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CALL TO ACTION

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HOUSE BILL No. 2195

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning right-of-way violations; providing
2 for increased penalties in certain cases.
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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*
5 Section 1. (a) Any person who is convicted of violating K.S.A. 8-
6 1526, 8-1527, 8-1528, 8-1529 or 8-1531, and amendments thereto, and as
7 a result of such violation was involved in a vehicle accident or collision,
8 upon conviction, shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor
9 punishable by being required to take 16 hours of driver's education: and
10 (1) If the vehicle accident or collision results in bodily harm to
11 another person, by a fine of not more than \$250;
12 (2) if the vehicle accident or collision results in great bodily harm to
13 another person or disfigurement to another person, by a fine of not more
14 than \$500; and
15 (3) if the vehicle accident or collision results in the death of another
16 person, by:
17 (A) A fine of not more than \$1000; and
18 (B) being required to perform 200 hours of community service if such
19 convicted person is also convicted of violating K.S.A. 8-1567 or 8-15,111,
20 and amendments thereto.
21 (b) Convictions of violating K.S.A. 8-1526, 8-1527, 8-1528, 8-1529
22 or 8-1531, and amendments thereto, which are punishable under this
23 section shall be considered a moving violation for the purpose of K.S.A. 8-
24 255, and amendments thereto. A person shall not be allowed to enter into a
25 diversion agreement in lieu of further criminal proceedings that would
26 prevent such person's conviction of violating K.S.A. 8-1526, 8-1527, 8-
27 1528, 8-1529 or 8-1531, and amendments thereto, from appearing on the
28 person's record if such violation resulted in a vehicle accident or collision
29 that caused bodily harm, great bodily harm or disfigurement or death to
30 another person.
31 (c) For the purpose of this section, "conviction" means a final
32 conviction without regard to whether the sentence was suspended or
33 probation granted after such conviction. Forfeiture of bail, bond or
34 collateral deposited to secure a defendant's appearance in court, which
35 forfeiture has not been vacated, shall be equivalent to a conviction.
36 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.

Listed below is the House Reps on the Transportation Committee.
Contact them individually and request their support for Bill HB2195.
Remind them we are ALL their constituents.

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State Meeting

February 14th 2015 Newton, KS
Called to order 12:10 PM
Pledge of allegiance Moment of silence
Roll Call-All present except for district 7
Secretary Report -Read by Amber S.
Approved by the board.

Financial Report -Richard stated that all districts have turned in reports for 2014. Thank you. Make sure all contact information is up to date with Richard.

Lobbyist Report -Bill S. read for Brian. Please see lobbyist report in newsletter.

MRF Report -Given by Ed M. Please see MRF report in newsletter. MRF memberships are down, please join if you can.

Motorcycle Awareness Report -Paul S. gave report. KDOT will be mailing out letters to all Kansans with a registered motorcycle to encourage them to get the “M.”endorsement on their DL. Motion was made by Ringo to allow KDOT to use ABATE on the letter. Passed by a show of hands.

Public Relations-Sis stated that the Kansas Days went well. The Abate hospitality room was a success & thanked everyone that attended & helped out. Democratic Days is March 6th & 7th @ the Ramada on 6th street in Topeka. Please attend if you can. Motion was made by Paul 2nd by Bill S. to reimburse Sis & Tammy for hotel stay @ the Capitol City Bike Show. 15 yes,2 abstain. Motion passed. Motion was made by Bill S. 2nd by Ben H. to allow Sis a predetermined amount for supplies needed at the Democratic Days. 17 yes. Motion passed.

MidSouth Mile- Sis stated that basket ideas are still needed. Only 2 have been given. The theme of the basket will be decided on next month.

Break 1:20-2:05 Thank you Dist 8, American Legion, Tammy & Tony for a great lunch.

COC- Dave stated that some members may be attending Dist meetings in the near future. Please make sure all guests feel welcome. We are all here to support motorcyclist rights together. Please see report in newsletter.

Thank you for all of the artwork received for the Labor Day Rally. Congrats to Mark O. (Dist 11) on your artwork being chosen this year.

Corp. Secretary Report- Given by Rocky. Please see in your newsletter.

Newsletter – Tammy stated that the new newsletters are almost ready to go. Thank

you Tammy for all of the work put into this.

Website- Tammy stated that Kevin has taken over as webmaster. Keep watching the page for new updates.

Products- Bill C has new hoodies in. Also new womens underwear are in just in time for Valentine’s Day J.

Old Business- Motion was made to fill the vacant spot of resident agent. After discussing, it was tabled until next month. Richard B. brought up changing the price of lifetime memberships. After lots of discussion Bill S. made the motion to change the price of life memberships & also changing the price for an annual membership, 2nd made by Jon P. 14 yes, 3 no. Motion passed. Discussion was had about Dist 6 restructure. All seems to be coming along. Tabled until March meeting. Tickets are now ready to check out for the Labor Day Rally giveaway. Richard stated that the computers at the office have been checked out & look good.

Break 4:18-4:28

New Business- Motion was made by Richard P. 2nd by Tony R. to allow Sunday only passes at the Rally this year. After discussion & roll call vote, motion was passed. 12 yes 2 no 1 abstain. Motion was made by Jim 2nd by Bill S. to raise prices of campers at the Rally. 14 yes 2 no 1 abstain. Motion passed. Motion was made by Matt 2nd by Jon P. to raise the entry price for members & non-members at LDR. 11 yes, 6 no. Motion passed. Richard B. brought up the discussion of “Abate bucks” for the Rally. Reps are to take to their Dist & get opinions .Tabled until next meeting. Richard also stated that Districts need to reach out to all members to touch base & see if they would like newsletter emailed or mailed to them. Tammy stated that everyone needs to get advertisements for the newsletter. Motion was made by Richard P. 2nd by Jim to award the TV to the person that brings in the highest monetary value in advertisements by the end of May. 16 yes 1 abstain. Motion passed. Paul S. made a motion to keep the Rally a 18 & over event. Passed by a show of hands.

Upcoming Events

MRF won by Paul S.

Drawing won by Ringo.

Motion to Adjourn 5:10 p.m.

Happy Valentine’s Day !!

Corporate Secretary Report

Proposed revision of Policies and Procedures

Under MEMBERSHIPS

I. General guidelines:

D. The incentive Program will be as follows:

1. The program will be based on a calendar year basis.
- 2 Only signing up of new memberships, or those who are considered new will qualify for the incentive program.
- 3 Those who are “considered new” are applicants who have let their membership for more than one year
4. For signing up every 5 new or considered new members, the member will be entitled to either: a 1-year membership for themselves, donate to their district or to use as a gift: or 1 pass into the National Labor Day Rally.

Proposed change is:

4. a. *Signing up one new life member who meets all the above guidelines will count as the sale of 5 memberships*

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Newsletter Deadlines The deadline for all information turned in for your Newsletter each month is as follows. The deadline is 5:00 p.m., the Tuesday after the State Meeting unless stated otherwise. Anything received after the deadline will be subject to time-available basis only, but most likely, **will not appear in that months Newsletter!** This is necessary in order to have your Newsletter to you in a timely manner. Thanks for your help and understanding.

March 14 | April 11 | May 9

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I wear a helmet and be a member?

