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FEBRUARY STATE MEETING

Saturday, February 10th, 2018

Newton American Legion
Post 2

400 S. Spencer Road
Newton Kansas 67661

MEETING STARTS AT 12:00 Noon

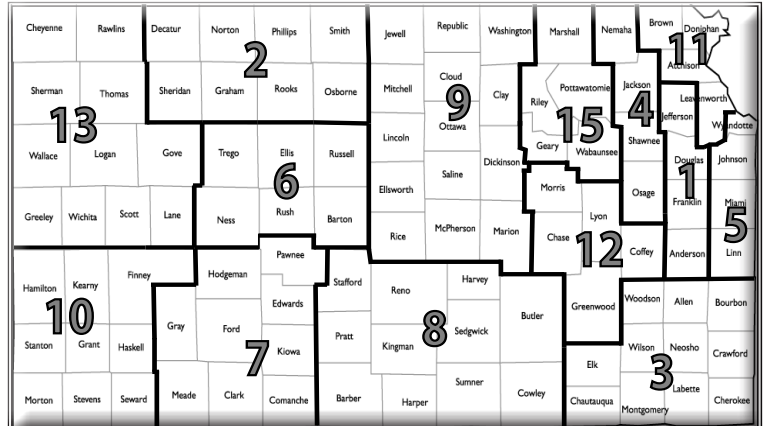
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
ROLL CALL; SECRETARY
REPORT; FINANCIAL REPORT;
LOBBYIST REPORT; MRF REPORT;
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS
REPORT; PUBLIC RELATION
REPORT; MID-SOUTH MILE;
CORPORATE SECRETARY;
NEWSLETTER REPORT; WEB SITE
REPORT; PRODUCT LINE REPORT;
OLD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

UPCOMING STATE MEETINGS:

March 10th - (Dist 15) RC McGraws
April 14th - (Dist 12) VFW
May 5th - (Dist 3) Girard Co Fairgrounds

EXCEPT FOR THE ANNUAL
OCTOBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING, ALL STATE MEETINGS
ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE!

ABATE of Kansas District Map



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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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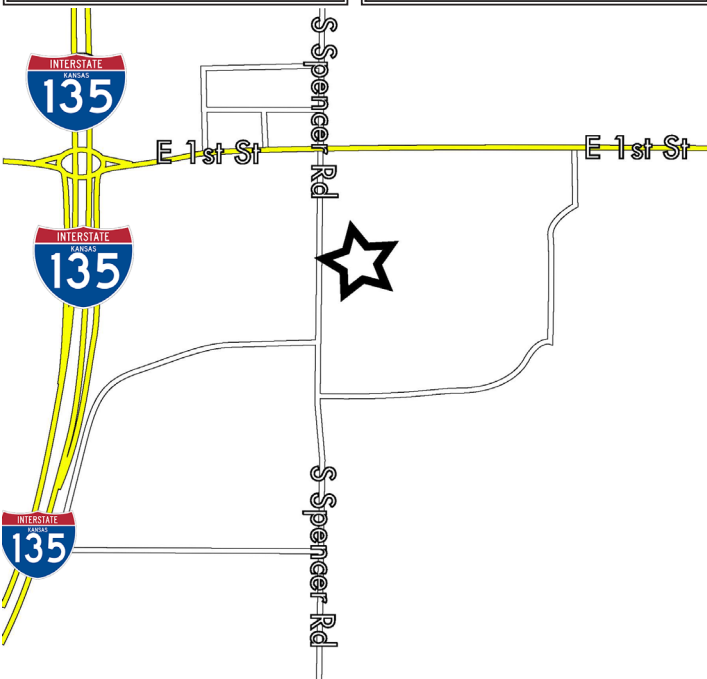
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State Meeting

January 13th, 2018 meeting called to order at 12:00 pm held at The Sand Trap Bar & Grill Phillipsburg, KS, Followed by the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll call was taken all districts present except district 7, 10. Dora G sitting in for Amber S, Tony R for Byron H, Tammy R for District 8, Robin for District 11.

There were no guest speakers.

Secretary report: Secretary Report read By Dora G. Meeting minutes approved as read.

Financial Report: Brian stated that due to difficulties with the office printers the report was unavailable to print for the packets. He went over the financials for the month. As part of the financials John P Motioned to pay off the Loan with funds from one or more CDs at the discretion of Paul S and Brian V. Motion approved.

Paul mentioned that a financial committee meeting will be held after the state meeting. He also discussed a letter regarding an additional insurance option. Determination was made by a show of hands that it was not needed.

Discussion regarding insurance coming due and we are in the process of reviewing.

Entrance gate for LDR site is in the process of being built.

Discussion regarding the need to gather complete information on the membership forms, due to a number incomplete membership forms some cannot be processed due to lack of pertinent information. Please make sure they are being filled out completely and legibly.

District 4 and 11 still need to turn in the information for Nemaha county to finalize move from District 4 to District 11.

Discussion regarding LDR, Necessary licenses and permits are obtained by state. The split for the beverage gardens was discussed.

Lunch was taken from 1:03 to 1:47.

Upon returning from lunch Paul thanked district 2 for their hospitality.

The discussion started again on the beverage gardens and a motion was made John P that all specialty beverages for the LDR beverage gardens will be purchased with state funds and all profits from the specialty beverages will be divided 1/3 for the district, 1/3 to the state and 1/3 to the charity of the districts choice.

Ringo also stated he is in the process of getting the plaques for the 5 docks and asked what we wanted them made of. Discussed making them out of stainless steel. Ringo also asked if the state wanted to have them laser printed John P motioned that the plaques be laser cut. Motion passed.

A statement was made that part of the PA system. Search will continue to find all parts.

Bikers Under the Dome is scheduled for Feb 6th 2018 9am to 3pm it was suggested to have a banner available for the bikers under the dome after discussion it was determined that we already have one and that Paul S would bring his stand for the banner. Please try to attend and show your support.

Three bids have been received for repairs to the state office. Motion made by Neil

that we accept the lesser of the 3 bids to fix the office, 2 bathrooms, and the lobby and for remainder of funds to go into the savings. Motion passed.

President's award was awarded by Paul to John Puckett.

Please keep in mind that in February state meeting we will have a guest speaker who is a candidate for Governor. Please try to come.

A discussion took place about voting members. A motion by Becca that members must have been issued a membership number to be allowed to vote. Motion passed.

Labor Day Rally Artwork needs to be in the office by April 9th.

LDR: Everyone is ready to get started on the rally. The front gate was discussed and Dora stated she was considering stepping up to help with it. Paul mentioned that every district should try to get at least two of their members to help at the front gate. Please speak to Paul or Randy about signing up.

Lobbyist report: Please see your newsletter.

