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Saturday, December 13th, 2018

Sandtrap Bar and Grill

1045 State St,

Phillipsburg Kansas 67661

MEETING STARTS AT 12:00 Noon

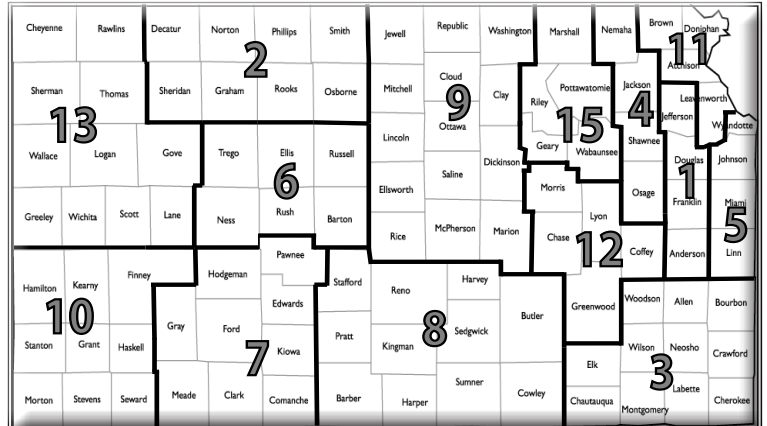
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
ROLL CALL; SECRETARY
REPORT; FINANCIAL REPORT;
LOBBYIST REPORT; MRF REPORT;
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS
REPORT; PUBLIC RELATION
REPORT; MID-SOUTH MILE;
CORPORATE SECRETARY;
NEWSLETTER REPORT; WEB SITE
REPORT; PRODUCT LINE REPORT;
OLD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

UPCOMING STATE MEETINGS:

Feb 10th - (Dist 8) American Legion
March 10th - (Dist 15) RC McGraws
April 14th - (Dist 12) VFW

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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
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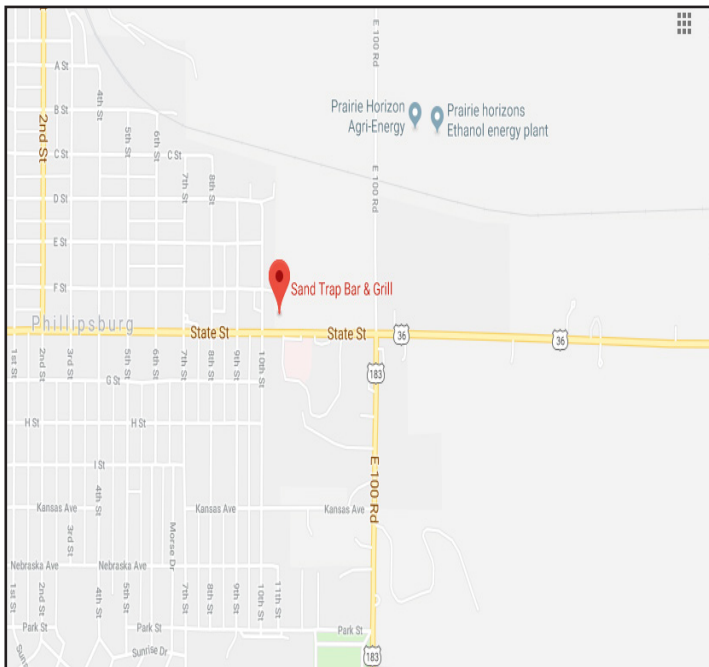
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State Meeting

December 9th 2017 - State Meeting

Meeting called to order @ 12:06 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence - Paul asked everyone to keep Wimpee Rouse family in your prayers with the recent loss of Wimpee.

Roll call - All present except dists 7, 10, & 13. Richard B for Dist 1, Carey for Dist 15.

Secretary Report - Read by Amber. Approved by the board.

Financial Report - Brian went over packet. Line of credit has been paid & the majority of LDR bills are taken care of. It was requested that all CD's & savings be put on the report. Paul stated that for the time being all help with outside charities will be put on hold while the financial committee works on a budget. Paul also stated that the operational loan that was taken out needs to be paid on or off before it becomes due in full in 2019. It was asked if we could use one of the CD's to pay off the loan. Paul said that the financial committee would look into all options & let the board know. A motion was made by Jodi (2nd by Richard) to table this discussion until the Jan meeting when the budget & all information is available. Discussion about the loan will be brought up again at the Jan meeting also. Motion passed with all board members voting yes. Ron asked about the lifetime membership fee funds. Richard said it has all been going into the general fund. Ron reminded everyone about a previous motion that said a certain amount goes into a cd. Amber found & read the motion

from February 2015 pertaining to this. It was stated that the motion would be followed from this point on. Brian asked that Districts start using the same state tax code on every District account. Brian can help with this process if needed.

Old business - Paul reminded everyone that District property can be put on the state insurance as long as the District name is on the title and the District covers the cost. - Tabled Items-

Discussion regarding what amount "Districts can afford" means. At this time it was decided not to change it. Paul stated that District 4 was willing to let Nemaha County Move to Dist 11. B.O.D. approved this. Both districts were asked to compose and submit a letter to the state next month before it would take effect.

Lunch 1:02 - 1:46 Thank you to District 5 and the Moose Lodge for the great food.

It was asked if the plaques were ever placed at the boat docks. Lori said that they were in the office. Paul and Ringo will look into this.

New business - Byron said that Mark has the material for the front gate @ the rally grounds and hopefully it will be complete by spring.

Byron also stated that he has heard negativity about the motion that was made to not allow guests in at member price at State events. After some discussion, it was decided not to change the motion in place. Brian asked that the board appoint Dora as assistant Treasurer. It was approved by a show of hands. Byron asked if entertainment could receive

an increase to the entertainment budget. After discussing it, it was decided not to at this time. Lori asked if the money left from last year sponsorships for entertainment could be used this year. A motion was made by Richard (2nd by Tony RR) to allow the left over money from the 2017 entertainment sponsorships to roll over to the 2018 entertainment budget. Motion passed with all board members voting yes except district 4 who abstained and District 11 and 15 voting no. Byron thanked Gene Heinen for donating the materials for the front gate. Paul said that each district needs to have someone in charge of their membership. All memberships must be completely filled out. Sheri said that it needs to be checked that all election nominees are valid members when nominated. A motion was made by Richard (2nd by Jerry) That you must be a valid member in good standing to be nominated and elected for any ABATE position and must remain in good standing while holding said position for district or state. Motion pass with all board members voting yes. Paul let everyone know that district 7 board is considering going inactive. A letter from the state will be sent to all district 7 members to provide information and other options. If deactivated all district 7 assets will go into a cd for future use when/if district becomes active in the future. Paul requested that the 3 beverage gardens submit a supply list by the Jan meeting. District 7 will not be hosting the March meeting, it was requested that district 15 host the March meeting. District 15 would inform everyone after their district meeting. Jody asked if District 11 could host

the September meeting. Jack will talk with district 4 about this. Richard made a motion (2nd by Becca) to find the PA system to use at the state meetings -motion passed by a show of hands.

