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- *Anyone under 18 must be in their family campground after 8 PM (IDs Checked)
- *Pets stay in owners' campsite only.
- *4-Wheel vehicles stay in camping area.
- *Only vendor, emergency or service vehicles in vendor area.



State Meeting

State meeting 05/03/2014 Neodesha, KS
Call meeting to order 12:15pm
Moment of silence
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Districts 2, 5, 10, 13 Absent Deb W. in for Don B.
No guest speaker
Secretary report: read by Deb W. motion made to accept minutes as read, by Bill S. Approved
Financial Report: Read by Richard B. Sis asked Questions and were answered by Richard B., Leanne suggested detailed reports for ease of understanding. Report Approved
Paul W. made a motion 2nd. by Bill S. to pursue looking into refinance for budget expenses.
Roll Call Vote: Dist 1: Yes, Dist 2: absent, Dist 3: Yes, Dist 4: Yes, Dist 5: absent, Dist 7: Yes, Dist 8: Yes, Dist 9: Yes, Dist 10: absent, Dist 11: Yes, Dist 12: Yes, Dist 13: absent, Dist 15: Yes, Board: Paul S.: Yes, Deb W.: Yes, Doyle: Yes, Richard B.: Abstain, Ron V.: Yes
Motion Passed.
Motion made by Tony R. 2nd by Richard P. In the months of June, July, and August that lifetime memberships would be \$250.00 (editor's note: instead of regular price of \$500.00). Lifetime membership is a lump sum, no payment plan, monies go to general fund.
Dist 1: Yes, Dist 2: absent, Dist 3: Yes, Dist 4: Yes, Dist 5: Yes, Dist 7: Yes, Dist 8: Yes, Dist 9: Yes, Dist 10: Absent, District 11: Yes, Dist 12: Yes, Dist 13: absent, Dist 15: Yes, Board Paul s. yes, Deb W. Yes, Doyle: yes, Richard B.: Yes, Ron V. Yes,
Motion Passed
Lobbyist Report: In effort to eliminate repetition and reduce the possibility of errors, please see report in this newsletter.
MRF Report: in effort to eliminate repetition and reduce the possibility of errors, please see report in this newsletter.
Motor Cycle Awareness Proclamation Signing took Place at the State Capital on the 24th of April. Ringo, Ron V., Paul S., Were among those in attendance.
June 7th Governors Freedom Rally 2014 Heritage Park in Junction City. Opens at 10am. Online Registration at: FreedomRally.KSOutdoors.com
15th Annual Run for the Soul Saturday June 28th Ellsworth Kansas Benefit Fundraiser.
Lunch Break 2:07-2:56pm.
Motor cycle Awareness report:
Sis B. made a motion to Pay Kits expenses for the convention he went to, motion tabled until next months meeting.

Mid South Mile: Best western 53rd street. Which is north-Park City. this is the 20th Anniversary of the mile the Dates: October 16-18
Newsletter Report No Printing cost as of yet. Motion: made by Tony R. 2nd by Bill S.. ABATE to give column to ABATE-COC liaison to have a report in newsletter, show of hands Passed
Products Report Need to order T- shirts and underwear ordered. Will have a Booth At Governors Freedom Rally. Look into products to transfer funds to general funds.
Pre Registration Link for LDR is out on the State Website, as well as the online link for membership sign up/renew. Would like to have the districts attach a links to their websites.
Old Business: BACA would like to use our site at Paradise point on Memorial weekend. Will write up a clause waiver and clean up fee BACA contract- liable for any damages \$500.00 deposit. Will go with generic contract.
Email vote- emergency votes and input. votes by either email or a phone call. Show of hands vote, all in agreement.
Governors freedom rally: Districts that are helping with the Freedom Rally see if your districts can help pay for 2 packets to help cover the extra helpers .
Labor Day Rally T-shirt Contest artwork submissions, voted, #2 was chosen submitted by Tammy Ward Thank you Tammy and to all that submitted artwork.
Richard made a motion to let BACA put our logo on their flyer ABATE in support of BACA to go on their flyer. show of hands Jon P. opposed...pending conversation with lawyer.
Richard announced that the phones at the state office have been changed over to the new company. phone numbers will remain the same.
New Business up coming elections at state: President, Sargent at arms, and recording secretary.
BACA invited us to attend their event on May 24 in Lawrence. District 1 will be setting up a membership booth at the slow ride.
Richard our web hosting is a mess will be shopping around for new web hosting to see what is out there.
Door prize won by Leanne p. donated back Thank you Leanne
Motion was made for the meeting to be adjourned 2nd by all adjourned at 4:45 pm

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July 15 | August 19 | September 6

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Frequently Asked Questions

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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.

If your question concerning our policies and procedures is unanswered
Please feel free to ask the Corporate Secretary at the contact information listed above.

**Please send any upcoming events, meetings
and/or other items your district would like listed
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JUNE STATE MEETING

Saturday, June 14th, 2014
RC McGraws
231 Tuttle Creek Blvd
Manhattan
MEETING STARTS AT NOON

Agenda: MOMENT OF SILENCE;
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:

July 12 (Dist 10)- Meade Lake-Fish
Hatchery 12027 V Road-Meade
August 16 (Dist 11) - American Legion
10114 Old Town Trail
September (Dist 4) - American Legion
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Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee,
Crawford, Elk, Labette, Montgomery,
Neosho, Wilson, Woodson
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Our District 3 meeting was held on Sunday May 4th after our bike show. It was very informal and we were all tired and ready to go home. First of all I would like to thank all the great people who worked so hard to make our 29th annual Bike Show and Rally a great success. Dave W. Dave and Sue C. Jim S. Gary I. Gary and Pam K. Armond and CJ and all the other great members that helped. I would like to give a special thank you to Bev our Treasurer for all other hard work not just at the Rally but all the time for our District.

Our Bike show will go down in the history books as the one that it didn't rain thank God.

If you wasn't there then you missed out. the bands were great either the band Recycled, Straight Away and Three Legged Dog. the sun was shining every day.

The bike show went very well. I wish I were there for it but I was at the state meeting.

Again thanks Armond and CJ and Troll

and Glenda for your help. Jim Steen won custom tuning class 1st, Dan Thompson 2nd, Phil Handle 3rd, Joey Perino. Stock 1st Bill Conklin, 2nd Chuck Schlitting and 3rd Joe Oman. Old School Choppers 1st Armond Kinser, 2nd CJ Kinser, 3rd Joshua Hass. Classic 1st Sandra Barker, 2nd Duston, and Joe Stone, 3rd Mike Radcliffe. Trikes and Special Interest 1st Dena Neal, 2nd Marie Hawkins, 3rd Bill McKenzie. Mild Custom 1st Steve Myers, 2nd Joey Davis, 3rd Mike Hibbs. Peoples Choice Kink Stevens. Rat Dave Creager and the best of show. Stashia Crowley, Brain Blackmore won the Door Prize and donated it back. Thank you Brian.

Our next meeting will be at the American Legion in Cherokee on June 1st at 1:00pm. The Second annual Duck Fest will be Friday June 13th see you there and ride safe.

-Bill Cooper District 3 Rep.

Get involved together we make a difference!

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Jackson, Nemaha, Osage, Shawnee
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Due to technical difficulties minutes will be posted next month

Membership number is required for membership verification and will be removed from the ballot before vote is tallied. Without the membership number, the ballot is invalid.

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DISTRICT 4 BALLOT

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REMINDER: WRITE "BALLOT" ON OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE.





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Johnson, Linn, Miami, Wyandotte
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The May District 5 Meeting was held at noon on Saturday, May 10th, 2014 at the Eagles' Lodge in Overland Park, Kansas. The meeting was called to order. All stood for a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters, as well as those serving our nation. All remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sergeant at Arms Report: Warren reported there were six members and one guest present at the meeting. All were welcomed, and thanked for their presence.

Secretary's Report: It was decided to wave the reading of the minutes from the April Meeting. Jamez reported the website and Facebook page were updated. There was also an event posted on Facebook for the May District Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Charles reported the books have been audited, and the accounts are in good standing.

State Report: Anytime a membership is signed up at an ABATE event, it is requested, the event be written on the back of the membership receipt.

It was voted Don Boose will continue in

his position as the MRF Representative.

The Governor's Freedom Ride is June 7th. Looking for ABATE Members to assist with parking in Junction City.

See the State Meeting Report in the newsletter for more from the May State Meeting.

District Representative's Report: Dodge City 300 is scheduled for July 1st through 6th. ABATE will be working this event.

ABATE will have a booth at the Kansas State Fair. It will be inside the Sunflower North building. Old Business: The District, as well as anyone who would like to join will be getting together on the THIRD WEEKEND of the month for a ride. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge on Merriam Dr. in Overland Park, KS. There is no cost for the ride; just good people having a good time.

