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State Meeting

December 2016 Meeting

Meeting called to Order @ 12:04pm Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence

Roll Call- All present except Dist. 13. Tony RR in for Member at Large. Debbie H. for dist. 5.

Secretary Report- Motion made by Doc (2nd by Jodi) to wave reading of the minutes. Motion passed by a show of hands.

Financial Report-Richard read a list of the Districts that still need to turn in their financials. Please get them in ASAP. Sis asked about dists being able to vote at the next meeting if they are more than 3 months behind. It was said that if you wish to have a vote next month to get all financial statements turned into Richard before the meeting. Richard stated that the bills are paid for the LDR & we are ready to set our upcoming yearly budget. It was also said that the savings account & cds will be on next month's report. Richard then went over the budget for the year. It was decided to not do the 2017 Tuesday Night Receptions this year. Sis stated that we would not be doing a hospitality room at the republican days this year. Richard asked that BOD members travel together & possibly share rooms for the meetings to help save money. Richard asked about paying off the loan taken before the rally. Everyone agreed it should be paid immediately. Jack asked about the electrical box that was hit the rally site. Was told it would be taken care of when electrical upgrades are done. Richard said that Lori H has done a great job getting sponsors for the rally & asked for everyone to help out with getting more. Tony made a

motion (2nd by Lori S) to revisit paying the loan until the May meeting. Passed by a show of hands. A motion was made by Tony R (2nd by Rick) to not do the 2017 Tuesday Night Receptions this year. Motion passed with all of the board voting to discontinue for the year.

Old Business- Tammy stated that she was getting the program ready for the calendar. Jodi asked about a burnout pit at the Rally. Jodi will try to get more information to bring to the next meeting.

New Business-Paul discussed changes needed to the membership list that goes to the District reps. After questions were answered a motion was made by Lori S (2nd by Bill C) to put emails in the membership list issued to Dist reps every month & to the BOD. Motion passed with every board voting yes. Paul stated that requests for insurance need to be sent to the office at least 30 days in advance so there would not be any more issues in the future. A discussion was had about making a donation to the fire department that volunteer at the LDR. A motion was made by Tony R (2nd by Rick) to donate a predetermined amount to the fire department. Motion was passed with all board members voting yes. Discussion was had about making a donation to the sheriff's department. Tabled until Jan meeting so Richard can find out what is needed. Meeting was had with the Corp & letter of intent for lease was turned in. KDOT meeting was held & signs in construction zones for motorcycles were discussed. Ron V reminded everyone to bring road issues to the board so it can be addressed with KDOT. Dave F(COC president) would

like to do the Bikers Under the Dome this year. A motion was made by Jack (2nd by Doc) to do Bikers Under the Dome next year with COC. Motion passed with all board members voting yes. A discussion was had about setting up a new membership committee to approve memberships. Discussion was tabled until January meeting.

Lunch 1:55pm-2:38pm. Thank you Dist 5 for the lunch & the Moose Lodge for the hospitality.

New Business (cont)- Contracts for all major services for the 2017 LDR sent out. Discussion about bags of ice for sale was had & a motion was made by Jack(2nd by Doc) to sell 20 lb bags of ice only during the rally, 6 lb bags will still be available at work weekends. Motion passed with all board members voting yes except Dist 8 ,12, & Vice President voting no & Dist 11 Sgt of Arms & Treasurer abstaining. Discussion was had about possibly doing a couples' yearly membership .Tabled until a membership committee is formed & can look into details.

Corporate Secretary Report- Sheri asked about getting the original membership applications back to the office for future reference if needed. Motion was made by Lori S (2nd by Jack) to keep the original membership application @ the office & the dist reps would get copies. Motion passed with board members voting yes except dist 7 voting no. Sheri requested that all dist turn in election packets as soon as possible after each election. Sheri is also working to update the policies & procedures.

Paul asked if Tony RR would step in as COC liaison for abate. Tony accepted & it was passed by a show of hands. Member at Large position is vacant; if you are interested in the position

please speak with a dist rep or board member before the January meeting.

Lobbyist Report- nothing at this time

MRF Report- Bill C stated that there is not much going on & to see report in your newsletter.

Public Relations- Sis reported that Republican Days would be a smaller event in Manhattan the same weekend as our state meeting in February. She asked that any available member be present while the board is in the meeting. Sis asked if we would like to do a hospitality room this year for Democratic Days & it was decided yes by a show of hands.

MidSouth Mile- Sis said there would be nothing to report until after the February meeting. Sis did ask for ideas for the basket for the next mile. Will vote on ideas at March meeting. Gas reimbursement for travel to the mile committee meetings was tabled until January also.

Newsletter Report-Tammy reminded everyone that the silent auction of the mile basket items will be next month.

Website Report- Tammy said that all persons on abate website has been updated. Server has not been changed as of this meeting.

Products Report- Bill C reported that he brought products & that new hats & shirts have been ordered.

Upcoming Events

Drawings: MRF- Jack, Door Prize- Bill

Richard M awarded a set of tools to Kevin & Kim for all of their work with the maintenance for the LDR.

Paul wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New year

Executive meeting was called 3:43pm- 3:57pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:59pm





UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 10 and 11th Republican State Party Convention

Friday: Reception at the Flint Hills Discovery Center

Manhattan, KS

Saturday: elected official reception, district meetings,
lunch, state committee meeting.