Lobbyist Report- Please see in your newsletter.

MRF report- Bill went over-please see in your newsletter.

Motorcycle Awareness report- Paul went over the fatality statistics for the year. As of Oct, there have been 57 motorcycle deaths in Kansas, 59 and over age group had the highest mortality rate. Of all reported deaths 31 were not wearing a helmet 19 were, and 7 were unknown. 50% were not licensed.

Public relations- Sis said that two candidates running for Governor will be at the February meeting. Please plan on attending and talking with them during the Republican convention that will be held in Wichita the third weekend in Feb.

MILE- Sis ask for basket ideas. Ron said that pictures need to be published soon for the basket that Kansas brought home this year.

Corporate secretary report- Sheri said she is not done with the proposed policy changes at this time. Ken went over changes needed for the membership section in the bylaws and policy and procedures. Please see list in your newsletter. A motion was made by Jodi (2nd by Jerry) to accept all changes to the membership areas in the policy and producers as presented. Motion passed with all board members voting yes. Potential changes to the bylaws will be printed in the newsletter for one month and then voted on.

Newsletter- Carrie read in





Tammy's absence. Calendars are done and being printed. John suggested posting the next 2 meetings in the front of the newsletters due to mailing issues.

Products- Bill C- They're here- Buy them.

Richard M recognized Mike Frye for all of his hard work in maintenance at LDR and

presented him with a tool set. Thank you!

4 p.m.- 4:16 p.m.- executive session.

Upcoming Events
Drawings: MRF Sis - donated to non MRF member, Drawing -Sandy S . Meeting adjourned 4:48 p.m.



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Notice of proposed Amendment to By-Laws

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

January 13, 2018 The Sand trap Bar & Grill, located at 1045 State St., Phillipsburg, Kansas

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

By-Laws

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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 9, 2017

Policies & Procedures

Memberships (begins page 4, of P & Ps)

I. General Guidelines

A. No changes to wording

B. No changes to wording

C. Membership applications received by a District should be submitted to the Corporate Office promptly for consideration.

Change to Read: Membership applications received by a District or a member should be submitted to the Corporate Office no later than thirty (30) days from the date of receipt.

D. The Incentive Program will be as follows:

Change to Read: The Incentive Program will be based on the calendar year beginning January 1st and ending December 1st annually. Members participating in the Incentive Program must be active members in good standing during the entire year to receive credit for sign-up of new or considered new members during the Program year. The following rules will apply:

1. The Incentive Program will have the following categories for sign-up of new or considered new members: Individual, Couple, Bronze Business, Silver Business, Gold Business, and Life Members.

2. Credit will only be given to Incentive Program participants who sign up those who qualify as new or considered new members. Applicants that are "considered new" are those who have let their membership laps for two (2) or more years.

3. Credit is given to participants who sign up five (5) new or considered new individual members. For every five (5) members the Incentive Program participant signs up, the participant will be entitled to a one-year free membership for his/her own use; or, the participant may donate the one-year membership to their District; or, he/she may use the one-year membership as a gift; or, the recipient may receive one (1) free pass to the National Labor Day Rally held during the year the Incentive Program award is received.

4. Credit is given to participants who sign up couple wherein both new or considered new members or when one (1) person is a renewal and the second person is new or considered new. When both members are new or considered new two (2) points are given. The sign up of a Couple where one member is a renewal and the other is new or considered new qualifies for one (1) point. A "couple" consists of two (2) individuals who must reside in the same household.

5. The Business Memberships are divided into three (3) categories: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. A participant who signs up a Bronze Business membership shall receive one (1) point. A participant who signs up a Silver Business Membership shall receive three (3) points. The Program participant who signs up a Gold Business membership is entitled to five (5) points.

6. The Incentive Program participant who signs up one (1) new Life Member that meets all the above guidelines will receive five (5) points. To receive Incentive Program points for the sale of a Life Membership the sale must be new or considered new not a change of status from an annual membership to a Life Membership.

7. An Incentive Program participant who signs up fifty (50) new or considered new members shall be entitled to one (1) free Life Membership. The sale of fifty (50) memberships will be verified by the Membership Committee and the Corporate Secretary. The fifty (50) memberships must be within the current calendar year of the Incentive Program.

E. A member will be considered in good standing if there has not been any disciplinary action taken against the member by the Board of Directors. (February 2011)

Change to Read: A member will be considered in good standing when there has been no disciplinary action taken against the member and the member has maintained his/her membership in a current status with no lapses.





WHAT I LEARNED

CONTRIBUTING WRITER STEVE K.

Okay, I know you will say that riding is a journey not a destination. Neither Cheryl nor I are big about traveling just to travel. We just don't. Money and time are considerations, and we have precious little of either, or we might have enough of one but none of the other. For us, having both a reason for going and a good place to go is ideal. Since our son was stationed at Coronado NAS in San Diego, we have visited California regularly. Then, we added a daughter-in-law. Then, they added a grandson. What more do we need? When I mention riding to California, people look at me like I am an alien being. They ask, "How can you ride with those kooks?"

Here are some of my experiences and observations about California and life on the road therein.

1. "You have to travel through a whole lot of nothing to get to California" is an accurate observation a trucker friend offered. Now, because we live in Kansas and in western KS specifically, I am not going to use "nothing" or "nowhere" lightly as Kansas gets labelled "nowhere" with regularity. Now, if you hear that said about Kansas, you can be sure that the speaker has never been to Nevada. You cannot call Kansas "nowhere" if you have travelled through Nevada. Not even coyotes or rabbits live there. Maybe a stray lizard hacks out an existence but not much more. No sheep, no cows, no goats. Nothing. Sorry, Nevada, while

I can relate to being called nothing, nothing you are. Sorry.

2. California is a damn big state. We think of Texas when we define big, but California is huge, too. Certainly, it is long. Mexico to Oregon? 796 on-and-off ramps on I-5. LA to San Francisco? 400 plus miles. You drive and drive and drive. Fortunately, you have lots to see. Lots of scenery, oceans, mountains, bridges, tunnels, trees, etc. All the good stuff that goes under the heading of "scenery." Picture postcard scenery. You have other interesting scenery. You might see a Prius on fire on the side of the road emitting what had to be toxic smoke. You might see a refurbished school bus filled with patchouli oil covered young hippies at a rest area in Northern Cal. You might see agriculture unlike any anywhere else in the world, and Kansas is extraordinarily good at agriculture. You might see Cal Fire equipment prepositioned everywhere across the state. Now, I admit that I might have been desperate for scenery after having my definition of "nothing" defined in Nevada. After that experience, a five-gallon bucket or a red rag on the side of the road looks good. I focus hard to keep my attention on the road.