The next District 5 Meeting will be held at noon on Saturday, June 7th. The meeting will take place at the Eagles' Lodge - 4726 Merriam Dr. Overland Park, KS 66203.

Meeting adjourned.

March 21, 2014

Dave K. called meeting to order. Observed a moment of silence followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes were waived.

Rep. Report: Dave K. in for John. There is new Event Insurance, less cost. Labor Day Rally t-shirt designs are due by April 30th to be considered for use.

Asst. Rep. Report: Nothing

Treas. Report: Starla gave the financial report.

Sec. Report: Stasia read expirations & drops.

Mem.@Lge Report: There will be a BBQ Cook-off & Free Will donation Lunch at D.C. Harley Davidson on April 26th to coincide with their Spring Open House. There is a \$50 entry fee to participate in the cook-off.

Biker breakfasts are starting up.

Flint Hills Run is the first Sunday of every month starting in April & running through October, Beaumont Hotel, Beaumont, KS. www.jackshabit.com

Old Business: Discussed the annual Appreciation Party. Glenna made a motion that it should be on June 7, 2014 at Clark County Lake. Mike S seconded. Passed. More details will be decided in later meetings.

New Business: None

Membership Drawing: will draw next month

Door Prize Drawing: Rod Knoeber won Meeting adjourned.

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Barber, Butler, Cowley, Harper, Harvey,
Kingman, Pratt, Reno, Sedgwick, Stafford,
Sumner
ksabate8.org

Tony called the May meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers, sisters and mothers, at the VFW in Haysville, 7507 S Broadway, 1:55pm Roll call was taken, District 8 rep, Asst Rep, Sergeant of arms, Secretary and Treasurer, District reps for Sedgwick county, Harvey County and Cowley county, 20 members, 2 new members, Alva and Debbie, and two visitors, Tim and Sharon were present. Treasures report, read and approved by members. Secretary report, approved as printed in newsletter by members.

Product report: Great turn out at Neodesha. Everyone had a good time.

Sis requested Tammy check into a new banner. Brenda will check on patches from Pinkie.

Web site report: Tammy will get the Dist 8 web site linked to state. Current carrier will expire June.

Pre register for Perry available via on-line. Members may renew, new member may sign up via web. www.abateks.org

State report: See state report this newsletter issue.

New business: We will have an indoor booth at the Kansas State Fair. Need members to order free products for handouts. There will be a motorcycle displayed. We need volunteers to be working the hours the fair is open. Many hour are covered, but we always need more.

Lifetime ABATE membership will be \$250 for the months of June, July, August.

Lake Perry, need volunteers. Help is needed Clean up before, working the event, and clean up afterward. 5 registers will be open the get attendees through quickly. Pre Registering will be even quicker.

Mid South Mile. Dist 8 will be serving

lunch for attendees. Need items for auction and for basket. Call Best Western North Wichita and book your room today. Address: 915 East 53rd St N, Park City, KS 67219 Phone:(316) 832-9387

Ellsworth, 15th annual 'Run For The Soul', June 28th, prison ministry is sponsoring this run. Also included that day is a car show and fireworks to end the day. SLC is helping ABATE with the a couple of events. We need to support this event.

June 7th governors ride in Topeka. <https://fhfreedomride.ksoutdoors.com/>

David and Kit will be attending Traffic Safety meeting in June 20, 2014. Next annual safety meeting will be held in Wichita, April 2015. Call Kit, leave a message if you have questions or concerns.

Cable barriers going up on Hwy 10. Lobbyist working on it.

Old business: River City Blow Out: May 24-27 2014. Need help with clean up, day of event and after party clean up.

Up coming events.

Sedgwick County: An Abate booth to be set up at several different benefit runs through out the month. May not stay for the whole day as there are some days with two events. Check out www.lets-ride.com for local events.

Reno County: Toy Run meeting. Downtown Hutchinson will hold an event the third Thursday every month. Come out and check out the stores.

Cowley County: Toy Run meetings to start soon.

Sam won the door prize.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting June 8, 2014 1:30pm. Harvey County East Lake, Needle Point. Pot luck, please bring sides. Sam will be grilling.

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Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Jewell,
Lincoln, Marion, McPherson, Mitchell, Ottawa,
Republic, Rice, Saline, Washington
district9.abateks.org

The District 9 meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm on May 11, 2014 with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

State News: See state news in the newsletter.

Awareness report: Jon reported that the sign was on the building in Miltonvale.

Products report: Still avail.

Website Report: All updated.

Old business: Discussion held on River

City Blowout.

New business: Discussion help on the annual bike show in July.

Upcoming events:

Run for the Wall next Sunday in Salina River City Blowout May 23rd-25th.

Drawing won by Myrna W.

A big thank you to Brinton and Megan for cooking. Thanks to all who attended the meeting.

Next meeting June 8th at Marion County Lake East Shelter.

BE AWARE!
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Finney, Grant, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearney, Morton, Seward, Stanton, Stevens

Meeting called to order 5-4-14 at 2:00 prompt. 8 Members present. Honored the flag. Moment of silence.Minutes read and approved.

Financial read all approved.Products in good shape. Thanks Art.

New business None

Old business: Elections voting next meeting, June 1st.

June 1st, meeting is 2:00pm at Johns

home 1996 Chemelka Road Garden City. Call 620-640-8471 for directions. Everyone is welcome!!!!!! Also we need to move our storage shed. No more said. It needs repairs so we will make date to repair and of course the shed will be at my house. Milton bought a new fat boy, good job he deserves it. Meeting adjurned at 3:30. Till next time be safe ride safe. Dist rep John Mowery.

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

May 11, 2014 Independence Park – Atchison, Kansas 3:30PM

Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters and For Those Currently Serving Our Nation

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance-Approximately 25 members and guests present.

Secretary Report-Hillary read the secretary's notes from the April meeting.

Motion to approve made by Jaws,

second by Mo, unanimously approved.

Treasurer Report- Janelle read treasurer's report from April. Motion to approve made by Hillary, second by Mac,

unanimously approved.

Assistant Report- Pat thanked everyone for coming to the Mother's Day Bike Show, we had a beautiful location and a great turnout. Pat thanked the bands for playing and he thought that that was a great addition to the show. Also, Pat gave a brief report on the Golden Eagle Bike Show.

Brown County Report- Mac had nothing to report. A motion was made by Doyle to donate to FlipSide for playing past the agreed upon time, seconded by Jaws, unanimously approved. The Annual Test & Tune at the Field Events Site will be on Saturday, June 21st and will start at 10:00AM.

Atchison County Report- Mary thanked everyone for coming and supporting the Mother's Day Bike Show.

Doniphan County Report- Tommy was MIA.

Leavenworth County Report- Mark V. reported that due to booked wedding, the Southern County Run cannot start at Ruby's Landing, instead the bike run will be on June 28th and start at Willie's in Atchison with signup from 10:00AM – 12:00PM (noon), kickstands up at 12:00PM (noon). The next stops will be as follows – Easton Bar in Easton, All Slabbed Up in Leavenworth, Helen's Hilltop in Tonganoxie and will end at the Milkhouse in Atchison. Gypsy Aces will have their bike show on May 24th.

The Doghouse Run is June 14th, which supports the Leavenworth Humane Society.

Products Report- Lea reported on Field Event t-shirts, shirts will be black and gold. Finger shirts will be ordered, numbers to be determined at June meeting. In an effort to get rid of leftover t-shirts, Lea did bring her leftover product inventory to the Mother's Day Bike Show. A new addition to the product line-up will be straw tumblers, please contact Lea or Hillary for more information.

Webmaster Report- Mike M. was MIA.

State Report

General Business and News- Doyle gave a report from the State meeting, discussed

State's finances and that there will be a discount on lifetime memberships coming within the next 3 months. Doyle also mentioned that Obamacare is trying to make a helmet laws nationwide.

District Report

Old Business- For the VA Memorial Day Bike Show and BBQ, we will be meeting at Los Cabos (Old Ten Penny) in Leavenworth at 7:00AM, with kickstands up at 7:15AM. We will have a ceremony, the bike show and then feed the veterans. Mark V. is contacting CMA regarding the show and feed.

On behalf of Kansas Wheatearts (Chapter of W.O.W.), Ruth will be bringing 3 cakes and 3 cases of chips donated by Frito-Lay. If there are people interested in providing a dessert, it will be much appreciated. Finally, Mark V. mentioned the need for a trophy for the VA Bike Show and Mike S. will be taking care of that.

- Due to events outside of District 11's control, we will continue the voting period for an additional month. Ballots will be printed in the June newsletter, please continue to send ballots to Hillary using the address provided on the ballot. If you have sent your ballot to Hillary, it will remain valid. Ballots will also be provided at the June meeting. Please keep in mind that your membership number must be on the ballot, if you do not know your membership number, please contact Hillary.