Yes, ABATE strives to ensure all motorcyclists reserve the right to choose to wear a helmet or not. ABATE's stance is not Anti-Helmet, but rather Anti-Helmet Law. The factors of helmet use are too complex for a simple statistic, so ABATE believes, before government law needlessly endanger lives, that such a decision should be left to the rider, and pursue other venues of motorcycle safety--primarily education and awareness.

Do I need to be a Harley owner?

No, ABATE is an advocate for the rights of all motorcyclists, regardless of what or where they ride.

Do I need to own a motorcycle?

No, ABATE consists of all advocates of motorcyclists and motorcycling. The rights of which may be supported by anyone who cares, and are welcome to do so.

Do I have to live in Kansas?

No, ABATE of Kansas has many non-Kansas-resident members who still ride in Kansas. ABATE of Kansas does not believe the rights of motorcyclists stop at the state borderline. ABATE of Kansas works with other state and national Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs) to preserve rights wherever the road leads.

Is ABATE a motorcycle club?

No, ABATE of Kansas is classified as a lobbying organization.

Which District can I belong to?

You can belong to any district you prefer. Districts are divided by county groups, except District 20 which is mostly out-of-state members, however also choose districts adjacent to their state, if preferred. You may choose any district based on where you work, live, or have social ties. The only restriction is that you can only belong to one district at a time.

Why did I stop getting a newsletter?

Chances are most likely you have either moved or your membership has expired. Please check with your district or the ABATE of Kansas State office. It may also be you are not listed with your local post office. Please check with them to make sure you are listed at that address.

Do I need my ABATE card?

Yes, keep your membership card with you when you can. At events, it's faster and more reliable than roster checking. Also, many of your stops may give discounts for ABATE members.

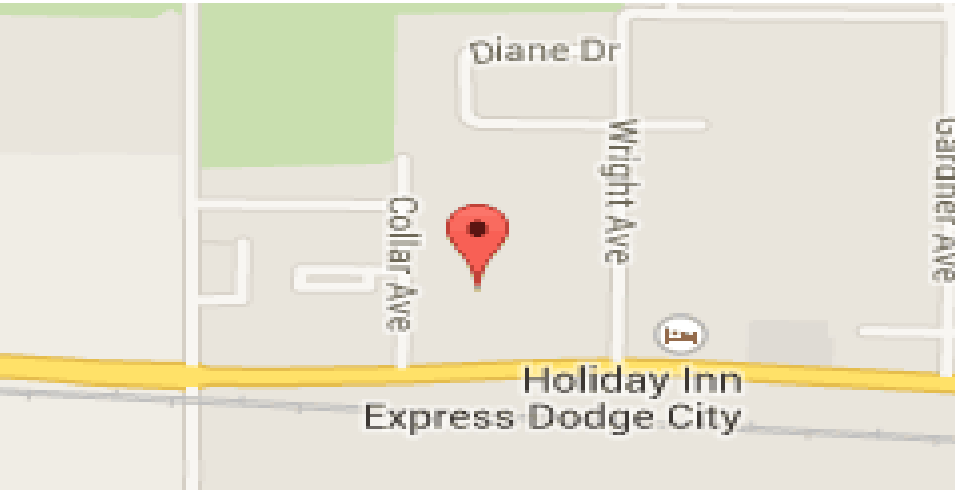
Is ABATE just about helmets?

No, ABATE monitors all bills, laws, and regs that impact motorcycling, including manufacturing, operation, environment and education.

Do I need a permit to camp on leased area at Lake Perry?

Yes, permits are required by the Corp of Engineers which are requested and obtained from the ABATE of Kansas State office in Perry, the only exception being if you plan to camp during the Labor Day Rally event.

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



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Dodge City
MEETING STARTS AT 12 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:
April 11 (Dist 12) VFW #1980, Emporia
May 9th (Dist 3) Harley Davidson
Traning School, Frontenac
June (Dist 15) RC McGraws, Manhattan
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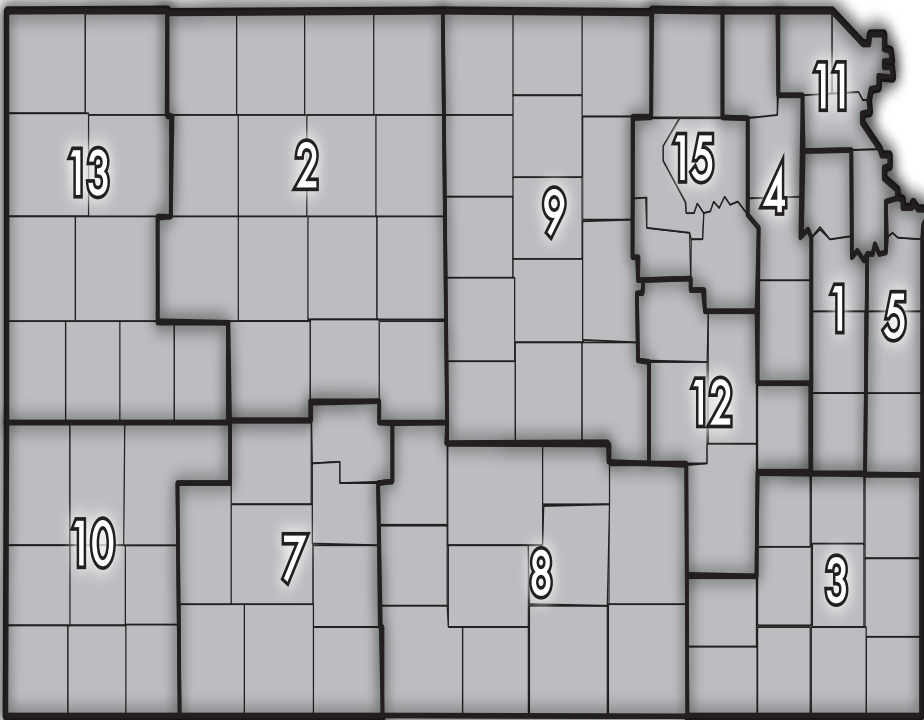
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DISTRICT NEWS

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District Rep. Bill Cooper 620-764-3734



Our February meeting for District 3 was held on Sunday February 1st at My Place in Cherryvale at 1:00. 21 members were present and one guest. Coop started the meeting with a moment of silence for our brothers and sisters lost and then the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill gave the state report and again stressed all to read their newsletters. Coop is now approved as an assistant MRF rep for the state of Kansas. Some districts have been reworked and there will now be a district 6. The state fair is a go and again he thanked the support of the district on voting to help get the booth in one of the buildings. Again Perry Lake Bike Rally was discussed along with Washington Days and some current legislation. Bill also gave a report on what the MRF is monitoring and encouraged all to stay informed.

Bev gave the treasurers report. All approved. Bev welcomed Baretta C. "Peaches" to District 3 and reminded all to get door prize tickets from her to help with our Neodesha Rally.

Pam stressed to all vendors to please get their applications in early. There is a copy of one on our website and Ellie sent a copy along with the flyers for the Hawg

Waddle and Neodesha to all members. If you need more or did not get one for some reason call 620-232-1164, leave message and Ellie will get back with you. Porta potties have been reserved also by Pam.

Dan and Bev said all is a go for the Hawg Waddle, Saturday March 7th. Our district meeting will be held before it begins at the American Legion Post #139 in Independence. Please try to attend. Dan also brought up about hiring bands for Neodesha. Are we open to paying a little more to get better bands? We discussed better advertising about it also. Please come to the next meeting so this can be discussed further. Your input and vote is very important.

