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ABATE of Kansas Inc.

Wants Your T-Shirt Designs
For our 42nd Annual Labor Day Rally
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April 1st, 2017

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September 1st - September 4th, 2017
ABATE of Kansas, Inc.
42nd Annual National Labor Day Rally

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State Meeting

February State Meeting 2017
Meeting called to order @
12pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence- Please
keep Paul S in your thoughts
with the passing of his brother.

Roll call-All present. Byron
for president,Tony RR for vice
president,Carey for Treasurer,
Paul H for Dist 1,Jody G for
Dist 5,Larry K. for Dist 6,
Stormy for Dist 10,Jerry for
Dist 12.

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

Lunch 12:06 pm -12:40 pm
Thank you Dist 8 & American
Legion for the great food.

Financial Report- Carey read
through Richard's report. Lori
H presented a check for Labor
Day sponsorship. Tony RR
asked about the MRF sustaining
membership. Carey answered.
Neil asked who to send the
check to & was told it is on
the MRF membership form.
Sis asked about the Bush Fire
payment & was told it is for
2017 deposit.

Guest Speaker- Dave (Pelican
Dave with the COC was present
& thanked Abate for the support
at Bikers under the Dome. Dave
also ask that anyone that can go
to motorcycleprofilingproject.
com & fill out the national
survey. Thank you Dave

Old Business- Sis stated
that though she was initially
against it, she would like to
see LDR 21 & over. A motion
was made by Jack (2nd by
Jody G) to make the Labor Day
Rally a 21 & over party only.
Motion declined with all board
members voting no except Dist
4, 5, vice president, & treasurer
voting yes & dist 11 not present
at the vote. Byron stated that

artwork for the 2017 Labor Day
rally is needed by next month.
Carey stated that if you don't
want contacted by the insurance
company,to write no additional
contact on the blue card before
mailing it back in. If you have
any issues with the insurance
contact the state office.

New Business- Tabled
subjects- Audit: Sheri is still
looking into this. An audit for
the state would also mean an
audit for every district. Passes
for board members for LDR
will be discussed next month.
Byron talked about the main
stage bar at LDR & what they
would like to do with profits
from drinks/shots at the bar. It
was discussed that 1/3 would
go to MRF, 1/3 to the Mile, & a
1/3 to the state. After clarifying
& discussing it a motion was
made by Jody G (2nd by Neil)
to sell drinks/shots @ the
satellite bar & the profits be
split 3 ways (1/3 to state,1/3
to MRF,1/3 to Mile funds).
Motion passed with every board
member voting yes except Dist
11 who was not present at the
time. Early (Thursday) entry
was discussed. It was stated
that early entry would have to
pay an early entrance fee, be a
member, must be preregistered,
& would have to still pay for
admission fee, RV/camper, ATV
etc). A motion was made by
Ron V (2nd by Doc) to allow
Thursday (@ 12pm) entry into
the LDR for (amount approved
by the board of directors) per
member. Must be an ABATE/
SMRO member to set up only.
Admission, RV/Camper, ATV
fees will still apply. Motion
passed with all board members
voting yes except Dist 1 & Dist
8 that abstained. Discussion
about raising limit for line
of credit. The only cost for
doing this would be minimal

(paperwork fee). A motion was
made by Neil (2nd by Rick)
to raise the line of credit with
the stipulation that accessing
these funds must be approved
by the executive board. Motion
passed with all board members
voting yes except Dist 13 that
abstained. Ron V stated that
having a fundraiser to raise
funds for ABATE. Details
regarding tickets and fees
were discussed. A motion was
made by Russ (2nd by Jodi)
to sell tickets (125) @ the
amount approved by the Board
of Directors for fundraiser to
benefit ABATE. Motion passed
with all board members voting
yes.

Break 1:58-2:23pm

Lobbyist Report-Steve
thanked everyone that attended
Bikers under the Dome Please
see lobbyist report for more
information.

MRF- Bill C gave report.
Please see MRF report for more
information.

