner facebook.com/pages/ABATE-of-Kansas-District-8/114523255250459 District Rep. Tony Railsback 620-204-8018	
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MINUTES NOT RECEIVED

9	Clay,Cloud,Dickinson,Ellsworth,Jewell Marion,McPherson,Mitchell,Ottawa Republic,Rice,Saline,Washington district9.abateks.org District Rep. .Russ Walline 620-245-5207	
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The district 9 meeting was
called to order at 1:03 pm on
Jan 8th 2016 with the pledge
of allegiance and a moment of
silence given, with 19 members
and 5 county reps present.

The secretary's were given
and approved.

The treasure report was
given and approved.

State News: State
meeting has not happened yet
so see state news in news letter.
Motion made, seconded and
approved to pay insurance for
events.

Awareness report: Still
handing out yard signs.

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

Website report: All
updated-adjusted time for
meetings to be updated on
website.

Old business: Janet B. has
information for Casino night for
the new chair person

New Business: discussion
on calendars for 2018. Needing
businesses and ideas for the
calendars.

Upcoming events:
Discussion on Republican
days in Topeka February 10 &
11.

Drawings won by. Jon P
Thanks to Russ and Myrna

10	Finney,Grant,Hamilton,Haskell,Kearney Morton,Seward,Stanton,Stevens District Rep. Troy Love 620-214-3507	
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January 8th, 2017 meeting
was called to order at 2:14pm
with 4 members and 2 guest
located at the VFW.

Pledge of allegiance to start
the meeting off and a moment
of silence.

Financial Report was read By
Mark and was approved.

Monthly minutes were read
by Stormy and motion made to
be approved and was approved.

Following our monthly
minutes we jumped right into
old business some discussion
of planning for the Bench to be
sat up on Saturday night at July
bash (time will be determined
closer to event). Board member
shirts will be brought up after
elections are held. Also talked
about a few places to seek out
auction items for July Bash was
discussed. Flyers for July Bash
will be coming out soon we
will also have a sign up sheet
available for anyone interested
in helping with the Highway
cleanup in April.

During the meeting Stormy
brought up a decent price for
a new Santa outfit and was
purchased.

for hosting the meeting.
Next meeting at Somewhere
Bar and Grill in Tescott at noon.

After which we jumped
into New business. There is a
gentleman who has recently
became a new member to
ABATE from Hugoton who
organizes a community
Thanksgiving dinner and he
will be having a bake sale to
start raising the fund this month
on the 21st. If you would like to
donate or know more about the
dinner please do not hesitate to
let Troy know and we will get
you the number for Charles.

Also discussion to place some
trifolds was brought to the table
and was approved. A motion
for some much needed office
supplies was brought to the
table and motion was approved.
Another subject was brought
up about some solar torches
for the bathrooms at July Bash
so you can see where you are
going and what you are doing
and motion was approved to get
2, 1 for each genders bathroom.
Meeting was adjourned at 3:05
pm. Have a safe and productive
New Year!!

**COMING
SOON TO
A MIRROR
NEAR YOU.**

SHARE THE ROAD.

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Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Leavenworthdistrict11.abateks.org

District Rep. Jodi Stutzman 785-364-7265



January 8, 2017 District 11 meeting held in Whiting, 25 members present. Jodi called meeting to order at 2:31pm.

Followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all our fallen and those still serving, also to those fighting their own battles, and that we keep them in our thoughts.

Jodi welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. Jodi let us know we had a guest and introduced Brian Thompson as guest speaker and before the start of regular business we would hear from guest and also Mike Snavelly member and owner of Whiting Woodworks.

Brain Thompson A.B.A.T.E. of KS life member and former lobbyist and now lobbyist for the COC (Coalition of Clubs) informed us on what he would be working on, Profiling, Right of Way Bill, Introducing waiving class M fee for Veterans.

Brian and members exchanged in Q & A. Some of topics were the Auto cycle, licensing of trikes, tolls of bikes with trailer fees. We thanked Brian for all he does for Motorcycle Rights and wish him continued success for all motorcyclists and our rights. We also thanked him for all the support given to all the districts this past year and his support of numerous other events.