Bill has been in contact with the State Lobbyist about the recent motorcycle death near Chanute. Nothing new to report yet. Bill also thanked everyone ahead of time for all they do to help at Neodesha and for attending the meetings.

The door prize was won by Duck and he donated it back. Thanks Duck! A motion was made to end the meeting and seconded. All approved. See you March 7th for the meeting and Hawg Waddle! Ellie

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Ben Halderman 785-207-2395



The Meeting was called to order on February 8, 2015 at Papans Landing . The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters .

Secretary Report: Read by Sandi and approved by the District.

Treasurer Report: Read by Whitey and approved by the District.

State Report: Meeting to be held after District Meeting.

SMART Report: No report at this time.

MRF Report: For detailed report , read Newsletter .

Products Report : Rrrrrich has District 4 Koozies and left over Toys for Tots T-Shirts .

Old Business : Bowl-a-thon on January 18th at Westridge Lanes . We had 35 bowlers and everyone had a good time . Kansas Days was held on January 30th - 31st at the Capital Plaza .

New Business : Valentines Party will be February 21st , 7 pm at the Flamingo . Bike Show Button making Party will be February 28th , 4 pm at Don and Whiteys . Bring a covered dish . Washington Days will be March 6th - 7th at the Ramada . Bike Show March 20th-22nd at the Expo Centre . District 15 Biker Ball , March 28th at RC McGraws in Manhattan , Ks .

Nominations : Assistant Representative : Don K – declined . Treasurer : Whitey – accepted . Historian : Jack F – accepted .

We welcomed two new members to our District , Dana H and Leslie L .

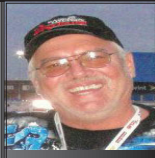
Door Prize : Won by Teddy Bear .

Motion to adjourn made by Teddy Bear and seconded by Kyle R . Meeting adjourned . We will have a Bike Show Committee Meeting every Tuesday , 7 pm at Papans Landing from now until the Bike Show . Next District Meeting will be March 8th , 1 pm at Papans Landing . Please bring Goody Bag items to March Meeting . Will be stuffing Goody Bags after Meeting .

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Anderson, Douglas, Franklin and Jefferson
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District Rep. Bill Saric 785-207-7993



Bill S. opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers.

District Representative report: Bill S. Informed us that at the State Meeting alot of things had been discussed. Some things to do with Labor Day Rally. He mentioned that they are thinking about moving the stage further out from where it normally have it so we can get more people to join in the fun. It was also mentioned that the price to get in was changing. Paul S. was a guest at our meeting he talked about Motorcycle Awareness Statistics and how the amount of accidents went up a little from 2013 to 2014. He mentioned that he gets the statistics from KDOT. Paul S. also mentioned that all motorcyclist have to have endorsement, if you don't you can be fined.

Doyle P. was another guest at our meeting and he talked about our new newsletter that we will be sending out and how its more of a magazine rather than a newspaper.

Bill S. Mentioned that lifetime memberships are going up..

Richard B. informed us that we are going to sell tickets for a 10,000 dollar giveaway at the Labor Day Rally.

Bill S. said that Tammy mentioned that we need to sell more advertisements for our newsletter.

Rocky was also a guest at our meeting and informed us that whomever sells the most paid advertisements wins a 32 inch flat screen television.

No Assistant Representative Report at this time, but Bill S. appointed Chad G. to be our Assistant Rep.

Bill S. also appointed Robert W. as one of our Trustees since he reassigned Chad G.

Secretary Report was given by Nova H., Dora made a motion to accept the minutes

read and Richard B. seconded it.

Bill S. gave the treasurer report because our Treasurer was not available.

Bill S. made motion that we take some of last years Christmas fund and donate to Donna Helm to help her out with medical issues. And the other half be donated to Phil Bleil whom is at St. Lukes Heart Institute waiting to be on a double transplant list for his heart and his kidneys Please keep these people in your prayers.

No Product Report.

Bill S. Appointed Dora G. to get involved with our website.

Old Business: Cabin Fever is April 25th at the Rally Site. It will cost 10.00 dollars person to get in an you get free food, live music, and some giveaways.

Dora G. mentioned that we need a flyer for Cabin Fever so Bill S. appointed he to make one.

Doyle P. Gave us an idea to get sponsors for our event.

New Business: Dora G. Requested to look at our by laws, the back page showed how we get point for going to meetings and an extra point if you ride your motorcycle to meetings. Bill S. put Dora in charge of this also.

Paul S. said that our volunteer hours that we work should be turned in to the State.

Pam W. asked who was taking care of the rockers this year because last years rockers that were sold need to be replaced by the correct one.

Motion to adjourn was made and Ron B. seconded it.

District One would like to thank everyone for coming to our meeting.

Our next meeting is at the American Legion in Perry Kansas on March 15th at 1:00pm. All District One members feel free to attend our meetings.

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Barton,Decatir,Ellis,Gove,Graham,Ness,Norton,Osborne
Phillips,Rooks,Rush,Russell,Sheridan,Smith,Trego

District Rep. Rick Gitchel 785-533-1205



The February 7th Dist. 2 meeting was called to order by Rick with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Sharolyn gave the secretary's report, with one correction on the month of the poker run.

Treasure report was given by Gary, accepted after a little discussion.

Gary gave the state meeting report. due to Rick missing the meeting. To save space and reduce errors read the report in this newsletter. Rick thanked Gary for attending the meeting for him.

Community reports--Casino Night, we were a little down on numbers, but it went well and we gave away a lot of prizes. Thanks to all who helped deal cards, and to those who donated prizes. A special thanks to Bill Cooper from Dist. 3 for the things he brought for the cash auction, and Gary for the mirror he made. Hope to do it again, and better next year. Bike Show, trophy sponsors are pretty much set up, but we can always use more associate sponsors, if you know of anyone they can contact Bear or Gary. The building has been reserved, and fliers are made, all we need are bikes. It doesn't look like we are going to get the Dyno this year, but we are still trying to find one. Poker Run, we discussed doing it

for the BACA chapter out of Minden. No decision was made, we would like to have more options to choose from, if you have any ideas bring them to the next meeting.

Old Business, Animal said he checked on solar lights for the awareness signs but had not purchased any yet. Rick said he would check on some when he went to the next state meeting.

New Business, discussed the desire of Dist. 6 to become active again. If they do they would like to take over the county's of Trigo, Ellis, Russell, Ness, Rush, and Barton. Dist. 13 would like to take over Gove county. Rick will keep everyone informed as these plans progress. If you would like to give input on this contact Rick at rgitchel@ruraltel.net, or call 533-1205. Gary made a motion to give our usual donation to the CMA seconded by Terry, motion passed.

Our next meeting will be March 7th at the Pizza Hut in Phillipsburg. Door prize was won by Animal. Peggy motioned to adjourn Animal seconded, all approved.

After the meeting we all enjoyed our winter social and gift exchange. Thanks to the Branding Iron II for hosting us.



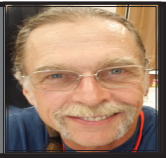


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Johnson,Linn,Miami,Wyandotte

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



February 7, 2015 District 5 monthly meeting started at 12:00 with 17 members present and 3 guests.

Secretary's report from December meeting accepted as read.

Treasurer's report presented and accepted.