3. Really, California drivers just aren't that bad. For the most part, our only contact with California drivers is on Kansas interstates where they are driving 95 mph as they blow

by us. We ask, "Where is a trooper when you need one?" We revel when they are pulled to the side, and the trooper is writing a ticket. If you get them in their native environment, they aren't so bad. To get anywhere on the California interstate system, you have to work together to some degree. When we used our turn signals, the drivers following allowed us to come across. It was easy, even pulling a trailer. They, typically, don't get to drive fast, so they make up for it in Kansas. Traffic can be mind-numbingly slow; so slow that you push your bike more than ride. Sure, you have your occasional jerk, but I have been flipped off by a guy driving a PT Cruiser on I-70 in Saline County.

4. Beggars can be choosers. We ate lunch at the Chowder Bowl on Fisherman's Wharf. Along comes a guy investigating the garbage can. Today, we call them "homeless people," but we used to call them, "bums." I will just call him, "This Guy." We were eating our lunch at an outside table, laughing and enjoying a beer. Most of us had the namesake clam chowder bowl. The day was sunny and warm; any sunny day in San Francisco is a minor holiday. The garbage can was placed next to the plumbing pipe and fittings boundary of the restaurant. As we were eating, This Guy started rummaging through the garbage for some food. He pulled out an uneaten bread bowl someone had just thrown

in the garbage. He looked it over with an experienced, and critical, eye. Hell, it looked good to me; if I were hungry, I would have eaten it right then and there. Anyway, he continued to inspect his find, then, threw it back in the garbage. Are you kidding me? It hadn't even been touched. A minute earlier, he could have met the person who purchased it. He must have been on a low-carbohydrate diet because a perfectly good bread bowl didn't fit his needs. Beggars, I learned, can be choosers.

5. Guys wear capris. Huh? Really? True. The first time I saw man capris was in Huntington Beach as I was walking to join the others. A middle-aged guy, younger than me but older than my students, walked by in a lovely pair of tan capris. I did a double take and almost broke my neck. I was thinking they had to be what we used to call "high waters" when we were teasing the bespectacled kid wearing them. They weren't; his high waters were a fashion statement. The second was on Fisherman's Wharf. Same deal, but the double take wasn't quite so severe. This time, I sensed a trend. Gulp. Capris on guys? Is that the future? Every woman I know wears them, but will guys adopt the trend? I hope not, but I wouldn't be surprised, either.

6. AM/PM convenience stores. When you are short of fuel, any convenience store looks good. Real good. As a Kansan, I have never seen an





AM/PM store until we pulled into one in Indio, CA after a ride from Phoenix across the desert in 102° heat in May. All the AM/PM stores we stopped were nice, well-stocked, and clean. The interesting thing is that they only accept debit cards. No credit cards. Not really a big deal; I have debit cards. The big deal is that I am never sure of the PIN, and you only get so many chances at providing the correct one. I am always surprised that a company doesn't accept credit cards. Their company policy is their company policy; it just surprises me. If you don't have a debit card, you better have cash. Or, you could make a run for it. Or, panhandle. Just no credit cards.

7. California fuel hoses. I get it: you want clean air. I understand that you want to recover the fuel vapors because they are a known carcinogen by the State of California. A California gas hose has a spring-loaded tube around the nozzle to catch the fumes. The spring must be compressed against the rim of the filler to get gas. Damn, those springs make fueling a bike a real bitch. You really have to press the contraption to get fuel; you have to keep the pressure on to keep the fuel coming. Sometimes, the design of the fuel tank forces you to compress the spring with two fingers while you are pushing the nozzle into the tank. Your fingers will be hurting after that one. Trust me.

8. Freeway ends/ Freeway begins. Those signs are everywhere. The freeway is always ending. Or beginning. Sometimes, the freeway ends and, then, begins again when you thought you were on a street not a freeway. I don't

know what makes a freeway what makes a freeway in California, but it can't be much because they end on one corner and begin on the other side. While I am at it, California loves giant arrows. Giant painted arrows. They show that the road is narrowing, for instance. Or where five lanes of off-ramp leave the road. They are handy and informative. Just be aware they are everywhere, and, on the off chance it rains, they are slick.

9. 14 lanes of traffic. Cheryl observed at one point we were riding in 14-lanes of traffic. No, not all of it going one direction, just 14-lanes of traffic going both directions. I know some of you are from Topeka or KC, but 14-lanes of traffic is an eye-popping experience. I was impressed by exit ramps five-lanes wide. Kansas has some confusing interchanges, too, but nothing like trying to be in the correct off-ramp lane when you don't know the exactly where you are going. "Use your GPS," you say? Okay, I dig information overload at the same time I am experiencing sensory overload on a bike in bumper-to-bumper traffic.

10. The California Seam. For some reason, California highways have a seam that crosses all lanes of traffic. Not a straight line from shoulder-to-shoulder but an arc from one side to the other somewhere up the road. I suppose as the road expands and contracts, you get the rest. The seam isn't that bad; it just causes some worry as you approach and a momentary jiggle as you cross. The thought, though, of the seam is the problem. You see it ahead, and it is just the kind of obstacle that grabs your tire and yanks the handlebars

out of your hands, and AAAARGGGHH, you imagine a horrible death being run over by the tens of thousands of California drivers behind you. I don't know how many "thump-thumps" it would take to smash a big guy into one of those road kill squirrels, but I bet it ain't many.

11. HOV lanes. These are becoming common across the country, but in California they work well, and they have them everywhere. First, you must qualify to be in the lane. Motorcycles qualify, but you can't pull a trailer. I often pull a little camping trailer, so I rely on the officer not really knowing what to do with me. The HOV lanes are restricted to painted lines to govern where you can or cannot enter. Dashed lines, good to go double yellow, "no bueno, Señor." The carpool lanes are "not a license to speed" according to the L. A. Times, but let's be serious, if you can speed, you will speed. In California going with the flow of traffic is a life-saving choice.

12. Directions. You have to be prepared to listen to directions when you are given them. You ask the clerk in the AM/PM while shaking out your fingers, "How do I get to Long Beach?" Here you go. "Take the 2 to the 5," right here you know, as a Kansan that you are screwed, but the clerk continues, "to the 710. Then, take the 710 to the 91. That would be the easiest way." Then, you feel compelled to ask the question which betrays you as an out-of-towner, "How long will that take?" They stare at you, with a combination look that both judges you and takes humor in you. They know what you don't know: "it will take as long as it takes, you dumb out-

of-towner. Sheesh, don't you know nothing?"