Public Relations- Sis stated
that Washington Days is Feb
24th & 25th at the Ramada
in Topeka. Please plan on
attending if you can. Sis asked
about getting funds from the
state to help with supplies
needed for the hospitality room.
A motion was made by Jodi
(2nd by Jerry) to give Sis a
predetermined amount for food
& supplies for the Washington
Days banquet room. Motion
passed with all board members
voting yes except Dist 15 &
Treasurer that abstained.

Corporate Secretary Report-
Policies & procedures tabled
until March meeting

Newsletter Report- Tammy
said that there will be
advertisement openings in
the newsletter. If you know
a business that might be
interested contact Tammy. Also
calendar advertisements need to
be completed by April.

Website Report- Tammy
stated that all servers are moved
over. Online membership forms
are being updated.

Product Report- Bill C said
they're there buy them.

Other- Ron V stated that at
the finance committee meeting
discussed requiring expense
reports with receipts prior to
any payment. Tabled until next
month. It was also stated that
if your District is more than 1
month behind in financials you
would not be allowed to vote at
the state meeting per policies
& procedures. Tony RR asked
about being allowed to have a
party at Perry this year again.
Paul H stated that all rules need
to be followed. Sis stated that
the Dist reps need to know &
explain property area to their
members. A group permit would
also be needed from the state.
Tabled until next month.

Mile- Sis stated that ideas are
needed for the basket theme by
April. Get with Sis if you have
any theme ideas.

Upcoming Events

Door prize Drawing MRF
membership- Paul H/ Door
prize- Russ

Meeting Adjourned 4:18pm





MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION PROGRAMS LOCATIONS

Alefs Harley Davidson
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5427 Chuzy Drive
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Barton County Community
College - Bill Nash
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Junction City/Fort Riley
Campus
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College - Steve Porter, Dean of
Workforce Develop & Outreach
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Hutchinson, KS 67501
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Independence Community
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PO Box 708
Independence, KS 67301
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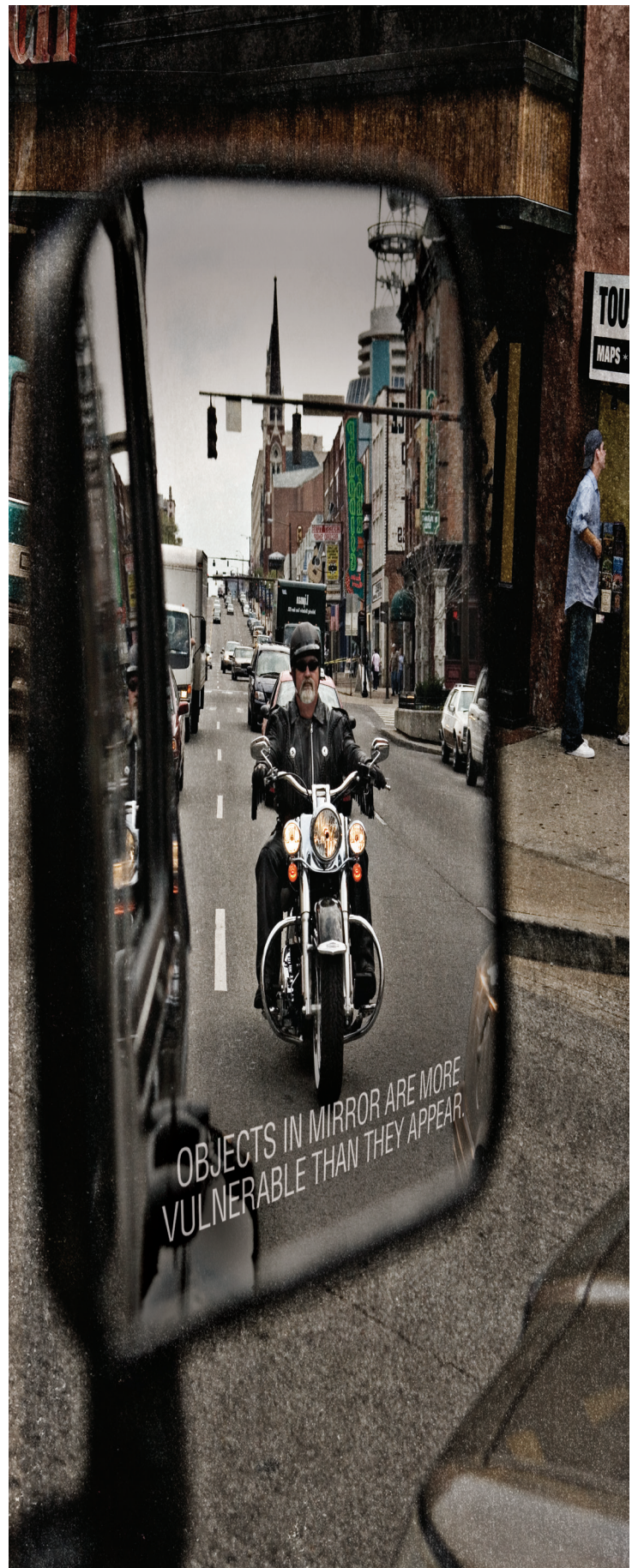
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College – Pamela Howe,
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Kansas City, KS 66112
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2nd Annual Birthday Bash

