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NEXT DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 16 - 5PM CST





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February 13, 2021

VFW Post 6957

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MEETING STARTS AT NOON

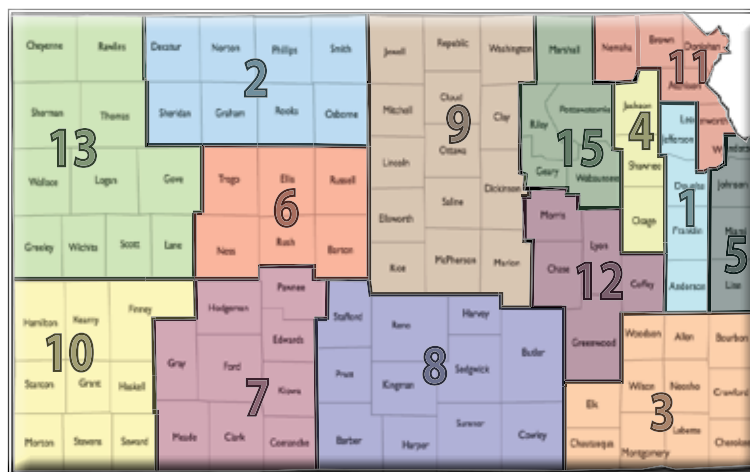
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MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS REPORT;
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SOUTH M.I.L.E.; CORPORATE
SECRETARY; NEWSLETTER REPORT;
WEB SITE REPORT; PRODUCT LINE
REPORT; OLD BUSINESS; NEW
BUSINESS; UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING STATE MEETINGS:

03/13— TBD - Dodge City, KS

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

ABATE of Kansas District Map



A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas is divided into Districts by county. Each District header lists the encompassed counties for each respective District. To determine which District you are in, find your county name in the headers, and the number designates the containing District. Every active District of A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas has an elected District Representative.

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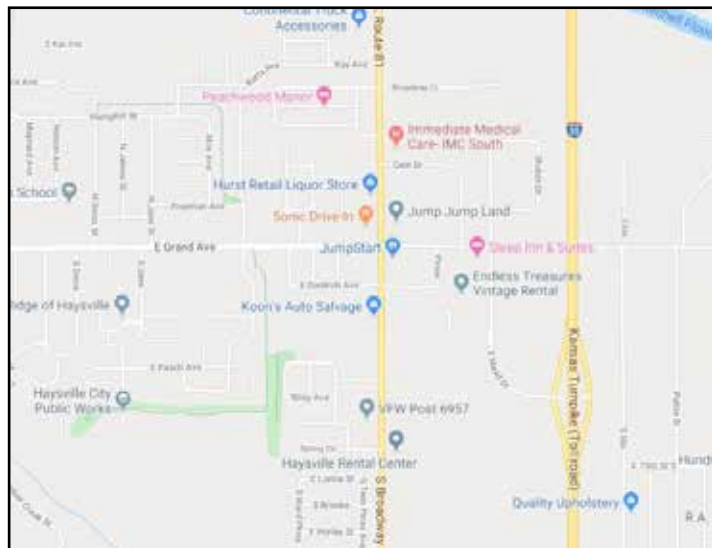
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~ State Meeting ~

ABATE of Kansas Board of Directors meeting January 09, 2021.

President Byron started the State meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silence for Lost Brothers and Sisters.

Roll Call: all were in attendance except for Districts 4, 5, 7, 10. No guests or speakers.

Secretary's Report- a motion was made to waive the report, second, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report- Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, second, motion passed.

Old Business: March meeting will be in Dodge City, where TBA.

Republican Days Convention - April 23rd and 24th. Reservations have been made for Sis B., Tony R., and Bill C.

February Bikers Under the Dome - Tony R. filled out an event application for Bikers Under the Dome. I will not know if the event is happening due to COVID-19 restrictions until the 1st of Feb. Pretty short notice. You can still call your Legislators and make an appointment to see them whether February 9th or another day. We can possibly have a virtual event. Tony R. will let Lori H. know whether or not we will have Bikers Under the Dome. If you have any issues with memberships, PLEASE let Byron H. or Lori H., know as soon as possible. Tammy R. and JR Watts have new patches for the back of vests. We as a group will need to reword the waiver for wearing the patch.

Scott made a motion to accept the prices of the patches small and large. Second, by Doyle P., motion passed with a roll call and 1 no vote from District 15. Lunch break 1:02 pm - 1:45 pm. President Byron called the meeting back to order. Tammy emailed all Districts and board members the revised waiver. Bill S. made a motion to accept the waiver that Tammy R. read, Scott second, motion approved by roll call with a no vote from District 9. Lori H. will be in charge of the waivers filed.

New Business - the insurance company has concerns about insuring new events due to the COVID-19 virus. Anything event wise that has been ongoing for years will be ok. Bike Show will be in Emporia if not indoors then maybe outdoor Bike show. They will have a meeting on January 10, 2021 and will find out more info Dist. 12. District 7 - Doc the district will be going inactive effective Feb. 2021. Doc does not want to be District Rep. Thank you Doc for your years and hard work!

Newsletter Editor- Kat resigned effective Feb. 2021. She will stick around to help out who proceeds her. A BIG THANK YOU to Kat for all her hard work.

There is a possibility of a new newsletter editor, does not want to go public at the moment, if the answer is no the office will put an application in the newsletter.

JR W. made a motion to get a list of members sent in an email to each District Rep. For the Districts that want a

copy. Tony R. (Dist. 15) second, motion passed by roll call.