MRF report: Cooper requested that Robin help him with the MRF. It was stated that was up to him.

Motorcycle Awareness: Nothing to discuss at this time.

Public Relations: Sis stated she needed ideas for the Midsouth mile Basket. Sis asked for funds so that she could finish purchasing what was needed for democrat days, Tammy made a motion that we give Sis the necessary funds with receipts to be provided to state, and any remaining funds to be returned to the state. Motion passed.

Products: Bill C. stated that products are out there buy them.

Corporate Secretary Report:

Sheri reported that there seems to be some issues with social media and suggested that all districts moderate what is posted to ensure that information is appropriate for an ABATE business related social media page. Sheri has some updates for the Policy and procedures, however, asked that it be tabled till next month to ensure meeting is finished at the requested time. Sheri gave the floor to Membership Committee Chair, Ken W. Ken presented some changes. Becca made a motion (2nd by Nova) that we accept the changes to membership policy and procedures as presented by ken. A vote by show of hands Motion passed.

MRF drawing won by Michael B, Door prize won by Ringo.

The meeting went into executive session

Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm

Next meeting February 10th 2018 American Legion Newton, KS





Editorial Correction

Silent Auction for Mid South MILE items at the February BOD meeting in Newton.

We WILL be able to take credit and/or debit cards.

-Thank you



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

Notice of proposed Amendment to By-Laws

Voting on the following amendments to take place at the monthly Board of Directors meeting to be held:

February 10th, 2018 The Newton American Legion Post 2, 400 S. Spencer Road, Newton, Kansas 67661

Meeting scheduled to begin: 12:00 p.m.

By-Laws

1. Article 2 Section 2, page 3 Election of Members.

Change to Read: Article 2 Section 2, page 3 Application for Membership.

2. Article 2 Section 2, page 3 2nd sentence. Applications become approved members of the Corporation on payment of the required membership fee and approval by the membership committee.

Change to Read: Article 2, Section 2, Page 3 2nd sentence, Applicants become approved members of the Corporation after completion and submission of the application to the Corporate office and on payment of the required membership fee.

3. Article 3 Section 2, page 4 Issuance of Certificates. When a member has been elected to membership and has paid any initiation fee dues that may then be required, a certificate of membership shall be issued in their name and delivered to them.

Change to Read: Article 3 Section 2, page 4, Issuance of Certificate: When a member has been added to the Corporation membership roster and has paid any and all fees that maybe required, a certificate of membership shall be issued in their name and provided to them.

4. Article 6 Section 2, page 6 Membership Committee. 1st Sentence: At the first annual meeting of the members, or such special meeting of the members as may be called for the purpose, the members shall elect from their number no fewer than or more than five who shall serve for one year.

Change to read: 1st Sentence: At the first annual meeting of the Board members, or such special meeting of the Board members as may be called for purpose, the Board members shall appoint from the membership one (1) individual to act as Membership Chair to the Membership Committee and who shall serve for one (1) year.

Article 6 Section 2, page 6 Membership Committee, 2nd Sentence: The Board of Directors shall select the membership committee annually.

Change 2nd Sentence by omitting what is written, Stated in first Sentence. Change to read: The Membership Chair will assemble the Membership Committee consisting of no fewer than three (3) and no more than five (5) members selected from the membership who will also serve one (1) Year.

Article 6 Section 2, page 6 Membership Committee, 3rd Sentence: The committee, when formed, shall organize itself, shall elect from its members a chairman and a secretary, and shall perform the functions and discharge the duties, concerning the consideration, approval and election of new members, as are given to the committee elsewhere in these bylaws, or by resolution of the Board of Directors, or by resolution of the members.

Change to Read, 3rd Sentence: The committee when formed, shall organize itself, shall select a secretary, and shall perform the functions and discharge the duties, concerning the consideration and approval of new members, as are given to the committee else where in these bylaws, or by resolution of the Board of Directors.





ABATE of Kansas Inc.

Wants Your T-Shirt Designs
For our 43rd Annual Labor Day Rally
Entries must be received by
April 9th, 2018

Artwork must include:

August 30th- September 3rd, 2018

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43rd Annual National Labor Day Rally

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LOBBYIST REPORT

On the national level the main focus in December was on the tax bill. Both Chambers ended up passing in, and it was signed into law by President Trump right before Christmas. Analysts say it favors the wealthy and big business while adding to the tax burden on the middle class, although middle class incomes will see a reduction in taxes. The catch is that middle class tax reductions end in about 8 years, so would need to be extended by Congress. There is no ending time on the tax breaks for business and the wealthy. On sort of a national/state issue, the Senate did not hear and vote on Governor Brownback's confirmation as religious ambassador before the end of the year. That means that President Trump will have to nominate him again, and the process start over. News at 11, as they say.

In Kansas, the 11 member Kansas "Special Committee on a Comprehensive Response to the School Finance Decision" has been working on an education plat that must be submitted to the Supreme Court in April. Education funding and the budget will be the hot topics at the Capitol this session. The Kansas Legislative Coordinating Council has been meeting on various issues, and has said they plan to address the Department of Administration about the huge increase in fees proposed for organizations to have events at the Capitol. Governor Brownback, on January 5th, rescinded the fee increases, so the fees will return to the nominal \$20 that have been assessed in many past years.

The 2018 Legislative Session

opens on Monday, January 8th. Remember that you can go online to track bills and schedules. As of today, January 7th, aside from the opening ceremonies I'm not seeing any committee schedules. I will keep you posted as I follow this daily.

As always, I encourage you to join the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) and the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA), to stay abreast of happens on the national front. The Bikers on the Beltway event will be in Washington in May next year, and in September the Meeting of the Minds will be in Denver in September. More details forthcoming, but if you can break away from work to meet with you federal representatives, or attend the annual MRF conference, it would be a very educational experience, as well as a chance to meet with legislators.

While elections for state offices are a year away, declared candidates are beginning to establish their positions on various issues. Given the large number of candidates on both the Republican and Democrat caucuses, it means that there will be heated discussions by the candidates long before the primaries next August. Listen carefully to what they say, as you'll be asked to vote for a candidate for the party in which you are declared. And if you have not registered to vote, DO SO! It is our responsibility to elect our representatives, and we can't do that if we do not register to vote.

Bikers Under the Dome: There has been a change in the date I've been telling you about.