All at the Hilton Hotel, Manhattan, KS

Contact Sis Bohrer for more info



Democrat Washington Days 2017

February 24th and 25th

Downtown Topeka Ramada,

420 SE 6th Ave, Topeka, KS 66607.

Contact Sis Bohrer for more info

JANUARY EXPIRATIONS

RONALD	BOWSER	01
MARK A	GRAY	03
ODELL	JENKINS	03
MICHAEL	MAHAN	03
BEVERLY	NORTH	03
BRIAN	NORTH	03
BRETT E	STIPP	03
MARTIN	COTTON	04
JEANNIE	HOWARD	04
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JOSEPH E	PRCHAL	04
LORI	WAMPLER	04
SHANE	WAMPLER	04
MONT ROY	BORTZER III	07
STARLA	KERNEL	07
JOE	LEGLEITER	07
DOUGLAS D.	WINSOR	07
BRIAN	VAN DYKE	08
ROBERT	BIRD	09
NANCY	JANSSEN	09
CHARLES L	POSTIER	09
TINA	POSTIER	09
THOMAS	ROBINSON	09
MICHAEL D.	SIMS	09
MIKE	THOMPSON	09
TAMMY	THOMPSON	09
LINDA	MOWERY	10
DARRELL	LAMME	11
MICHELLE	QUINLAN	11
MIKE	REAMS	11
SANDRA	SILVER	11
AMY	LEWIS	12
MICHAEL	LEWIS	12
RICK	TAYLOR	12
DARREL L.	BERRY	13
ROCHELLE 'Shelly'	BERRY	13
JESSICA	DES ROCHES	13
JIM	DES ROCHES	13
MARVIN	ELDER	13
DUSTIN	GRUBB	13
JAN LYNN	JOHNSON	13
JAMES M.	LANGE	13
WAYNE	MORITZ	13
BOB	REYAS	13
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Silent Auction

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

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





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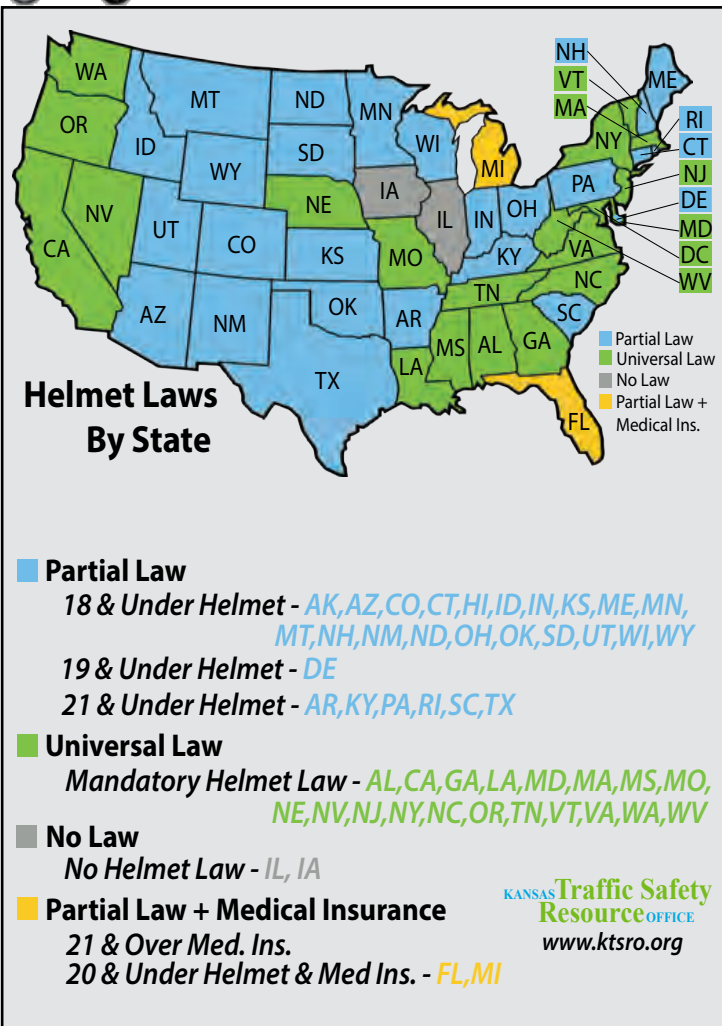
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Chad Smith
Receiving The President Award 2016

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March 18, 2017 Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office
Motorcycle Summit

First United Methodist Church, 330 North Broadway, Wichita, KS 67202

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Saturday, January 14th, 2017

Pooches

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Smith Center KS

MEETING STARTS AT 12 Noon

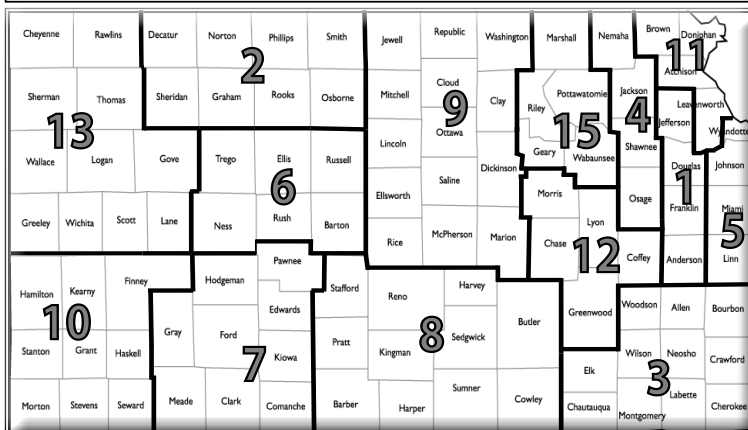
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
ROLL CALL; SECRETARY
REPORT; FINANCIAL REPORT;
LOBBYIST REPORT; MRF REPORT;
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OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS;
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UPCOMING STATE MEETINGS:

Feb 11 (Dist 8) American Legion
Mar 11 (Dist 7) Cowtown Palace
Apr 08 (Dist 12) Emporia VFW