L.D.R. - Security goes to vendor gate for volunteers to work and let Rick G. now and also make sure you sign in and sign out on the list so there is a copy of your hours. Site Coordinator- good to go. Maintenance- good to go. Security- good. Stage Area and Security -good to go.

Vendor - Need lighting and signage on the hill.

Sheriff Dept., Fire Dept., EMTs, Good to go. They had brought up that the old defib, they will need a new one. Will look into getting a grant for a new one, Event Products- Bill C. -Will have products at the L.D.R., Bill S. And Chris L. will have beverage garden., Amber S. will have Stage and Satellite beverages. Pre-registration and Early bird registration are underway online now.

Artwork for the L.D.R. needs to be in by April 9th, 2021 or brought to the April state meeting. The winner will receive a Free T-shirt, Free pass, and \$\$\$.

Lobbyist-Bikers Under the Dome, Republican Days Convention, Democratic Convention not sure if they will happen. Tony R. handed out a bill from Idaho on profiling. If all agree with the bill, Tony R. will rewrite it for us in Kansas and will move on. Right away Bill and hands-free are also on the table. See the Lobbyist report in this newsletter for more info.

Mid-South M.I.L.E. committee meeting will be the last weekend of February.

Upcoming events:

District 1 had its meeting on January 3, 2021.

District 2 - Vegas night this evening, January 9, 2021. District Meeting January 10, 2021. Bike Show 3rd Saturday in April.

District 3 - American Legion on January 14, 2021. Old Bastard's Ball, Feb 20, 2021.

District 6- January 10, 2021, Saturday is the District Meeting. Then will move to the 1st Sat. Doing about 4 or 5 events will look into what is new or previous.

District 8 - Meeting January 10 at 1:30 pm at the Haysville, Ks. V.F.W. February 12 we will have an ABATE Social starting at 7 pm to 10 pm with snacks, music, live auction. Saturday, February 13 host the ABATE State meeting. February 14th is District Meeting.

District 9- January 10, 2021, at Russ & Myrna's in Galva, KS.

District 12 - meeting at V.F.W. January 10, 2021.

District 13 - Winona Café, January 10, 2021.

District 15 - January 10, 2021, at McGraw's in Manhattan, KS.

The door prize won by David Z. donated back to ABATE. Tony Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brian Van Dyke second, motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 pm.





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

Notice of Approved Amendments to Policies and Procedures

Approved during the monthly Board of Directors meeting held: December 13, 2020

EVENTS

II. State Events:

7. 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. (Amended January 13, 2018)
All Specialty Beverages for the LDR Beverage Gardens will be purchased with state funds and all profits from the specialty beverages will be divided 50% for the district and 50% to the state. (Amended December 2020)

I. General Functions:

E. No one under 21 will be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages.
No one under 21 will be allowed to consume or purchase alcoholic beverages, tobacco products including cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes and any CBD product. (Amended December 2020)



Upcoming 2021 Events

Republican Convention April 23-24, Manhattan, KS
Democratic Convention TBD
Mid-South M.I.L.E. October 22-24 - Dallas, TX
(all events subject to date change and/or cancellation)



The 2021 Kansas legislative session has begun. We are looking forward to what we hope will be a successful year. ABATE is

focusing on three bills this year: anti-profiling, hands-free & a new approach to the right of way bill. With this in mind, we will need individuals to ask their legislators for their support on the above-mentioned bills. ABATE will update you on the bill numbers and committee assignments once the bills are officially introduced.

To find the contact information for your senators and representatives go online to kslegislature.org and click the find your legislators link. If you do not know who represents you, just go to openstates.org/ks/ and enter your address.

Our ABATE lobbyist will be keeping a close eye out on the bills we are supporting and any other legislation that affects motorcyclists. But it takes more than just lobbyists, we each need to play a role by getting to know our legislators and building those relationships. ABATE of Kansas has a genuine desire to protect your rights and freedom but that requires an all hands on deck effort.

Thank you for your support,
Byron
President, ABATE of Kansas





Lobbyist Report

To All: The year of COVID-19 has made life difficult and challenging for everyone. The 2021 legislature has kicked off to a start on Jan. 11th with lots of COVID-19 restrictions <<http://restrictions.in/>>at the Capitol.

December 2020, I was appointed as Lobbyist for ABATE of Kansas. I have registered with the state as your lobbyist for ABATE of Kansas. At our December meeting, we tossed around ideas in direction of travel legislatively for 2021 and at the January meeting firmed them up. We are going to stay on top of the hands-free bill HB 2458. HB 2458 passed the House last year but came to a halt with the onset of COVID-19. We are hoping it continues to the Senate for a hearing. HB 2276 is the distracted driving bill, it died last year in the House Transportation Committee. It has been decided at our January meeting that ABATE of Kansas should try and reintroduce it again. The original bill was introduced by the Kaw Valley bicycle club, I have been in contact with them. At this point, they want to run it by their board members for approval. Also, on our agenda is to introduce a profiling bill. It was decided we would use the language in the Idaho profiling bill. The Idaho profiling bill passed on March 18th, 2020 and is now a law. On a side note, it took Idaho 5 years to accom-

plish this. It will not be an easy row to hoe and will require a lot of help from our members and others in the riding community. In December it was decided that the state would pay the expense for myself and Bill Cooper to go to the Republican convention in April. The convention is located this year in Manhattan Ks. Anyone is welcome to go, but there is a \$75 fee to attend. There is not much out there yet on the Democratic convention, it might end up being a virtual event from what little we are hearing. I spoke with the events coordinator at the State Capitol in early January, there will be no events held inside of the Capitol Building in January. They will decide on events on a month-to-month basis. Today, January 14th Bikers Under the Dome HAS been canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will see you in 2022 for BUTD. I expect this year to be anything but normal until the pandemic is over.