13. Lane-splitting and sport bikes. Lane-splitting, as so many point out, isn't really permitted in California. It just isn't banned. Lane-splitting rocks, and you would be surprised at how much space separates two vehicles in adjacent lanes. Not wide enough for my bike and trailer but wide enough for a sport bike with ease. Certainly, a sport bike isn't going to be doing freeway speeds while lane-splitting, but they move faster than the traffic. Speaking of sport bikes, I noticed that they wheelie on the other side of a divided highway, or they will pass you doing a wheelie. I asked my son why, and he explained doing so was the sport bike equivalent of the middle finger. Yep, they were flipping off the Harley crowd with their bikes.





LOBBYIST REPORT

At the Federal level the Senate Foreign Relations Committee met and voted on Governor Brownback's nomination as U.S. Ambassador at Large for Religious Freedom the first week of October. It was a close vote, 11 to 10 in favor, but has yet to go to the full Senate for confirmation. The biggest issue on the hill is the tax bill. The House passed a version, and the Senate followed by passing a version. A committee of members in both chambers is meeting to reconcile the differences. There is much disagreement on the proposals, some saying it favors the wealthy and big business while adding to the tax burden on the middle class. They hope to have a bill on the President's desk by Christmas.

The 11 member Kansas "Special Committee on a Comprehensive Response to the School Finance Decision" has been formed at the Capitol to begin preliminary work on an education plat that must be submitted to the Supreme Court in April. The Committee will convene in December. The Kansas Legislative Coordinating Council has been meeting on various issues, but none that appear to point toward legislation in the 2018 session.

As always, I encourage you to join the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) and the American Motorcyclists Association (AMA), to stay abreast of happens on the national front. The Bikers on the Beltway event will be in Washington in May next year, and in September the Meeting of the Minds will be in Denver in September.

More details forthcoming, but if you can break away from work to meet with your federal representatives, or attend the annual MRF conference, it would be a very educational experience, as well as a chance to meet with legislators.

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

Bikers Under the Dome:
The state has decided that they need to charge fees for the use of our Capitol Building for "protests and demonstrations" far above the fees formerly charged. I have been informed by the coordinator with the Department of Administration, who manages Capitol events, that to have 3 tables and 9 chairs we will be charged a fee of \$300, a far cry from the \$20 fee in previous years. There has been quite an uproar about this, which apparently was a bureaucratic decision, so look to legislation this session to reverse this. After all, it is our Capitol, and our tax dollars pay for the staff who work there. That includes maintenance, janitors, legislative staff, and of course our legislators. It would

be a good idea for each of us to contact our representatives now and express our disagreement with this decision.

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

and email address if you need. My contact information is in the newsletter.

Respectfully
Steve Christenberry
Lobbyist
ABATE of Kansas

For more information:

<http://www.kslegislature.org/>

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<http://www.ipsr.ku.edu/ksdata/>





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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Dist# _____

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Grandview Plaza, KS 66441
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El Dorado, KS 67042
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12345 College Boulevard
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Kansas City Community
College – Pamela Howe,
Coordinator
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Kansas City, KS 66112
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Motorcycle Rider Education
– Michael Vermillion, Co-
Owner
4600 W. Kellogg Drive, Suite
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Wichita, KS 67209
316-706-9722

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Dean of Outreach & Workforce
Development
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DISTRICT NEWS

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Anderson, Douglas, Franklin and Jefferson

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District Rep. Nova Horton 785 393 6994



The December meeting was cancelled. Our next meeting

is Sunday, Jan. 7th at Bobcats, Ozawkie, Ks.

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

District Rep. Rick Gitchel 785-533-1205



Called meeting to order
Moment of Silence for our fallen brothers and sisters
Jeff gave secretaries report with no additions or corrections
Gary gave the treasurers report with no additions or corrections
State meeting report given see the newsletter to save space
New business our winter social will be held in Stockton at the HWY 183 bowling alley on the 11 of February. Anyone that wants to be included in the gift exchange bring a wrapped gift. After the meeting we will eat and then bowl.

Committee updates Casino night planning is going well. Gary will pick up plates bowls and utensils. Menu is

hamburger stew, chili, ham and beans, corn bread, and a relish tray.

Bike show update we did get the city of Phillipsburg committee building rented. We are looking for more trophy sponsors and associate sponsors. The bike show will take place on 4-21-18.

Next meeting will be at Bears place, 150 second street in Phillipsburg on the 14 of January parking in the rear.

Donna motioned for the meeting to adjourn Bear seconded it.

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

district3.abateks.org

District Rep. Danny Harris 620-330-6861

Our district 3 meeting was held at Coffeyville American Legion on Dec 3rd 2017 with 22 members and 3 guests from the State Board.

Coop opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for brothers and sisters lost.

It was discussed to get a new district 3 flag made and Coop will check into it.

Due to an incident at our Toy Run, we made a change in our districts policies and procedures. Bev H. made a

motion to have only one flag in the front of our procession and it was seconded by Mike B. and passed by a show of hands.

We had our district elections and Dan Harris will be our district representative. Mike Brotherton our assistant rep. and Tammy Hader as secretary. Our next meeting will be held at the American Legion at Girard on January 7, 2018 at 1:00.

Brian won the door prize and the meeting was adjourned. See you at Girard and enjoy the holidays.

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Jackson, Osage and Shawnee

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District Rep. Jack Frost 785-383-4836



Jack convened the meeting at 1:10. After the pledge of allegiance we had a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters, as well as members of our response agencies and our service members and veterans. Wimpe Rouse, a consistent bike show participant, died this past week at St. Francis hospital.

There were 13 district members present at today's meeting.

Secretary's Report: It will be in the newsletter, which has not arrived in the mail yet. An assistant is being requested. Jeannie moved to defer the reading of the minutes, Alvin seconded, approved.

Financial Report: Nicole reported on our current balances after expenses for Toys 4 Tots, which includes our insurance fee and fee to the City of

Topeka for the ride, some of which is a security deposit that we will get back after the event. Extra shirts can still be ordered if participants were not able to obtain a shirt at the event. Nicole is working on the November financials, and reported that we have provided a check to Papan's Landing for the contribution from the rally. RC moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Alvin seconded, approved.

State Board meeting Report: Jack reported that the meeting was in Kansas City yesterday. There was discussion about memberships, specifically regarding recruiting new members.

Carey was recognized for her work at the state office. There was discussion about not having the District 4 bike show. Jack's





request to raise beer prices at the rally was again denied. The building of gates to enter into Paradise Point is in progress, mostly by contributions by the Heinen company in Meriden.

There was discussion about the new state policy that charges citizens for the use of the Capitol building, which impacts our Bikers Under the Dome event.

There was also discussion about letting District 11 taking over the jurisdiction of Nemaha county. District 4 is to send a letter to the state office to approve the move for District 4 Nemaha county to District 11.