New Business

- Snavely motioned to donate to Run for the Wall to assist with gas, seconded by Mark J.,unanimously approved.

- Due to the rescheduling of the Southern County Poker Run, the June district meeting will be moved from June 8th to June 22nd at the District 11 Field Events Site.

- It was noted that the July district meeting needed to be changed due to the Dodge City Runs and the holiday, Pat motioned for the meeting to stay and to allow the Assistant District Representative to run the meeting. Mac motioned to move the meeting from July 6th to July 12th at the Field Events Site, seconded by Mark V., unanimously passed.

- The Annual Test & Tune at the Field Events Site will be on Saturday, June 21st and will start at 10:00AM.

14th Annual Field Event Information

- The 14th Annual District 11 Field Events will be July 25th and 26th, gates will open at 5PM on July

25th. For more information, please contact a board member for more information.

- Sponsors are needed for the Field Events, please check with Hillary for information.

Membership number is required for membership verification and will be removed from the ballot before vote is tallied. Without the membership number, the ballot is invalid.

MEMBERSHIP # _____

DISTRICT 10 BALLOT

ASST. REP.: ART PALACIO ☐

MILTON MOWERY ☐

WRITE IN: _____ ☐

SECRETARY: TROY LOVE ☐

MONICA PEREZ ☐

WRITE IN: _____ ☐

SGT. AT ARMS: GARTH HUVAND ☐

MILTONMOWERY ☐

WRITE IN: _____

MAIL BALLOT TO:
Must be recieved in mail by May 31st

ATTN: JOHN MOWERY
DISTRICT BALLOT
ABATE OF KANSAS - DISTRICT 10
1996 CHMELKA ROAD
GARDEN CITY,KS.67846 10

- Crown Distributors has agreed to provide a banner with all sponsors names on it, note, that to beplaced on the banner, said sponsors have to have paid prior to June 1st.

- There will be no Battle of the Bands this year, instead, FlipSide will be playing Friday night with August Fire and The Josh Vowell Band playing Saturday night.

- On Friday, July 25th, there will be an Open Bike Show with trophies given out to the Top 9 bikes,as well as trophy given as the Beefy Martinson Memorial Trophy. Entry will start at 5:00PM and close at 7:30PM, trophies to be handed at 8:00PM.

- The Beefy Martinson Memorial Ride will gather at 8:30AM on Saturday, July 26th and will return by 10:00AM.

- Classes / contests in order will be as follows: ATV (No Side-By-Sides / UTVs), Ages 15 & Under, 500cc & Under – Street, 500cc & Under – Knobby, 501cc – 750cc – Street, 501cc – 750cc– Knobby, Slow Race, Keg Push, Tire Pull, Burnout Contest, 751cc & Over – Street, 751cc &Over – Knobby and Open. There may be extra classes / contests as time allows.

- Vendor information can be obtained by contacting Hillary, Lea or Mike S. It has

been noted that

all food vendors have been selected and booked for the Field Events.

Upcoming Events

- May – Motorcycle Awareness Month

- May 26, 2014 – VA Memorial Day BBQ & Bike Show at 7:00AM – Los Cabos (Old Ten Penny)

– Leavenworth, Kansas

- June 22, 2014 – District Meeting at 12:00PM – District 11 Field Events Site

- June 28, 2014 – Southern County Bike Run at 10:00AM – Willie's – Atchison, Kansas

- July 5 – 6, 2014 – District 11 Field Event Site Work Weekend

Secretary's Note

Information regarding our events can be found using our website, <http://district11.abateks.org/>, bysearching for 'ABATE of Kansas, District 11' on Facebook or by contacting a board member.

Adjourn: 4:30PM

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MEMBERSHIP # _____

DISTRICT 11 BALLOT

ASST. DIST. REP.: PAT HOWARD ☐

WRITE IN: _____ ☐

MEMBER AT LARGE: MIKE DICKINSON ☐

STAN RUHNKE ☐

WRITE IN: _____ ☐

SGT. AT ARMS: MIKE DICKINSON ☐

WRITE IN: _____ ☐

MAIL BALLOT TO:

ATTN: HILLARY MYERS - DISTRICT BALLOT
ABATE OF KANSAS - DISTRICT #11
1110 VIRGINIA APT C
SABETHA, KS 66534

MUST BE RECEIVED IN MAIL BY: JUNE 15, 2014
OR AT MEETING JUNE 22, 2014
REMINDER: WRITE "BALLOT" ON OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE.





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Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris

On Sunday May 11th our Dist meeting was called to order, after a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance we covered the State meeting and touched on the MRF, the M.I.L.E. and Motorcycle Awareness . We went over old biz which covered the Dist Bike Show , Sara told everyone she was going to step down as the bike show chairperson but she will still help. We Thank you so much Sara for all you have done.

We then went on to new biz we discussed our benefit run attentive date

Aug 2 we will decide who we will have the run for at the June meeting. If you have some one in mind please bring it to the June meeting .

Congratulations to Connie and Devlon on another 2 years as Treasure and Vice Rep .

Don't forget Dist 12 Meeting June 15 , 2 pm. American

Legion .

Ride Safe , look twice save a life .

Hope you are feeling better soon Sarge !

13

Cheyenne, Greeley, Lane, Logan, Rawlins, Scott, Sherman, Thomas, Wallace, Wichita

District meeting is a week late for our District this month with Easter falling on our usual date. Meeting was called to order by Jim at 2:30. The pledge of Allegiance was given, and a moment of silence for all the fallen brothers/sisters lost. Roll call was taken and there was 26 members present and 4 guests for a total of 30. There was several renewals and a couple that signed up! We are excited to have new faces present and old ones too!

Treasurer's Report was given by Steve K, and he reported on last months statement. John F made the motion to accept report as read and seconded by Tom N. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report was read by Katy L on last months minutes taken, and Tom N made the motion to accept report as read and Seconded by Mike D. Motion carried.

Rep Report: Rep Jim reported on State Meeting in Emporia, Ks on April 12, 2014 @ Noon. Jim went over the notes taken covering the many topics that were covered at the State meeting and answering everyone questions. Dalton L made the motion to accept Rep Report as read and seconded by John S. Motion carried.

Old Business: Covering the many details of The Buffalo Run Rally. Making sure all the details are covered and the communication between everyone is also

being done. Listening to all the suggestions that were given and making sure everyone is being heard. Five food vendors that are committed to the date are going to be at the rally. Also a patch lady and maybe a vendor with knives. We will have free WiFi at the rally by Broadband, and Neil O also got door prizes too with the free WiFi. Making sure the scenic ride is also covered with a plan. There will be a couple of work weekends to help get the area ready for the event coming real soon May 3 and May 10 @ 1 o'clock will be the work weekend dates unless other wise notified.

Neil O brought the memorial brick back with a stand it fits into. Looks awesome!! Neil O made the motion to have the brick go with the Rep and be present at meetings and others when convenient and seconded by Steve O. Motion Carried.

No New Business at this time!

Door Prize was won by John S and he donated back!! Thank You!!

Motion to adjourn at 4:15.

Thank you to everyone that came out on the windy day and possible storms! It was nice to see some new faces and some of the old ones too that renewed and come back!! We appreciate everyone that can come out and make a difference! We Ride...We Decide...Ride Safe! Katy

15

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

On May 4, 2014, Paul Woodyard called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. at DJ's in Alma. A moment of silence was offered for lost brothers and sisters and the troops serving our Nation today. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Carl H. read the minutes from the April meeting. A motion was made by Mike F. to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Bill L. Having no discussion, the minutes were approved.

Cathy H. gave the March and April Treasurer Reports. A motion was made by Kathy W. to accept the March and April reports, seconded by Trip. Having no discussion, the reports were approved.

Paul W. gave the District Rep State Meeting Report. He mentioned membership renewal is now available on line of the State website. Paul suggested that our website have information regarding preregistration for the Labor Day

Rally. This information would be linked to the State website.

The hat was passed among the members to help offset state expenses. Paul thank everyone for their generous donations. He reminded members to take time and refer to the State Report in the Newsletter.

Old Business: Motorcycle Awareness Ride Update, Reminder about Camping at Stockdale in June All the arrangements are in place for the Motorcycle Awareness Ride. Now all we need is a beautiful day for the ride.