District membership report given and reported last roster showed we have gained a few new members. Welcome Randi J, Michael P, Kara S, and Puppy we are glad to have you join us

We had a Meet and Greet at Alter Ego in the month of January. We want to thank Bud C, who spoke with several walk in customers and handed out extra newsletters with motorcycle awareness items. Bud was there to answer any questions about ABATE and to gain new members. It was a success and even a few of the district members showed up to show their support. We also offered coffee and donuts to anyone that came in.

Product line reported that District 5 koozies are now available for sale. Members present expressed the desire for zip up hoodies, long sleeve t-shirts, and regular t-shirts. We will pre-pay for our hoodies before we order them. We also decided to increase the product line fund so we can get DISTRICT 5 in the public eye.

The February meeting we had our Chili cook-off contest. Pam B won first place, Debbie H took second and Tony R received 3rd place. Tony made awards for the winners. Thank you everyone that participated and enjoyed the feast. It was a hard decision for our members to pick the best chili, because all of them tasted wonderful.

Old business, Tony presented an example of the business cards and we made a few minor changes and we should have some ready by the next meeting. We also discussed our Product line. Kristy was not present to give us an update on this. We discussed our plans for the District 5 booth at the Capital City Motorcycle Show in Topeka Kansas on March 20-22. We will also be at the Indian Dealership on March 21st, on a "Meet and Greet" the public and to answer any questions about ABATE and hopefully pick up a few members to join our family.

The door prize drawing was won by Michael P and he donated it back to the district to help with promotional items. Thank you Mike!

New business, we discussed ideas for the Bike Games at the National Abate Rally. We also discussed new ideas for places to have our meetings. The meeting in July (since it is a holiday) will be moved to July 18th. We discussed a cook out and campout at Linn Valley Lake. As the time nears we will have more information available.

March Madness District meeting to be held March 7th at the Red Eye 6102 State Ave in Kansas City, KS starting at Noon. March meeting we will have Hot dogs and chips for a small donation. Bring a friend.

Our April meeting to be held April 4 at the Moose Lodge 6621 Turner Drive, Kansas City, KS 66111..

Always remember, other motorcyclist, family, interested people, are always welcome. They may be interested in joining ABATE once they learn what we are about.

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

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District Rep. Tony Railsback 620-204-8018



Tony called the meeting to order at 1:40 on February 15, 2015, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters. Roll call was taken district rep, alternate rep, secretary, member at large, district 8 County reps for Sedgwick County, Cowley county, Butler county, 19 members and 2 guest.

Treasures report read and approved by members.

Secretary's report read and approved by members.

State report: See state report this newsletter.

Products report: products will be available for events. Tammy looked into purchasing a flag, they were out of our budget for this time.

State editors report: A 32 inch TV has been donated by ABATE. The TV has been put in a giveaway for the most money brought in for newsletter paid advertisement. All districts are able to participate. Check out the great new web site. District 8 will be linked soon.

COC report: see report this newsletter.

MRF report: see report this newsletter

The MILE report: see state news this newsletter

The Republican convention hospitality room went well. The Democratic convention room for the first weekend in March. Please come out and visit the Democratic convention and help out in the

room.

LDR: see state report this newsletter.

Old business:

Sunflower Swap meet, good turnout. Next year it will be in Mulvane at the KS Star Convention center. Booth space already been booked.

Alefs chili cook off went well. ABATE had a great booth. Many people were in attendance. Thanks Brian!

State meeting went well, everyone was well fed.

Letters to expiring members were brought up. Members are not being contacted about their renewals or they're expiring memberships. Tony said he would look into it.

River City Blowout, memorial weekend Linnberry Wine will be playing, there will be an open mic night. 18 and over event now.

The Chill, Feb 27 28 March 1. Sign-up sheet sent around, all welcome to participate.

New business:

March meeting moved to the 15th.

Spring is on it way!

Brian Van Dyke won the door prize.

Motion to adjourn meeting, second, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting March 15, 2015 at 1:30 PM. 7507 S. Broadway Haysville.

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

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District Rep. Jon Puckett 785-427-2494



The District 9 meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm on February 8, 2015 with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

State News: None as the state meeting is next weekend.

Awareness report: None

Products report: None

Website report: All updated.

Old business: Report given on RCBO.

New business: None

Next meeting: Canton American Legion

Drawing won by Ron V

Thanks to Deb,Jr, Russ and Myrna for hosting the meeting and everyone for the food

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

District Rep. John Mowery 620-640-8471



February 2015 meeting was on Superbowl Sunday, no show.

Next meeting March 1st 2015 2:00 pm At John's house 1996 Chmelka Road, Garden City.

Everyone please show up to help get July Bash started!!

Ride safe Be safe

Thanks John dist rep.

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Clark,Comanche,Edwards,Ford,Gray
Hodgman,Kiowa,Meade,Pawnee
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District Rep. John Kernell 620-225-1969



January 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Dist 7 Asst. Rep Dave K. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and a moment of silence was observed for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Rep John K was absent, so Asst Rep Dave K gave the state meeting report, and included information on the new newsletter and money that will be saved. The electric cube was discussed for credit card acceptance at the Labor Day Rally, as well as each district's use. It was decided to have each district pay for their own cube if they want to use it, but only have one phone assigned to the cube.

The policy and procedure handbook has been signed off on. It was decided to donation giveaway of ten thousand dollars cash, District 6 would like to start back up. They will get a plan together and report back to the meeting next month.

Weasel resigned his position on the board due to health reasons.

Starla K, treasurer, reported checkbook balance.

Glenna D, secretary, reported on drops and expiration memberships.

Heather D, Member at Large, reported on a lot of runs starting back up.

Heather D, product manager, reported on product left, and wants ideas on new products.

Old business- Charity Bowl is coming up fast. We now have flyers in and tickets printed. Times for Charity Bowl have changed to 5:30 to 9:30, to make sure everyone can play 3 games. But please don't come in late, as with these new times

you still need to start bowling right away.

Please contact any District 7 member for tickets to bowl. Still \$15 for bowling, \$10 to watch.

State meeting-we are looking into a new place for state meeting. Places were discussed and people were asked to check on sites and report back next meeting.

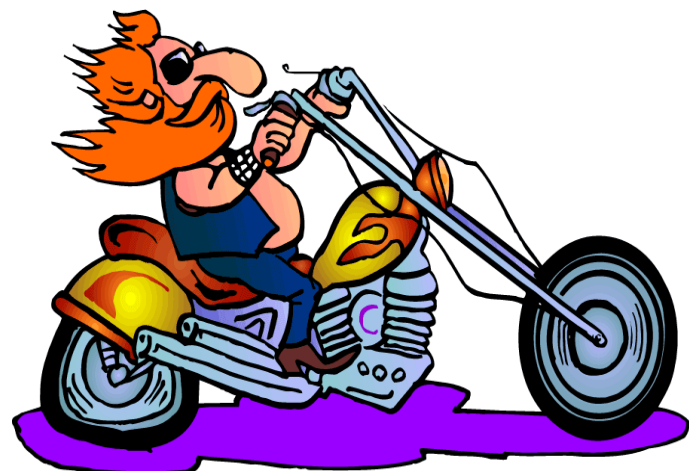
It was discussed at state meeting again about dist 7 running a 2nd beer garden at Labor Day rally. It was discussed here more, but no decision was made.