In order to better coordinate with other motorcycle groups the decision has been made to have the event on February 6th instead of February 13th. Tammy has created a flier that hopefully you have seen, and it will be in the next newsletter. We encourage you to attend if all possible, and if you can, contact your legislators in advance to schedule brief meetings with them to touch base about motorcycle related legislation. I will be providing a list of bills and issues you can talk to them about. We do have HB2194 pending at the Senate Committee on Transportation (a bill that would improve the ability of motorcyclists to obtain the M endorsement on their driver's license after completing a recognized rider education class). I've reached out to Senator Peterson about getting this on the Committee schedule as early as possible. We also have the long-going attempt to implement a right of way violation bill. In testimony to the House Committee on Transportation in 2017 some of the comments from the legislators was that increasing fines and penalties do not necessarily impact the public who likely have no clue what those penalties are. The bill (HB2188) was not worked last year. However, I have been in discussions with bicycle clubs, who experience many of the same issues that we do regarding right of way violations. The Kaw Valley Bicycle Club in the Topeka area is working on legislation that would make violations a "negligent" action vs. a "careless" action. Their thinking is that if a ticket results in a negligent action it would be more likely that insurance companies would be liable for

compensation to the victim rider, assuming of course the individual has insurance. Other states have demonstrated an increase in support on similar issues facing bicyclists and motorcyclists, so it makes sense that we team up on these issues.

As always, please contact me with your legislative concerns and also your legislative contacts. It is always nice to be introduced to a legislator by someone who has a relationship with that person. And while it is a bit more difficult to contact your representatives during the off session times, I can provide you with their personal phone and email address if you need. My contact information is in the newsletter.

Respectfully
Steve Christenberry
Lobbyist
ABATE of Kansas

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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.



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DISTRICT NEWS

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District #1 meeting was held Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 1 PM, Bobcats Bar and Grill, Ozawkie, KS. Nova H. opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

State Report: The calendars have been completed and are for sale. The State sponsored a free year's membership to Dist. #1. The March State meeting will be held in Manhattan. Districts that hold district events will be required to give 5% of any profit made to the State.

Secretary Report: Richard B. made a motion that reading of the December 2017 meeting minutes be waived. Roger F. seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Roger F. gave the report. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Robert W. and seconded by Pam W. Motion passed.

Website: There was nothing to report.

Old Business: Motion made by Bill H., seconded by Richard B. to purchase a plaque for Kickstart as a thank-you for their sponsorship of the LDR Dist. #1 beverage garden. Motion passed. Cabin Fever flyer, products and entertainment were discussed and Richard B., Donna T., Dora G., and Pam W. volunteered to work on these items. Members provided other ideas to consider. Motion was made by Nova H., seconded by Donna T. to set the admission price for Cabin Fever a predetermined amount. Motion passed.

New Business: There was no new business to discuss.

Eddie from Bobcats won the drawing.

The next Dist. #1 meeting will be held Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 1 P.M. at Stinky's Other Side, 305 Jefferson St, Oskaloosa, KS.

Motion was made by Dora G., seconded by Donna T. to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

and it was well attended. We will plan on doing it at the Sand Trap again next year. Thanks to the Sand Trap for having us, and everyone who helped out, and all who game out to have fun.

Bike Show- Bear reported we have the community building in Phillipsburg reserved, and he and Gary have been busy getting sponsors. Anyone wanting to be a trophy or associate sponsor can contact Bear or Gary, or any board member. It is \$50 for trophy, or \$25 for associate sponsor. We discussed weather to change the sportster class to a trike class, due to all the number of trikes we have been getting. Larry said his sons business, Kibby's repair and towing would sponsor the trike class, so we will have both. Thanks Larry. The bike show will be April 21st.

Porker run- No plans made yet, but some discussion was brought up about the route due to other things going on that day. We will discuss that more after we decide who we are doing it for. Anyone with ideas for a charity bring them

to a meeting or contact a board member. It will be June 16th, and will come up faster than we think.

Winter social will be after our February 11th meeting at 183 Lanes in Stockton. Anyone wanting to be in the gift exchange bring a wrapped gift in the \$15 to \$20 range. There will be bowling for anyone who wants to.

Old business- Bear and Rick talked to Neil of Dist 13 about putting up an awareness sign at the Motorcycle Museum in ST. Francis, sounds like they would like to help, and we will try to get it done the end of April, or first weekend in May. Bear also has several other locations for signs to be put up when we get them ready. Thanks for all the work you have done on this project Bear.

New business- Rick has the State calendars for sale, they turned out very good, anyone wanting one contact Rick.

Gary motioned to adjourn all approved. Thanks to Bear for hosting the meeting, see you all next month at the Winter Social.

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

district3.abateks.org

District Rep. Danny Harris 620-330-6861

05 January 2018, Meeting Called to order at 1:15p

Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance 24 members and guests are present

Secretary Report is waived as there is no secretary at the December meeting.

Financial/Treasury Report was read. Dave W motion, Mike B. 2nd voted on and approved.

State Business: Bill C. gave

report and there was confusion where District #3 January meeting was supposed to be. Danny H. stated the meeting was moved from Girard to Sassy's for January meeting because the owner's of Sassy's preferred January over April, because of Easter. It is noted that the change was voted on in June of 2016. The meeting in Girard is now in June. In addition, it helps for the

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

District Rep. Rick Gitchel 785-533-1205



Rick called the meeting to order, with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters. The secretary's report was waved, due to Jeff not being here, and not having a

newsletter to read from. Gary gave the treasures report, and it was accepted with no questions

Committee reports: Casino Night- Gary reported it went very well. We had a good time,





meeting to be in Girard in June as District #3 Bike Show & Rally is in Girard in May. The discussion got a little loud as some didn't understand or remember the change. Complaint was noted and the meeting moved forward. Bill C. told of the finances being low for the State Labor Day Rally. In addition, Bill C is going to help Steve C. at the legislative level. Also, Bill C. will continue to work with State Products. At this point in the meeting Danny H. [District #3 Rep] presented Bill C. [Previous District #3 Rep] with a plaque for his dedicated work to District #3 for the last several years. [Picture Attached].

Old Business: After the meeting in December there was discussion about American Flags being at the front of the toy run in November. Dave W. stated he wants flags at the beginning of the parade and that the American Legion Riders are not trying to take over the event. In addition, he stated having the food before and after at the American Legion is easier for the District #3 members who put on the event. Also, if the event is not at the American Legion, they will no longer participate. Dave W. fought for his country and it is his right as well as anyone else who wants to flag up for their country. Jessica B. stated she personally likes seeing the patriotism and the flags during events, also putting the flags in the beginning, "Just makes sense". Dave W. stated he had been Montgomery County Rep. for several years and he did not want to be part of an organization that limits the American Flag representation. Jesssica B. motioned to revisit the discussion closer to the November run, Lori M 2nd,

vote on and passed. The flag issue has been tabled to the March meeting. The meeting will be Saturday, March 3rd at the American Legion in Independence, right before the Hawg Waddle.