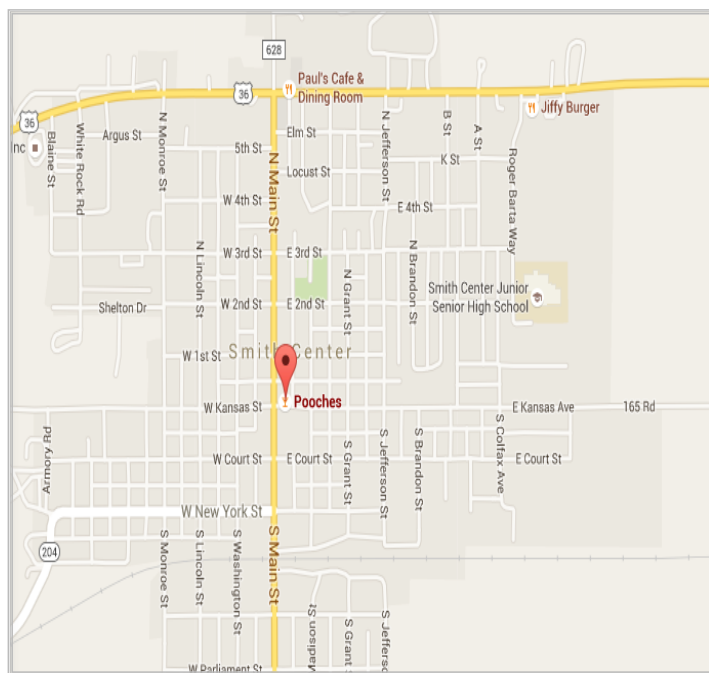
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Frequently Asked Questions

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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Meeting minutes not turned in by deadline

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

District Rep. Rick Gitchel 785-533-1205



The December 11th Dist. 2 meeting was called to order by Rick, with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters, at Donna and Terry's in Phillipsburg.

Secretary report was read by Bear, and approved with no corrections.

Treasurers report was given by Gary, and approved with no questions.

Rick gave the State meeting report, to save time and space read State meeting report in this newsletter.

Committee reports: Casino Night is January 14th after the State meeting at 7:00 pm, at Pooches in Smith Center, Jeff has the flyers done and Bear has been busy putting them up in Smith Center. We need to get them up in other towns. Bear has the supplies, but we need to get together to sort the funny money. We are still needing items for the cash auction. Everyone needs to be looking for prizes for the funny money auction, any thing will do, good gifts or gag gifts, just no junk. Everyone come out to support the Dist and have fun. State meeting: It will be January

14th at Pooches in Smith Center. Food is all set with everyone volunteering to bring something. Bike show: It will be April 5th at the Phillipsburg Community building, Bear is busy getting trophy sponsors. Anyone wishing to be an associate sponsor can contact Bear or any board member.

Old business: None at this time.

New business: Gary made a motion to have our winter social again this year, Donna seconded, motion passed. It will be February 12th after the Dist. 2 meeting at the bowling ally in Stockton. If you want to join in the gift exchange bring a wrapped unmarked gift in the \$\$ range. There will also be bowling afterwards for those wanting to. The Dist. 2 January 8th meeting will be at the bowling ally in Stockton. Kenny moved to adjourn. Donna seconded, all approved. Thanks to Donna and Terry for hosting the meeting.

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**Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee,
Crawford, Elk, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho,
Wilson and Woodson**district3.abateks.org

District Rep. Bill Cooper 620-764-3734



Our district 3 meeting was held at the VFW Post 3018 in Fredonia on Sunday December 4th at 1:00 PM. Coop started with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for our brothers and sisters lost.

He gave a review of the state meeting and was happy to report the state will support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation as they have in the past. Coop stressed how important this organization is. Dave W. motioned for our district to be a supporting member of the MRF also and Dan H. 2nd. All approved. Coop talked about the elections and that we now have a new lobbyist Steve Christenberry. He showed a sample of the fund raising calendar that some of the districts do and if the state did one did we want to be on it and provide sponsors. We discussed it and all agreed it was a good idea. They requested Coop to ask for the month of May since that is when we have the Bike show and the state meeting in Girard. He said he would do the best he could and present that idea to the state at the next state meeting. Coop discussed other issues on the national level such as the Fast Act that would stop all funding for motorcycle only checkpoints. He discussed anti-profiling bills in progress, lane splitting, cable barriers, ethanol and being more conspicuous and easily seen day or night. The CDC wants a universal helmet law, mandatory motorcycle training and changing the overall process of how you obtain a motorcycle license with first time riders

restrictions and mandatory safety classes. He urged all to stay updated with the MRF and state reports.

Next years meetings places were discussed and the first 6 months will stay as last year and be submitted to the state. We tabled decisions on the last half of the year until next meeting. Bev gave the treasurer report. She also reported on the Toy Run and all were pleased. We received additional support even after the run and Bev will send out thank you cards. She thanked everyone at the meeting for their support also.

Ellie gave the sec. report and the products report. Sherry B. will be given a t-shirt from each of our events to make a quilt that can be used to help us with our future events. There was a request for more coozies as before and we decided on the colors and designs. We only had a few left from the toy run and sold a few more at the meeting. Ellie thanked everyone for their ideas and support.

The Hawg Waddle will be in March again after our district meeting in Independence. Bev and Dan said all plans are going smoothly and the discussion about having t shirts for the event or not was tabled until next meeting.

The door prize was won by Dan H. and he donated it to the year end prize. Leonard G. won the year end. Congratulations Leonard!

Dave W. motioned to close, Dan H. seconded and all approved. See you at the American Legion in Girard in January!



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District Rep. Jack Frost 785-383-4836



The December meeting was held at Papan's Landing, with 18 members present. Jack Frost called the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was held in memory of lost brothers and sisters.

Secretary's Report: The report from the November meeting is posted in the December ABATE newsletter. RC moved to accept the minutes, Traci seconded, approved by the members.