New Business- Elections are in April. Nominations were made. Assistant Rep-Dave K was nominated but declined. New member Dave B was nominated and accepted. Assistant Rep nominations was closed for now. Treasurer nominations-Starla K was nominated and accepted. Nominations were closed for now.

Next meeting will be February 20 at Cottonwood.

Drawings were held, and Dave B won membership, and door prize was won by Glenna D.

Meeting adjourned.





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Atchinson,Brown,Doniphan,Leavenworth

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District Rep. Mike Snavelly 785-851-0885



February 7, 2015 Wathena VFW Meeting called to order at 2:11pm. 16 members, 1 guest.

A moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Our thoughts and prayers for Mac.

Secretary report read by Jodi. Accepted by Jim, seconded by Eric. Also read was a thank you letter from the VA, to all who helped make the Chili feed a great day for the veterans.

Treasurer report read by Ruth. Accepted by Robin, seconded by Jim.

District Rep: Mike thanked all who came to meeting. Mike let everyone know that the newsletter will have a new look and will save on cost.

Brown County Rep: Jim stated that Mike, Jodi, Missy and himself met with KVC and the Chamber of Commerce of Atchison in regards to the Mother's Day Bike Show. KVC is going to provide a band. KVC also has contacted Tysen foods to cook for the event. We are working together on Banners and signage for the event. Still planning on the south end of river road.

Doniphan County Rep: Robin wanted to know if we would need waivers for the Blessing of the bikes on April 25th. Robin stressed the fact that many of the organizations and sponsors that have helped families in need are no longer helping. Please bring non perishable food items to the blessing of the bikes. Robin stated that we should incorporate this into

all of our events.

Products: Lea Had a F.E. Patch to show us. Lea will have patches at next meeting. Motion to order more finger shirts in a variety of colors made. Motion approved by Eric, seconded by Debbie. Lea moved to wait on artwork till next meeting. So if you are creative and can draw you still have time to submit your artwork for the upcoming F.E.

Website report: Kevin let us know he is now doing the state website. Also that he has received calendar and has it up on website. Let him know if you have an event or flyers so he can post them.

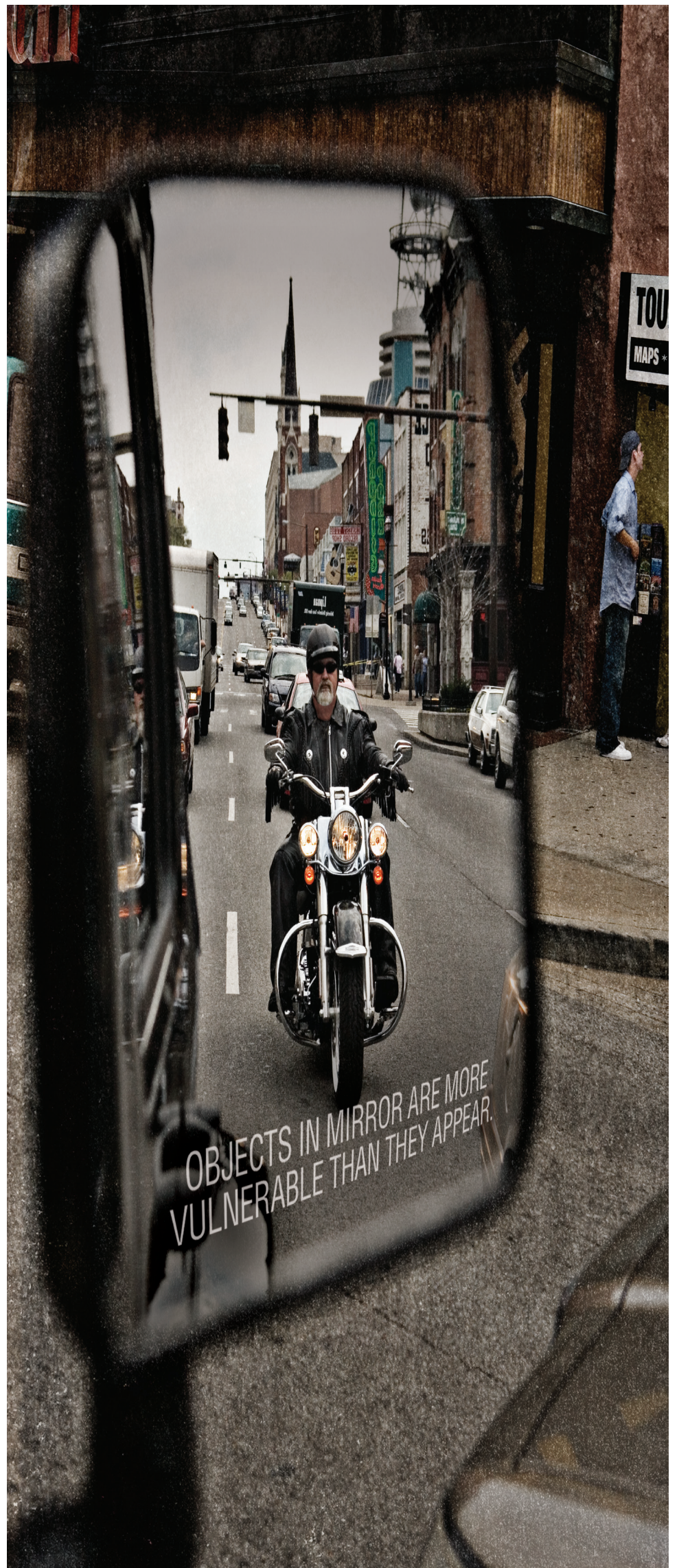
New and Old business: Eric brought up that we should have a drawing for something at the Mother's Day bike show. After a discussion it was decided that we would get a bike jack for M.Day and a stand for the F.E. Motion made by Jim, seconded by Eric. Flyer design for Blessing of the Bikes. Motion to approve by Koegan, seconded by Jim. Debbie G. let us know she will get the vinyl for the Field events signs. Debbie also will make flyers for us. Koegan brought up the need for # signs on bikes for field events. Debbie and Koegan volunteered to do # signs.

Drawing won by, Jerry W. 3:13 pm motion to adjourn by Koegan, seconded by Jim. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is March 1, 2015 12:00 pm Quinlan's Irish Pub, Atchison.

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Chase,Coffey,Greenwood,Lyon,Morris

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District Rep. Richard Prock 620-342-8129



Our Meeting was called to order at the American Legion in Emporia on 2-15-15 at 2pm, we had a good turn out 15 members and one guest, It was good to see everyone that made it.

After a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We went over the State report decussating a few things in depth, one of the few things was the save the patch fund. Ed M. made a motion to donate said amount to help with the save the patch fund 2nd by Jason M and Passed.

Secretary Report: Treasure Report was given and Ed M gave the MRF and Safety Report also want to welcome the COC members that were at our Meeting.

Old business-We went over our Dist 12 Bike show things are coming along good, there was a motion made by Shelia M to hire the band Dust and Rust plus take Donations for the after the Bike show party 2nd and passed. The Bike show Party

will be held at the VFW from 7 pm Band will start at 8. We will have a Bike show Meeting on March 1 at Shelia M house at 2 pm any one that want to attend is welcome

New business-Nominations were open for Dist Rep.. Secretary and Sgt. of Arms .

Nominated for Dist , Shelia M

Nominated for Secretary , Deb C

Nominated for Sgt. of Arms, Danny W accepted

Motion made to close nominations Jason 2nd passed. Shelia won the year membership and Ed M won the door prize

March 7 there was a invite to the to broke to go to Daytona party at 6 pm at 121 Wabaunsee st. Harveyville KS . We need to get out and Support each other .