Jodi let everyone know she had been talking to Mike about making a large swing to give away at the Field Events.

Discussion of cost, storage, tickets, etc. Jim made motion to have Mike make swing to

be drawn for at Field Events Saturday night, payment to be 3 installments, 1 each month for next 3 months, and set amount for ticket donations, Missy seconded motion. Motioned passed with majority in favor. Tickets to be available from the Topeka bike show and so forth. Jodi will make arrangements to get tickets made.

Secretary Report: Robin S. read minutes. Missy motioned to accept, Daryll seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Ruth and Doug made transition. Ruth gave us bank balance, nothing else to report, as bank statement not in. Time and day set for Jodi, Stan, Ruth and Doug to meet at bank to transfer names on bank account. Brain Thompson brought up audit done yearly by state board. He would like to see finance report on audit. Jodi will make inquiries at state meeting and report back to District.

Products Report: Doyle reported that Lea had order finger shirts. Doyle asked about budget to be set for products and was tabled to be revisited later. Doyle reported on the donation to the Veterans receiving care at Topeka VA, he asked if we had seen the mugs that were a part of the gift bags. You can see pic on our FB page.

Web Report: Jodi has contacted Kevin and he has informed her that we have a new server and he is updating page. He is still very interested in managing web page. Kevin is also experiencing transitions at his employment and if it becomes necessary he will

let us know if those demands become in conflict with keeping up our web page. At this point he doesn't think that will be an issue. Kevin is currently working on making it possible for us to load pictures directly to the web page, subject to approval before publishing.

Assistant Rep Report: Stan let us know if you are a veteran for eight dollars you can put veteran stamp on driver's license. Stan brought up calendar update on FB. Jodi working on it.

State/Rep Report: Jodi recapped state news and concerns. Road issues...contact KDOT. Bikers under Dome Feb. 7th please attend, as we can make a difference. Your presence matters! State looking to fill member at large position, Jodi suggested Doyle or Mike S. Reminder of Republican days, Feb 24&25. Ideas for this year's Mid-South Mile basket them, Contact Jodi with your idea. Membership renewal, state and district will keep copy of membership applications. Gave summary of state finances. We need to pick a band for the LDR battle of Bands, also bands for Field Events. Ideas, photos for our Nov. calendar page are needed, as would like to have completed by end of March. Doyle will have the sponsors for calendar page next meeting.

Atchison County Report: Chops let us know he would like us to have Century party Oct. 28th after Halloween parade.

Chops is checking with the Milk House. Maxton continues to improve. Chops let us know he filled out his renewal application and will be a life member.

Brown County: We are still looking for someone to fill this position! Kent Rymer (Biggin)

expressed interest and asked about what is involved with being county rep. Jodi will meet with him before next meeting.

Leavenworth County Report: Ric thanked all involved with the VA chili feed. We had 134 plus staff. Left overs went to the Catholic Sisters of Charities. Listed off donators. Missy dropped off item that were donated at later date due to weather. Ruth asked we get names of volunteers turned in. Ric asked if we would like Charmaine to continue doing the wreaths for Memorial Day. Robin S made motion to have Charmaine continue doing the wreaths, Eric seconded. Jodi brought up that we continue to include the VA Dom. Staff at the BBQ/Vets choice bike show.. Motion made to continue feeding VA Dom. staff at BBQ made by Missy, seconded by Eric.

Doniphan County Report: Pool and Dart Tournament at Wathena VFW, 2:00pm & meeting 12:00pm. Saturday Feb. 4th. Ladies Auxiliary will have kitchen open from 3-6pm. Tournament will be double elimination. Jodi asked Robin about percentage paid out on bikers for babies. Robin explained that over 75% to just over 80% on the dollar goes to research.