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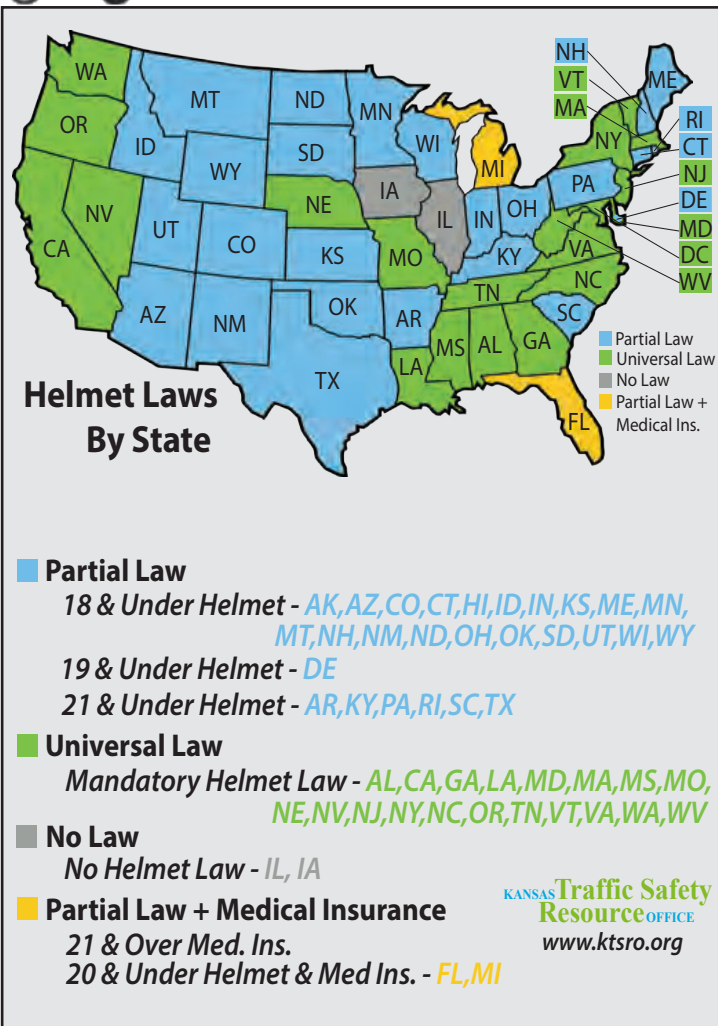
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MARCH STATE MEETING