Our Next Dist 12 Meeting will be March 15 at 2 pm at the American Legion.

Hope to see you there Ride Safe, Stay warm





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

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Jim Lange 620-397-8262

Rep called the meeting to order at 2:15. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a moment of silence was given for all the fallen brothers/sisters lost. Roll call was taken and there was 13 members present with 1 guest.

Secretary's Report was read by Katy L on last months minutes taken. There were no questions on the report. Tom N made the motion to accept report as read and seconded by Ginger F, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was read by Steve K on last months statement. There were no questions on report. Mike D made the motion to accept report as read and seconded by Tom N, all in favor...motion passed.

Rep Report: Rep did make it to the State Meeting in Smith Center on January 10, 2015 @ Noon at Pooch's. Rep went over the many topics covered at the State Meeting and gave members a chance to ask and answer questions. Ginger made the motion to accept Rep Report as read and seconded by John F, all in favor...motion

passed.
New Business: Still investigating a spot for our Memorial Weekend Rally/Buffalo Run.

Old Business: Jim and Ray have not been able to get together to talk about the changes. Still tabled until Ray can be present . Also, elections will be in March with an error in the paper the correction will need to run another month.

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

Tom N motioned to adjourn and seconded by all!

Thank You to everyone that was able to make it to the meeting! Big Thank you to the Rec for letting us have our meeting there. I wanted to take a minute to show condolences to the families who have lost a loved one or who is sick, prayers to all that need them! Our next meeting will be at the Rec in Scott City on February 15, 2015 @ 2. We Ride...We Decide...Ride Safe! Katy

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Geary,Marshall,Pottawatomie,Riley,Wabaunsee

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Paul Woodward 785-313-2130

On February 8, 2015 Dist. Rep Paul Woodyard called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge,Manhattan. A moment of silence was offered for brothers and sisters lost and the troops serving our Nation today. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark K. read the Secretary's Report. A motion was made by Teresa V. to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Larry W. Having no discussion, the motion passed.

Cathy H. gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Herbie M. to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Carolyn R. Having no discussion, the motion passed.

Mike F. and Jane F. reported that Freddy's Steakburgers at 229 McCall Rd, Manhattan will donate 15% of their sales from March 17th, 2015 taken in between the hours of 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. to ABATE District 15. A motion was made by George T. to purchases and have 75 copies of the flyer made at Copies-4-Less, seconded by Herbie M. After some discussion, motion passed. Jack V. then volunteered to pay for copies. Thanks Jack. Need to take a flyer with you for District 15 to receive the donation; flyers for printing can also found listed under announcements on the district's website.

Deb W. gave Biker Ball update; she stated everything is coming together nicely.

Paul W. reported that District 15 will have a booth at the District 4 Capital City Motorcycle Show to sell Biker Ball tickets; Paul W. and Deb W. are going to take care of the booth. A motion was made by George T. to reimburse Paul and Deb for the booth fee, seconded by Stevie R. having no discussion, the motion passed. After the motion was passed, more discussion followed. Jack V. made a motion to change the amount for extra expenses, seconded by Stevie R. having no discussion, the motion passed.

Paul W. reported that himself, Carl H. and Sam E. went to look at proposed new Bash site and reported that it will not work for this year and that there will be no District Bash again this year.

The District sponsored State meeting on

June 12th will be at RC McGraws, 2317 Tuttle Creek Blvd, Manhattan. The District meeting will be on June 13th at Stockdale Park, 4800 Stockdale Park Rd, Manhattan at 12:00 p.m.

Teresa V. and Herbie M. offered to set up the ride for the Motorcycle Awareness Benefit Ride. The ride will end at RC McGraw's with a sloppy joes and chips catered by Nick.

Mark K. reminded everyone to turn in their Rockers Point Sheet for 2014. The Rocker point rules and personal accounting sheet can found and be printed off the district website. He will also bring some to the next meeting.

Bill P. stated he and Judy P. went and seen member Larry B. at Blue Rapids. Larry enjoyed seeing them.

Door prize was won by Woody, he donated back to district. Thanks Woody.

A motion was made by Herbie M. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by everyone so motion passed.

Next District Meeting will be at 12:00 p.m. at the Sportsman Tavern, 401 Onaga Bypass, Onaga. Come see what's happening, get involved and have your voice heard.

Get District 15 information, announcements, and updates on District Website: www.abateks15.com



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NEIL O'CONNELL

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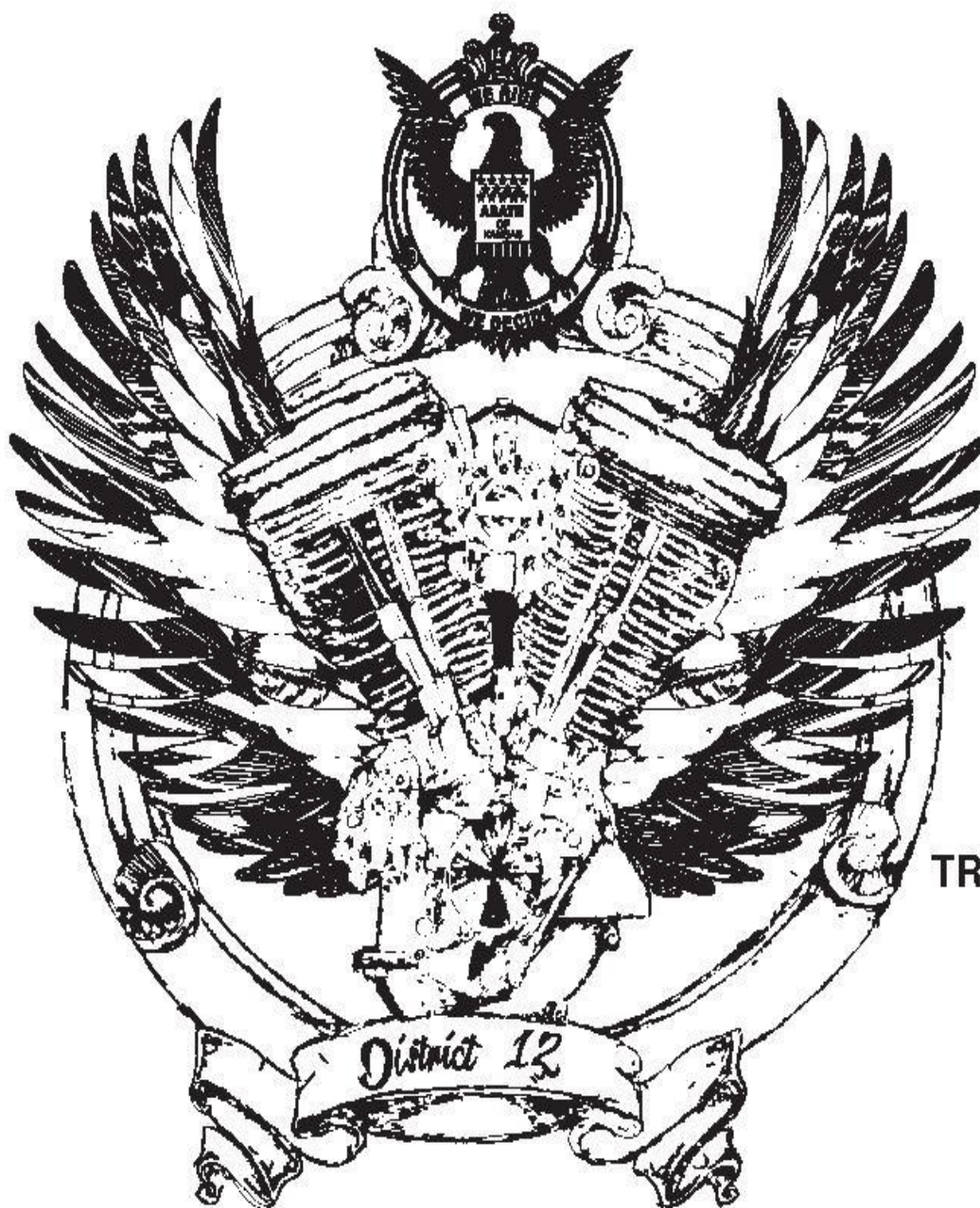
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Vendor Space 10 x 10
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10 x 10 Display \$30
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Trying to get back in to the swing of things, if it seems a little like rambling I apologize in advance.