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

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

AMA Report: The AMA reports that the EPA has released final renewable fuel mandates for 2018. The mandates call for an increase in ethanol, and an increase in E15 fuel, which motorcycles and virtually all small engines are not engineered to use, not to mention most cars and trucks. The AMA has also asked members to contact their representatives regarding President Trump's reversal of the size of national monuments in Utah and Montana, that were established by President

Obama under the Antiquities Act. This would reduce the amount of land available for US citizens to use for recreational purposes. The AMA has also filed a brief with the Supreme Court defending the rights of motorcyclists against unlawful search and seizure. This stems from a case where law enforcement searched a motorcycle under a cover without a warrant. The Supreme Court of Virginia ruled that because it was a motorcycle rather than a car or truck no warrant was required. Interesting case, I will continue to follow it.

Products Report: Kerry not here so no report.

Old Business: Toys for Tots: We had nearly 400 bikes given the great weather we had for the event. Nicole reported that the credit card swipe process was helpful this year, despite some hiccups in using the on-line payment system. We did run out of shirts, but more can be ordered if needed, and can be available before Christmas if ordered within the next few days. Nicole took names of those wanting shirts. We do have cash donations that need to be provided to the USMCR. Nicole suggested that Frank and Steve go on Ralph's Red Couch to present a check to the USMCR for those contributions.

New Business: Bikers Under the Dome: February 13, 2018, still waiting final confirmation as there has been another request by the Coalition of Clubs to do BUTD on February 6th. This was discussed at yesterday's State Board meeting.

There was additional discussion about the District 4 FB page, with suggestions that we create a new page for the

District.

Contributions of items for residents at the VA Hospital was discussed. Hygiene items, note pads (no spiral bound ones), socks and underwear, are the most needed.

Upcoming Events: Bowl-a-thon: January 21st at West Ridge Lanes. Charles will call them to confirm the date, and we'll need to get giveaway items.

Kansas Republican Convention (Kansas Days):

Feb 16/17, 2018, Hyatt Regency in Wichita.

Kansas Democratic Convention (Washington Days: February 24/25, Ramada Inn in Topeka

Next D4 Board meeting: January 10, 2018, 7 PM, Papan's Landing

Next D4 meeting: January 14, 2018 1:00 PM, Papan's Landing

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm

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Johnson, Linn, Miami, Wyandotte
abateksdist5.org

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



December 2, 2017 District 5 monthly meeting started at 12:00 at the Eagle Lodge. We started with the Pledge of allegiance followed by moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll call: There were 11 members present and one guest.

Tony read the state meeting report and legislative report.

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

Product Line – District 5 now has new product line! There are long sleeves and blow-out shirts for the guys, and long sleeve skull shirts for the ladies. We also have hoodies and short sleeve shirts available. If you would like one please contact Beth or Debbie.

Old business - we talked about the State Meeting and the End of the Year Party. Went over who was donating.

We had the counting of the ballots. Congratulations to Beth S. as she is still our Treasurer and Debbie H. as she is still our Assistant Representative.

We would like to thank Jose

Peppers on 435 and Midland for all the donations they have helped our District with for 2017.

Many thanks to all our members for making 2017 a great year. We could not do it without you!

January 5th the district meeting will be held at Red Eye and also February 3rd meeting. Hope to see everyone there for new ideas for 2018!

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

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





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**Barton, Ellis, Ness, Rush, Russell,
Trego**

District Rep. Becca Hardman 785-259-9557



ABATE District 6 met December 10, 2017 at Cancun in Ellis.

The meeting was called to order by Representative Becca Hardman.

Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for fallen brothers and sisters was observed.

Members from the State were welcomed

Minutes from November meeting were read and discussed. Larry and Louann opposed the minutes and requested amendment that the meeting was continued until Free Tomorrow was in attendance. There was an agreement that the minutes would include the time that Free Tomorrow was in attendance. Minutes will be amended to include Free Tomorrow's participation.

Finance report was reviewed by Becca with Benita motion and Jody seconding, all in favor to approve.

Old business included a soup supper January 27 from 4 pm until soup is gone at the Ellis VFW. Chavonne has ensured that the VFW will donate use of the building. ABATE district 6 will attend the January 4, 2018 meeting at VFW to discuss the Run for the Wall.

Meeting was turned to State president Paul Swoyer who discussed concerns of the district. He mentioned that all officers must be in good standing, financial reports must be filed monthly, district 6 last elections should have been sent in by an officer not running for office, members are requested

to work for the annual rally, minutes should be sent in by secretary, membership lists should be provided to the secretary monthly who should monitor and inform members, policy and procedure should be provided to members.

Due to the fact that members have resigned or were not in good standing Mike C. was appointed as Sargent of Arms and Robin was appointed as treasurer. There was discussion regarding current treasurer (Tammy) not attending meetings as required. Both positions will be up for election in March special election; this will be in newsletter and members will be notified. Regular elections will be held in April with nominations Dec. and Jan. in the newsletter and a February/March vote.

Special action report by Ron included that Becca has not resigned and representative position will be open in 2019 unless there is a special ballot. There was a written vote placed to keep Becca until next election or appoint a new representative. Majority of vote was to maintain Becca in position.

Treasurer (Tammy) joined the meeting at this time and was informed of relief from duties, she agreed.

State President Paul Swoyer stated that District 6 meetings would be attended by a stated representative for future guidance and support. There was a change of meeting dates discussed to better accommodate the representatives which was

not agreed upon due to State meeting and newsletter dates.

Corporate Secretary Sheri reinforced that we as a district are part of a larger corporation and the state must have proper information to report.

State Sargent of Arms brought up the fact that ABATE is a motorcycle right organization and every member has a vote. He also mentioned that they would like to see all

members involved in the Labor Day Rally.

State information was discussed.

Motion to adjourn made by Greg, seconded by Julie, all in favor.

Next meeting, January 14 at 4pm at Sonny's in Liebenthal.

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**Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Ford, Gray,
Hodgman, Kiowa, Meade, Pawnee**[Facebook.com/pages/abatedist7/101952168299](https://facebook.com/pages/abatedist7/101952168299)

District Rep. Doc Pritchett 620-339-5814



NO MEETING MINUTES RECEIVED BY DEADLINE

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**Barber, Butler, Cowley, Harper, Harvey,
Kingman, Pratt, Reno, Sedgwick,
Stafford, Sumner**facebook.com/pages/ABATE-of-Kansas-District-8/114523255250459

District Rep. Tony Railsback 620-204-8018



December 10th, 2017, Meeting started at 2:24 pm Roll call vote all present except Asst Rep Brian V and Secretary Sandy V. Both were at a District 6 meeting. Brad Collins sat in for Sandy V. and took Notes. Thank You Brad. Two guests John and Debbie Yassi from Wichita. Secretary's report read and approved. Treasures report read and approved. Products report we are in pretty good shape. Editors report not much going on. State report was given and approved. Read you newsletter. District 8 held elections. You must be a current member to vote. Brian V was re-elected as Asst Rep and Brad Collins was voted in as Secretary. Bikers Under the Dome Price went up. Mid-South Mile will be held in somewhere in Oklahoma. Exact place not decided on yet. Republican days will be held in January in Wichita Ks. Membership will now be in state policies and procedures. State

Calendars are now at the printer and will be mailed to District Rep. Be sure to buy yours. Tammy asked if the District would buy 3 calendars to give to the \$50. ad sponsors. Motion made and approved. Tony was contacted by Sunflower Swap Meet to purchase another space next to our existing one. This was approved. This year's Swap Meet to be March 16th and 17th. at Century 2. State meeting will be hosted by district 8 in February in Newton. We will have a guest speaker at the state meeting that are running for Governor, Wink Hartman

Working on a 1 day RCBO party approximate date June 23rd Door prize won by Justin Bass, and Christmas drawing was won by Joe R. Next meeting Jan. 14th South lake Village, Wichita.