New Business: Bill C. said long-time District #3 member Dave C. had passed away. He and his wife Sue were active members and helped with several events spanning over several years. Mike B. motioned for District #3 to buy flowers and send them to the funeral home. Tim S. 2nd, it was voted on and passed.

District #3 Bike Show and Rally is scheduled for the first weekend in May. In addition there is a fair board meeting in Girard on Tuesday, January 9th. Both District #3 Rep and Vice Rep are planning on attending the meeting. If you have a vendor you would like to have attend the Rally, get their menu/products and price lists so we don't duplicate vendors. In addition, Mike B. motioned for District to spend \$\$ for a fund raiser at the Rally, Tim S. 2nd, voted on and passed. Also, bring your T-shirt design as it will be voted on at the March meeting.

District #3 Board is working on an incentive plan to get more members to the meeting, more information coming soon. Duck is now the Labette County Rep. If your county doesn't have a representative, volunteer help find one for your area.

For updated information on events and/or meetings go to the District #3 website: <http://district3.abateks.org/>

The next meeting is February 4th at Sharkey's in 16 N. National Ave., Fort Scott. March meeting is March 3, 2018 (Saturday-Hawg Waddle) American Legion,

1531 W Main, Independence 1 p.m. meeting; Hawg Waddle registration 2-3:00 p.m. April meeting: April 1, 2018 Girard Legionn 144 E Hwy 47, Girard. May: May 4-6, 2018mCrawford County Fairgrounds 249 E Hwy 47, Girard Rally and Bike Show. June: June 3, 2018 American Legion 109 South

Vine, Cherokee 1 p.m.

John L. won the door prize and donated it back to the relief fund.

Kelly W. motioned to adjourn meeting Sledge 2nd. Meeting adjourned 2:34p



Dist Rep Danny Harris presenting Bill Cooper for his many years of service to ABATE of Kansas District 3





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District Rep. Jack Frost 785-383-4836



Jack convened the meeting at 1:15. After the pledge of allegiance we had a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters, as well as members of our response agencies and our service members and veterans. There were 13 district members present at today's meeting.

The December minutes will be in the newsletter, which has not arrived in the mail yet. Big Dog reported that he has received his electronic newsletter, and Jack noted that the newsletter are at the Perry office and will be sent this week. Frank moved to defer the reading of the minutes, RC seconded, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Nicole reported on our current balances after expenses for Toys 4 Tots, which includes our insurance fee and fee to the City of Topeka for the ride, some of which was a security deposit that we got back from the city. We received \$ from the auction, dollars that were given to the Marines. Nicole completed the November and December financials that are reported to the State. RC moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Alvin seconded, approved. We also discussed separating the Run for the Wall funds from other funds, as we did before when our savings account was strictly for RFTW. The District agreed, so we will make sure we separate RFTW donations from other revenue.

State Board meeting: Jack reported that the meeting was in Phillipsburg yesterday. Jack provided a report of the meeting discussion, which included Labor Day issues. Jon Puckett

received the Presidential Award for his long time above and beyond work for ABATE of Kansas. There was also discussion about finances and using CDs to pay off Labor Day loans.

SMART Report: No report until early in 2018 when we can get course dates at the schools.

MRF Report: The MRF has been following legislative proposals for the "Self Drive Act," which is intended to focus on driverless technology. Initially these cars would not be available commercially, only for research and testing purposes. The MRF has also delivered a petition with 5000 names to the Motorcycle Advisory Council, the newly formed group that currently has only one position for a motorcyclist, to ask them to add more positions from our motorcycling community. The Council's first meeting was held recently.

The issue of ethanol is still on the horizon, although the EPA is hinting that they may reduce the amount of ethanol to be produced across the country. The E15 issue is still out there, however, so we need to stay on top of this.

The RPM act, relating to the ability to modify motorcycles and cars, was passed by the Senate and now need the House to review and hopefully pass it in the near future.

Wisconsin was successful in passing a law that expands the rules of the road for violations of right of way, and also increases the penalties for those violations. This is similar to what we are working on here in Kansas so may be a way to use

as an example to reinforce our efforts.

AMA Report: The AMA posted an article in the January American Motorcyclist Magazine about advocating for the future of motorcycling. They also report that the EPA has released final renewable fuel mandates for 2018. The mandates call for an increase in ethanol, and an increase in E15 fuel, which motorcycles and virtually all small engines are not engineered to use, not to mention most cars and trucks. The AMA has also asked members to contact their representatives regarding President Trump's reversal of the size of national monuments in Utah and Montana, that were established by President Obama under the Antiquities Act. This would reduce the amount of land available for US citizens to use for recreational purposes.

The AMA has also filed a brief with the Supreme Court defending the rights of motorcyclists against unlawful search and seizure. This stems from a case where law enforcement searched a motorcycle under a cover without a warrant. The Supreme Court of Virginia ruled that because it was a motorcycle rather than a car or truck no warrant was required. I reported this last month, and nothing has happened since then, but I will continue to follow it.

Products Report: Kerry was present and reported that there has not been too much activity since the Toys for Tots ride. He did show a design he has created for shirts and sweatshirts, which he put on his own credit card. He noted that we really need to sell the shirts so he/we can recoup the expenditure. He hopes to have

these by the February meeting. We still need to get rockers made, Kerry will check with Lori, who may know who did these in the past.

Old Business: 2017 Toys for Tots Fund raising Ride: There were varying reports of the number of participants, but the Capital Journal reported that "over 385 motorcycles were there." Discussion about the number of shirts we ordered, and while we ordered fewer this year and we sold them all and needed to order more. Kerry discussed issues with the printer not printing the shirts that were ordered.

New Business: The state is giving each district a free membership to ABATE districts. RC moved to give this to Don, Charles seconded, approved. RC passed a hat for donations to give Whitey a membership renewal. As you may know, Don has had recent health issues and financial issues for the family are significant issues. Frank moved to give them the District's emergency fund, Karen seconded, approved.

After discussion at the District Board meeting, it was decided to create a new ABATE of Kansas District #4 Official FB page. Charles created the new page during the meeting.

Upcoming Events: Bowla-thon: January 21st at West Ridge Lanes, registration at noon, bowling at 1. We need to get more giveaway items.

Bikers Under the Dome: The date has been changed from February 13, 2018 to February 6th to accommodate other motorcycle groups.

Kansas Republican Convention (Kansas Days): Feb 16/17, 2018, Hyatt Regency in Wichita.

Kansas Democratic





Convention (Washington Days): March 2nd and 3rd, Ramada Inn in Topeka. ABATE of Kansas will once again have a hospitality suite on March 2nd, starting at 6 PM.

30th Annual Run for the Wall: May 21, 2008. We'll do the gas stop as usual this year. Donations are appreciated. Other districts are planning fund raisers for the event and

plan to do similar support as we do.