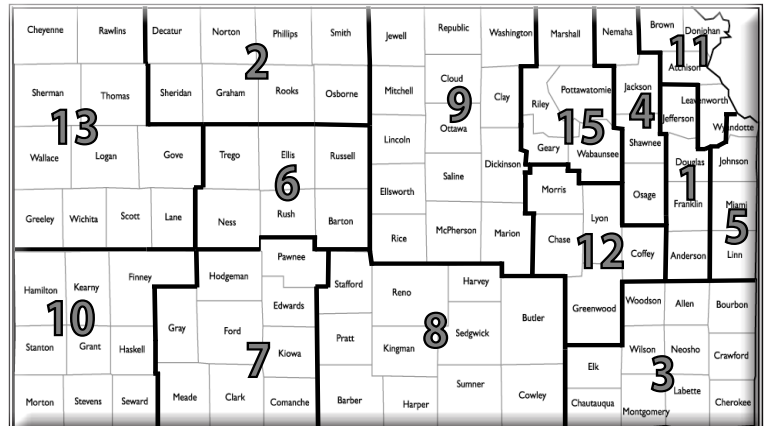
Saturday, March 11th, 2017
Caseys Cowtown Club
503 E Trail St,
Dodge City
MEETING STARTS AT 12 Noon

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:

Apr 08 (Dist 12) Emporia VFW
May 03 (Dist 3) Girard Fairgrounds
June 10 (Dist 15) McGraws
EXCEPT FOR THE ANNUAL
OCTOBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING, ALL STATE MEETINGS
ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE!

ABATE of Kansas District Map



A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas is divided into Districts by county. Each District header lists the encompassed counties for each respective District.

To determine which District you are in, find your county name in the headers, and the number designates the containing District. Every active District of A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas has an elected District Representative.

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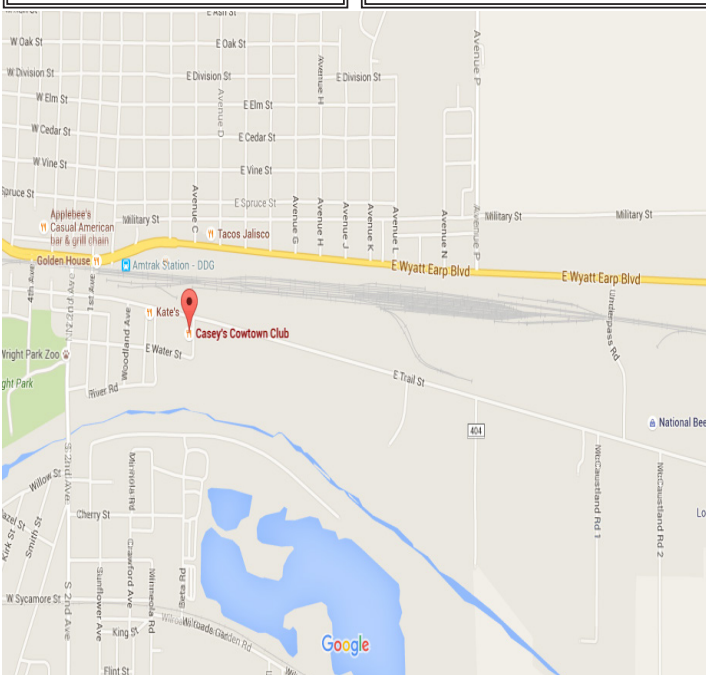
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Frequently Asked Questions

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.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Return Application to your nearest District or Mail to:
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Last Name

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☐ Renewal
☐ New

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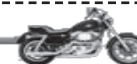
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Applicant

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DISTRICT NEWS

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Anderson, Douglas, Franklin and Jefferson

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District Rep. Nova Horton 785 393 6994



ABATE District #1 meeting was held Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 1PM, VFW Meriden, KS. Bill S. opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

State Report: Chad G. and Dora G. reported that the State discussed some new ideas in regard to the 2017 LDR. They reminded everyone of the Democratic Party Washington Days to be held at the Downtown Topeka Ramada Inn on 2/24-25th. ABATE will be in attendance Friday night. It was brought to everyone attention about the 2017 National Motorcycle Profiling Survey. The website concludes that the prior survey definitely demonstrates that motorcycle profiling is an epidemic in America. Everyone is encouraged to take the survey at www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com. The State is also still working on ABATE of KS policies and procedures.

Dist. Rep Report: There was no report since Nova H. was not in attendance due to illness.

Secretary Report: A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Dora H. and seconded by Roger F., motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Roger F. gave the report. The report was approved.

Website: There was nothing

to report.