Paul asked everyone to join the group at Tuttle Creek Lake, in the area of Stockdale Campground by the boat ramp on June 13th - 15th for a non-working and relaxing time for a change. Remember camp sites are limited. To make a reservation go to recreation.gov website. Select "Search for Place" and in the blank below "Where?" type in Stockdale, KS, then follow the

EDGE OF FOREVER TO HEADLINE FRIDAY 39TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LABOR DAY RALLY



Raging from the midwestern region of the United States, Edge Of Forever is truly one the finest Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute acts in the world. Each member brings decades of experience to the table and are seasoned pros. Their pile-driving stage show is amazing and speaks for itself. This 9 piece band amazingly sounds and looks like the real Lynyrd Skynyrd and the musicians have worked extremely diligently to reproduce the music to a T. Edge Of Forever is on top of their game

and the real Lynyrd Skynyrd would've been proud of the justice these guys and gals do with their music as compared to 98% of the Lynyrd Skynyrd tributes out there. Edge Of Forever continues to please venue owners everywhere by packing in the crowds and keeping their interest the entire show, so if you're looking for a band that rocks the house as Lynyrd Skynyrd themselves would.... Look no further than Edge Of Forever



prompts. Hope to see you there.

New Business: Nominations of Assistant District Rep and Secretary, Governor's Ride, Theme for the 2015 Biker Ball

Carl H. was nominated for the position of Assistant District Rep, and he accepted. The Secretary position is still open for nominations.

Two additional packets are needed for District 15 members, who will be working the Governor's Ride. Kathy W. made the motion to pay for these packets, seconded by Carl H. Having no discussion, the motion passed.

At the State Meeting, Deb W. asked for ideas regarding the theme for the 2015 Biker Ball. Several suggestions were made, but the one which seemed to be the most popular was the "50's" theme. Deb stated she would take this idea back to District 15 members and let them make a decision. By group consensus, the

members thought the "50's" was a great theme to develop for next year's ball.

Door prize was won by Larry W. He donated it back, and specified that it go to the state to help offset their expenses.

A motion was made by George T, seconded by Herbie M. to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m

Paul thanked everyone for attending and participating in the meeting.

District 15 meeting will be on June 15 at Noon at T's Longhorn, 108 South Erpelding Road, Leonardville





30th ANNUAL Benefit Run

Abate of KS District 2

Saturday, June 21st, 2014



Registration 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at Performance Cycle- Phillipsburg, KS
(Intersection of US 36 & 183)

Bikes Out at 1 p.m.

All proceeds will go to:
Cystic Fibrosis Unit 15
KU Med Center

In Memory of:

Malcki Shane Jansonius
a/k/a Boo



Route Information:

Phillipburg- Performance Cycle
Stockton
Osborne
Beloit
Mankato
Smith Center- Pooches

Meals will be provided at the beginning and end of the run. There will be a Free will donation for the food.

All Vehicles Welcome!!!

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TIRE PULL KEG PUSH... TUG-OF-WAR

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ALL MINORS IN CAMPGROUD
AFTER 9:00PM



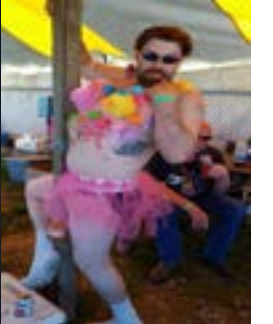


MAY HAPPENINGS

SIGNING OF THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH



ABATE of Kansas District 3 Neodesha Bike Show and Rally





ABATE of Kansas, Inc. 2014



National Labor Day Rally

August 29th through September 1st 2014

Pre-Registration Form

Name: _____

Must present Driver's License or State ID at Pre-Registration Check-in area.

Age: ☐ Over 21 ☐ 18-20 ☐ 17 or Under*

*Under 17 must be member of MRO and be accompanied by an adult member at check-in.

ABATE/MRO Member #: _____ State: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ ☐ Home ☐ Mobile ☐ Business**Check One:**

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| ☐ MRO or ABATE Guest | \$25.00 (Member must be present at check in) | \$ _____ |
| ☐ Non Member | \$40.00 | \$ _____ |
| ☐ RV/Camper | \$20.00 each _____ Quantity | \$ _____ |
| ☐ ATV | \$20.00 each _____ Quantity | \$ _____ |
| ☐ Active Military* | \$10.00 Discount* | \$ _____ |

*Military discount applicable for Admission Only (Copy of Military ID must be included)

Total: \$ _____

By signing below I understand and agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the ABATE of Kansas, Inc., National Labor Day Rally. ABATE of Kansas, Inc., staff reserves the right to refuse entry or remove anyone at their discretion. Each Pre-Registration valid for one admission for the 2014 event weekend. No Day Passes. Each Pre-Registrant must present valid drivers license or state ID at check in. Pre-Registrants with ATVs, RV/Campers, Guests etc. that are not pre-registered must check-in via the main check-in line. **No payments will be taken at pre-registration check in area.** Pre-Registration is non refundable and non transferrable. All mailed pre-registrations must be received at the ABATE of Kansas, Inc. office no later than August 1, 2014.

Pre-Registrant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail this completed form along with your payment to: ABATE of Kansas, Inc., P.O. Box 102, Perry, KS 66073

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SAMANTHA FISH TO HEADLINE SUNDAY 39TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LABOR DAY RALLY



KANSAS CITY, MO – Ruf Records announces a September 10 U.S. release date for *Black Wind Howlin'*, the new CD from blues-rock guitarist/singer Samantha Fish and follow-up to her 2012 Blues Music Award-winning label debut, *Runaway*. Produced by Mike Zito, who did the same honors on her last album, *Black Wind Howlin'* was recorded at Dockside Studios in Maurice, Louisiana, and features Samantha's blazing guitar and vocals backed by Mike Zito on guitar and vocals, plus his fellow Royal Southern Brotherhood members Yonrico Scott on drums/percussion and Charlie Wooton on bass. Special guests include Paul Thorn on vocals, Johnny Sansone on harmonica and Bo Thomas on fiddle.

Kansas City-based Samantha Fish has been on a major roll ever since she teamed up with Cassie Taylor and Dani Wilde on Ruf's 2011 release, *Girls with Guitars*, and fueled by the trio's Blues Caravan tour of Europe and the U.S., created an international buzz in the blues world. Later that same year she recorded *Runaway*, her solo debut on Ruf, which mixed gutsy riff-blues rockers like "Down In The Swamp" with the mellow small-hours jazz of "Feelin' Alright," while marinating her songwriting in the groove of the Rolling Stones and even tipping a hat to Heart. "It's all the sounds I grew up with," she explained at the time, "with my own spin." Earlier this year Samantha joined labelmate Devon Allman for a sultry duet of the Tom Petty classic, "Stop Draggin' My Heart Around," that appeared on Devon's *Turquoise* CD and accompanying video.

Hitting a receptive international blues and rock press, *Runaway* was hailed as a thrilling opening statement, earning a string of rave reviews and radio airplay, climaxed by her winning the Blues Music Award (BMA) for "Best New Artist Debut" in 2012. "I'm truly humbled by the recognition," Samantha said afterward. "I can barely wait to make record number two..."

Now, the wait is over, as Samantha Fish unleashes a major storm of her trademark guitar work and soulful vocals on *Black Wind Howlin'*. "It has a rebellious streak," says the bandleader of her game-changing new album, "and a prevalent theme is, 'I'm not gonna take your sh*t anymore...'"

No "sophomore slump" here, as *Black Wind Howlin'* leaps from the speakers with 12 smoking tracks that chart Samantha's evolution as songwriter, gunslinger and lyricist. "Since completing *Runaway* back in 2011, I've been on tour pretty much non-stop," she proclaims. "I've spent a lot of time writing, playing and listening to music. I feel like the themes and the sound of my music have matured. To me, it's about the human experience from my perspective, as well as people I've come into contact with over the last few years."

Rather than trying to duplicate what she accomplished on her first success, Samantha re-defines her sound throughout the tracks on *Black Wind Howlin'*. She can be brutally rocking on cuts like the tour bus snapshot of "Miles To Go" ("Twelve hours to Reno/ten hours til the next show"), the

JUNE EXPIRATIONS

MARK BRAUER	01
DENNY MAURER	01
ELIZABETH MILLER	02
JEFF MILLER	02
MARLANA RADKE	02
MICHAEL R WATSON JR	02
TED BOATWRIGHT	03
ROGER A BUTTER	03
JASON J FINDLEY	03
JOE D TATUM	03
FRANK CLARKE	04
DONALD COOK	04
DIEDRE L FROST	04
STEVE L GRAY	04
KAREN HARMAN	04
ROD HARMAN	04
PENNY MILLER	04
JACK NIXON	04
MIKE PAWLEY	04
MATTHEW SNYDER	04
VALENE SNYDER	04
JERRY N THOMAS	04
MICHAEL W COOPER	05
DALE WEBER	07
JEFF TRAVNICEK	08
MARK T FLANIGAN	09
ERIC DEAN FOLCK	09
KIMBERLY ANN FOLCK	09
HOWARD GRAHAM	09
DEE KEPLEY	09
DANIEL LOBDELL	09
CLAUD E MOORE	09
CAROL RAE PUCKETT	09
JOHNNY SANKO	09
RICKY L SIMPSON	09
MYRNA WOOD	09
JIM BLOOM	11
IMO BURDETTE	11
MARLON CARROLL	11
GARY E GOODIN	11
HARRY HENNINGER	11
JEFFERY PILCHER	11
CURT BRAMMER	12
JOHN R NICHOLS	12
STEVE SCHLESNER	12
DOUG SCHMIDT	12
STEVE TRUSSELL	12
MICHAEL URRUTIA	12
DANNY WILLIAMS	12
HAROLD E YOUNG	12
BARBRA BERRY	13
BRIAN BROWN	13

swaggering "Sucker Born" ("Vegas left me weary, LA bled me dry/skating on fumes as I crossed the Nevada line...") and the venomous "Go To Hell" ("Oh, this ain't my first rodeo/You hit yourself a dead end/Your voodoo eyes, ain't gonna cast a spell/So you can go to hell!"). "I've become tougher," she notes of these head-banging moments, "and I think that was reflected in the sound we went for."