Next District Board meeting: February 7, 2018, 7 PM, Papan's Landing

Next District meeting: February 11, 2018 1:00 PM, Papan's Landing

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Minutes recorded by Steve Christenberry

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



January 6, 2018 District 5 monthly meeting started at 12:00pm at the Red Eye. We started with the Pledge of allegiance followed by moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll call: There were 29 members present and one guest.

Tony read the state meeting report and legislative report.

Beth read treasures report, and it was approved with no questions.

Product Line: We have more hoodies, men's long sleeves, women's long sleeves and short sleeve shirts available. If you would like one please contact Beth or Debbie.

Old business: We talked about the End of Year Party, and party in a cooler. The winner was James Gargis of Indiana. James please contact the district about picking up the cooler within 30 days. If not contacted the cooler will be donated back to the District for the next giveaway.

New business: We are doing a collection again for the battered women's shelter. So here is a good time to clean out the closets. You can drop items off at Red Eye at 61st and

State Ave in KCK or get a hold of Beth or Debbie so we can collect the items from you.

We will also be doing a chili cook-off at our next meeting on February 3rd 2018 at the Red Eye at 61st and State Ave in KCK. Bring your best recipes.

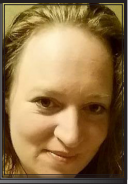
There were many new ideas brought to the table for events to get ABATE in the public eye. We will think further on these ideas and talk about them in upcoming meetings.

Always remember, other motorcyclist, family, interested people, are always welcome. As you can see our District is growing rapidly. If you know someone that would like to join, you can contact anyone on the board for the membership forms or bring them to our next meeting.

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Barton, Ellis, Ness, Rush, Russell, Trego

District Rep. Becca Hardman 785-259-9557



ABATE of Kansas District 6 met January 14, 2018 at Sonny's bar in Liebenthal.

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

Secretary's report was available and waived.

Financial report included information regarding the Run for the Wall account.

Old Business included the soup supper at VFW in Ellis on January 27. Benita will make vegetable beef, Charlene chicken and noodles, Greg ham and beans, Mike C. chili, Chavonne taco, and Danny H. green bean dumpling. Robin offered to make cake/cookies. Cheese, crackers, utensils and dinnerware will be ordered. Members should be at the VFW at 2pm to start serving at 4pm until soup is gone. The Birthday Bash was changed to April 21 at the Tupperware building in Hays. The Baymont Inn will have rooms available at a discounted price. Members are encouraged to begin getting donations and encourage the sponsors to attend. A member will provide a sound system and District 6 will purchase a karaoke bundle and external hard drive, Greg motioned Bretton seconded, all in favor. Decorations and themes were discussed.

At this time the board has opted to leave asst rep open until elections and Charlene has been appointed member at large. This information has been provided to the state level.

New business includes that calendars are in; Charlene purchased them and will be reimbursed. Sponsors will receive a calendar and the rest are for sale for \$10.

District 6 had 13 members attend the state meeting in Phillipsburg; Greg motioned, Steve seconded to reimburse Charlene, Greg, Mike C. and Chavonne for the room cost.

Upcoming events include the Soup supper January 27, Bikers Under the Dome February 6, Republican day February 16, Democratic Day March 2, state meeting February 10 in Newton, Tri-State Coalition/ Winter Bash February 10 in Oakley.

Motion to adjourn by Julie, seconded by Benita, all in favor.

Meeting dates will be February 11 at the Golden Q in Hays, March 11 at the Brazen Bull in Wakeeney.

Meeting was called back to order by Becca for nominations of officers. Nomination for Treasurer-none, Sgt of Arms-none. There will be a vote in March for special elections. Mike C. nominated Chavonne for secretary-accepted. Jody nominated Jason S. for asst rep-accepted, Robin nominated Charlene for member at large-accepted. Benita was nominated and declined secretary, Greg and Steve were nominated and declined Aest rep.

All members were encouraged to provide updated contact information to Chavonne.

Meeting re-adjourned after nominations with all in favor.





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

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District Rep. Doc Pritchett 620-339-5814



NO MEETING MINUTES RECEIVED BY DEADLINE

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

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District Rep. Tony Railsback 620-204-8018



NO MEETING MINUTES RECEIVED BY DEADLINE

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**Clay,Cloud,Dickinson,Ellsworth,Jewell
Marion,McPherson,Mitchell,Ottawa
Republic,Rice,Saline,Washington**

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District Rep. .Jon F Puckett 785-427-6519



NO MEETING MINUTES RECEIVED BY DEADLINE

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

District Rep. Troy Love 620-214-3507



Due to lack of board members present meeting was canceled and all business was tabled for next meeting.

A total of 5 members and 2 guest present at meeting time.

Next meeting is set for February 4th at 2pm at the

VFW in Garden City, Kansas; meeting will be held in the bingo hall. **kids welcome**

If there are any questions to meeting place or time please contact any board member!

Have a happy new year!

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Atchison,Brown,Doniphan,Leavenworth

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District Rep. Doyle Pendergraft
913-704-9233



MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO BAD WEATHER
AND HELD AFTER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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Chase,Coffey,Greenwood,Lyon,Morris

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District Rep. Jerry Wenciker 620-794-4945



The January 14th, 2018 District 12 meeting was called to order by Jerry. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a Moment of Silence for our Fallen Brothers and Sisters.

Debi read the Treasurer's report, Shauntae read the December minutes and Jerry read State Report.

For anyone interested, Bikers Under the Dome will be in Topeka on February 6th, from 9am to 3pm.

Next years's Labor Day Rally is needing four people to volunteer some time at the front gate.

The chili cookoff will be February 11th at 1pm, held at the VFW in Emporia, Kansas. Entry to the cookoff is either bring chili or you can bring a donation of or equivalent to \$5. The meeting will start at 1pm, the chili cookoff will be held afterward. Entries for the rally tshirt will be due April 9th, so be sure to have them in!

The Bike Show will be on April 14th! The after party will be at the VFW and everyone is

invited to both events! T-shirt design submissions need to be in by the end of January so we can vote for and pick a winner in February. The band for the bike show is Bad Dogs. They will be playing from 8pm to 12am.

The Christmas donations helped three families in need instead of two.

For some new business, nominations for Treasurer and Assistant District Representative have come up. Nominations are Debi for Treasurer and Don or Devlon for Assistant. Nominations open still and the vote continues.

District 13 is making a quilt made of past Abate District shirts. District 12 will be sending theirs and all other districts are encouraged to do so, as well!

Next meeting will be February 11th, 2018 at 1pm at the VFW in Emporia, Kansas located at 932 Graphic Arts Road.