Old Business: Everyone reviewed our districts' policies and procedures. Recommendations were made and updates will be reviewed at the next meeting. The meeting calendar was discussed and suggestions made on where our meetings will be held each month. A motion was made to hold our next meeting on Sunday, March 19th at the American Legion Perry. Motion passed. District #1 is responsible for hosting the November State Meeting. There was discussion on venues to host the meeting. It was determined that Nova H. will check with the Ozawkie Legion and Dora G. will inquire about using the Meriden VFW. Cabin Fever (CF) plans are on track for Memorial Weekend May 26, 27, and 28th. The band Blue 88 will be playing on Saturday night. Dora G. has a few more details to add to the CF flyer and she is still actively trying to secure a food vendor. The State will be charging a minimal amount for electrical hook-up this year.

Discussion on incentives to get more members, get those members to attend Dist. #1 meetings, and activities is an ongoing discussion. There were some good ideas brought up for discussion and implementation. We will continue to work on this. As an ABATE district we

feel it's important to appreciate and support what those before us have done to preserve the rights of motorcyclists and to guard those rights past and future. This is the current offer for new meeting attendees in good standing. You will receive a free door prize ticket(s) for attending 3 monthly meetings in a row. We had 2 new attendees at our meeting that were able to take advantage of this new incentive.

1st monthly meeting attendance – 1 free ticket.

2nd consecutive monthly meeting attendance – 2 free tickets.

3rd consecutive monthly meeting attendance – 3 free

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

District Rep. Rick Gitchel 785-533-1205



The February 12th Dist, 2 meeting was called to order at the Bowling Alley in Stockton by Rick with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Jeff gave the secretary's report, and it was accepted with no corrections.

Terry and Gary gave the treasurers reports, and they were accepted with no questions.

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

We discussed a proposal to give a share of our event profits to the state. A motion for 3 to 5% was made by Bear and seconded by Lyle, motion passed.

Committee reports: Casino Night, Terry reported on what we made, it was a good event. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped, and those who

tickets.

For members that want to be included in the door prize, tickets are available at the meetings. There is normally 100% participation.

The door prize was won by Robert W. and donated back to District #1.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Richard B., and seconded by Chad G.

The next Dist. #1 monthly meeting will be held at the Perry American Legion on Sunday, March 19, 2017, 1 PM. Please note that pictures will be taken for the calendar at this meeting.

attended to make it all happen. Everyone had a lot of fun, hope to see you next year.

Bike Show, We voted on a design for the trophy's. Bear has most of the trophy sponsors complete, working on the last 2. Anyone wanting to be an associate sponsor contact a board member, we can use all the help we can get. Bear suggested a change to the flyer, Jeff said he would get the change made and have flyers ready to put out by the next meeting.

Porker Run, We will be voting on who to do it for at the March meeting. Ideas so far are, Hays Cancer Center, Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, and Terry Conard. Bring any other ideas to the March meeting.

Old Business, Bear has a stencil made for the wood awareness signs, and will have one made for the metal





ones. Bear made a motion to do our annual donation to the CMA Run For the Son, Animal seconded, motion passed.

New Business, We received a card of thanks from the Hrabe family for the plant we sent when Chris's father passed. Rick brought up that Dist. 6 is having their 2nd annual Birthday Bash April 29th, and encouraged everyone to try to attend. The Dist. 2 March

meeting will be held at the Sand Trap in Phillipsburg on March 12th at 4:00 Pm.

Bear moved to adjourn, Donna seconded, all approved. After the meeting we held our winter social, with good food and bowling, fun was had by all. Thanks to 183 Lanes for hosting us.

know when they want to do the fly-over. Sherry motioned to request them to notify us before they send it over and to request they fly over in the afternoon when the bikes are lined up for the bike show itself. Denny seconded and all approved. Coop will talk with him. Vendors are being lined up. Please call Ellie at 620-232-1164. Danny is in charge of the bands and a possible DJ when the bands are not playing. We discussed the Swap Meet and all were happy from the results from last year and want to do it again. The food vendors will stay open later this year. We discussed the State Meeting food and Danny motioned to use Gepharts Chicken again

this year. Troll seconded and all approved. More events to keep the people busy during the day were discussed. Please bring any ideas to our next meetings. Coop said if we work together, we can do just about anything. We just need the manpower to get it done. Please come out and support us during the Hawg Waddle and the Bike Show in May.