Treasurer's Report: Jeanie reported that due to complications with the transition from Lori to her with the Silver Lake Bank, she does not have November statement. This will be resolved this coming week. Jeanie reported the results of the Toys for Tots shirt sales, door prizes and auction prizes, etc. Dee noted that revenue from the jam session went to Toys for Tots to purchase toys for the event. RC moved to accept the treasure's report as presented, Alvin second, approved.

State Report: Jack reported about the Labor Day event. Bikers Under The Dome at the state Capital is not scheduled yet; Steve needs to get with Brian about dates. The state does not plan to do a hospitality room at the Republican Convention event in Manhattan on February 10th and 12th, but does want to encourage members to attend. Democrat Days will still be in March at the Ramada Inn. The 2017 MID-South MILE will be in the Fayetteville, Arkansas area. Sheri noted that there will be auction items from MID-South MILE basket that we can do

a silent auction for within our state. Pictures are in the newsletter.

ABATE of Kansas Calendar: As noted in last month's report, each district will have the opportunity to have a month in the 2018 calendar. We need to recruit bikes and volunteers to be photographed for this. Jack suggested that this might be a good event for District 4 to do as well.

Paul S., Paul H., Ringo, and Ron Vawter met with the Corps of Engineers to discuss a lease contract for the site, think we can get a contract for 5 years.

SMART Report: After nearly 2 months of completing forms, getting signatures, and resending information that MSF lost, we finally received approval this past week for the new site at Shawnee Heights Middle School. We can now move forward with a contract with the school district in order to be able to teach there in 2017.

MRF Report: Please refer to Bill Cooper's report in the ABATE newsletter. Products report: Still need a district products person. T-shirts from previous events, including Toys for Tots, are still available.

Old Business: Toys for Tots Ride: 303 people signed in, and we counted 216 motorcycles leaving Post 1. Aside from the route change due to construction on Topeka Blvd, the only issue noted by TPD was that some riders left the procession at Lyman Road rather than stay with the group. Next year we'll need to do a rider's meeting prior to the start of the ride. Thanks to our

volunteers, Traci, Dee, Julie, Karen, Bob, Debbie, Mandy, the "coffee lady," and Papan's Landing for cookies and hot beverages.

New Business: Bowlathon: January 15th at West Ridge Lanes, registration at noon, bowling at 1. Need drawing prizes and an emcee. \$\$ per person to bowl.

Bike Show: Weekly meetings will commence effective Tuesday, December 13th. Need members to check out drawing tickets. We hope to have the participant and vendor applications updated, approved, and printed by the end of next week.

Christmas Family: RC brought up an issue of a former ABATE 4 member and family who is off work until January and may not have any assistance for the holidays and is in financial distress. The family's membership expired from District 4 in April of 2016. Traci moved to approve to adopt this family for Christmas, seconded by Charlie. Approved by hand vote of 13 members. Alvin passed the hat and additional funds were raised for this family.

We also discussed donations to the VA for essentials for vets such as toothpaste and other items. Post 1 is going to present items next week. They also plan to purchase gloves, scarfs, blankets, etc. Todd suggested that members bring needed items to the District 4 Christmas Party and RC can take to the VA the following weekend.

KDOT meeting: Paul, Steve, several other ABATE members, COC members, and KDOT engineers, legal, and other staff met on December 9th for their second of two meetings in 2016. Highway road conditions were brought up by several attendees,

and KDOT staff noted that some were being addressed and others will be looked at. One significant issue is that motorcycles pulling trailers on the turnpike are charged a "3 axle" rate, the same as a tandem dump truck or pickup pulling a single axle trailer. KDOT staff noted that this was something they had not considered, and will investigate it further.

District 4 Events: We need to have subcommittees to organize events, such as the Christmas Party, as we cannot leave it to one person to take care of these events.

District 4 Policies and Procedures: These have not been reviewed since 2009 and clearly need to be updated. Steve has completed a draft of suggested revisions to present to the Board.

Volunteer Time: It is unclear about when/what events we are to collect volunteer hours for and when to report those hours to the State Office. A query to the State Office has been made to clarify this.

Frank presented a check to District 4 from Sons of the American Legion Post 1 for the Run for the Wall. Thank you to SOL Post 1.

Frank won the drawing and contributed his winnings to the Christmas family.

Upcoming events: Bike show meeting December 13, 7 PM, Papan's Landing

January 5, 2017, 7 PM, District 4 Board meeting, Papan's Landing

January 8, 2017, 1 PM, District 4 meeting, Papan's Landing

RC moved to adjourn, Sheri seconded, adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Steve Christenberry





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



December 3rd, 2016 District 5 monthly meeting started at 12:00 at Big D's On The Hill. We started with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 13 members present and 12 guests. Tony read the state meeting report and legislative report. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved.

Old business: Ballots were counted for District Rep, Secretary, and Sgt of Arms.

We finalized items that were needed for the end of year party that was held at Moose Lodge on December 10th.

New business: ABATE of Kansas is going to create a 2018 Calendar and each District will get a specific month for their district. We will be featured in the month of May. We discussed having our page be a collage of pictures showing different

events we have participated in. If you have any pictures you would like to have considered, please print them off and bring to the next meeting as all pictures have to be turned in within the next three months. There will be a vote to determine which pictures are used for the calendar.

A motion was passed for District 5 to pay for the district's MRF Membership. A motion was also passed to hold the 2017 End of Year party at the Moose Lodge and to participate in the Leavenworth Road Association Parade in 2017.