DRIVING FACT

DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A DANGEROUS EPIDEMIC ON AMERICA'S ROADWAYS. IN 2015, THERE WERE 3,477 PEOPLE KILLED AND AN ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL 391,000 INJURED IN MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES INVOLVING DISTRACTED DRIVERS.





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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



District 13 January meeting was held @ The Scott Rec B&G in Scott City.

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm. After the Pledge & Moment of Silence roll was called of board members and all were present except for the secretary.

The secretary report was read by Neil O. No corrections were needed and motion passed to accept the report.

The Treasure's report was given by Steve O. Minus a couple of outstanding checks all bills have been paid. A motion was made to go ahead and pay the State for the new calendars ahead of the sales. Motion passed. Steve O. will get that sent into the State. Steve reported we have a card cube now therefore we can now accept credit cards for products and such.

Neil O. gave an in-depth report on the State meeting he attended in Phillipsburg this last weekend. Some discussion was held and the report accepted.

Old Business: Nominations for election positions was opened up again.

Elections will be in May. Please keep an eye out for the ballots to be in the March & April newsletters.

The Buffalo Run details are still in the works. Some items tabled like the meal for the event crowd. There are still spots open for RV's on the event grounds. Please contact Darin or Mona with your requests. Prepaid deposit is required to save you a space.

The meeting place and meal for the State Board meeting has been finalized. It will be held at

The Colonial Restaurant back meeting room there next to The Buffalo Run event.

A motion was made to accept the Old business. Motion passed.

New Business: Benefit Runs were discussed for two of the board members at the St Francis Motorcycle Museum who are both having health issues due to cancer. Our prayers and support go out to them and their family & friends.

The April 22nd Run has been designated for that purpose. Fallen Brothers & Sisters to be the theme.

District 2 and district 6 have both offered material and help to get the 4x8 Look "Twice Save a Life" signs constructed. Darin W. will be contacting someone to see if we can place it on some property. The second one was requested by Bear of dist 2 to be placed near the St Francis Museum somewhere. We will be reaching out to the Museum to see if they have a spot for it.

A motion was made and passed to accept new business and motion passed.

Announcements: The Feb. Dist meeting will be in Tribune Ks. @ the Trench Bar & Grill 2pm

April the 14th the will be a Hog Roast @ The Shield's Firehouse.

April the 22nd will be the Fallen brother & Sisters Benefit run. The run will start in Oakley at the Buffalo Bill Monument. Kickstands up @ 10am.

A motion was made to adjourn motion passed. Meeting adjourned @ 3:40pm

The door prize was won by Curtis B. and donated back to the "Biker Down" Fund.

Hawg Waddle



Promoting motorcycle Awareness
of A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas, Inc



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March 3, 2018

A.B.A.T.E. DISTRICT #3 FUNDRAISER

Stops

Registration and 1st Stop

AMERICAN LEGION INDY Post #139

1531 WEST MAIN [members & guests] 2:00 – 3:00

STONE'S – 2021 WEST MAIN 3:00 – 4:00
(Food Available for Purchase)

TBD 4:00 – 5:00

UNCLE JACK'S – 104 N. PENN AVENUE 5:00 – 6:00
(Drink and Appetizer Specials Available for Purchase)

VFW – 113 E. MYRTLE [members & guests] 6:00 – 8:00
Baked Potato Bar Available for Purchase

Band

Bogart 8:00 – 12:00

Donations

\$10 Hand - \$5 Band
\$20 for 3 Hands - Band

Reduced Rate Overnight Stays

Microtel Inn & Suites-INDY 2917 W Main/620-331-0088 (Mention Hawg Waddle) \$65/single-\$70/double or suite (+tax)
Knight's Inn-INDY 3222 W. Main/620-331-7300 (Mention Hawg Waddle)-\$50/single or double (+ tax)

Contact Information: Danny Harris 620-330-6861
Designated Drivers Available





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**Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Riley
Wabaunsee**www.abateks15.com

District Rep. Randy Bassler 785-826-6372



District 15 Meeting
December 10, 2017
Members Present: 11
Guests Present: 0

The District meeting was called to order Dec 10, 2017, 12:15 pm, at T's Longhorn, Leonardville, KS, by Randy Bassler, District Representative.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A Moment of Silence was held for our fallen brothers and sisters and for our military service members.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Carl H. to wave the Secretary's Report, 2nd by Mark K. Motion passed with a show of hands.

Treasurers Report: Cathy H. gave a detailed report of finances. Randy B. for fuel Geary Co Food Pantry, Mark K. for Alma Manor Christmas Gifts. A motion was made by Herbie M. for the approval of the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Teresa V. Passed with a show of hands.

State Report: Cathy H. gave state report that Carey

provided.

Old Business: George T. reported the food drive netted 442 lbs of donated food. Mark K. gave an update on the Veterans Christmas Gift bags and gifts for the Alma Manor.

New Business: Members had much discussion about hosting the March State Meeting prior to the Biker Ball as a result Tony R. made a motion that if RC McGraw's cannot do the State meeting on 10th of March and Biker Ball on the 24th of March than we do not host the State Meeting in March. 2nd by Jack V. Passed with a show of hands.

Cathy gave update on Christmas Family in Geary County

Next meeting at Rattlesnake Inn, 215 Riley Avenue, Ogden, Ks. Meeting starts at 12pm

Randy B. won the drawing Herbie M. made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Jack V. Passed with a show of hands.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Krause

The District 15 meeting was called to order by Randy B., District Representative, at 12:10p.m., at the Rattlesnake Inn, Manhattan. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a Moment of Silence for our fallen brothers and sisters and for those serving in the military.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the December 10, 2017 meeting were read by Carey G.W., Interim Secretary. Herbie M. made a motion to approve the minutes as read with a 2nd by Damien L.

Motion approved by a show of hands.

Treasurer's Report: Cathy H. provided a detailed financial report to include beginning balance, expenses, and ending balance. Motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Steve C. with a 2nd by Herbie M. Motion approved by a show of hands.

Cathy H. and Carl H. will get the flyer & tickets drafted and submitted to the printer for the 2018 Biker Ball. They will try to get the flyer to the State

for approval & included in the February 2018 Newsletter.

State Report: The State has an operation loan that will come due in 2019. The Board voted to use one or more of the CDs to pay off the loan. The president & treasurer will complete the pay-off actions. The state insurance policy comes due in Feb 2018, we have several companies submitting bids. All liquor and mixes to be used in the specialty drinks sold at the LDR will be purchased by the State. The income derived from the sale of specialty drinks is divided into thirds – 1/3 to the State, 1/3 to the District, and 1/3 to charity. Beer revenue goes to the State. The Bylaws and Policies & Procedures are being amended to reflect and clarify long-standing verbal procedures. Ken W., Membership Chairman, read the changes at the December meeting; they will appear in the Jan 2018 Newsletter for the general membership to read. The Bylaws will be voted on at the Feb meeting; the Policies & Procedures were approved at the December meeting. Ringo is working on the boat dock plaques, they will be made of stainless steel & will not rust.