Jodi let everyone know the CMA is going to join our team this year. Robin also wants us to have our own vendor booth this year. Discussion of how much of an impact our booth has as far as memberships gained. Robin would like to see how you heard about us on the membership applications. Eric mentioned to Robin R. the gratitude for his work and getting ABATE of KS District 11 name out, and encouraged us all to participate in Bikers for





Babies 2017. Worth HD Warrior Appreciation ride sponsor has backed out, Robin informed us Rick Worth would like us involved. Doyle stated that is MO and that the MO Chapter should be involved. More info requested and motion to table.

Old business: Stan asked about web. See above, as information was retained after meeting. Short break at 4:29 and resumed at 4:45. State calendar deadline. Trailer need discussed, setting aside funds (savings acct.) size, dollar amount.

Missy brought up the glacial hills run. Discussion of doing bike run and the dates tabled until next month. Jodi suggested considering first or last weekend in June. Matt asked Doyle about radios. Artwork and bands for Field Events need to form a committee. Music for M-Day, open for ideas. DJ verses having band?? Flyers for Blessing of Bikes and M-day in works. Tabled discussion till next month. Discussion of portable burn out pit, info passed on from prior discussion by Jodi at state meeting. Keegan M. is designing it along with his Dad. Keegan gave us some of his thought and ideas of what he had in mind. After some discussion and concerns it was tabled.

New business: Jodi brought up the need to start working on sponsors and had sponsor forms available. Please contact

us if you are interested in sponsoring. Jodi brought up that 2 years ago, it was brought up at state meeting to expand D11 by Mike S. to include northern Jackson Co. and Nemaha Co, and was tabled at state meeting. Jodi elaborated the interest by multiple D11 members living in northern JA. & NE Co. and there would also be a need to add county Reps.

Discussion...Robin S. to pursue, Keegan M. push the issue...Doyle expressed to reach out to D4... Jodi will talk with Jack Frost District 4 Rep. Doyle made motion to get N Jackson Co. and Nemaha Co. Jim B. seconded. Motion passed. Printabl 2017 district meeting and event calendars can be sent by request, via email, or attained at meeting. Jodi brought up doing a business card type calendar of district meetings and events, similar to what the sports team do. Examples to be brought to next meeting, tabled until then.

Lunch and dessert were provided by Jodi and Nanette.

Drawing won by Jim B. Jim donated part of winnings back to district.

All in favor of adjourning. Meeting adjourned 5:06

Next meeting: Feb. 4th Wathena VFW Noon. Pool and Dart tournament begins at 2:00pm. Come on out and join in the fun!

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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. A motion was made to wave the reading of the Secretary's report, and no report for the state meeting. All reports were approved as read.

The storage unit has been taken care of and a big thank you to Danny W. for supplying us with a storage area previously! If anyone still has any district inventory items please contact one of our officers and we'll arrange to get the items to the new unit.

New Year's Eve party and New Year's Day ride were both well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy them. Thanks to all who participated!

First order of old business was discussion about our by-laws policies and procedures. The group went over and approved as revised, this was motioned by John S. and seconded by Darick.

Second order of old business was about nominations for District Representative, District Secretary, and Sergeant in Arms taking place at our

May meeting. Shauntae was nominated for District Secretary and Michael L. for Sergeant in Arms, both accepted the nomination.

Third order of old business is our annual chili cook-off that will be held February 12th after the meeting, which will be at 1:00. We are asking for a monetary donation, unless you bring chili, sides, desserts, or utensils. This year will be judged for Hottest, best-tasting, and best name.

Last was discussion about our annual Bike Show on April 8th. Everything seems to be in order, but still need more volunteers so please contact one of our officers or come to the next meeting. It was decided to check with the Bourbon Cowboy about the use of The Loft for the after party. Details will be brought back to February's meeting.

Brandon won the door prize. A motion was made to adjourn and carried.

Our next meeting will be on February 12th, 2017 at the VFW on Graphic Arts at 1:00 p.m. with the chili cook-off following. Everyone is invited and welcome to join us!!





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

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



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

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District Rep. Randy Bassler 785-826-6372



On January 8, 2017 district, alternate rep. George T. called meeting to order at rattlesnake inn in Ogden KS.

The pledge of allegiance was said, followed by a moment of silence for our lost brothers and sisters.