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Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Jewell
Marion, McPherson, Mitchell, Ottawa
Republic, Rice, Saline, Washington
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District Rep. Jon F Puckett 785-427-6519

The district 9 meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm on December 10th 2017 with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence given, with 11 members, and 3 county reps present.

The secretary's report was given and approved.

The treasure's report was given and approved.

State News: See state news in newsletter.

Awareness report: Still have yard signs.

Product report: Still have Awareness shirts, District 9 shirts, and memory patches. Discussion on ladies shirts, tabled till later date.

Website report: All updated.

Old business: Article was read about the Marion Toy run. Still having newsletter delivery issues or timely delivery.

New Business: Set calendar dates for meetings.

Upcoming events: NO upcoming events at this time.

No drawings at this time.
Thanks to Virg's, Deb and Brenda for hosting the meeting.

Next meeting at Russ and Myrna, 102 W. John Street, Galva at noon on January 14th.

Meeting in February is at Somewhere Bar & Grill, Tescott on February 11th

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



District Rep. Troy Love 620-214-3507

Informal meeting regarding Tom Fiefs memorial and the veterans memorial toy run to take place December 16th. Meeting took place on December 3rd at 2pm at the VFW in Garden City, Kansas. And finish discussion about the pershing manor gifts for the neighbors to take place on

December 17th at 2pm. Next meeting will take place on January 7th at 2pm at the VFW (BINGO HALL) in Garden City, Kansas hope to see you all there. Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



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Mike "Chop" Reams _____

Missy Roberts _____

WRITE-IN: _____

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11**Atchison,Brown,Doniphan,Leavenworth**district11.abateks.org

District Rep. Jodi Stutzman 785-364-7265

**District 11 Meeting**

December 3, 2017

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm. Pledge and moment of silence given. Secretary report read. Motioned to accept. Jodi gave treasurers report. Missy motioned to accept. Todd 2nd approved.

Jodi mentioned state report. Nothing to report. State meeting is next weekend. Next district meeting will be at Chops in his garage, January 14. Address is 408 parallel in Atchison.

2018 calendars were passed out. Jodi asked board members to look at calanders and notify her if any changes need to be made.

Jodi also thanked everyone for all the work and support this past year.

Assistant Rep report. Stan reminded everyone of the VA chili feed and bingo on December 17. If your helping out please be there by 10:30. All products to be ordered are to be sent to Dougs to be inventoried. Stan motioned. Robin R 2nd. Motion passed.

Products report-Lee asked if anything needed to be ordered. Thumbs up are not selling, state logo requested. Lee asked about ordering sweatshirts. Todd motioned for Lee to order minimum of 24 each of sweatshirts if needed with just the logo. Robin R 2nd. Request was made for childrens products. They were more expensive discussion being held. Brian Thompson informed us that motion has been said. You vote on motion and not discuss it. Jodi informed Brian that we as a district discuss our

motions before voting on them. More discussion.was had and motion passed.

Web page-Calendar will be updated. Sponsors will be added on.

Atchison county-Chop asked for decision on advertising with Kare radio for mothers day bike show. Stan motioned, Bull 2nd. Doyle asked what Kare would do. They will do 3 on the spot interviews, 15 spots of advertising, and play music for 2 hours. Doyle wants to know time slots and all details. Robin S. asked if Kare would be cheaper than hiring a band. More info will be brought to next months meeting. Motion not passed. Will be voted on at next meeting.

Leavenworth County-need more gifts for bingo. if helping with chili feed you need to be there by 10:30. People helping for bingo be there by 12. Missy has things for the dogs.

Doniphan-nothing to report.

Jodi let us all know that it was voted on and passed to let district 11 have Nemaha County. Pending submission of letters from each district stating their intent and agreement to move Nemaha County to D11 to state BOD.

Keegan said he would like to be Nemaha County rep if we get it. Will check to see if he still wants it.

Old business- New PA system will cost around 7 or 800. We need a bigger unit at least 800 watts. Doyle will do more checking. Artwork is needed for our events.

New business- Robin R





reminded us about the ride to Evil Knievel museum in Topeka on May 5. Need to know who all is going by March. Let Robin R know by messaging him or by telling him at meetings VFW and ride for the wounded. Need to know how many people attending so food can be ordered. RFW will stage at Elks Lodge. Wreaths across America will be posted when we get the details. No door prize done. Gary Sinese hat passed. Todd found a

family for Brown County for Thanksgiving. Doyle and Chop took care of a family for their county. Doniphan County families were already taken care of. Money was donated to help house for non perishable foods. Robin S. mentioned the Ukele family. They have been overwhelmed with support after losing 3 family members in an accident. Robin S. asked for members to please send cards to school. She will post info to DII FB page. Jodi thanked everyone

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District Rep. Jerry Wenciker 620-794-4945



The December 10th, 2017 District 12 meeting was called to order by Jerry Wenciker. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a Moment of Silence for our Fallen Brothers and Sisters.

James and Anthony from the Theatre bar, located at 10 W 11th St, spoke at the meeting about being potential hosts for the Bike Show's After Party and offered to have a band. They would have a ramp for those whom need it.

Treasurer's Report: Debi read
State Meeting Report: Jerry read

Secretary's Report: Shauntae also read with amendments to be made.

Old Business: The Bike Show is 3 meetings away!
Committees for vendors and

sponsors are organizing and situating for the bike show and Lewis White kindly donated an air conditioner.

New Business: Don made a motion to split a donation between two families in need for Christmas. Sheila seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Sheila made a motion for quarterly drawing of the MRF membership, for those who come to meetings, could have a chance to enter and win. Don seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

John won the door prize.

The next meeting is January 14th at 2pm at the VFW, located at 932 Graphic Arts Road in Emporia, Kansas.



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



ABATE of KANSAS District #13 December 10th, meeting was held at Capt n Jacks, in Oakley KS.

Roll call of the board shows, All Board members were present, with 5 guests.

After the Pledge and a Moment of Silence for fallen brothers and sisters, District Rep Neil O called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm.