First of all a bit of advice from Matt Danielson “Sometimes it is best not to draw attention to a bill that has picked up a head of steam and does not seem to have opposition. In the spirit of full disclosure, that strategy does not guarantee success, but it has proven to be the smart play in the past.”

If there is a bill that you are in support of and it is doing ok without any help from us leave it alone until you hear otherwise then get on board. Keep in touch with your legislator but don't make any waves until he or she feels it is necessary.

Many states are being tested again with helmet bills in one form or another. New Mexico is facing possibly 2 bills one with extra fees for riding free the other is for mandatory helmets. Nebraska As promised, Sen. Bloomfield introduced a helmet law repeal on the first day of session, LB31. We are optimistic of getting our bill to the floor rather quickly as the make up of the Transportation Committee appears to be favorable. The media will often run public opinion polls about the issue. Is there a problem if I email everyone a link to a poll should they pop up. The last few years we have done a good job of making sure they are favorable to us. Just wanting to continue to do so.

ABATE of Arkansas is working on and asking for help to put together a list of people that could pitch in to help riders traveling thru various states if they needed assistance. Some states have such lists others recommend contacting the Reps to find help. Let me know what you think. I would not be opposed to such an idea having been broke down in unknown areas.

The new Texas law that would require bikes to have handholds and foot pegs for passengers is nothing new. The strap that used to be across all bike seats was there for that purpose. Most states have had similar laws for years. It isn't really new news. This only applies to bikes that are designed for passengers.

Congressman James Sensenbrenner has once again introduced a bill that would call for the study of mid-level ethanol blends

and their effect on internal combustion engines.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a waiver to the Clean Air Act that allowed for the sale of ethanol blends of up to 15 percent. The EPA never studied the effects of the high blend on the power train of any vehicle. They only studied tailpipe emissions.

H.R. 21 calls for the study of the new, untested, higher blends, which is sorely needed. Some motorcycle manufacturers are voiding warranties if the 15 percent blend is used in the vehicle.

Beyond voiding a warranty, should you use the E15 blend in your motorcycle, you are violating federal law. According to final ruling, motorcycles are not included in the waiver, and therefore making it illegal to use the blend. The waiver for using the E15 blend is limited to light trucks and passenger cars. Specifically the rule states that the E15 blend can only be used in 2001 and newer light-duty passenger cars.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation urges you to call your Members of the House of Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 21.

For more information on the EPA final rule: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/regs/fuels/additive/e15/420f11023.pdf>

Bipartisan Senate Bill would Ban Federal Funding for Motorcycle-Only Checkpoints January 8, 2015MRF media contact: Jeff Hennie Phone: 202-725-5471 WASHINGTON, D.C. – A bipartisan bill introduced today by U.S. Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Joe Manchin (D- W.Va.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine) would prohibit the use of federal funds in establishing motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Specifically, the “Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act” would restrict the Secretary of Transportation from granting funds to any government entity for a program to check helmet use or to create checkpoints for an operator of a motorcycle or a passenger on a motorcycle. The American Motorcyclist Association and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation fully support the bill.

“Motorcycle-only checkpoints are discriminatory, forcing riders and their passengers to do something not asked of other citizens, simply because we choose to travel on two wheels, or three, instead of four,” said Wayne Allard, AMA vice

president for government relations. “The AMA believes the money used for these operations could be better spent supporting programs that conduct rider education, reduce distracted driving and encourage motorist awareness of motorcycles.”

“We are excited to work on this most important issue,” said Jeff Hennie, vice president of government relations and public affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. “It is imperative that we end the discriminatory act of motorcycle only checkpoints.”

Motorcycle riders already are subject to state registration, inspection, licensing and helmet laws and must stop at sobriety check points like all other motorists.

The MRF and AMA have fought motorcycle-only checkpoints since the state of New York announced plans to set up 15 of them in 2008 to stop riders on their way summer motorcycling events.

“Evidence suggests that motorcycle-only checkpoints do not effectively reduce motorcycle injuries or fatalities and do not address the factors that are the main contributors to motorcycle accidents,” the senators wrote in a press release about the bill. “Accordingly, NHTSA does not list the practice in its own 2013 Highway Safety Countermeasure Guide for State Highway Offices, which details policies and activities that the agency considers effective at reducing crash injuries and fatalities.”

States use funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to pay for the checkpoints, so federal legislation can halt the practice.

If passed, this federal bill will cut off NHTSA funding and ensure that riders across the country are safeguarded from these ineffective and discriminatory stops.

“Using motorcyclists tax dollars to discriminate and harass them with mandatory roadside checkpoints in the name of safety is offensive and just plain wrong. No one is more aware of the condition of the motorcycle than the person riding it,” Hennie said.

“If the NHTSA truly is interested in motorcyclists’ safety, it would fund proven programs that help prevent crashes, rather than these checkpoints,” Allard said.

California, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Illinois, New Hampshire and Virginia have passed legislation curbing motorcycle-only checkpoints.

2014 Minnesota Motorcycle Fatalities Fall 25%

Contact: Mack Backlund State Coordinator ABATE of Minnesota 763-226-9195

ABATE of Minnesota is Encouraged by Sharp Decline in Minnesota Motorcycle Fatalities for 2014

Recently the MN Department of Public Safety reported that preliminary numbers show the 2014 motorcycle fatalities were down 25 percent from 2013. While every death on our roads is troubling, we view this downward trend significant as motorcycle ridership remains at an all-time high in Minnesota. ABATE of MN believes the steep drop is due in no small part to the increased motorist awareness campaigns and increased motorcycle training initiatives.

ABATE of Minnesota will continue to:

- Promote motorcycle safety training, including beginner and experienced rider courses.
- Promote motorist awareness of motorcyclists through our Share the Road program and other awareness campaigns.
- Promote increased penalties for motor vehicle operators who drive in a negligent manner and harm or kill others.
- Promote safe and sober riding by supporting Minnesota Motorcycle Dial-A-Ride.

It is ABATE of Minnesota's hope that these efforts continue to serve as a foundation for increased awareness by all roadway users. We encourage everyone to join us in these efforts.

This should give some idea of what is going on there are many other issues and I will be getting more information together and posting on the web. Sorry I have been overdue on much of this info and I will be getting back to normal as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about specific items you may have heard about and I will do my best to answer your questions.