Upcoming meetings with all meetings starting at noon:
 Jan. 7th: Eagles Lodge 4726 Merriam Dr
 Feb. 4th: Red Eye 6102 State Ave
 March 4th: Moose Lodge 6621 Turner Drive
 April 1st: Jose Peppers 16605 Midland Dr

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

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District Rep. Doc Pritchett 620-339-5814



The District 7 meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. On November 18th with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. There were 16 members present.

Rep Report: Doc brought us up to date in state meeting. See state newsletter.

Assistant Rep Report: Nothing to report.

Treasures Report: Starla read treasure report and approved.

Secretary Report: Brice motioned to waive the reading of last months minutes, Mike seconded, motion passed.

Member at Large Report: Brandon was not present.

Product Report: Lynn was not present.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: The new corrected Charity bowl flyers are ready. Michele will pick them up and start handing them

out. Also need to start working on donations. The bowling alley as been booked for March 11th.

Shelly is going to start updating district 7 Facebook .

Doc brought up the state calendar for 2018 District 7 has the month of July. We need to sell some ads for the calendar. Congratulations to Glenna Day for being this years recipient for the Founding Fathers Award at the Mid-South M.I.L.E.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. December meeting will be December 16th. At Doc's House at 7:30. 2700 Hennessey Dodge City.

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Barton, Ellis, Ness, Rush, Russell,
Trego

District Rep. Becca Hardman 785-259-9557



Meeting minutes not turned in by deadline

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

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District Rep. Tony Railsback 620-204-8018



Meeting minutes not turned in 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. Russ Walline 620-245-5207

The district 9 meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm on Dec 11th 2016 with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence given, with 16 members and 4 county reps present.

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

The treasurer's report was given and approved.

State News: Discussion held about meeting with DOT, ABATE memberships being down, new lobbyist, and incentives for gaining memberships. See State news for additional information.

Awareness report: Yard signs given out at toy runs and to McPherson DL office.

Product report: It is Christmas time, so it is a good time to pick up gifts. Still have Awareness shirts, District 9 shirts, and memory patches

Website report: All updated

Old business: Held discussion on Calendar Fund Raiser. Marion county toy run discussion, 160 bikes, 25 cars, and 1 biplane. Held discussion on McPherson toy run.

New Business: New board members, so congrates to Ron V., Jon P., and Kevin M. for their services as previous members. Fran made a motion to move meeting to noon, to eat first then start meeting at 1. Motion seconded by Mike. Set calendar dates and locations for next year's meetings.

Upcoming events: Discussion on possibility of events and locations.

Drawings won by. Brenda and Tony

Thanks to Ron V, Virg's, and Deb for hosting the meeting.

Next meeting at Russ and Myrna's in Galva at noon

1:30 but we will meet up at Arts on Neil at 1pm to arrive as a team. Planning for July Bash 2017 has started, in January we will start gathering donated items to prepare.

New business: Elections for District 10 rep and Tres. are coming up so please be aware of those who are nominated and those who are running.

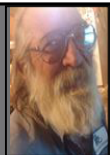
A motion was made to start a yearly meeting schedule. Motion was made to revise meeting places, so we will now be holding our meeting the first Sunday of every month unless otherwise stated (such as January meeting) at the VFW post 2279 which is located at the corner of Taylor and Mary across from presto. Also thank you to those who are Donating this Hall to us for this purpose. Motion was made to have Stormy step up to be the 3rd person on the sign card (as card holder) at the bank and motion was approved. Motion made to get a new Santa outfit for ours is about to bite the dust and Motion was Approved. Also any members who would like to help with the work for our July Bash please get with any Board member of Dist. 10 for further information. Also this year we are going to mix things up a lil at July bash by adding in some kid games and some delicious

treats for the kids since there was lots of little ones last year. Along with adult and bike games, music and etc. during which time we will also have a little special going on during July Bash weekend for the first 5 "NEW" members to get \$5 off of their membership. Motions were all made and approved for all July Bash based cases. Stormy brought up the idea of appreciation certificates for those who donate time, places, and etc. and motion was made and approved. Mention of Abate district 10 for christmas was brought to the table and was approved for the night after pershing manor we will be meeting at Time out at 6 pm. Just to have a good night as a District together. ALSO WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PUT IN TIME IN HELPING US IN ALL THAT IS DONE WITHIN OUR DISTRICT WE APPRECIATE IT! Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm. Next meeting will be at 2:00 pm on January 8th. at the Vfw and Febuarys will be on the 5th at same location and time. Until we Meet again Be Safe and Have a Happy Holiday Season.

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

District Rep. Troy Love 620-214-3507



ABATE Dist 10 meeting called to order on December 4th at 2:11 pm at the 2279 VFW bingo hall, 5 members accounted for.

We started our meeting off with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for our brothers and sisters.

Stormy read last months minutes and were approved.

Mark read financial report and were approved.

Old business: Our memorial bench was ordered November 18th and Stormy called and checked on order Friday before

the meeting they said about a week or two and it should be here. Mark also went over merchandise review. A motion brought to the table for board member shirts and motion was approved. Mention was made for a sign up sheet for our highway clean up which will be April 2nd at noon we will be meeting at Plymell School on highway 83. Sign up sheet has been made and will be printed for anyone who wishes to come help for a good cause. Also Santa will be visiting Pershing Manor on December 11th at

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District Rep. Jodi Stutzman 785-364-7265



December 4, 2016 District 11 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 2:08 pm Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence.

Secretary Report: Jodi read. Lea made motion Ric 2nd. Approved

Treasurer Report: Ruth gave. Chop made motion Bull 2nd. Approved

State/Rep Report: Jodi thanked everyone for attending the Leavenworth County toy run and meeting. No new state news, read newsletter. Jodi gave Election results, Robin Ruhnke remains Doniphan Co. Rep. Robin Sparks- secretary and Doug McGuffin as Treasurer. Jodi Thanked Ruth for her time as D11 Treasurer. Jodi stated that bank account would have to be changed and the old board members need to be removed and that Jodi, Stan and Doug McGuffin be on account with full banking privileges. All agree to changes on D11's bank account. Jodi thanked everyone who helped out in making 2016 a very successful year. Reminded all we have one more event, a District favorite, the VA chili – bingo feed.