Dan won the door prize. Motion made to close the meeting. All approved! See you in Independence, Saturday March 4th at noon for the district meeting and the Hawg Waddle!

3	Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford, Elk, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson and Woodson	
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	District Rep. Bill Cooper 620-764-3734	

Our district meeting was held at My Place in Cherryvale on February 5th at 1:00. Coop started us off with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our brothers and sisters lost.

Coop talked about the State Meeting and the Mid-South Mile. He again showed an example of a calendar the state may have made with the districts getting the month according to their district number. We will get May. There was a motion to pass the hat and get the large ad for Tim V. and his business made by Mike B.. Elroy seconded and all approved. The three smaller ads were taken right up by Twyla M., Dan and Bev's post 139, and Elroy S.. Coop thanked all for their show of support.

Coop will be speaking at the Bikers Under the Dome on Tuesday February 7th. He will give us an update on that next meeting. He will represent the Motorcycle Riders Foundation as the Representative from Kansas.

For LDR, if anyone has artwork to submit for the

T-shirts please get it in by the March State Meeting.

Bev reported no activity in the financials for January.

Ellie gave an update on the products. We will have new coozies by the Hawg Waddle.

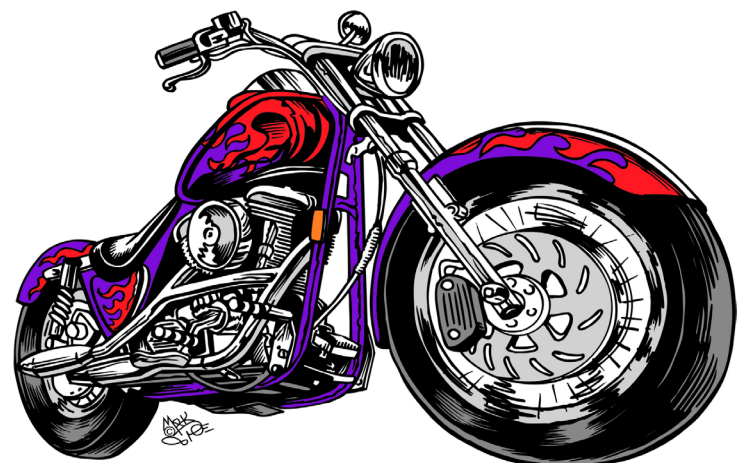
The Hawg Waddle will be right after our district meeting on Saturday March the 4th. Our meeting will be at noon at the American Legion Post 139 in Independence with the Hawg Waddle to follow right after.

Our Bike Show and Rally at the Girard Fairgrounds the first weekend in May, the 5th through the 7th, was discussed. Coop reported that they are updating the bathrooms and the arena and will attend the Fair Board's meeting Monday February 13 the work out the details. Denny plans to attend with him. Coop will also talk with the county commissioners and get the zoning permit filed. Twyla said she will have a T-Shirt design my next meeting. B.J. Harris of the Visitors Bureau requested to fly a drone over our bike show and air on the news station. We discussed the pros and cons of this and Coop will ask them to let us

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District Rep. Jack Frost 785-383-4836



ABATE District 4 February 12, 2017 Meeting at Papan's Landing.

Jack convened the meeting at 1:40, with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters.

Secretary's report: Kyle moved to waive, RC seconded, approved. The minutes are in the February newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Jeanie provided the report as of Friday. Fees from bike show applications obtained today are not included in that report.

State Board Meeting Report: Jack provided an overview of the highlights of yesterday's State Board meeting. There was discussion about the Labor Day Rally, membership fees, as well as a contribution of 3% to 5% of proceeds from events hosted by the districts. RC asked if Dave Larsen's request for sponsorship support from ABATE for his top fuel race bike had been discussed at the State Board meeting. Jack brought it up at the state meeting and asked districts to consider a contribution of \$40. Dave said he would put the ABATE logo on his trailer and his drag bike.