Thank you all for being supportive during my issues.

Don “Seeker”

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Lobbyist Report

On Saturday Jan 17 I reported the 2015 ABATE Legislative Agenda to the Coalition of Clubs.

I and John attended Republican Party Kansas Day Festivities Jan 30th and 31st 2015 I feel it went well. The Safety Corridor Bill HB 2194 had a hearing on Thursday 2/12/15 at 1:30 in the House Transportation Committee. I gave testimony on behalf of ABATE. We will be working the committee to move it to floor favorably.

The Right-Of-Way Bill HB 2195 will have a hearing on Tuesday 2/17/15 at 1:30 in the House Transportation Committee. John will give oral testimony. Tina Nichols District 8, Brian Thompson District 4, and Cassandra Reicher District 8 provided written testimony.

The Alcohol Bill HB 2200 had hearings on 2/11,12,&13/2015. We will continue to watch it.

Other legislation we are watching

HB 2006 Free parking for Disabled Veteran in public parking facility.

HB 2219 Prohibiting use of wireless device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 2033 Additional 10MPH above speed limit when passing.

Next up is the Democratic Party Washington Day Festivities March 6th and 7th 2015.

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Safety Corridor HB 2194 http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2015_16/measures/documents/hb2194_00_0000.pdf

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Kansas COC Report

2015 riding season is in our sights!

COC of Kansas is looking forward to working with ABATE through legislation for 2015.

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David Fields

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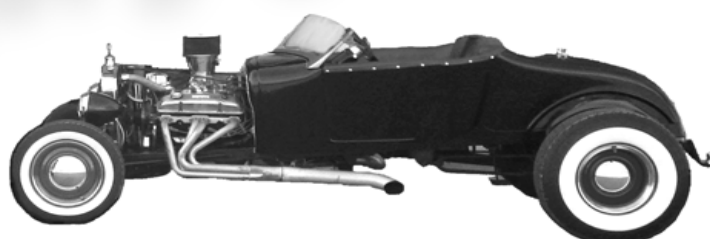
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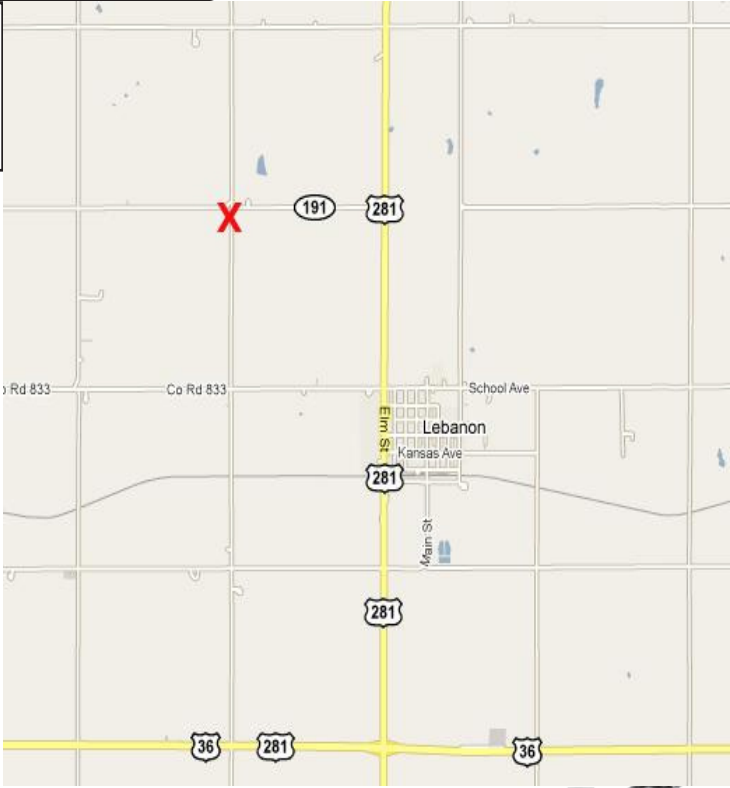
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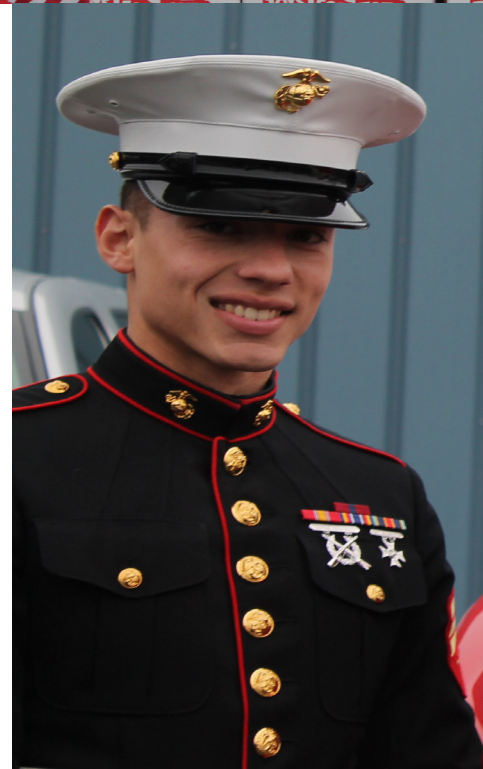
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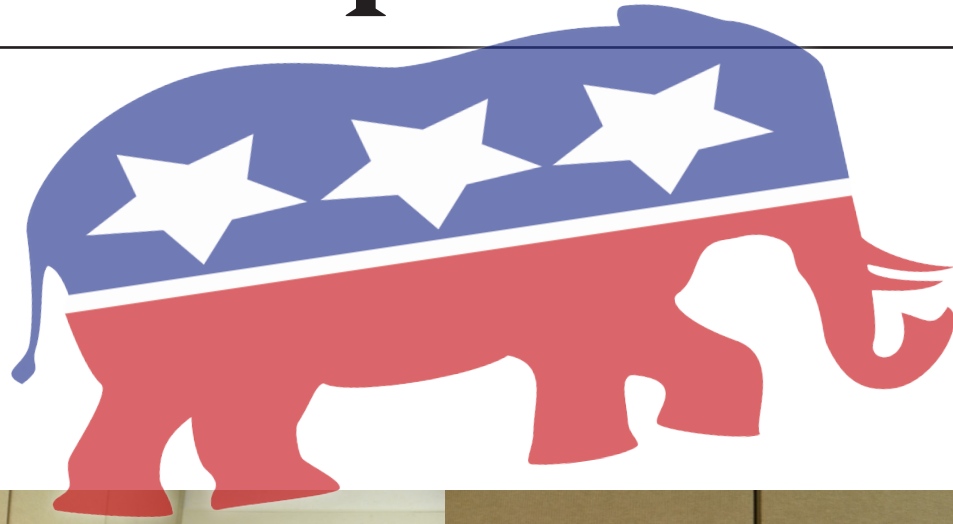
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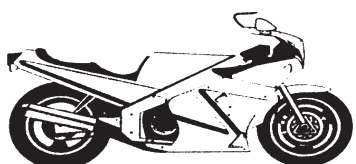
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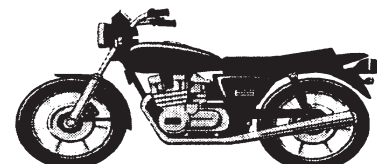
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