As always, I will also look out for anything negative that affects us as riders in the upcoming legislative session.

For any questions, please feel free to call me at (620) 204-8018. If I do not answer, please leave me a voice mail and I will return your call as soon as possible.

~Tony Railsback

Attention District Reps and Treasurers!

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Thank you, Lori Harden, Treasurer
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The January meeting for ABATE District 3 was held Sunday, January 10th at the American Legion in Caney. There were 35 in attendance.

After the meeting was called to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and we had a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

County reps roll call, Montgomery- Bill / Tracey, yes. Chautauqua- Sledge, yes. Crawford- Denny, no. Wilson- Donovan / Mike, yes. Neosho- Tabled until next month. Cherokee- LOOKING FOR REP. Elk- Mike, yes. Labette- Nick, yes. Allen- Curtis, yes. Bourbon, LOOKING FOR REP. Woodson- Paula, yes.

Kitty made a motion to refer to your newsletter for the secretary report, Amy 2nd, all passed. Kitty went over the financial report. Dave made a motion to accept, Amy 2nd, all passed.

Sherry went over the products

we still had left in inventory from the first responder's event and the toy run. Mike made a motion to lower the cost on that inventory, Tim 2nd, all passed. The website for new products should be done and launched next month. We have new hats and small patches for sale right now. If you are interested get with your county rep or Sherry.

JR read the state report. Sledge made a motion to accept the report, Tim 2nd, all passed.

We were not listed as a sponsor in the MRF report. Tim made a motion to get those dues paid, Amy 2nd, all passed.

Old business: Turkey shoot was a success. Thank you, everyone. Who came and participated and thank you to everyone who helped out. Girard gun drawing tickets are available. So, anyone who would like to sell some or buy some get ahold of JR and let him know. Dan's bar out of Elk City is hosting a





porker run. The route is been set as followed Moline, Longton, Elk City, Elk City, and Independence the date for that is July 10th, 2021. Dave made a motion to accept the route, Jolene seconded, all passed.

Old Bastard's ball will be held at Cherokee Legion, February 20th. They are working on getting Hampton Inn discounts in Pittsburg, Kansas for anyone interested in staying.

Girard rally committee. Is it go if anyone would like to volunteer, please get with your county rep.? The T-shirt design was brought to the meeting. We made a few changes. Jolene motion to accept the changes Amy seconded all passed.

Amy made a motion to accept the old business Tracy seconded I will pass.

New Business: We have two new members attending this meeting. Thank you for coming and welcome to ABATE D3.

The safety Riders course was brought up and discussed having it in Independence with ABATE hosting the course. Sledge made a motion to accept, Dave seconded, all passed.

Old Bastards Ball is coming up, February 20th. Cherokee American Legion Please get with JR if you have any items to be donated for the auction, or you may just bring them to the event. Insurance has been paid.

Hawg Waddle Is March 6th in Independence, Kansas. The flyer was brought to the meeting. Amy made a motion to accept the flyer, Jolene seconded, all passed. Insurance has been paid.

New business was open for discussion Tracy made a motion to accept new business, Paula seconded, all passed.

Upcoming events: Starting in February Elk Lodge is opening breakfast again. That is on the fourth Sunday of every month.

Molina bar in Moline, Kansas is having a steak night the first Saturday of every month. Dave made a motion to adjourn Sledge seconded.

Be Safe ALL and Thank you for attending the meeting. Cannot wait to see some other new faces next month in Chanute.

Next month's meeting is at the Elks Lodge in Chanute, Kansas, on February 14th at 1 pm.

January meeting was hosted by District 2 this month. Chris was unable to attend this month, so no report. Read the newsletter.

SMART Report: We have a meeting to discuss website updates next week. The contract with BRP/CanAM for loan trikes has been signed and they have been ordered by Cycle Zone. We plan to start training in April.

AMA/MRF Report: Please read the MRF report in the newsletter. Please consider joining the MRF, and the AMA. They are our advocates in nation's Capital. An application for MRF membership is in the ABATE newsletter and you can join the American Motorcyclists Association at www.American-Motorcyclist.com.

Old Business: 2021 Bike Show: April 17th is a possibility. Chris spoke with the owner of the Woodshed. We can rent their facility all day till 2 am and a deposit is required. Chris knows a DJ who will do the event, but we discussed the need to see if others might be less expensive. RC stated that we should establish a committee to do the planning work. RC, Steve, TC and Jennifer, Karen, Alvin, Rob, and Chris volunteered to serve on the committee. Steve suggested we go to the Woodshed on Saturday afternoon to see the venue to get a better idea of how many bikes and vendors we can put in it to see if it is a viable location.

2021 District 4 Calendar of Events: Copies provided at the meeting and they are posted on our FB page.

D4 Products person: The District still needs someone to take over this role.

New Storage Facility: Chris will verify the fee for the unit tomorrow and then get a check from Karen to pay for it. Several members volunteered to

move our inventory to the new storage, which must be done by next weekend.

Bowlathon: We postponed the event, which was to be held on January 17th at West Ridge Lanes, due to COVID-19 restrictions. We are tentatively looking at March 21st if the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Bikers Under the Dome: It likely will not happen this year due to COVID-19 restrictions at the Capitol.

Valentine's Party: Decided to cancel this year.

New Business: Run for the Wall: It is unknown whether it will happen this year, although when Steve checked their website, they are taking registrations. Frank will talk with the coordinator he knows. RC looked at their website and found information about hotels but nothing yet about the run itself.