Sarah G. read secretary's report a motion to accept minutes was made by T. and second by Denise P. Motion passed.

Cathy H. gave treasurers report a motion to accept was made by mark K. second by Rita P. Motion passed.

State meeting information not available until 1/14/2017

Old Business: Cathy H. started discussion on 2017 biker ball. Motion was made to change the name to Leather And Lace Dist. 15 6th Annual Biker Ball. Motion made by Clarky second by Rita P. Motion passed.

Further discussion was on table cloths, flyers, ticket colors, and date all to be finalized at next meeting.

Mark K. started discussion on 2017 toy run. Projected date is Oct. 7th 2017 starting at Prairie Hawgs, route to be determined by next meeting. Tabled till February meeting.

New Business: Awareness ride date set for April 29th

2017, route to be determined by February meeting.

Sarah G. started discussion on district 15 website and possibly switching to a district 15 Facebook.

Mark K. made motion second by Ron G. to allow a 90-day trial period and reevaluate in April weather or not website is still cost efficient or switching permanently to Facebook is the better route. Motion passed.

Comments: Next meeting to be held February 12 @ noon at Eagles' Lodge, 312 4th St. Manhattan KS.

Rita P. won drawing

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark K. second by Jack O. Motion Passed.

Thanks for letting be of service SO.



MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION PROGRAMS LOCATIONS

Alefs Harley Davidson

Dan Alefs, Owner
5427 Chuzy Drive
Wichita, KS 67219
316-440-5700

Barton County Community
College - Bill Nash
Environmental Technology
& Military Programs
Junction City/Fort Riley
Campus

100 Continental Ave
Grandview Plaza, KS 66441
785-238-8550

Butler County Community
College – Michelle Ruder,
Director 316-218-6124
901 S. Haverhill Road
Andover Campus: 715 E. 13th
El Dorado, KS 67042
Andover, KS 67002
316-683-2342

Cloud County Community
College – Jason D. York,
J.D., Director of Business &
Industry Programs
631 Caroline Avenue
Junction City, KS 66441
785-238-8010 Ext 719

Hutchinson Community
College - Steve Porter, Dean
of Workforce Develop &
Outreach
1300 N. Plum
Hutchinson, KS 67501
620-665-3552
800-289-3501 x3550

Independence Community
College - Terasa Hodges
Office of Instruction
1057 W. College Avenue
PO Box 708
Independence, KS 67301
620-332-5433

Motorcycle Education Program
Locations 2

Johnson County Community
College – Phil Wegman,
Program Director

Community Services
12345 College Boulevard
Overland Park, KS 66210
913-469-4446

Kansas City Community
College – Pamela Howe,
Coordinator
7250 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66112
913-288-7189

Motorcycle Rider Education
– Michael Vermillion, Co-
Owner
4600 W. Kellogg Drive,
Suite 2002
Wichita, KS 67209
316-706-9722

Neosho County Community
College - Brenda Krumm ,
Dean of Outreach & Workforce
Development
800 W. 14th
Chanute, KS 66720
620-431-2820, ext 234

Seaman USD 345 - Dr. Rob
Balsters, Asst. Supt.
901 NW Lyman Road
Topeka, KS 66608
785-575-8600
800-375-3723

Topeka Harley Davidson, -
Steve Roth, Program Dir
2047 SW Topeka Ave
Topeka, KS 66612
785-234-6174





Lobbyist Report

January 2017 Lobbyist Report

As I write this on January 9th, the Kansas legislature convened today. The immediate concern facing our legislature is the budget shortfall for the current year and projected in fiscal year 2018. The Senate and House Committee assignments have been posted and here are the members of the three committees that most likely will be dealing with issues that might impact motorcyclists:

House Transportation Committee: Rep Richard Proehl, Chair, Rep Shannon Francis, Vice-Chair, Rep Adam Lusker, Ranking Minority Member, Rep Steve Alford, Rep Barbara Ballard, Rep Shelee Brim, Rep Linda Gallagher, Rep Ron Highland, Rep Michael Houser, Rep Trevor Jacobs, Rep Leonard Mastroni, Rep KC Ohaebosim, Rep Jeff Pittman, Rep Ken Rahies, Rep Mark Schrelber, Rep Ponka-We Victors, and Rep John Wheeler.