SMART Report: No dates are set yet for this spring or summer. Still working with USD 450 (Shawnee Heights) about establishing a contract so we can teach classes there in addition to USD 345 (Seaman).

District 4 Products: The district still needs a products manager. We do have shirts from previous events that are available to members. Bill Cooper, the State Products

coordinator, will be at our Capital City Motorcycle Show to sell ABATE products.

MRF Report: Steve reported that both the MRF and AMA are working at the federal level on anti-profiling legislation. The AMA has also discovered that in a proposal to increase tariffs on imported beef there is a section that would also increase tariffs on 51-500 cc engine motorcycles. It is not clear how motorcycles have anything to do with beef imports, but the AMA is looking into it.

Old Business: Bikers Under the Dome: Steve and Jack provided an overview of the event, which was well received, and followed by testimony on HB-2188 and HB-2194 the following day.

New Business: District Board nominations will be accepted this month and next month for the positions of Vice-Rep, Treasurer, and Member at Large positions. No nominations were submitted in January.

Vice-Rep: Ringo nominated Todd Howard, who abstained. Steve Christenberry nominated Lori Harden, who had affirmed via email.

Treasurer: Ben Haldeman nominated Karen Harmon, who abstained. Jeanie Christenberry nominated Amber Shutts, who had also affirmed via email.

Member at Large: RC Harmon nominated Alvin Bonjour, who accepted.

Nominations were closed for this meeting.

Upcoming events:

Capital City Motorcycle: Feb 17-19, Ag Hall, participant party at Heritage Hall
Combat Vets Motorcycle

Ride. Short ride, proposed from K-Mart parking lot to Topeka Harley Davidson, April 22. RC will see about getting a flier.

Washington Days, February 25th only (Friday evening). Starts around 6 PM

Next Board meeting: February 14, 2016, Papan's

Landing, 7:00 PM

Next District meeting: March 12, 2016, Papan's Landing, 1:00 PM

Minutes recorded by Steve Christenberry

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



The district 5 meeting was called to order at 12:00 on

February 4th 2017 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for brothers and sisters. There were 21 members present.

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

Tony read the state meeting report and legislative report.

Product line report included approval to include women's tank tops as well as men's blow-out shirts and men's pocket t-shirts for our next design.

Old business:

Don't forget our chili cook-off is during our next meeting, March 4, at Moose Lodge.

Our bowling night has moved to March due to needing to change locations. We are trying to reserve, Saturday March 25th, at the Ranch Bowl at 82nd and State Ave. April 29th we will have a booth at the Spring Biker Bash, located at Red Eye.

Upcoming meetings/events with all meetings starting at noon: March 4th Meeting: Moose Lodge 6621 Turner Dr. w/chili cook-off. April 1st Meeting: Jose Peppers 16605 Midland Dr. April 29th: Biker Bash at Red Eye 6102 State Ave. May 13th Meeting: Red Eye 6102 State Ave

New business:

A motion was made for David S. to step up as Sgt. of Arms due to Lionel V. not attending meetings. A motion was made for Paula W. to step up as Product Line coordinator.

Both motions passed with all in favor.

We now have tickets available for our "Party in a Cooler". If you did not get tickets at our February meeting, you can reach out to Tony R. or attend our March meeting to grab a packet. Tickets are \$ each with the winner to be announced at our May meeting. You are responsible for either returning tickets, or money, for tickets you sign out no later than our May meeting.

April 1st is the deadline for Labor Day Rally shirt designs. The design needs to be able to print on black and have a max. of 3 colors. The winning design gets a shirt and entry to the rally. Send a copy of your entry to Tony R. Two additional maintenance workers are needed for the Labor Day Rally weekend. Contact Tony R. if you are interested in one of these openings.

Meeting adjourned 1:03 pm.





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

District Rep. Becca Hardman 785-259-9557



ABATE District 6 met at 4:00 pm at the Horseshoe in Hays on Sunday February 12, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Representative Larry Kibbee followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters. 9 members were present.