Jodi wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to enjoy the holidays with family and friends and looked forward to seeing everyone in 2017.

Assistant Rep: Stan made aware of members concern over getting better info on meeting dates, places, times and calendar.

Website: Lea wanted to know why no photos are being added to web page and stated her concern about web page. Jodi

will check with Kevin.

Products: Lea discussed some of our options. Robin asked about thumbs up design. Lea will have new design option to look at. Jodi let everyone know we only have 2 finger shirts left. After discussion and a majority vote favored an order for finger shirts. Order will be placed. Please contact Lea P for product inquiries.

Doniphan Co. Rep: Robin has team patches for the Bikers for Babies participants and also memorial patches for Tim Sparks.

Leavenworth Co. Rep: Ric thanked everyone who came out for the Toy Ride. Ric contacted the Catholic Sisters of Charities and was able to provide Thanksgiving Dinners to two families in Leavenworth County. VA chili/bingo details discussed and finalized.

Brown Co: Jodi, Eric and Jim presented family in Willis Thanksgiving dinner.

Atchison Co Rep: Chops contacted the Salvation Army and found family of 6 whose husband was killed in Iraq to provide Thanksgiving dinner. Chop gave us date for 2017 Halloween parade in Atchison and would like to have the Century Party that day also. Tabled till next year. Jim let us know that Maxton is doing well.

Old business: Tabled until next year.

New Business: Short discussion on upcoming events. Artwork for field events needs to be in by March meeting. Flyer for the blessing of bikes, pool and dart tournament in

February, Mother's day bike show flyer, Missy is working on. State Calendar, need to have nailed down by March. Lea asked if we could help out the veterans receiving care at Topeka VA.

Jim motioned to donate and Missy 2nd. Approved.

Open discussion: District 11 wants to thank Ric for the Chili, Jodi's son Jeremiah along with Hyvee for the soup, the Freedom Riders CMA #829 for the sandwiches, and all who participated in the LV toy run. 29 bikes on a cold day with many others there to cheer them on. ABATE of KS D11, Freedom Riders CMA #829, Galloping Goose, Gypsy Aces, The Escorts. Thank you to Sgt.

Richards from the U.S. Marines and two assistants. We are honored to help you help the kids.

Sgt. Richards let us know there are still many kids and families needing assistance. If you are missing a ladle contact Jodi.

Thank you to those who wrapped all the hats for the VA chili/bingo.

Thank you Tom's Country Stampede for the chili and letting us host lunch after the toy run and hold our meeting. Next meeting will be held in Whiting January 8, 2017 2pm at Eric and Jodi's. Motion to adjourn at 2:45pm all in favor.

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Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris

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District Rep. Lori Siebenaler 620-757-1664



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

Deb F. gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made to wave the reading of the Secretary's report, and Lori read the state report; all reports were approved as read.

Discussion about our storage unit was the first order of old business. Does anyone have any of our districts inventory items that we can add to the unit? If so, please contact Lori or one of our officer's.

This year's toy run was a huge success, lots of toys and monetary donations, thanks to everyone that was involved!!! John S. made a motion to get gift certificates from the Emporia Chamber of Commerce with the monetary

donations; this was seconded by Jerry and the motion carried.

Third order of old business is our annual bike show taking place on Saturday April 8th, 2017. Lori would like to have committees this year, please contact her if you're interested in helping with the food, advertising/PR, sponsors, vendors, trophies, set-up/tear down, registration, raffle/door prizes. We need everyone's help to make this a success and appreciate everyone's contributions!

Next was discussion about our bylaws committee meeting that went very well. We have one more committee meeting to wrap this up and would like to be able to present this to our members at our January meeting for approval. If so, then it will be presented to the state by the end of January.





Our New Year's Eve get together will be at the VFW on Graphic Arts with a pot luck dinner starting about 6:30.

First order of new business was discussion about our annual Chili Cook Off that will take place at our February meeting. Details tabled till January meeting.

Nominations will be open in January for District

Representative, District Secretary, and Sergeant of Arms. Please come to nominate someone or if you're interested in running.

The door prize was won by Heather. A motion was made to adjourn and carried.

Our next meeting will be on January 8, 2017 at the VFW on Graphic Arts at 2:00 p.m.

Information on safety and riding classes is still being gathered.

Announcements: Happy Anniversary to Kevin and Andrea!!! Many More!!

Memorial run for Cheryl's brother, Lonnie Freeland: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma December 17, 2016

January 14, 2016 State meeting.

February 12, 2017. District 13 meeting.

Leoti, Kansas. Iron Horse.

February 18, 2016. TSCCM Winter Bash. Oakley, Ks. 4-H building

Election nominations start in April for District Rep.- secretary,- member at large

Neil had a personal announcement that he shared with the members at this point.

Ken made a motion to close the new business. P.D. seconded the motion.

Motion was carried

Andrea made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded the motion Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned..

Door prize was won by Ron!!

Merry christmas to every one!! See you next year, ride smart, be safe!!

13	Cheyenne, Greely, Lane, Logan, Rawlins Scott, Sherman, Thomas, Wallace, Wichita facebook.com/pages/District-13-ABATE-of-Kansas-Inc/131146750282411 ksabate13@wbsnet.org District Rep. Neil O'Connell 620-214-0485	
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December 13, 2016 the monthly ABATE District 13 meeting was called to order by district rep, Neil O.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll call of board members was taken. Six of seven board members were present.