Nominations for Assistant Rep, and Member at Large: They will be open from now until the March meeting. Ballots need to be in the newsletter after the March meeting. Karen nominated RC for Assistant Rep, he accepted. Chris nominated Rob for Assistant Rep, he accepted. Carl nominated Jennifer for Treasurer, she accepted. Steve nominated Karen for Treasurer, she accepted. RC nominated Paul for Member at Large, he accepted. Nominations are closed until next month.

Paul reminded us that we need to make sure District decisions are made by the Board, not individuals.

Next Meeting: February 14th at Papan's Landing

Jennifer moved to adjourn at 2:45 pm, Carl seconded.

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The January meeting was held at Papan's Landing. Chris called the meeting to order at 1:16 pm. There were 11 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited, followed by a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters, our military and first responders.

Secretary Report: Frank moved to waive the reading of the December 13 meeting minutes. RC seconded, approved.

Karen provided the Treasur-

er's report, including revenue for Toys for Tots and contributions of that revenue to the Marine Corps Reserve. Chris received a refund from the City of Topeka for the parade permit deposit.

Alvin moved to approve, Frank seconded, approved. Chris, Rob, Steve, and Karen will go to the bank on Friday at 3:30 to get all the Board names on the bank account.

State Board meeting: The





Johnson, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte

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District Rep Tony Rawls-Riley
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On January 3rd, 2021 District 5 monthly meeting started at noon at Red Eye. There were quite a few in attendance.

We led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and silence for our fallen brothers.

Tony read the state meeting report and the legislative report. Geoff read the treasures report and Debbie the minutes.

We discussed new plans and ideas for 2021.

The next meeting is February 7th, 2021 at Red Eye at noon.

There were many new ideas brought to the table for events

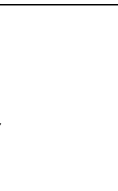
to get ABATE in the public eye. We will think further on these ideas and talk about them in upcoming meetings.

Always remember, other motorcyclists, 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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ABATE of Kansas District 8 meeting January 10, 2021, was called to order by District Rep Brian Van Dyke at 1:30 pm, with The Pledge of Allegiance

and a moment of Silence for Lost Brothers and Sisters. Roll Call District Rep., Secretary, Treasurer, Counties present: Sedgwick, Reno.

Secretary's Report: Sis made a motion to waive the Secretary's.

Report, second by Milton C. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: we still have a positive balance. Sandy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, motion passed.

Products Report: Tracie will take the products to Bourbon Street in Wichita in February.

State Meeting Phillipsburg, KS on Saturday, January 9, 2021.

Republican Days should be April 23 and 24, still subject to shutdown because of COVID. February 9 tentatively Bikers Under the Dome, end of January we receive the final decision.

Democratic Convention talking about going virtual. If not going virtual, we will meet at The Ramada Inn on 6th street in Topeka.

District 12 Bike Show in April, whether indoors or outdoors is up in the air. State Insurance is being very picky about insuring new events at this time.

Newsletter Editor Kat has resigned. She will stay on to help train. If anyone interested let the State of ABATE office know.

If you have any questions regarding the ABATE State Board members let them know.

Labor Day Rally, you can preregister, register as an Early Bird and/or purchase an online ticket for a chance to win an Early Bird pass. Lobbyist Tony R. working on a profiling bill, Hands-Free and Right of way. Opening day is January 11.

At the beginning of these minutes, District 8 did not have an Assistant District Rep., and a Sergeant of Arms. We had a quick election for the positions. Our new Asst. Dist. Rep. Is

Tammy Ward-Railsback, our new Sergeant of Arms is Pete Whitlock.

We paused for a lunch break from 2:45 pm to 3:08 pm.

February, District 8 is hosting the State meeting.

February 12th we will have an ABATE Social from 7 pm to 10 pm music, food, live auction. Haysville VFW.

State meeting Feb 13th. February 12th District meeting.

New Business- Melissa, guest of Tom, works at Wattys in Hutchinson, KS, and wants to start a Bike night for ABATE District 8. Brian had asked her to contact Tammy. Potwin Bike Run- will be starting up in April. Brian asked if we want to set up a booth in Potwin, KS, and all agreed. We would be able to set up a booth whether free or at a cost, to a minimum. Cassoday Bike Run is the first Sunday, Potwin is the second Sunday and Beaumont is the third Sunday of the month.

The Mid-South M.I.L.E. will be the third weekend of October which is October 22nd to 24th, 2021, in Dallas, Texas, at the Innkeep Inn at Elegante, 2330 N. W. Highway, Dallas, TX 75220, Phone 214-135-4477 for reservations.

The door prize was won by Tom. Pete W. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Tracie. Motion passed.





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The District 9 meeting was called to order at 1:01 pm on January 10th, 2021 with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence given, with 16 members, and 3 county reps, and 1 guest present.

The secretary's report was given with correction noted.

The treasurer's report was given and approved.

State News: See state news in the newsletter.

Awareness report: None at this time.

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

Website report: Not at this time. Facebook is current.

Old business: None

New Business: Stoker Award to Ron V.

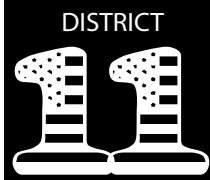
Upcoming events: Bikers Under the Dome Feb 9th, pending virus updates. Russ B-Day party Jan 23rd.

Drawing won by Rod B, Chris G, Tony M, Dave Z, and Myrna M.

Thanks to Russ and Myrna for hosting the meeting.

Next meeting at Branding Iron Bar and Grill Tescott Feb 14th.

March Meeting: March 14th, at Verna's 1012 W Main, Lyons, KS.