And yet, elsewhere, backed by the versatile production of longtime collaborator Mike Zito, you'll find Samantha shifting gears to the aching slide-guitar balladry of "Over You" ("Echoing words, said I'd never make it on my own...") and the redemptive country song, "Last September" ("Don't remember the curves of my face/Can't feel the warmth in my embrace/Well I'm here to remind you...").

She might stop off for a gritty cover of Howlin' Wolf's "Who's Been Talking," and co-wrote "Go to Hell" with Zito, but all other tracks are Samantha's self-penned originals, and it's a mix that will keep listeners on their toes. "I wanted this record to have a modern rocking sound," she explains of the album's vibe. "I also wanted it to have elements of Americana, country and roots."

For Samantha, the recording sessions proved just as rewarding as the writing "I had a dream team of musicians and special guests," she recalls. "And Dockside Studios quickly became one of my favorite places on earth."

It hasn't been that long since a teenaged Samantha Fish first started showing up at her local Kansas City blues club, Knuckleheads Saloon, and began soaking

up the sounds of visiting modern blues guitar masters like Mike Zito and Tab Benoit, then going back to '80s heroes like Stevie Ray Vaughan and following the lineage to the pre-war Delta masters. "I fell in love with it," she told Premier Guitar of her growing passion for the form, "and started doing my homework by listening to the old guys like Son House and Skip James."

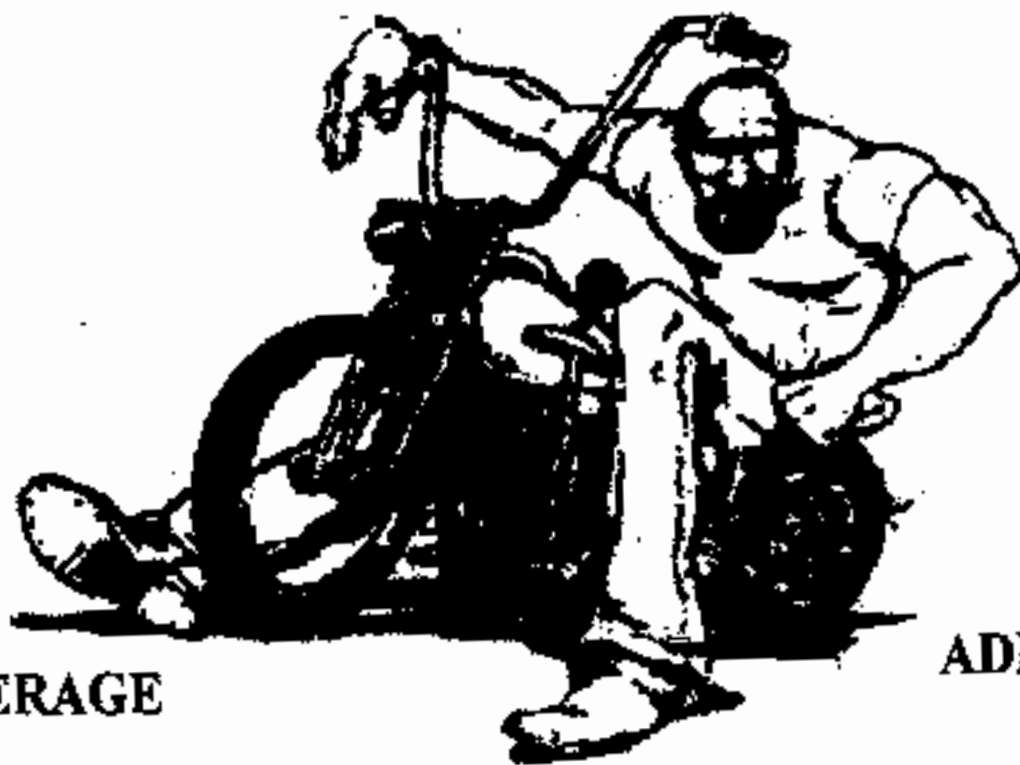
With those influences as her template, Samantha incorporated the sounds of the classic rock of The Rolling Stones and Tom Petty, alongside contemporary artists like Sheryl Crow and The Black Crowes, in putting together a sound that would become her own.

By the age of 18, Samantha had settled on a searing lead guitar style that expressed her own voice rather than mimicking clichéd blues licks note-for-note. She quickly broke into a dues-paying period on the Kansas City jam circuit: an apprenticeship at the sharp end that tightened her musical chops, polished her stagecraft and gave her the grit to overcome occasional skepticism about her age, hair tone and gender. "I always hated the idea of the gimmick," she told Premier Guitar. "People come out just because you are a girl, but then you have so much more to prove once you get them in the door." And Samantha has delivered on that promise, as evidenced by one listen to the new recording. "I really got to do exactly what I wanted to do on *Black Wind Howlin'*," she says, "and I'm incredibly proud of it."





ABATE of KANSAS DISTRICT 10 JULY BASH



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TEXAS HIPPIE COALITION

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BAND BIOGRAPHY:

There are two paths you can take in life. You can choose to fall in line and be a follower, always fifth or sixth back, lagging behind others. Or you can make your own line and live as you choose, with everyone else landing behind you, while you create your own thing. Want to guess which line Texas Hippy Coalition have chosen?

That's right. The purveyors of their own patented Red Dirt Metal sound are designing their own line in life and in music. For them, there is no other way.

Texas Hippy Coalition are committed to crafting a unique, original and thoroughly raucous brand of music that's born of both life experience and a respect for rock 'n' roll's forefathers. What exactly is Red Dirt Metal? Take outlaw country, toss in a dash of Southern-fried classic rock and mix it with some potent Texas power grooves and you've got a combustible sonic cocktail on your hands. Texas Hippy Coalition's third album Peacemaker is a textbook example of Red Dirt Metal, which is the sound the band has been honing and cultivating for its entire existence.

THC's frontman Big Dad Ritch, known as the "Godfather" of the RDM sound and an individual with a laser-like focus and vision when it comes to his music, believes that the band has hit its stride on Peacemaker, capturing the spirit of rock 'n' roll outlaws like Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson. He declares, "The outlaw spirit is still alive today. That is our goal: Bring it back."

THC, who were the first band signed to their label Carved Records back in

2009, want fans of classic rock bands to know that they are carrying the torch and that they want to be the keepers of the genre's keys. There will be no extinction of this beloved genre if THC have anything to say about it. "We want the people that love Molly Hatchet, ZZ Top, .38 Special, the Van Zandt and those bands that are growing older to know that somebody else out there is already waving the flag high," he declared. The band, in essence, is ensuring that the style continues to have new and noteworthy additions, such as itself.

But Texas Hippy Coalition aren't simply about making sure the outlaw rock style that they pretty much worship stays alive. They want it to evolve, infusing it with a modern edge and energy, thanks to the new tools (or is that weapons?) of the trade. Having also been surrounded and influenced by the likes of Black Label Society and Pantera—with Ritch proudly proclaiming to having seen the latter between 50 and 75 times live—Texas Hippy Coalition are turning in something fresh and fierce with Peacemaker. They aren't just paying homage to Southern rock's cultural milemarkers. They are proceeding with the intent to add to its canon.

The process of making the album was at first bolstered by levels of familiarity and comfort. "Me, [bassist] John Exall and [guitarist] Randy Cooper have been together a long time, and we're soldiers always ready to go into battle no matter what," Ritch said about his bandmates. The lineup is now rounded out by [drummer] Gunnar Molton and [guitarist] Cord Pool.