Senate Transportation Committee: Sen Mike Peterson, Chair, Sen John Doll, Vice-Chair, Sen Pat Petty, Ranking Minority Member, Sen Steve Fitzgerald, Sen Dan Goddard, Sen Randall Hardy, Sen Tom Hawk, Sen Jacob LaTurner, Sen Vicki Schmidt, St John Skubal, and Sen Caryn Tyson.

House Transportation and Public Safety: Rep. J. R. Claeys, Chair, Rep. Michael Houser, Vice-Chair, Rep. Henry Helgersen, Ranking Minority Member, Rep. Francis Averkamp, Rep. Leo

Delperdang, Rep. Gail Finney, Rep. Jan Kessinger, Rep. Joy Koesten, and Rep. Brett Parker.

There are many other committees that might be addressing issues that impact our members and their families, including the budget crisis, health care, and education. I encourage you to be diligent about the broad issues that may impact all of us.

Bikers Under the Dome is scheduled for February 7th at the State Capitol, 2nd floor rotunda. We encourage everyone who can attend to contact your legislator in advance to schedule a brief meeting with him or her. You can go to the legislative website for contact information about your legislators, as well as to see who is assigned to other committees: <http://kslegislature.org/li/> If you need help figuring out who your legislators are don't hesitate to call or email me and I will assist.

I will be attending a lobbyist training seminar this week to learn the ins and outs of reporting requirements so I can be sure to follow the required guidelines.

And last, if you or your members have issues you would like ABATE to address, please take to your District Rep so he or she in turn can take to the full Board for discussion. I encourage use of email since our meetings are monthly and much can transpire between them.

Respectfully,
Steve Christenberry

FEBRUARY EXPIRATIONS

LONI JOHNSON	01	LYNN KRISLE	07
JASON DENNEY	03	ROBERT KRISLE	07
VICTOR LAKE	03	SHAWN MEAD	07
DELBERT "LEE" PROCK	03	BART YOUNG	08
NICOLE LYNN DODDS	04	BARRY BAXA	09
ROBERT "BOB" HAUER	04	ROY G DUNHAM	09
JIM QUAIFFE	04	TRAVIS JACOBS	09
SANDRA SWOYER	04	DUANE KROULIK	09
CHARLES M. UNREIN	04	ROGER D MOLL	09
LINDSAY L. BURTON	05	WILBERT OWENS	09
FAYE COLLEY	05	KAREN R SCHULZ	09
JASON L. FELTS	05	MITCH SCHULZ	09
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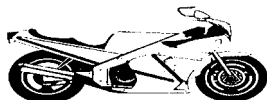
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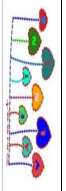
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26	 27 Eastern Orthodox Lent Begins	28	District 6 meeting dates vary			

ADVANCE NEWS

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2/12 – Mtg

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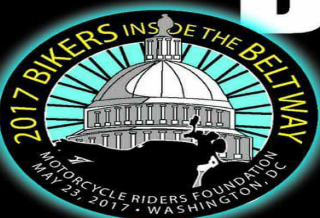




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January 6, 2017

The Motorcycles Riders Foundation released its Legislative Agenda for 2017 to its members. A direct result of the commentary and discussion from attendees at the Legislative Strategy Session held at the annual Meeting of the Minds, this exercise establishes the MRF's Federal Legislative Agenda for the upcoming year.

"Our legislative agenda, which is determined by our members each year, ensures that the MRF is laser-focused on the issues important to motorcyclists nationwide," said President Kirk 'Hardtail' Willard. "Our network of volunteers and staff are some of the most talented and influential in the world of motorcycle rights and look forward to working with Donald Trump, his administration and our Senate and House leaders in identifying legislation that will enhance the motorcycle lifestyle and community."