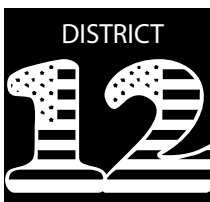


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Leavenworth, Nemaha
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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm, January 10th and we had 21 members and no guests. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Secretary read notes from the last meeting. Treasurer went over the financials. Atchison Co. Rep has started getting the stops lined up for the June 19th Fun Run. Leavenworth, Nemaha & Brown Co. has no new news. Doniphan Co. kitchen will be open for the Pool & Dart tournament in February. The City of Leavenworth Patriot Guard will no longer provide police escorts. Discussed road guards for future runs so we know how to proceed. Product Report read by Doyle P., the banner and flags are not ready yet, but they are on order. Doyle also went over his notes from the state meeting. Rusty brought the sponsorship list for the Mother's Day Bike Show in the past years if you

want one, get with him. May 1st is the rally in Girard. We may change future meeting locations to look for bigger rooms so we can spread out more due to COVID-19. Discussed possible purchases for our 2021 Field Events and t-shirt designs. Nate made the motion to do the mini-bike drawing this year and Ric second. We will have a Labor Day Rally Drawing along with the minibike. Robin motioned and Rusty second. Doyle started a new email list, if you want to be on the list please let him know! We discussed sending out postcards to expired members. Robin made a motion and Chop second the motion. The next meeting is at the VFW in Wathena on February 6 at 2:00 pm. Meeting ended at 3:25 pm.



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District Rep Don Morfitt
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The District 12 meeting was called to order by Don on January 10, 2020, at 1 pm at the VFW in Emporia.

It is with great sadness that we must report that Kim, who was a member of District 12 and our district secretary, passed away on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. Keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a Moment of

Silence for our Fallen Brothers and Sisters.

The Secretary's Report was read by Don with Barry motioning to approve and Herb seconding and the minutes were approved by the district members present.

Barry made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report that was given by Sheila. Herb seconded and the report was approved by the district members

NOTICE:

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present.

Don reported on the January State Meeting. Highlights include there will be no Biker Olympics due to insurance reasons amid COVID-19 and artwork for LDR shirts due by April 9th. There is a need to have more events to promote ABATE and this is an idea. District 3 is doing very well in having events that promote ABATE and should strive to be a little more like them in getting people excited in promoting ABATE by having events.

Old Business: The bike show is going to happen without the Olympics and most likely an outside event due to COVID-19 restrictions. Don will be contacting Lyon County to find out options for the bike show. We will be meeting again on the 24th at the VFW to continue bike show discussions at 1:30 PM. We are still meeting the rodeo board members in Chase County to

find out options for having a biker Olympics next year this coming Tuesday.

Chili cookoff is still planned to follow our next meeting.

We discussed what to do with the leftover toy drive money. We are looking to finish supporting families in need brought up in the past meetings and donate the remainder to St Jude's.

New Business: Nominations for District Representative, Secretary, and Sergeant of Arms were opened with Don being nominated for District Representative, Scott for Sergeant of Arms, and Jaynae for Secretary.

The next meeting will be February 14th at the VFW at 1 pm with the Chili Cook-Off following.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

We want to see your smiling faces!

Send us pictures of members attending events in your district.

No event flyers, please.

Email to: newsletter@abateks.org



FEBRUARY ADVANCE NEWS

District 1 - Meetings are 3rd Sunday, 1 pm

02/21 - Meeting- VFW Post 10815, 612 Palmer, Meriden, KS

District 2 - Meetings are Usually the 2nd Sunday, 4 pm

02/14 - Meeting- Winter Social, 183 Lanes, 106 South Cedar St, Stockton, KS
White Elephant gift exchange & food provided, 4 pm

District 3 - Meetings are Sunday - Day After State meeting, 1 pm

02/14 - Meeting- Elk's Lodge, Chanute, KS, 101 South Central, Chanute, KS
02/20 - Old Bastard's Ball, American Legion, Cherokee, KS, 1 pm

District 4 - Meetings are 2nd Sunday, 1 pm

02/14 - Meeting- Pappan's Landing Senior Center,
619 NW Paramore, Topeka, KS

District 5 - Meetings are 1st Sunday, Noon

02/07 - Meeting- The Red Eye, 6102 State Ave., Kansas City, KS

District 6 - Meetings are 1st Saturday, 4 pm

02/06 - Meeting- Horsehoe Bar, 1002 E 8th St, Hays, KS
also posted on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/195246224300840>

District 7 - Meetings are 3rd Friday

Meeting- TBD - Contact Doc Pritchett 620-339-5814

District 8 - Meetings are 2nd Sunday, 1:30 pm

02/12 - District 8 Meet & Greet Social- VFW Post 6957, 7507 S Broadway Ave,
Haysville, KS, 7-10 pm

02/14 - Meeting-VFW Post 6957, 7507 S Broadway Ave, Haysville, KS

District 9 - Meetings are 2nd Sunday, 1 pm

02/14 - Meeting- Branding Iron Bar & Grill, Tescott, KS
Contact District Rep Dave Zeller 620-755-5445

District 11 - Meetings are 2nd Sunday, 2 pm

02/07 - Meeting-VFW Post 5531, 107 N 4th St, Wathena, KS

District 12 - Meetings are 2nd Sunday, 1 pm

02/14 - Meeting- VFW 1980, 932 Graphic Arts Road, Emporia, KS

District 13 - Meetings are 2nd Sunday, 2 pm

02/14 - Meeting- Scott City Recreation Center, 912 Jefferson St, Scott City, KS

District 15 - Meetings are 2nd Sunday, 2 pm

02/07 - Meeting- Eagles Lodge 2460, 1919 Pratt, Manhattan, KS

State Meetings

02/13 - VFW Post 6957, 7507 S Broadway Ave, Haysville, KS - Noon
03/13 - TBD - Dodge City, KS - Noon





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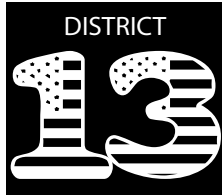
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Happy New Year!