But there were also some changes

and shifts, which also add to the album's heft and helped the band to expand. Texas Hippy Coalition recruited producer Bob Marlette (Black Sabbath, Alice Cooper) to work his magic and to help the band to further explore what it was capable of with an already established, branded sound. "We have a new producer and we already know who we are and what our brand is, so with this album, we decided that the boundaries we set for ourselves [are] in the past. We would cut that barbed wire and explore beyond those fences" Ritch said.

Exploring beyond those fences and cutting that barbed wire meant creating what the band calls "heart songs." Rather than saddle them with a generic term like "ballad," Texas Hippy Coalition chose to call 'em "heart songs" because they touch the listener's ticker. "They take you even deeper into the heart and soul, and into the deeper darkness," Ritch admitted. He even referenced his biggest musical hero's ability to vacillate between the dark and the light. "Johnny Cash could still let you inside and see the darkness of the man," Ritch pointed out. "Johnny Cash was not just wearing black on the outside. There are parts of him that are black, and that same idea comes across on this album for us."

Even with "heart songs," Ritch issues a Surgeon General's warning of sorts. "This album here takes you on a harder, longer drive, right into a brick wall. Strap yourself in." Isn't that the best type of rock 'n' roll there is?

Speaking about specific songs on Peacemaker, he said that the visceral "'Damn You to Hell' is maybe the heaviest song we've written. It has such drive and intensity that it's like a mixed martial arts event, like UFC pay per view, like

someone being grounded and pounded on." You may emerge feeling like you've been administered a beating, but as evidenced in Fight Club, you can come out the other side cleansed and stronger from the catharsis.

"Think Of Me" is admittedly "the closest thing to a love song that this band would ever do. It is a great song. It goes beyond those boundaries." Other songs that typify Red Dirt Metal include "8 Seconds" and "You Ain't Seen Me," which Ritch admits is "as southern-fried as Lynyrd Skynyrd and Molly Hatchet."

The title song is a brilliantly written tune, told from the perspective of a gun. Ritch said, "I thought, 'What would that gun say to people?'" That's not something you come across every day in rock music, and it's further evidence of how Texas Hippy Coalition are rewriting the rule book. The song boasts the lyrics, "I just whooped the devil's ass / And you ain't seen nothing if Jesus asks / It wasn't nothing for him to see / This is all between God and me." See what we mean about the outlaw spirit? It's wholly present in every note, riff and lyric of Peacemaker.

Essentially, Peacemaker, which follows the previous albums The Pride of Texas and Rollin', is like one of those out-of-control parties that will find you without a girlfriend and with pissed off family members the very next day, but you'll be gawking over your killer new tattoo while nursing an awful hangover. It's the stuff of life, the good time ingredient that you can't manufacture or fake. It comes from a very real place, thanks to Texas Hippy Coalition's ability to understand their influences and mine them into something wholly unique.





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ADVANCE NEWS

District 1 (Unless noted, all meetings begin at 6:30 PM)
06/08-DIST Mtg-1:00PM- 700 Club- Pamona, Ks.
07/13- DIST Mtg- 1:00PM- The Salt Mine- Baldwin, Ks
08/10- DIST Mtg- 1:00PM- Hog Hollwer, Ozawkie

District 2 (Unless noted, meetings begin at 5 PM)
06/07-Dist Mtg- TBD
06/21-30th Annual Charity Run- TBD

District 3 (Unless noted, meetings begin at 1 PM)
06/01-Dist Mtg-Sassy's, 223 N Hwy 75, Sycamore

District 4 (Unless noted, meetings begin at 1 PM)
06/08-Dist Mtg- 8501 Shawnee Heights Rd, Berryton

District 5 (Unless noted, meetings begin at Noon)
06/07-Dist Mtg- 4726 Merriam DR., Overland Park

District 7
06/20-Dist Mtg-104 Cottonwood, Dodge City

District 8 (Unless noted, meetings start at 1:30 PM)
06/01- Alef's rumble By the River- start Alef's
06/07- Bikers For Babies BBQ @ Alef's
06/08- Dist Mtg- Harvey County Lake, Needle Point
06/14- Hero Ride- 300 s Water, Wichita
06/28- 15th Annual Run For The Soul

District 9 (Unless noted, meetings start at 1 PM)
05/11-Dist Mtg-Lindsborg
06/08-Dist Mtg- Marion County Lake
06/21-Run For Our Elders-10 A.M.

District 10
06/01-Dist Mtg-John's home, 1996 Chemelka Road
Garden City
07/12 State BOD meeting, Meade Lake
07/11-12-July Bash- Mead Lake

District 11
06/22- Dist Mtg- NOON- Dist. 11 Field Events Site
06/28- Southern County Bike Run, sign up 10-12,
kickstands up @ NOON
07/05- Dist. Mtg. NOON and work weekend @ Field
Events site

District 12 (Unless noted, meetings start at 2 PM)
05/11-Dist Mtg- TBD
06.08-Dist Mtg-TBD

District 13 (Unless noted, meetings start at 2 PM)
05/18-Dist Mtg-660 Willow Rd
06/15-Dist Mtg- TBD

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06/13-15- Dist Campout- Tuttle Creek Lake,
Stockdale campground, camping is limited for RV,
make reserv.
06-14- STATE Meeting- NOON- RC McGraw's. 2317
Tuttle Creek Blvd, Manhattan
August 24- Dist Meeting- NOON- Paradise Point,
Lake Perry- Group ride/drive to meet at K-Mart,
Manhattan 8:30 leave

State (Unless noted, meetings start at Noon)
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Ozawkie-
10/11- Meeting-VFW,10 AM- 120 Taft ST, McPherson-
11/08- Meeting & Elections-Amer Legion, Perry
12/13-Meeting-Eagles, - 4726 Merriam, O.P.





DISTRICT 9 BIKE SHOW

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Saturday~June 7, 2014

10 am	Heritage Park opens
12 noon	Governor's Freedom Rally begins
	Bike Show begins
	Vendor Booths open
	Mayor's Address to the Rally followed by Governor's Address
12:15 pm	Wreath Ceremony at Veterans Memorial
1 pm	Governor's Ride through Ft. Riley
	Last Chance Band begins playing
3 pm	Recognition of Wounded Warriors & Brothers in Blue Re-Entry p.m.
3:15 pm	Presentation of Awards
	Last Chance Band Continues Playing



\$25 registration. (Note: all participants pre-registered by May 14 will receive a Freedom Rally T-shirt with your registration. Additional t-shirts available day of the ride on a first come, first served basis.)

Online registration preferred at: **FreedomRally.**

Complete this form and return with your registration to: KDWPT, Attn: Linda Craghead, 1020 S. Kansas, Topeka, KS 66612. Questions, call (785) 296-2281. You will be emailed a confirmation. Make checks payable to KDWPT Wildtrust. One (1) registration per form please.

T-shirt Size: **Men's** S M L XL 2X 3X **Women's** S M L XL 2X 3X
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Name _____ E-mail _____

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Phone _____ Cell _____
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Bike Show Participation Fee (*Show at the conclusion of the ride, various awards given*) \$10..... \$_____

Waiver on reverse side must be completed and signed.

f. The PPE includes but not limited to:

(3) **Helmets:** The helmets of personnel riding motorcycles or ATVs on Fort Riley, shall be certified to meet DOT Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Standard 22-05, British Standard 6658, or Snell Standard M2005 in accordance with DODI 6055.04, 2 April 2010, references (v), (w), and (y). All helmets shall be properly fastened under the chin.

(2) **Eye Protection:** Designed to meet or exceed ANSI Z87.1, reference (4) for impact or shatter resistant goggles, wraparound glasses or a full-face shield properly attached to the helmet. A windshield or facing does not constitute eye protection. Amber or clear lens are encouraged for night riding.

(3) **Foot Protection:** Includes sturdy over-the-ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet and ankles (durable leather or ballistic-type cloth athletic shoes that cover the ankles may be worn).

(4) **Protective Clothing:** Long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full fingered gloves or mittens. Motorcycle jackets and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials such as leather, Kevlar®, or Cordura® and containing impact-absorbing padding is strongly suggested. The intent is to have riders in gear designed for riding that provides the rider as much protection as possible. Riders are encouraged to select PPE that incorporates fluorescent colors and retro-reflective material. Riders will wear a vest, jacket or upper outer garment that is fluorescent and reflective during day and night operation. The Reflective physical training belt is not an acceptable form of PPE. If the rider is wearing a backpack that covers the vest/retro-reflective upper outer garment, the backpack must also have the same vest/retro-reflective quality as the upper outer garment. Otherwise, the backpack must be covered with a fluorescent/retro-reflective vest to provide the same amount of visibility as the vest/retro-reflective upper outer garment.

Below are the meet-up points from which some will start from to ride to the Rally. Please contact the person noted to find out exact locations and times.