The MRF's legislative agenda showcases the diverse range of interests each year, with issues impacting independent riders, State Motorcycle Rights Organizations motorcycle and riding clubs. The Agenda prioritizes aggressive campaigns to combat government overreach with a particular emphasis on the Environmental Protection Agency and other agencies whose policies adversely impact the motorcycle parts and aftermarket industry..

At the 2016 MRF's 32nd Annual Meeting of the Minds Conference held in Oklahoma City, OK, th 2017 Meeting of the Minds

legislative agenda was set.

Pursue and monitor efforts related to the next highway bill (expiring in 2020). Ensuring the following provisions are included: Motorcycle Education and Awareness Program, Grant Funding, Continuation of the NHTSA Lobbying, Ban related to helmets, Continuation of Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA

Oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions

Monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists

Continuation of ban on federal funding for Motorcycle Only Checkpoints

SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing will be addressed by individual states

Continue monitoring any federal studies concerning motorcycles - the Federal Crash Causation Study and MSF Naturalistic Study

Strongly oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems

Work to discourage ALL forms of distracted driving

Advocate to the federal level concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle ensuring that crash and fatality statistics are separated from other classes of vehicles including autocycles, non-motorcycle powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, and various cabin-based steering wheel type

vehicles

Oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any federal agency.

Seek a legislative vehicle to include motorcyclist anti-profiling language in the 115th Congress

Continue participation in motorcycle related activity in the European Union, United Nations and Canada

Fiercely oppose any mandatory helmet, apparel or conspicuity standards

Advocate for changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard including the following actions

Additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of ethanol on motorcycles

Guarantee the indefinite and universal availability of approved fuel blends containing no more than 10 percent ethanol volume

Make additional changes to EPA's Misfueling Mitigation Plan (MMP) ensuring that motorcyclists are educated and protected from using federally prohibited fuel in their small engine products such as motorcycles including improving existing at-pump signage and labeling

Ensure the inclusion of motorcycles and biker perspective in discussions regarding Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and emerging technologies

Advocate and monitor for motorcyclists concerning laws and regulations related to Autonomous Vehicles specifically

Required testing for motorcycle recognition and responsiveness

Electronic and cyber security systems of self-driving vehicles to maintain strong standards to ensure the safety of motorcycle users

Establish clear liability in crashes between autonomous and non-autonomous vehicles

Pursue safer roadway design strategies at the federal level

Continue to promote our theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA to focus on crash prevention and rider education

Pursue limiting funding in a relevant legislative vehicle for the Center or Disease Control (CDC) and their increasing involvement in motorcycle safety issues

Monitor private organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF and investigate their funding sources to make certain they are not receiving federal tax dollars

Monitor public organizations for funding sources when in opposition to our legislative agenda or mission and respond appropriately if they receive federal tax dollars

Closely monitor the federally mandated Affordable Care Act (ACA) for potential motorcyclist and motorcycling discrimination as well as attempts to repeal and replace provisions of the ACA for potential motorcyclist and motorcycling discrimination

Fully engage the EPA on upcoming activity or motorcycle emission regulations and





motorcycle drive train mandates

Support the Black Box Protection Act to regulate black boxes in motorcycles, seek to clarify the rights of the vehicle owner to ownership of the recorded data

Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds

Monitor and support federal efforts to study and review the benefits and harms of lane splitting and line filtering

Monitor and respond to federal legislation or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terns gang, club, known associates, and associate when referring to motorcyclists

In addition to the Federal Legislative Agenda issues, the MRF has partnered with the Sustaining State Motorcyclists Rights Organization (SSMRO) members to act as support and a resource on the following state specific issues:

Oppose any mandatory helmet, apparel or conspicuity standards

Engage with multiple partners to draft federal anti-profiling language specific to motorcyclists and work to include it in the upcoming state legislative sessions

Work with SSMRO members to shape autocycle legislation at the state level as it relates to the definition of motorcycle and/or fatality and crash statistics

Help to inform our partners and allies the MRF position on autonomous vehicles to ensure consistency in state laws and regulations in the safety of this emerging class of vehicles

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On Sunday November 6, 2016, New York Police detained 169 Motorcyclists on Long Island. Although Congress banned federal funding for motorcycle only checkpoints in the 2015 Fast Act, these discriminatory stops continue in some states without federal assistance.