The artwork for LDR is due to the State Office not later than April 9. A motion made in 2015 lowered the life Membership fee permanently and provided that a portion of the fee would be set aside for purchasing a CD with the remainder going to the operating account. This motion will become part of the amendments to the Policies & Procedures.

The District received a free membership application. The District Board & members determine the recipient of the

free membership.

Old Business: We have received the 2018 Calendars; they are ready to purchase. The 2018 Biker Ball will be held March 24, 2018 at RC McGraw's. The theme for this year's Biker Ball is "Bikers in Pajamas". We will need to have prizes, seek sponsors, and pick the menu. Items for the Ball will need to be brought to the February and March meetings. The District discussed the menu options then made choices. They also decided to use the free membership as a prize at the Ball.

The members discussed the Meeting & Events Schedule and filled in the 3 events that needed dates finalized. A copy of the schedule was provided to each member present and to Carey for the State Office.

New Business: George T. let everyone know that Motorhead Cycles has a new owner, Rick. Rick wants to be a vender at the 2018 LDR event; He received the information to contact the State Office for details.

Comments & Information: The owner of the shop next door to the Rattlesnake Inn came by to invite the members to come by for some target practice. The Rattlesnake Inn has a new owner/manager, Ashley, who welcomed us and invited us back anytime. The next D15 meeting will be February 11, 2018, at the Eagles Lodge in Manhattan, KS. The meeting will begin at Noon. The drawing was won by Carl H. There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Mark K. with a 2nd by Rita P. to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:15p.m.

-Carey Griffin-Wingett,
Interim Secretary





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March 24, 2018

7th Annual Biker Ball

Bikers in Pajamas

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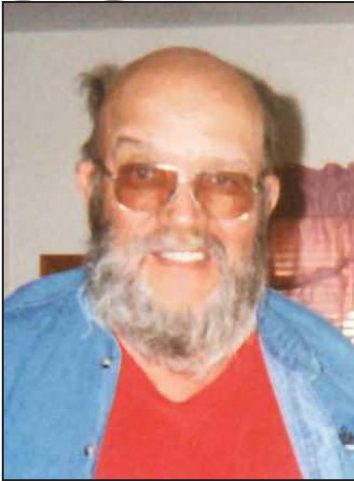
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David R.
Creager

Fredonia

David R. Creager, 75, of Fredonia, Kansas died Saturday, January 6, 2018 at Medicalodges Nursing Home in Independence, Kansas.

David Raymond Creager was born November 5, 1942 in Neodesha, Kansas the son of Giles Creager and Harriet (Adams) Creager. He lived his entire life in Fredonia and graduated from Fredonia High School in 1960.

On December 2, 1991 in Miami, Oklahoma he was united in marriage to Sue Ella Claibourn and she survives at the home.

David was a longtime rancher raising cattle on the family farm. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and will be remembered for his ornery ways.

He was a member of the American Legion, Board

member of the Wilson County Historical Society, ABATE, Farm Bureau and Fredonia Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife Sue Ella of the home, step daughter, Becky Hendrickson and husband Rex of Paola, Kansas, grandchildren, Kyle, Katlyn and Kody.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Celebration of Life Memorial services will be held at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, January 13, 2018 at Wickham Family Funeral Home, 510 N. 7th, Fredonia, Kansas.

Memorial remembrances are suggested to the Wilson County Historical Society and they may be left or mailed to the funeral home.



Orlis
Bryant Jr.

Fort Scott

Orlis Bryant, Jr. passed away January 22, 2018, at Mercy Hospital in Ft Scott, KS. Orlis was born in Hillsboro, KS on Oct 18, 1966 to Orlis Bryant, Sr and Cecil Lorretta Bryant.

After acquiring his education, Orlis worked as a forklift driver, and also served 10 Years in the Army National Guard. He was very proud to serve his country, and was a proud member of his motor cycle club, The American Vets Club. With his club, he was active in the Toys for Tots every year, and the laying of the wreaths at the cemetery.

Orlis was the family jokester, always making people laugh when they were around him. Most of all, Orlis was a proud grandpa, loving his grandchildren dearly.

Orlis is survived by his fiancée Debbie Woods, son Daniel Bryant of Chanute,

daughter Deanna Walker of Fredonia, grandchildren Blade, Gavin & Jade Kidd, and Bentley Bryant. He is also survived by sisters Gloria Stone, Evelna Thomas, Deborah Phillips, Mary Carney, and Betty Burns; brothers John Degard and Boyd Burns.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Kathleen Martinez, and brother Rufus Burns.

Cremation has been requested, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the American Vets Club and can be left with or mailed to the Funeral home at PO Box 247, Fredonia, Ks 66736.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, Fredonia.

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IN
MEMORIAM





Dennis
Walker

Emporia

Dennis Walker, age 72, of Emporia, KS died suddenly Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at Newman Regional Health in Emporia.

The son of Allen F. and Gladys (Jones) Walker, Dennis was born September 6, 1945 in Florence, KS.

He graduated from Strong City High School in 1963. Dennis drove a truck hauling cattle for many years. He retired from Branson Trucking.

He was a member of ABATE of Kansas (a not-for-profit organization to improve motorcycle awareness, safety, and education). He enjoyed riding his bike with his favorite destinations being cafes in the

surrounding areas.

He spent hours reading and watching television.

Dennis is survived by two brothers: Darrell and Kevin Walker of Emporia and two sisters: Trudy Walker of Lawrence and Karen Pope of Gillette, WY.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Aaron Walker.

No services are planned at this time. Memorial contributions to ABATE of Kansas may be sent in care of Brown-Bennett-Alexander Funeral Home, PO Box 220, Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845.



Joetta
Martinson
Wagoner

Fairview

Joetta Martinson Wagoner, 53, of Fairview, died Monday, January 8, 2018 at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

Joetta was born in Hiawatha, May 23, 1964, one of four children to the late Willard "Bill" and Eleanor Mae Camblin Martinson and had lived in the Hiawatha/Fairview area all of her life. She grew up on a farm west of Hiawatha, attended Hiawatha schools where she later graduated from Hiawatha High School. Joetta assisted in the care for her elderly father until his death. She also was a caregiver for several other families in the area for the elderly. She in recent years bought a home in Fairview where she worked as a cashier for All Star Truck Stop in Sabetha.