Governor's Flint Hills Freedom Rally Correctional Facility contact information

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I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives and my heirs, hereby voluntarily agree to waive, release and discharge from any and all liability for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind which may hereafter accrue to me and my estate, the State of Kansas, and its officers, agencies and employees; and indemnify and hold harmless the State of Kansas, and its officers, agents and employees against any and all liabilities and claims made by other individuals or entities as a result of any of my actions during this event and in other related activity. If the participant is of minority age (12-17), a parent or guardian must give permission and sign below to allow for the child to participate in event and related activities.

If they consent to receive medical treatment, which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident or illness during this activity. If the participant is of minority age (12-17), a parent or guardian must give permission and sign below to allow for emergency medical treatment to be administered as may be deemed necessary for the child while participating in event and related activities.

I hereby attest that I have an understanding and familiarity of operating and/or riding on motorcycles and take full responsibility for my actions while participating in this event and associated activities.

I, AND MY PARENT/ GUARDIAN (if applicable), HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE AND BY SIGNING IT AGREE IT IS MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE THE STATE OF KANSAS AND THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, PARKS AND TOURISM AND ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER CAUSE.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Telephone _____





Lobbyist Report

The past month has been very busy with the legislature adjourning on April 26th at 2:00 a.m. We are working on the cheese cutter issues and other legislation, which will need to be re-introduced next year. Besides the legislature, we've been busy with many other events and issues.

The State Board Meeting was held May 10, 2014, in Neodesha. Thank you to Ringo for giving the lobbyist report, as Brian was unable to attend the meeting.

Run for the Wall is Monday, May 19, 2014. We met on May 12th to review the plans and everything is ready to go. The Kansas Turnpike Authority and EZ GO are partnering with Run for the Wall. KTA is providing \$500 toward gas for the riders and EZ GO is providing water. We greatly appreciate the donations and support for this event. ABATE will be present to assist the riders with refueling and to hand out the water.

Planning for the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson continues. The committee met May 11th to work on plans for the booth. An inside booth has been secured for this year's fair. We are still looking for volunteers to help at the booth. If you are interested in manning the booth and attending the fair, please contact Brian

Thompson. The fair runs September 5-14, 2014.

On April 24, 2014, we attended the signing of the Proclamation by Governor Sam Brownback at the Statehouse. Those attending were Ron Vawter, Mike Snively, Paul Swoyer, Ringo, Jim Hanrahan, Brian Thompson, John Faber and Bridgette Befort.

Brian attended Cabin Fever, held April 25-27, and had a great time. This annual event was well attended and everyone enjoyed the good food, good music and visiting with good friends.

Ringo, Brian Thompson and Ron Vawter attended the Freedom Rally meeting held on April 30, 2014. The Rally is June 7, 2014, and the plans are set.

There are more upcoming events. Your participation promotes ABATE and gives a voice to important issues. Please join in as many of the following as you can:

May 19, 2014, Run for the Wall: This annual riding event comes through Topeka on its way to Washington, D.C., and we want to support the Run by helping the riders refuel and providing a short break from the road.

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Legislative Agenda

Right-of-Way HB 2079

If passed, it will increase the fines and penalties for violation of the right-of-way statutes. Currently the fine is \$50.00 plus \$37.50 court costs. The proposed legislation would increase the fines by \$40.00.

Safety Corridor HB 2358

A Safety Corridor, to protect the traveling public, may be designated by the Secretary of Transportation based on it meeting certain criteria. It is similar to a work zone, and fines will be doubled for exceeding the posted speed limit.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5008

This resolution encourages the Kansas Department of Transportation to make engineering decisions based upon established professional findings and methodologies rather than political considerations.

Alcohol Bill HB 2206

If passed, this bill will allow hard liquor to be sold in grocery and convenience stores. ABATE's position is to support small businesses, and passage of this bill would hurt locally-owned businesses.

For more information:
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Find Your Legislator:
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MRF Report
May 2014

Well here we are in what should be good riding weather. But again this year is off to a faulty start with the usual Kansas wait and see weather.

Although the road conditions do cause me to worry sometimes about my fellow riders safety. The real concern is the cage drivers and their lack of concern for anyones safety. I have personally observed several near misses because of failure to yield and just plain carelessness. The majority of what I have seen is related to cages, but I have also been witness to some pretty unwise actions of motorcyclists. I do not call these people bikers because I hope that real bikers are smarter than what I have witnessed. The riding season is just unfolding here and there are already too many statistics across the state.

I have unfortunately come to expect some sport bike riders to pull the occasional stunt that gives us all bad publicity but to see full size sleds being careless just makes me mad and those that know me understand just what that means. What the heck are you thinking when you cut between cars to make a turn or in one case turn left from the right hand lane across left turning vehicles who have the green light. If you have a death wish, pick a different way to do yourself in. We don't need those statistics. Enough incorrect and bad stats wind up against bikers as it is. Most importantly none of us want to see, hear or read about a friend who has been killed on the roads.

I have been trying to figure out a way to put some stats of our own together just for show and tell. So here is what I would like some help with, as safely as possible keep track of when and where you witness some act of carelessness. Not just cagers but everything, cars, trucks, buses, bikes, bicycles and even pedestrians. I know this will not be considered a true study but it will give me some information to show others when they ask for stats. Don't forget to try and get the location and time of day with a short description of what happened. Please be honest, facts are always better than fiction.

My friends, I plead for you to be safe and don't ride distracted. Whether by thought or action, riding impaired is riding distracted and deadly.

Information is available at MRF.org

Remember to keep the road under ya and the bright skies above.

Later,
Seeker

14NR12 - MRF News Release - United Nations General Assembly Calls For Global Mandatory Helmet Law

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 14 April 2014

Contact:Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

United Nations General Assembly Calls For Global Mandatory Helmet Law

Recently the 68th session of the United Nations voted to approve a non-binding resolution entitled "Improving Global Road Safety," which sounds innocent enough, but when closely examined, has some very disturbing ideas concerning motorcyclists,

motorcycles, and helmet laws.

The most disturbing directive is "to encourage Member States (countries participating in the UN) to enact comprehensive legislation on key risk factors for road traffic injuries including the non-use of helmets." Or in other words, universal mandatory global helmet law. Keep in mind this is a non-binding resolution, but many countries and legislative bodies take the UN's suggestions very seriously. This is the warning shot across the bow. The United Nations is coming for motorcyclists.

That is why it is so unfortunate that Americas own Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and a member of President Obama's Cabinet voted in support of the resolution. She even spoke to the General Assembly in strong support of the resolution.

The non-binding resolution has some other very troubling issues with regards to motorcyclists. For instance, one of the directives claims that there are insufficient policies in place to protect motorcyclists. The idea that one type of policy would work for every country in the United Nations is beyond fantasy. Our diverse global motorcycle community cannot exist under a one-size fit all approach.

Another section of the resolution recognizes and commends The UN Economic Commission for Europe and the World Forum for the Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations to modify vehicle regulations to increase safety. This is essential in the UN calling for global harmonization of policy that could include helmet laws and universal vehicle anti-tampering measures. Both of these would devastate the motorcycle community and aftermarket industry in America.

It is a clear picture of the mindset of the UN to support such an over-reaching resolution. By muddying the waters with controversial policies, the UN loses support for some very good ideas concerning distracted driving and Good Samaritan policies.

The MRF is engaged on this and will keep you informed about this issue.

14NR13 - MRF News Release - Motorcycle Riders Foundation Champion Representative Tom Petri to Retire

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 15 April 2014

Contact:Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Champion Representative Tom Petri to Retire

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) reports that long time MRF supporter, Tom Petri (R-WI), will not seek another term in Congress. This will be the last term the 35-year Capitol Hill veteran will serve. The 73-year-old congressman has been popular with his home district, sailing to re-election year after year. Petri was first elected in 1979.

Petri led the charge of the full repeal of the helmet law mandate in the mid nineties at the request of ABATE of Wisconsin and the MRF. Petri has chaired various subcommittees on the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

We at the MRF will miss his dedication,

leadership, and generosity that he has bestowed upon the motorcyclists of this country.

14NR14 - MRF News Release - The Most Important Day to Bikers on the Federal level.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 21 April 2014

Contact:Kirk 'Hardtail' Willard, President

The Most Important Day to Bikers on the Federal level.

Thursday, May 15, 2014 – Bikers Inside the Beltway The Schedule is as follows:

Parking: 3rd Street between Madison Drive NW and Jefferson Drive SW directly in front of the Capitol building.