Secretary report was read; Cheryl motioned to approve, Angie seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer report was given by Steve, flowers were sent to S Foster memorial service and all bills were paid. Darin motioned to pay the remanding balance for the Buffalo Run Rally, hosts High Plains RV Resort, Angie second. Motion passed

Tom motioned to accept treasurer report Ox seconded motion passed.

No State Report was given.

Old business:

Buffalo Run update: Darin reported that he has reached out to more bands and things are moving forward, nicely. Darin mentioned we will need to print grade cards.

Neil reported, he contacted the Colonial Steakhouse, located next to High Plains RV Resort, after some discussion about fees and keeping attendees close to rally, Mona motioned that we hold the June state meeting at the Colonial, Ox seconded, motion carried. A request was made to change the time of meeting from noon to 10 am, by Mike seconded by Charles. Request approved, Neil will submit the request.

Neil began pricing event tents, he checked with Colby

Canvas, but felt they were above our price range. Tom said he had a lead for a couple canopy tents. He will report next meeting. Neil will check with Healy Rec, and District #10 on event tents, and report next month. Ox also said, he has a canopy tent he will bring. Curtis, also agreed to price tents and report back next month to group.

The district will hold 4 different drawings. Winner drawn at Buffalo Run Rally. Tickets will be available for sale at January meeting.

Tent camping is free it's included with entry fee. A discount RV space is available if booked before March 31, please contact Darin or Mona for details.

Neil again addressed sponsorships, asking everyone to step up and sell.

Neil will reach out to District 5 and Mark E. about bike games.

Darin will check on beer sponsors and report back to group.

Jim is still working on District's logo banner.

ABATE calendars were still not available at time of meeting

Mike motioned to close old business, Charles seconded, motion passed.

New business:

Merchandise: Cheryl asked that we get a different color other than black, a fluorescent color. Discussion was tabled until next month.

Jessica from High Plains RV asked for bullet points to discuss with Radio Personality Ken Hessket in hopes to secure a radio spot.

Signage was discussed, Jessica offered a prime location on their property to hang our Buffalo Run Rally Banner.

Mona is our newest ABATE life member, compliments from district #13.

2 new members we signed up at meeting.

Elections will be held in April
Nominations: Asst. Rep Mike D; Treasurer Steve K; Sargent of Arms Curtis B, Tom N and Richie R.

Other items: Neil reminded members, new memberships need to be filled out on new

orange slip, blue slips will be returned.

District #13 is now members of the MRF Neil read over some education information about motorcycle rights, profiling and statistics.

All money and toys collected this year was donated to Steve and Cheryl's church to be given to needy families.

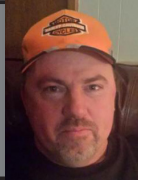
Ox motioned to adjourn, Angie seconded.. Meeting ended 3:55pm

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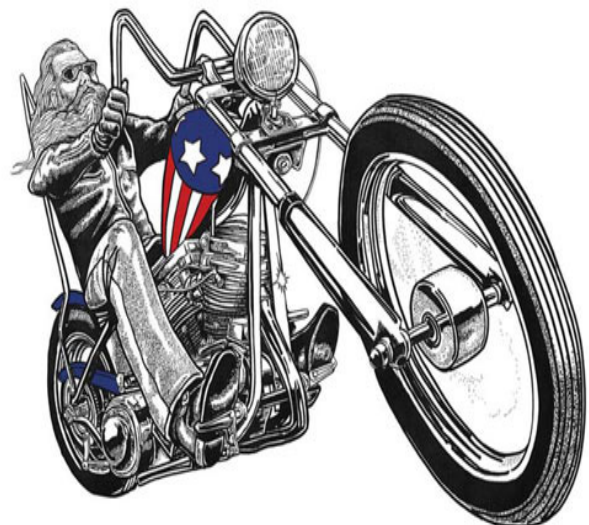
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In Memoriam

Jerry Palmer

Jerry D. Palmer, 75, of Van Buren, IN, died December 9, 2017 in his home surrounded by his family. He was born January 21, 1942.

In 1965 Jerry graduated from Purdue University, as an Electrical Engineer and through the ROTC Program he joined the United States Armed Forces. He elected to go to jump school and served in Germany as an ordinance officer. After being honorably discharged from the Army, he went to work for Indiana Michigan Power and remained in that field for 32 years.

He retired in 2001, but still worked as an electrical contractor on a part-time basis. Her completed more than 1200 skydives and received Jump Master Certification. In 1980 accompanied by family and friends, Jerry traveled west to Yosemite National Park where he made two free-fall skydives off of El Capitan Mountain. He also did precision jumps for the Van Buren Popcorn Festival, Tipton Pork Festival and several shows in Marion and Kokomo. Jerry worked as a professional sound and light engineer He started out with local events and eventually began working with national acts. His favorite artist to work with was Lee Greenwood.

He first got involved with the Marion Easter Pageant in 1975 and served on the committee of the Pageant working sound, stage and

lighting. He served on the Van Buren Popcorn Festival Committee, the Marion Philharmonic Orchestra Board. He was involved in many festivals including the Marion First Fridays, Tipton Pork Festival, ABATE of Indiana, dance recitals and Hog Daze Motorcycle Rally.

One year following 9/11, he visited Ground Zero at the World trade Center in New York City. He became friends with the New York Fire Dept (NYFD) Ten House, which was next to Ground Zero. He built a website based on their stories to share them with the world. Within one year of its creation, the website traffic averaged 400-600 hits a day. Jerry was invited each year to visit the annual Christmas party in NYC, staying overnight at the firehouse.

Locally, Jerry also photographed many events and managed 15 websites for Marion Easter Pageant, MPO and Mississinewa 1812. Jerry was a lifelong resident of Grant County and was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Esther (Van Ness) Palmer. He is survived by his brother Danny (Pat) Palmer, Van Buren, niece, Danielle Ellenburg, Van Buren, Nephew, Devon Palmer, Columbus, OH, Great Niece, Alaina Ellenburg, Great Nephews, Sam and Parker Ellenburg all of Van Buren.

There will be no funeral

or calling hours held per Jerry's wish to be cremated. A memorial to celebrate Jerry's life will be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at the Van Buren United Methodist Fellowship Hall 105 2nd St. Van Buren at 6:30PM. In Lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Grant County Cancer Services. Special thank you to Hospice of Grant Co. for their excellent care and to Mark Baldwin of Marion. Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren, IN.

Added information from Byron and Lori Harden

Jerry D. Palmer passed away December 9, 2017 after a long battle with cancer.

Jerry owned JP Audio the longtime sound company for the ABATE of Kansas Labor Day Rally. This past Labor Day, although very weak, he made it to one last rally.

He was very dedicated to ABATE & many other organizations.