Joetta, when she was growing up, attended Immanuel Lutheran Church of rural Fairview; was an active member of Abate District #11, of Hiawatha. She enjoyed the outdoors, Harley Davidson, and the old barns on the family farm.

She married Alvin Wagoner. To this union a son Arthur was

born. Alvin died in 2013.

Survivors include her son Arthur Wagoner of Fairview; two brothers: Martin Martinson of Wetmore, Kevin Martinson of Hiawatha; nephew Joshua Martinson; nieces: Heather, Tiffany, Brianna, Carissa; and a host of great-nieces, nephews, and friends.

Joetta was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Alvin; and a brother Billy "Beefy" Martinson in 2012.

Funeral services are planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, January 13, at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, Hiawatha. Burial will follow at Hiawatha Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 10 a.m. Friday, where the family will meet from 6 until 8 that evening.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Joetta Wagoner Memorial Fund, sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.



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4 District Mtgs: 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, & 15	5	6	7	8	9	10 State Mtg, Am Legion, 400 S. Spencer, Newton, NOON
11 District Mtgs: 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, & 15	12	13	14 	15	16 ?? District 7	17
18	19 	20	21	22	23	24 Flag Day 
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ADVANCE NEWS

District 1: Meetings are 1st Sunday, start at 1:00pm
2/4 – Meeting, TBA

District 2: Meetings are the 2nd Sunday, start at 4:00pm
12/11 - Meeting will be at 183 Lanes in Stockton.

District 3: Meetings are 1st Sunday, start at 1:00pm
2/4 – Meeting, Sharkey's, Ft. Scott

District 4: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, start at 1:00pm
2/11 – Meeting, Pappan's Landing

District 5: Meetings are 1st Saturday, begin at Noon
2/3 - Meeting, Red Eye

District 6: Meeting are 2nd Sunday, start at 4:00pm
2/11 - TBA

District 7: unknown at publication

District 8: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, start at 1:30pm
2/10 - BOD state meeting American Legion Newton, lunch served, silent auction and products available
2/11 – Meeting, Southlake apts, clubhouse 4141 S. Seneca Wichita. All are welcomed
2/16 - Republican Days will be held at the Regional Hyatt in Wichita.

District 9: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, Lunch at Noon & meeting
2/11 – Meeting, TBA

District 10: Meetings are 1st Sunday, begins at 2:00pm
2/4 - Meeting, VFW (Bingo Hall), Garden City, KS
3/4 - Meeting, VFW (Bingo Hall), Garden City, KS

District 11: Meetings are 1st Sunday, start time varies
2/4 - Meeting, TBA

District 12: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, starts at 2:00pm
2/11- Meeting, TBA

District 13: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, starts at 2:00pm
2/11 – Meeting, The Trench Bar & Grill, 208 W. Kansas Ave (Hwy 96), Tribune, KS
3/11 – Meeting, VFW, 824 Main St, Goodland, KS

District 15: Meetings are 2nd Sundays, begin at Noon
2/14 – Meeting, Eagles Lodge, 312 S. 4th St., Manhattan, KS
3/10 – Hosting State BOD Meeting, RC McGraw's, 2317 Tuttle Creek Blvd, Manhattan, KS
3/11 – Meeting, Sportsman Tavern, 401 Onaga Bypass, Onaga

STATE MEETINGS:

Feb 10th – American Legion, 400 S. Spencer, Newton, KS, Noon

Mar 10th – RC McGraw's, 2317 Tuttle Creek Blvd, Manhattan, KS, Noon

April 14th – VFW, 932 Graphic Arts Rd, Emporia, KS, Noon

May 5th – Crawford County Fairgrounds, 249 E. 47 Hwy, Girard, KS, Noon

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On February 6, 2018 from 9:00 - 3:00 ABATE of Kansas and the Coalition of Clubs will be hosting Bikers Under the Dome at the Rotunda in our State

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Remember Legislators who know how issues will impact local voters tend to grasp ideas more easily and are generally more receptive. Listen to what your Legislator has to say on the issue and be sure to thank them for hearing what your issues are. Be brief, honest, and persuasive and always follow up with a thank you note.

Democratic Days will also be in Topeka at the Ramada Inn on March 2nd.

Republican Days will be held at the Regional Hyatt in Wichita on February 16th.

On Profiling issues Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, President of the MRF, found out first hand when he was one of two people singled out of 200 going

through customs to board a plane back to the United States. He was screened not once but twice. They went as far as searching all his belongings and even powering up his phone and computer because he looks like a biker.

Banditos Jake Carrizal remains a free man after a jury of 12, all citizens of Waco Texas, disagreed and refused to convict him on all three charges he faced. Jake took the stand in his own defense. Unfortunately, The Tragedy of Twin Peaks was blamed on law enforcement for over 2 years.

Carrizal maintains that law enforcement actually saved his life twice that day. According to Carrizal with the exception of a few minor incidents Confederation of Clubs meetings have been peaceful gathering places, even among alleged rivals.

The MRF is pursuing H.Res. 318 and S. Res 154 on Motorcycle Profiling that are currently pending before

Congress.

The MRF will continue to work on have autocycles in their own category in 2018, ensuring that federal authorities regard autocycles separate from motorcycles.

The MRF will continue to monitor the issues concerning motorcycle and small engine manufacturers about ethanol blends higher than 10% until it is approved by both the EPA and motorcycle manufacturers. The federal government must guarantee the availability of fuel containing no more than 10% ethanol at fuel stations across the U.S..

The MRF insists that automakers file a mandatory safety report to NHTSA on self-driving cars to market and how these vehicles identifies and responds to motorcycles. The Senate Bill is currently waiting action and the MRF will monitor what motorcycles are identified in these actions.

How long before we have self drive motorcycles?

This question was asked to Meg Ekstrom V. Pres. Government Affairs and Public Relations for the MRF. Her response, "No Thanks", is the answer most motorcyclists will give you.

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Bill Cooper
Kansas MRF Rep.



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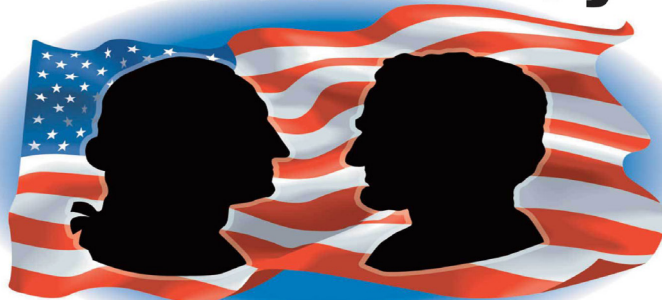


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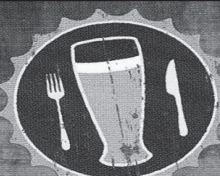
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