ABATE District 13 met on Sunday, January 10th, 2021, in Winona at the Winona Café. Thank you, Curt, and Charlene, for hosting us! All board members were present, with 20 members in attendance.

Member Rick Conway, called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm central time. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a Moment of Silence for our fallen brothers and sisters and our military.

Neil addressed the group with an update on Cheryl. The district sends their love and prayers to our sister. Neil has rescinded his resignation as District Rep; however, he will take a leave of absence until further notice. His primary focus is on his family. He will be apprised of all developments within the district and maintaining the district's social media pages. In Neil's absence, Rick and Wendy C. have agreed to attend state ABATE meetings representing District 13. Asst District Rep Craig will run meetings until Neil's return or until a new asst. district rep is elected. We thank all members that have and are willing to step up and help. That is what makes our district strong.

Neil did speak with High Plains Campground and after a discussion, Jess has agreed to refund the overage that was charged in 2020 when we had to cancel the 12th Annual Buffalo Run Rally. Neil talked with State of Kansas ABATE President Bryon about the district's frustration about the lack of lobbyist reports in the last few months. Neil reported that Bryon was aware and promised changes had already been addressed, and

members will start seeing lobbyist reports in newsletters. Neil was presented with a monetary donation to help him and Cheryl from ABATE of Kansas, Inc., and members. He thanked everyone, he was truly touched by the support, love, and respect everyone has shown him and Cheryl. The district thanks Neil for his leadership and continued prayers for Cheryl.

Secretary report: Report was read by Mona. Tom N motioned to accept minutes as read. Jimbo seconded, Motion 2021.1 passed.

Treasurer Report: Report was given by Steve K. The district bills are paid and up to date. Steve addressed the members, that he is going to be stepping down as treasurer after the 2021 elections. Tom N motioned to accept the report as given, Emmett D Seconded. Motion 2021.2 passed.

State report: Rick address the members with an update from the state. As always please read your monthly newsletter on the state meeting. The artwork for LDR Shirt is due April 9th. Bikers Under the Dome is scheduled for February 9th. Rick highlighted information on displaying State of Kansas ABATE patches. Rick passed the picture of patches available for purchase. Rick mentioned district 7 is in danger of going inactive. The March State meeting will be, in Dodge City to help revive the district. May is Elections for District 13: Asst District rep, Treasurer, and Sgt. at Arms. June District 13 hosts State meeting, in Oakley.

Lobbyist Report: A copy of an Idaho bill on Motorcycle profiling was passed around to members. Kansas is adopting the same language to write a similar bill into

law. Please contact your local representatives and ask them to support this initiative. MRF reported that US Senate Bill on motorcycle profiling, failed, last time because of no support.

Old Business: New year, no old business. Bobbie motioned to close old business Tina Seconded Motion 2021.3 passed.

New Business: None

Elections: Rick opened nominations for Asst District Rep. Mona nominated Rick C, he accepted the nomination, no other nominations. Nominations closed. Rick opened nominations for Treasurer Bobbie B nominated Jimbo, he accepted. Mona Nominated Wendy C; she accepted. Nominations closed. Rick opened nominations for Stg at Arms, Neil O nominated Richard R; Richie accepted. Mona nominated Lonnie C; Lonnie accepted. Nominations closed. Member appointed 2 road captions Lonnie C and Craig W.

Mona addressed members about concerns over the 2018 motion of scheduling benefit rides every month. With COVID-19 restriction still in place, poor attendance, and scheduling conflicts with other rides, she suggested keeping with our 6 main events, for this year. Neil also reiterated that most members are dual members of Tri-state Coalition, and feels we need to support them with their monthly benefit rides and advocate their support for our events. This is not saying we will not host or organize any benefit rides if needed, just that we are not obligated as the prior motion mandated. Tina motioned that we stop the monthly obligation of a benefit ride and focus on the 6 main events our district supports. Bobbie seconded. Motion 2021.4 passed.

Buffalo Run Rally and other events: Discussion took place about the location and size of the 13th Annual Memorial Buffalo

Run Rally. Members are worried about covid-19 restrictions of large gatherings. Steve K motioned that we move the rally for 2021 to Russell Springs. Jimbo seconded. Motion 2021.5 passed. Bobbie B. will reach out to Russell Springs about securing the location. Date set June 11-13, 2021. Mona mentioned that the District's hanger party in Leoti has been moved to the Xmas in July toy run, from the October Bikers against Breast Cancer, because of weather and overnight temperatures, as this is an outdoor event. Tom N motion to close old business, Emmett seconded Motion 2021.6 passed.

Announcements:

Prayers for District 13 member Lonnie C. as he goes in for surgery (Pacemaker) on January 13th, 2021.

CMA meeting January 17th Village Inn, Colby * a discussion of May 1st Ride the Lakes Run will be held.

CPR/First Aid Classes January 23rd, 2021 9-1 Scott City, Holy Cross Lutheran Church ~ for details contact District 13 member Wendy C.

Tri-States Winter Bash/ Meeting / Potluck February 6th Oakley 4-H building

District 13 meeting: February 14th Scott Rec, in Scott City; March 14th B Hive in Colby; April 11th Westport on Main in Goodland; May 16th location to be announced.

State of Kansas ABATE Monthly Meetings: February Haysville; March Dodge City; April Garden City.