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7 District Mtgs: 3, 10, & 11	8	9	10	11	12	13 State Mtg Sand Trap Bar & Grill, 1045 State St., Phillipsburg,
14 District Mtgs: 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, & 15	15  shutterstock - 356091257	16	17	18	19	20
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ADVANCE NEWS

District 1: Meetings are 1st Sunday, start at 1:00pm

1/7 – Meeting, TBA

District 2: Meetings are the 1st Sunday, start at 4:00pm

1/6- Mtg, TBA

Jan 13, 2018- Hosting State Mtg, Phillipsburg, KS

District 3: Meetings are 1st Sunday, start at 1:00pm

1/7 – Meeting, Sassy's, Sycamore

2/4 – Meeting, Sharkey's, Ft. Scott

District 4: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, start at 1:00pm

1/14 – Meeting, TBA

1/21/18- Bowling Tourney, Register 12 Noon, Bowl

1-4pm, West Ridge Lanes, Topeka

District 5: Meetings are 1st Saturday, begin at Noon

1/6- Meeting, Redeye

District 6: Meeting time and place vary; contact the

District Rep at 785-259-9557

1/14 – Meeting – Sonny's, Leibenthal

1/27 – Soup Supper @ VFW in Ellis, 4pm-?, to benefit
the RFTW fuel stop in Bunker Hill

District 7: Unknown at publication

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

1/14 – Meeting, SouthLake Apt Clubhouse Wichita,
Chili and Soup luncheon 1:30pm.

2/10 - Host State Meeting American Legion, Newton

2/11 - Dist Meeting. SouthLake Apt Clubhouse Wichita

3/16-3/17 - Sunflower Swap Meet - Double Booth

District 9: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, Lunch at Noon &
meeting

1/14 –Meeting, TBA

District 10: Meetings are 1st Sunday,

1/7 – Meeting, TBA

District 11: Meetings are 1st Sunday, start time varies

1/14- Meeting & Elections, TBA

District 12: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, starts at 2:00pm

1/14– Meeting, TBA

District 13: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, starts at 2:00pm

January 13th hosting the State Meeting, Sand Trap Bar
& Grill, Noon

1/14- Meeting, TBA

District 15: Meetings are various Sundays, begin at
Noon

1/14 – Meeting, Rattlesnake Inn, 215 Riley Ave, Ogden,

2/4 – Meeting, Eagles Lodge, 312 S. 4th St., Manhattan,

STATE MEETINGS: Jan 13, 2018 – The Sand Trap
Bar & Grill, 1045 State Street, Phillipsburg, KS, Noon
Feb 10, 2018 – American Legion, 400 S. Spencer,
Newton, KS, Noon

Mar 10th, 2018 – RC McGraw's, 2317 Tuttle Creek
Blvd, Manhttan, KS, Noon

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





JANUARY EXPIRATIONS

James	Leonard	01
Fred	Zimmerman	01
Jerry	Goddard	02
Ruth	Goddard	02
Russell	Barker	03
Sandra	Barker	03
Susan A	Allen	04
Sheri	Cothran	04
Stephen	Fox	04
Brian	Massek	04
Ted "Big Dog"	Miller	04
Douglas D.	Winsor	07
Melvin E	Wiens	08
Rick	Baise	09
Janet	Baise	09
Serina	Fisher	09
Donna F	Stillwagon	09
Travis	Stucky	09
Robert	Bird	09
Nancy	Janssen	09
Elesa	Mcmillan	09
Charles	Postier	09
Tina	Postier	09
Thomas	Robinson	09
Mike	Thompson	09
Tammy	Thompson	09
Charles	Wagner	10
Darrell	Lamme	11
Michelle	Quinlan	11
Sandra K.	Silver	11
Jerry	Wilson	11
Rick	Taylor	12
Heather M	Burke	12
Sean	Mangus	12
Larry	Woodyard	15
Nancy	Woodyard	15

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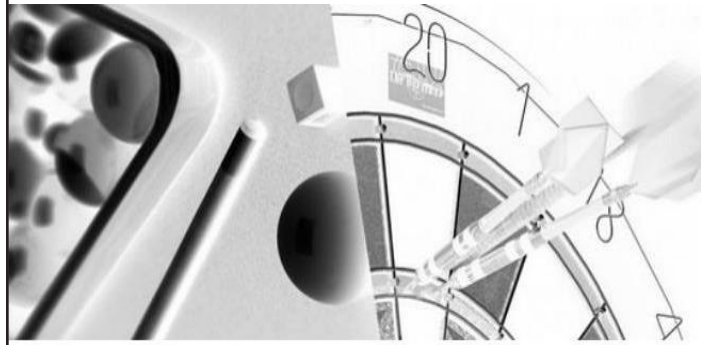
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On December 4th 2017, I received an email from Megan Ekstrom and she is the vice president, government affairs and public relations for the MRF regarding the Environmental Protection Agency backing off of a previous proposal to reduce the amount of ethanol and other bio fuels. The EPA finalized a rule that would hold steady the quotas on renewable fuels under the Renewable Fuel Standards for 2018. Ethanol producers and lawmakers from corn states urged the EPA to back off its earlier proposal to trim the mandate. It was reported President Trump personally asked EPA head Scott Pruitt not to reduce

bio fuel standards. Unfortunately, the EPA's final ruling does nothing to address consumer concerns over the effects of higher blends of ethanol on motorcycles and other small engines.

The Motorcycle Advisory Council had its first meeting the first week of December and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation gave oral remarks to the full committee and government officials. Backing up oral argument with over 5200 signatures that demanded additional seats be added to the Motorcycle Advisory Council for State and National Motorcycle Riders Associations.

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WHERE IN KANSAS

This concrete or stucco teepee is in a small park. It has a door as if it has some function. The town is named for the Kiowa chief and most of the streets are named for Native American tribes. The teepee is rather plain now, compared to old photos from the late 1950s which show it painted with decorations.



I was born about 1830 along the Canadian River, a tributary of the Arkansas River, somewhere in present Oklahoma. This was the winter home of my people, the Kiowa. Also called Settainte, my name means White Bear.

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Completed in 1904, the three story 16 room Brown Mansion in Coffeyville was built at a cost of \$125,000. It was far ahead of its time and had features like an alarm system, elevator, and a walk-in ice box.

The mansion has a living room, parlor, music room, library, conservatory, dining room, billiard room, kitchen, maid's quarters, five bedrooms and three full baths. The basement includes butler's quarters, additional bath, laundry, wine cellar (William Brown grew grapes and made wine), single bowling alley, and other storage rooms. The entire third floor is a ballroom. The wood in the home was hand selected by Mr. Brown, and no knots can be found in the wood. The first floor is pine; the second floor is pecan, and the third floor is maple

So many people played along this month!

John Land Mona C. Sorry but Brown Mansion is Coffeyville was the correct answer!!

Here are the winners! Paula S., Stormy V., Timothy S., Donna S. and Leon H.

Looking forward to hearing from you all for this months trivia



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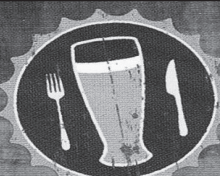
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