Mona made a motion to accept the secretary report as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurers report was given. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as read. The motion was seconded and carried.

Old business: Merchandise Jimbo needs the graphics to get the coozies made. They will be blue on black.

Kim is working on getting the T-shirt issues worked out. Neil will be looking into some other things also.

Neil reminded everyone again that if you are contacted by someone saying they represent ABATE of Kansas life insurance, and they want to talk to you, get a number, and contact Neil.

Holiday donations: They

will be split up today and distributed.

January 4, 2016 is the meeting with the Russell Springs Butterfield Association.

All Buffalo Run discussion has been tabled until next month.

Mike made a motion to close old business. Mona seconded, motion carried.

New Business: There was discussion on what we can do for Cheryl's family after the passing of her brother, Lonnie Freeland. Kevin made a motion to send a contribution to the memorial. The motion was seconded and carried.

Our deepest condolences to Cheryl and Neil, and the family.

Discussion was held on setting our runs up for the summer.

Mona made a motion that our April run (April 23rd) be our run for the Butterfield Trail Ride Association. P.D. seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Brian and Mike will work out the details and have a flyer next month.

Some ideas were shared on runs for the summer.

Flyers need to be out about 45 days before runs.

15	Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Riley Wabaunsee www.abateks15.com District Rep. Randy Bassler 785-826-6372	
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On December 11 District Rep Randy Bassler called the meeting to order at RC McGraw's in Manhattan.

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

Secretary's report was read by Mark K. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Elburn P. seconded by Blinky. Motion passed.

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

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

Old Business: Mark K. reported that all the Christmas families for Northern Riley County were adopted. After a discussion on the money that was raised for a Christmas family, Larry W. made a motion to donate the money raised for a Christmas family

to the Northern Riley County Community Food Basket. Seconded by Sarah G. Motion passed.

Mark K. reported all the items have been collected for the Veterans Christmas gift bags and he will be delivering them in the next few days. Thanks again to everyone who donated items.

Mark K. had questions on the Biker Ball that were answered and he will have more information at the January meeting.

New Business: Mark K. reported he will have the District Meetings Calendar available at the January meeting.

Comments: Next meeting is January 8, at the Rattlesnake Inn, 215 Riley Avenue, Ogden, starting at 12 p.m.

Drawing was won by Rick K.

A motion to adjourn was made by Herbie M. seconded by Sarah G. motion passed.





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January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7 Dist Mtg - 5
Dist Mtgs - 2, 3, 10						
8 Dist Mtgs - 1, 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15	9	10	11	12	13	14 Noon STATE MEETING Smith Center, KS
15	16 M L King, Jr Day	17	18	19	20 Dist Mtg - 7	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	District 6 meeting dates vary			

ADVANCE NEWS

District 1: Unless noted, all meetings start at 1:00pm Meetings are the Second Sunday

1/8 - Mtg

District 2: Unless noted, all meetings start at 4:00pm Meetings are First Sunday

1/7 - Mtg,

District 3: Unless noted, all meetings start at 1:00pm Meetings are the First Sunday

1/1-Mtg, Am Legion, E 47 Hwy

District 4: Unless noted, all meetings start at 1:00pm Meetings are the 2nd Sunday

1/8 - Mtg

District 5: Unless noted, all meetings start at NOON Meetings are the First Saturday

1/7 - Mtg, Eagles

District 6: Meeting time & Places vary

Jan - TBA

District 7: Unless noted, all meetings start at 7:00pm Meetings are the 3rd Friday

1/20-Mtg,

District 8: Unless noted, all meetings start at 1:30pm

Meetings are the 2nd Sundays

1/8-Mtg Haysville VFW 1:30, Chili Cook Off

District 9: Unless noted, meetings start at 1:00pm Meetings are the 2nd Sunday

1/8- Mtg

District 10: Meetings are the First Sunday

1/1 - Mtg

District 11: Unless noted, meetings begin at Noon Meetings are the First Sunday

1/8 - Mtg, Eric & Jodi's, Whiting

District 12: Unless noted, all meetings begin at 2PM Meetings are the 2nd Sunday

1/8 - Mtg

District 13: Unless noted, meetings begin at 2:00pm Meetings are the 3rd Sunday

1/8 - Mtg

District 15: Unless noted, meetings begin at Noon Meetings are various Sundays

1/8 - Mtg

STATE MEETINGS:

Jan 14, 2017: Pooches, 106 E Kansas Ave, Smith Center, KS, Noon

Feb 11, 2017: American Legion, 400 S. Spencer Rd, Newton, KS, Noon

Mar 11, 2017: Casey's Cowtown Club, 503 E Trail Street, Dodge City, KS, Noon

Apr 8, 2017: VFW, 932 Graphic Arts Rd, Emporia, KS, Noon





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2016 December MRF report for ABATE

12-9-16 House Res. 831 was introduced by Rep. Reid Ribble on July 13, 2016. If enacted, this resolution promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcycle profiling and encouraged collaboration between the motorcycle community and law enforcement to end such profiling. House Resolution 831 has been referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary where it awaits further action.

December 9th. President Elect Donald Trump announced that Scott Pruitt, if confirmed, will determine the direction and the priorities of the EPA over the next 4 years. As you know, the EPA has jurisdiction over a number of issues that affect bikers including the amount of ethanol in the fuel market, motorcycle emission standards which affects riders as well as high performance and aftermarket industry.

Scott Pruitt has always been a critic of the EPA and has vowed to dismantle the EPA regulations that Trump targeted throughout his campaign as job killers that restrict economic growth. Pruitt is a known sceptic of climate change and has indicated that in his first 100 days in office, would help carry out Trump's campaign promises to repeal Obama's entire executive climate change agenda.