Be sure to check District 13 ABATE of Kansas's Facebook page for updates on rides and events.

Tina F motion to adjourn, Bobbie B seconded. Motion 2021.7 Meeting ended at 3:54 pm.

Door prize winner Rick C.

Respectful submitted, Mona.





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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1991-2012 Total

Motorcyclists Deer Crash Deaths

57

6% of total rider deaths during those years

2013 Total

Motorcyclists Deer Crash Deaths

7

13% of total rider deaths to-date in 2013

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

DNR Deer Stats



Deer population
900,000-1,000,000

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

Habitat and range

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

Reproduction

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

Safety Tips:

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

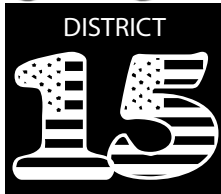


When encountering an animal slow down and use both brakes to stop. If a larger animal, like a deer, jumps out in front of you, use emergency braking (applying both front and rear brakes) to stop as quickly as possible. If you are unable to stop in time and/or contact is imminent after maximum braking,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

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

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NOTE: Due to Newsletter Editor error, the complete minutes for ABATE of Kansas District 15 were not printed in full last month. Following please find the full minutes from December meeting.

The 13 December 2020 District 15 meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm by District Representative Tony Roberts at T's Bar in Leonardville, KS. Thank you, T's, for the excellent holiday meal.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a Moment of Silence for our fallen brothers and sisters and a thank you to active duty, veterans and retirees for their service to and for our country.

It was moved and seconded to waive the Secretary's report and reading of the minutes. Jennifer Hardy, Secretary apologized to the members for not getting the November minutes into the state office in time for the newsletter and thanked everyone again for their support and understanding during Kevin's hospitalization and rehab.

The Treasurer's Report was made by Brent Graham, Treasurer. The account balance, along with paid bills and newly presented bills was given. A motion to approve the report was made, motion passed. Jennifer and Tony presented receipts for the Alma Veteran gifts and flyers.

Tony R. reported that Byron Harden and Tony Railsback had been elected as State President and Vice-President, respectively. March and July were open

to host a state meeting. It was moved and passed that District 15 would not be hosting this year. Tony would like to attend the Kansas Republican Convention next April in Manhattan. It was moved and seconded to pay the registration fee so Tony can attend.

Old Business: Toy Run, Saturday 5 December, 13 bikes and along with other vehicles attended. cash donations plus toys were delivered to Toys for Manhattan.

Judy Padgett sent a thank you to District 15 for their many years of support for this cause. Jennifer asked for an after-action report to include stops, calls, collection places, etc. There was a serious lack of communication with this year's run, learn from it. The route began at 11 am at the Eagle's Club in Manhattan with stops at the Houston Street Ballroom, Cock and Bull Tavern and ending at RC McGraw's.

Jennifer reported on the annual Alma Veteran's Gifts. She spoke with Chelsea, the entertainment director, let her know that there were 9 veterans and they had requested games, puzzles, and candy this year for gifts. She had collected them and asked for help delivering them. Bill Padgett volunteered.

All tickets for the Academy Sports Gift card drawing were sold. The gift card was won by Mr. Bob Sanchez, Wamego. He was notified and said thank you.

New Business: Tony asked that members be thinking about events and runs for next year and ideas to get Washington and Clay counties involved.

It was moved and seconded that the annual Awareness Run be April 17 and the Toy Run, December 4. Bill P. commented that he thought it had been voted on and passed that the toy run would always be the first Saturday in December, Jennifer will check this and announce it at January's meeting.

Herbie asked for some remodeling help after the holidays.

Tony has the meeting places for the first 6 months of 2021 done, January will be at McGraw's at 2 pm.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hardy, secretary.

The 10 January 2021 District 15 meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm by District Representative Tony Roberts at R.C. McGraw's in Manhattan, Ks.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a Moment of Silence for our fallen brothers and sisters and a thank you to active duty, veterans, and retirees for their service to and for our country.

It was moved and seconded to waive the Secretary's report and reading of the minutes.

The Treasurer's Report was made by Brent Graham, Treasurer. The account balance, along with paid bills and newly presented bills was given. A motion to approve the report was made, motion passed. Tony R. encouraged everyone to try and keep expenses to a minimum as we endeavor to increase the District's bottom line.

Tony R. gave the state report. The artwork design contest for the 2021 Rally will be due April 9, 2021. Awards to be announced by the state office.

Old Business: Toy Run, Jennifer has the information she

requested last month, thank you. Judy Padgett announced that Toys for Manhattan served over 1000 children and 16 organizations this year. She again thanked District 15 for their long association and support of Toys For Manhattan.

Bill Padgett reported that he delivered the gifts to the Alma Manor Veterans.

The Awareness Run is Saturday, April 17. Shay along with friends will plan the ride. Suggestions included starting in Wakefield and travel north to include Washington and Marshall counties and make a circle ending in Manhattan.

The Calendar of Events has been completed but can be changed as long as we give plenty of notice to the state office.

New Business: Tony asked that members be thinking about other events and runs for next year and ideas to get Washington and Clay counties involved. He would like ideas by the April meeting to include meeting places, membership drives, participating in local events such as the Hanover parade, etc.

It was moved and seconded to have another drawing for a Visa Cash Card. Drawing will be held at the March meeting. George T., Lance V., and Tanner H. will meet to plan the drawing.

George T. asked about Adopt-A-Family. It was determined that District 15 had not participated for a few years, the emphasis had been on a toy run.

Brent G. asked that Tanner H., George T., and Jennifer H. arrange to meet at the bank to sign signature cards soon. Since bank lobbies are closed will ask if can be done through the drive-thru and get back to all.