Arrival & Registration: 9:00 am to 11:00 am Attendees will receive lobbying materials and general instructions to help with their day. The MRF encourages you to schedule appointments with your Representative and Senator's offices. Plan your appointments according to your arrival time. If you plan to arrive promptly at 9:00 am, you can schedule meetings anytime from 9:45 am on. If you plan on arriving at 11:00 am at the latest then you can schedule meetings from 11:30 am until 1:15 pm or after the Congressional Program. Should you be unable to get an appointment, plan on dropping by as many offices from your State as you can during that time. Feel free to contact the MRF office with any questions about scheduling or otherwise.

Debrief – Strategy Session Time to be announced – We will gather to discuss the events of the day and collect information from attendees to move forward with the MRF Legislative agenda.

Friday, May 16th, 2014 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Grass-Roots day, Follow Up, Follow Through session has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. We do encourage all attendees of our Lobby day, Bikers Inside the Beltway, to visit the new MRF office location and continue any additional lobbying efforts with the help of Jeff Hennie. Jeff will be available to go to Congressional Offices with you on Friday if you so desire. Please contact Jeff to schedule times.

14NR15 - MRF News Release - U.S. EPA to FTC: Ethanol Harmful To Motorcycles

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 21 April 2014

Contact:Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs

U.S. EPA to FTC: Ethanol Harmful To Motorcycles

Recently the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) proposed a new rule regarding the labeling of ethanol blended fuels in order to "help fuel purchasers identify the correct fuel for their vehicles." Ironically, the new rule would exempt any fuel meeting the Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA) E15 waiver from the proposed labeling requirements.

In the record section of the proposed rule, the EPA provides information under the "objections to the proposed labels" section openly stating that ethanol is harmful to motor vehicles, and specifically mentions that ethanol is damaging to motorcycles.

The EPA indicates two major ways that ethanol affects vehicles. First, ethanol enleans the air to fuel ratio by increasing the proportion of oxygen relative to hydrocarbons. This can lead to higher exhaust temperatures and can possibly cause catalyst failure by gradually deteriorating emission control equipment. Next, other component failures can occur due to materials compatibility issues with ethanol use.

The EPA also found, that ethanol can damage older conventional cars, heavy-duty engines, motorcycles, and non-road engines, explaining: "Older motor vehicles, heavy-duty gasoline engines and vehicles, motorcycles, and especially non-road products cannot fully compensate for the change in the stoichiometric air-to-fuel ratio as ethanol concentration increases. Over time, this enleanment caused by ethanol may lead to thermal degradation of the emissions control hardware and ultimately catalyst failure. Higher ethanol concentration will exacerbate the enleanment effect in these vehicles, engines, and equipment and therefore increase the potential of thermal degradation and risk of catalyst failure. In addition to enleanment, ethanol can cause materials compatibility issues, which may lead to other component failure and ultimately exhaust and/or evaporative emission increases. For older motor vehicles, heavy-duty gasoline engines and vehicles, motorcycles, and non-road products, the potential for materials compatibility issues increases with higher ethanol concentration."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has been attempting to block the widespread sale of E15 and higher blends until they have been fully studied. The MRF supports U.S. House of Representatives bill H.R. 875, a bill that would halt the sale of E15 and commission an independent scientific study to determine all of the effects of E15 on an internal combustion motor.

The lack of demand for E15 has the EPA proposing that ethanol manufactures produce less ethanol than they have for the past few years.

Additionally a study done by the University of Nebraska, the third highest corn producing state in the country, found that using corn crop residue (considered a ready source for ethanol production) is harmful to the environment by generating more greenhouse gasses than traditional gasoline.

The Federal Trade Commission is still taking public comments on the labeling requirements. Simply slapping another label on a fuel pump is not the best way to prevent misfueling. Separate pumps, like diesel, need to be developed and installed. Let the FTC know that you don't like the fact that fuels meeting the E15 EPA waiver are exempted, and more labels are not going to lead to less misfuels. The deadline is June 2nd and you can leave your polite public comments here: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!submitComment;D=FTC-2014-0088-0001>

More important than the labeling changes is the fact that the EPA is publicly admitting that ethanol is harmful to motorcycles, something the MRF has been stating for years.





14NR16 - MRF News Release - NTSB Chair Steps Down
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 28 April 2014

Contact:Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs
NTSB Chair Steps Down
Deborah Hersman announced that she would be vacating her role as chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). Hersman has commanded the board since 2009 and has been a board member since 2004. Hersman was also considered as a replacement for secretary of transportation Ray LaHood when her retired.

The NTSB was created as an independent federal agency in 1967; it has investigated more than 132,000 accidents and made more than 13,500 safety recommendations. The NTSB is recognized internationally as a preeminent accident investigation organization. Hersman serves as the chief executive of the agency, which has 400+ employees and an annual budget of more than \$100 million.

She was the board member behind the two-day motorcycle safety symposium conducted in October 2007, which led to the issuing of calls for mandatory helmet laws. She did, however, make good on a promise to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation to personally take the Basic Rider Course. She passed the class, but never got her license.

Hersman was first appointed as a Board Member by President Bush in 2004 and was reappointed to two additional five-year terms by President Obama in 2009 and 2013. President Obama appointed her Chairman in 2009, 2011 and 2013 with unanimous Senate confirmation votes.

Hersman is not going far though. In her new role, the 43-year-old will be heading the National Safety Council. The safety council, a non-profit organization headquartered in suburban Chicago, describes its mission as "to save lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the roads."

There is no word on the replacement chairperson of the NTSB.

14NR17 - MRF News Release - Feds to include motorcycles in intelligent transportation systems research
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 29 April 2014

Contact:Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs
Feds to include motorcycles in intelligent transportation systems research
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) informed the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF)

recently that they do in fact intend to include motorcycles in the research they will be doing about vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communication technology.
V2V technology, in theory, allows for individual vehicles to communicate with each other on the road. The conversation would let the individual vehicles inform other vehicles as to how fast it is moving, where it is moving to, and how far away it is from other vehicles. The theory goes on to assume that using this technology will reduce crashes and therefore injury and loss of life.
The technology works something like this: if a vehicle is approaching another vehicle at a greater rate of speed and a collision is imminent, the vehicle can brake itself to slow down and avoid the collision. Or if a distracted driver is bearing into your vehicle's space, it will automatically employ evasive actions such as hard braking or swerving.

"Vehicle-to-vehicle technology represents the next generation of auto safety improvements, building on the life-saving achievements we've already seen with safety belts and air bags," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "By helping drivers avoid crashes, this technology will play a key role in improving the way people get where they need to go while ensuring that the U.S. remains the leader in the global automotive industry."

When NHTSA announced that it was going to begin taking steps to enable V2V communications technology for light vehicles, the MRF was concerned that motorcycles would be negatively affected by not being included in the discussion. It was revealed to the MRF that the initial research will focus on passenger cars, but motorcycles will be included eventually.

NHTSA plans on equipping motorcycles with V2V technology so that the vehicle can transmit signals to other vehicles on the road to provide a warning of potential vehicle collision and avoid it.

Technology changes to motorcycles are certainly beginning to rise. Liquid-cooled, fuel-injected, touch screen equipped Harley Davidsons are just the first wave. What comes next is anyone's guess. Some of it is certain to be helpful, like GPS, but taking full control of a motorcycle away from the motorcyclist is one of the worst possible ideas in the universe – taking any controls away from the rider is not acceptable. The MRF will work to make sure that never happens.



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Motorcycle Riders Foundation Motorcycle Statistics Fact or Fiction?

Analysis A number of inaccuracies, inconsistencies, and erroneous conclusions have been uncovered in examining recent data related to motorcycle crashes, injuries, and fatalities published by the Centers for Disease Control as well as by news outlets reporting on such data. If the information is incorrect it can only lead to theories and conclusions which are also incorrect or, at the very least, highly suspect.

Solution Since much of the data is erroneous, the conclusions based on that data is also erroneous. The only true solutions to motorcycle safety are proactive measures which prevent a collision from occurring at all rather than reactive steps that may or may not offer some level of injury mitigation only after a crash has already taken place. Rider education which prepares the motorcyclist to interact with other roadway users by learning and practicing the skills necessary for hazard avoidance and developing a strategy to deal with real world traffic is the primary component of a comprehensive motorcycle safety plan. Additionally, educating all motor vehicle operators to be alert and free of impairment as they share the road with others is critical in deterring crashes caused by inattention.

Training and Awareness are the Keys...
Examples of how the motorcycling community works to address and implement these measures are as follows:

Lobby for state legislated rider education programs and work with state program coordinators to develop, promote and improve training courses.	Present "Share the Road" programs to driver education classes, civic and social organizations and public meetings.	Introduce "Right of Way" legislation that provides prosecutors more opportunities in cases where a motorist's negligence causes injury or death to another.	Create Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month to remind all motor vehicle operators of motorcyclists' presence on the road.	Deliver "Ride Straight" messages within the motorcycling culture encouraging everyone to ride and drive free of impairments.
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