Officers stopped 169 motorcycles between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. as they passed through the checkpoints and a total of 54 summons were issued for the following violations:

- 14 Unlicensed Operator
- 2 Suspended License
- 10 Uninspected Motorcycles
- 3 Unregistered Motorcycles
- 2 Uninsured Motorcycles
- 10 Helmet Not Approved by New York State Department of Transportation
- 6 Modified/Loud Exhaust System
- 1 Equipment Violations
- 6 Failure to Comply with Lawful Order

Checkpoints are a form of

motorcycle profiling that impact all motorcyclists. Those cited were independents, not club members. Motorcycle only checkpoints unfairly target motorcyclists and motorcycles as a form of transportation.

On January 9 2017, the Federal Highway Administration announced they were moving forward with MAC and they were calling for nominations to serve on the council. However, if you look at the notice, they are only calling one of the ten spots served by and actual motorcyclist. This is unacceptable. How can the government establish a Council that's supposed to be a dialogue between the motorcycle community and federal authorities, but only have One Motorcyclist represented! This is unfair, incredibly unbalanced and contrary to the mission of the Council itself. Contact your member of Congress and your Senators to intervene by contacting the Federal Highway Administration. To submit a pre-written letter that will go directly to your elected officials and let our voices be heard go to - <http://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/>

On January 17th 2017, The RPM Act surfaces again in the 115th Congress in Washington D.C.. One of the first bills introduced in the newly indoctrinated 115th session of Congress was the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017 (RPM Act). U.S. Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC) reintroduced H.R.350 which protects Americans rights to modify street cars and motorcycles into dedicated race vehicles and industry's right to sell the parts to enable racers to compete. This year, H.R.350 started out with 61 cosponsors with numbers increasing as additional supporters sign on.

Rep. McHenry stated, "Last year, I was proud to lead the fight against the misguided EPA regulation targeting racing, but our work is not done. In the coming months, I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress and the new Administration to ensure the RPM Act becomes law. Supporters of the RPM Act will provide clarity to the industry and enthusiasts that the Clean Air Act allows motor vehicles, including motorcycles, to be converted into dedicated race vehicles."

Our legislative session in Kansas is just beginning and at this time, I will report on any motorcycle issues as they come up. I hope to see more people at Bikers Under the Dome on February 7th.

Be careful out there look twice save a life. The life you save will probably be your own.

Bill Cooper
Kansas MRF Rep



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JOKE OF THE MONTH

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"

WHERE IN KANSAS

Thank you to Debi Fuller, Phil Poore, Brenda Cooper, Taly Thon, Clifton JR Smith, Gary Bird and Brenda Davis for guessing last months photo, On June 21, 2013, through mayoral decree, Hutchinson was renamed Smallville, Kansas for a single day. On this same day, Superman was inducted into the Kansas Hall of Fame as the most recognized "Kansan" within pop culture. All of this coincided with the 75th anniversary celebration of the creation of Superman.

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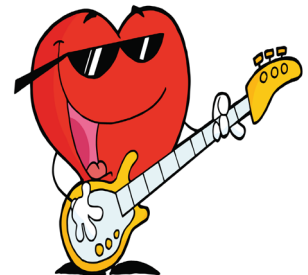
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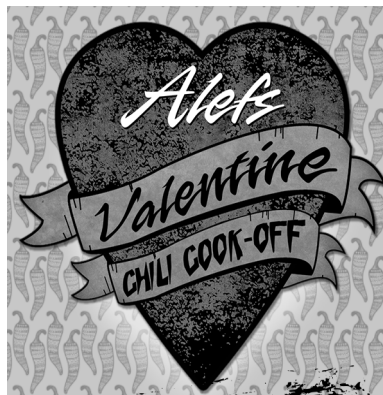
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