Randy announced that the district trailer probably needs a new home. Several members





stepped up and said it could be parked at their homes. Tony R. and he will follow up.

T-Bars Rally is tentatively planned for June in Ogden. The district will help.

The February 7th meeting will be at the Eagles in Manhattan. March 14 in Alta Vista; April 11 at the Rock House, Ogden;

May 9 at Rosebuds in Junction City and June 13 at 4h & Elm in Wamego. Be thinking of places in Clay, Marshall, and Washington counties for meetings.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hardy, secretary.

FEBRUARY 2021 EXPIRATIONS

District/Name

1 Horton, Novale
1 Martin, Dusty
2 Hoft, Rusty
3 Adams, Windy
3 Bicknell, Angela K.
3 Bicknell, Michael
3 Keele, Casey
3 Muller, Keith
4 Estes, Betty
4 Estes, Ronnie D.
4 Ritchey Peter J.
4 Steenbock, Brenda
4 Steenbock, Randy
5 Manning, Craig
6 Deines, Brian
7 Wondra, Blake Steven
8 Wiens, Melvin E.
9 Bird, Robert
9 Postier, Charles
9 Postier, Tina
9 Simpson, Rick
11 Cashman, Darlene Dollner
11 Cashman, James
11 Criss, Vickie
11 Criss, William
11 Simon, Curtis Sr.
12 Metcalfe, Scott
12 Metcalfe, Sheila
12 Taylor, Rick
12 Williams, Danny
12 Wyckoff, David
13 Carter, Kenneth
13 Hoppenstedt, Cheri
13 Kuhlman, Sherri A.
13 Ohrman, Nick
13 Rishel, Ken
13 Sunley, Byler
13 Sunley, Terra
13 Wright, Cristina
15 Bassler, Randall "Randy"
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When I wrote the report in December for the January newsletter it was on December 8th and the temperature was early 70 degrees. Today is Monday, January 11th, and the Wednesday the 13th is supposed to be near 60. Got to finish getting the oil changed tomorrow so I will be able to take advantage of a relatively warm January day!

The Topeka Capital Journal newspaper was full of articles yesterday and today about the new legislative session. As you will remember, the session was cut short in March last year when the coronavirus struck Kansas. This year going into the session the coronavirus is still rearing its ugly head, and the session will not be "business as usual." The Capitol building will be pretty much shut down to everyone but essential staff, the legislators, and lobbyists. Events like our Bikers Under the Dome will likely not be permitted this year. There will be no visitors allowed in the galleries of the Senate and House chambers as those will be used by legislators to help spread them out. Committee meeting attendance will be limited as well, although the state spent several million dollars since the last session wiring the committee rooms so people should be able to attend virtually. What this really means for our lobbying ability is very uncertain. As far as legislation, leadership has already stated that only major issues will be on the table. That includes the state budget, allocation of the newest round of federal funding, likely additional rules about the State Emergency Response Plan, and similar major issues. Another attempt to get a constitutional

amendment on the ballot regarding abortion might also appear. While about 65% of Kansans approve of Medicaid expansion, the Republican leadership has already said this is not a priority, so it may or may not make the floor again this year. Given these priorities, it is questionable that we will be able to advance the hands-free driving bill this year. That is extremely disappointing as it probably would have passed last year if it had been advanced to the House before the covid-19 shutdown.

As you all know, the status of our country and Congress is in an uproar. Hopefully by the time you read this there will have been a peaceful presidential transfer of power and that Congress is back to work. For one, we hope that the Transportation Bill will be passed and sent to the President for his signature. One thing it includes is federal funding to the states to enhance rider education. That would certainly help all the training programs in the state, and of course, federal funding for our highways is much needed as always.

I mentioned last month that the State Motorcycle Safety Administrators organization has changed their name to the State Motorcycle Safety Association. I have joined and have started receiving correspondence from them. It is another good way to keep tabs on what is happening in other states and Washington. I will keep you posted on what is happening across the country as best I can.

Steve





Last month, President-Elect Joe Biden selected former South Bend, Indiana Mayor Pete Buttigieg to lead the transportation department. Buttigieg is expected to play a prominent role in Biden's Administration's push to rebuild the nation's roads and bridges.

Mr. Biden campaigned on a 2 trillion-dollar plan to rebuild the nation's infrastructure much of it related to transportation. Mr. Buttigieg would take over sitting transportation regulations and distributing vast sums of money mostly to states to fund their road and transit systems. Congress faces a September deadline to reauthorize federal funding for highways, transit, rail, and safety programs. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle point to infrastructure spending to help stimulate the coronavirus ravaged economy.

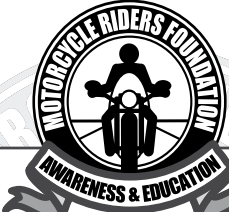
On January 3rd, the 117th Congress was sworn in and all the Bills and Resolutions agreed to from 2019-2020 must be reintroduced. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is disappointed despite over 130 bipartisan cosponsors, house leadership failed to bring Motorcycle Profiling Resolution 255 to the

floor for a vote. The Profiling Resolution will be reintroduced early in 2021.

With all the craziness going on in Washington D.C. with the Inauguration

on the 20th and COVID, not a lot is getting done legislatively. Hopefully, we will have better riding weather. Just remember to do that 70-mph social distancing as much as possible and remember to look twice save a life the life you save will probably be your own.

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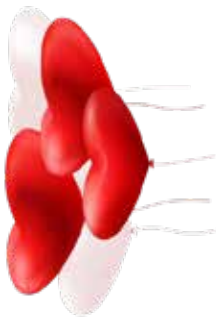
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