However, Senate Democrats

and other groups are suggesting pushback saying they will not support Pruitt in the required Senate confirmation hearing that Pruitt is required to go through. They have indicated they will employ delay tactics in an attempt to force Trump to pick another potential EPA Administrator.

Pruitt is a well known ally of the oil industry. Pruitt has not come out and said anything about the Renewable Fuel Standard and ethanol; his close relationship concerning to many in the ethanol industry about the role he may take on the controversial issue of ethanol.

The House Energy and Commerce committee chairmanship was announced and Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR) will be in charge after Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI) term expires. The committee has sweeping jurisdiction over issues like technology (i.e. self driving vehicles) as well as EPA programs including the Renewable Fuel Standard and other ethanol related issues. Reps. John Shimkus (R-ILL) and Joe Barton (R-TX) have expressed interest in replacing outgoing chairman Fred Upton. The new Chairman will take over in January; the MRF intends to meet with him and his staff to detail the 2017 priorities that the committee has jurisdiction over.

Also last week, the Senate took a close look at several recently published

Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports that examined the Renewable Fuel Standards (RFS); the EPA program which requires increasing blends of ethanol to be used in the nation's gas supply. The reports stated that despite increasing the use of advanced biofuels such as ethanol, the US is still unlikely to meet the original target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This is because the advanced biofuels are not being produced at high enough levels to make promised changes. The report and the hearing are likely to only further "fuel the fire" surrounding the contentious ethanol debate in Washington D.C..

The US Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released proposed guidelines to help address driver distraction caused by mobile and other electronic devices in vehicle. The guidelines are strictly voluntary but urge manufacturers to consider how they could minimize possible distractions for drivers when they design phones. NHTSA's activity is the second phase of voluntary guidelines to address driver distractions on the US roads. The first phase focused on devices or systems built into the vehicles at the time of manufacture and was published in 2014.

Hopefully our New Year

will bring in a wiser and better understanding administration of our elected officials. I know that we all have to be diligent and aware of all of our freedoms in order to preserve the ones we have to live the lifestyles we choose to live.

Be careful out there. Look Twice Save a Life the life you save will probably be your own.

Bill Cooper
Kansas MRF Rep





Lobbyist Report

Lobbyist report December 2016

Nothing to report

Merry Christmas to all into all a good night.

FOCUS.

Brian R Thompson

Introduction of our new lobbyist Steve Christenberry

Hello, fellow ABATE members. I am Steve Christenberry, ABATE life member #214, and have been involved with ABATE since about 1978 after my discharge from the USMC. I have been a motorcycle rider since 1973, and I served as the ABATE Shawnee County Coordinator in 1980 or so, prior to ABATE even having a state-wide organization, and served on the State Board in approximately 1994-95. I am currently the Secretary for ABATE District 4, and have been a member of the AMA and the MRF for 20 plus years. I am a motorcycle safety instructor and the President of S.M.A.R.T., Inc., a motorcycle rider education program that since 1994 has provided training in several sites across the state. We currently teach at Seaman High School and in 2017 will add a site at Shawnee Heights Middle School, both in Shawnee County. I have a Master's of Science degree in Clinical Psychology from Emporia State University, and have worked in the mental health field for more than 30 years, until retiring from full time employment at Family Service & Guidance Center in January of 2016. In the political arena I serve as a precinct committeeman in Monmouth Township, am

on the Shawnee County Democrat Board, and am a member of the Kansas Mental Health Coalition, an advocacy organization for mental health issues.

I would like to thank Brian Thompson for his service to ABATE of Kansas as lobbyist for the past several years, and also thank our State Board for their trust in selecting me as the new lobbyist. I welcome input from the membership about issues that may affect our members, whether it be legislation such as helmet laws, right of way laws, legislation impacting our taxes or health insurance, or even legislation about education that impact our children and grandchildren. I will of course serve at the direction of our State Board on any legislative positions ABATE of Kansas may take on any issue. My contact information is in the newsletter, and please, feel free to contact me to provide your input, thoughts, and feedback. I thank ABATE of Kansas for the opportunity to serve our members as our legislative lobbyist.

Respectfully,
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1) January 1 is also known as	A. The Old Year.
2) A popular New Year custom	B. Greece.
3) The Times Square Ball is lowered at 11:59:00 p.m. on	C. New Year Babies.
4) Father Time	D. New Year's Day.
5) Baby New Year	E. Making New Year Resolution
6) People born on New Year's Day are commonly called	F. New Year's Eve.
7) The practice of running into water on New Year's Day	G. Old long ago.
8) New Year's Day in Israel is	H. The New Year.
9) The tradition of using a baby to signify the New Year started in	I. A working day.
10) The famous New Year song "Auld Lang Syne" literally means	J. Polar Bear plunges.



JOKE OF THE MONTH

Biker Chili

A duded-up city rider walks into a seedy tavern in Sturgis, SD. He sits at the bar and notices a grizzled old biker with his arms folded, staring blankly at a full bowl of chili.

After fifteen minutes of just sitting there staring at it, the newby rider bravely asks the old biker, 'If you ain't gonna eat that, mind if I do?'

The old veteran of a thousand rides slowly turns his head toward the young pup and

says, 'Nah, you go ahead.'

Eagerly, the guy wearing the shiny new leather fashions reaches over and slides the bowl into his place and starts spooning it in with delight. He gets nearly down to the bottom of the bowl and notices a dead mouse in the chilli. The sight was very shocking and he immediately barfed up the chili back into the bowl.

The old biker quietly says, 'Yep, that's as far as I got, too.'

WHERE IN KANSAS

Thank you to Phil Poore for guessing last months photo, Giant van Gogh Painting in Goodland, Kansas.

There are attractions, and there are attractions. The Giant reproduction of van Gogh's "3 Sunflowers In A Vase" can be seen from I-70 as you pass through Goodland, Kansas



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