Minutes of the January 22, 2017 meeting were read by the Secretary, correction was made that sponsors rather than members should be stated for the State Calendar and that the state requested that we become a member of MRF rather than donating. Greg motioned, Scott seconded to become a member.

Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer was absent. It was determined to use Equity Bank in Ellis.

State meeting minutes were

discussed. Pictures for the calendar must be submitted by April 1.

Old business None

New business included that some members are overdue. Membership dues/payments were discussed.

Committee Report on Birthday Bash included that flyers are printed, event insurance will be completed for participants, Jina Weigle will DJ, Charlene will make tickets, and Luann requested that lists of what members we approach for donation should be given to her to ensure they are not duplicated.

Assistant Representative adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting March 12 at Beer 30 Garage in Ellis at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chavonne Schmidt

Drawings: Door prize was won by Starla and donated back to the district. Membership drawing was won by Colt Petty.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45. January meeting will be Friday January 20th at 7:30 pm at Doc's house, 2700 Hennessy .

The district 7 meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on January 20th, 2017 with & members present.

Started with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for brothers and sisters lost.

Secretary report: motion to waive reading of the minutes was made by Johnny and seconded by Mitch. Motion passed.

Rep report: Doc brought us up to date on state meeting. See state newsletter.

Assistant rep report: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer report: Financial report was read and approved.

Member at large report: Brandon stepped down. John Kernell is going to take over the member at large position.

Product report: Nothing to report.

Old business: No old business to discuss.

New business: Talked about state calendar, HD'S sports bar is going to buy the big ad, Hair Razor Salon And Kernell Body Shop is also buying a ad for the state calendar. We talked about charity bowl and getting out to gather donations and handing out flyers. We discussed charity bowl meetings will be held on Sunday's at 3:00 at Connie's house. Mike is in charge of making sure everything is set up for state meeting in March at the Cow Town restaurant.

There were no drawings held.

February meeting to be held February 17 th at 7:30 pm at Connie's house 309 Cherry street . Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

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Hodgman,Kiowa,Meade,Pawnee**[Facebook.com/pages/abatedist7/101952168299](https://www.facebook.com/pages/abatedist7/101952168299)

District Rep. Doc Pritchett 620-339-5814



The district 7 December meeting was held December 18th, 2016, at 7:30 pm , with 13 members and 2 guest. We started with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for brothers and sisters lost.

Secretary's report: motion to waive reading of the minutes made by Shelly and seconded by Mike. Motion passed.

Rep report: Doc brought us up to date on state meeting. See state newsletter.

Assistant rep report: Dave welcomed guest to the meeting.

Treasurer report: Starla read the

financial report and was approved.

Member at large report: Brandon not present.

Product report: Lynn not present.

Old business: Nothing to discuss.

New business: We talked about getting charity bowl flyers and tickets done and start handing out flyers and getting donations. Talked about getting Christmas presents to elderly in need in the area Nursing homes. Stacia is in charge of Protection, Michele is in charge of fowler, Starla is in charge of Meade, and Johnny is in charge of Minneola.

February 17th, District 7 monthly meeting started at 7:30 at Connie's house with 13 members present. Doc called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence for brothers and sisters lost.

Secretary's report: Motion to waive reading of the minutes made by Johnny and seconded by Shelly. Motion passed.

Rep report: Doc brought us up to date on state meeting. See state newsletter.

Assistant rep report: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer report: Starla read the financial report and was approved.

Member at large report: District 7 is putting together a ride to sun city to go to Buster's bar in Saturday February 18th. We will be leaving Fowler at 11:00.

Product report: Nothing new to report.

Old business: For the second month nominations are open for district assistant rep, and treasurer. Nominee for assistant rep Dave Kernell, nominee for treasurer Starla Kernell.

New business: we talked about the state calendar. Still need one more ad for the calendar. Everything is set for state meeting that will be held in Dodge City at Cow Town on March 11 th. Talked about Charity Bowl tickets are done. Still need donations. We will be having a Charity Bowl meeting on Sunday February 26 th at Connie's house at 3:00, please bring your donations that you have collected.

There were no drawings held. March meeting will be held March 17th at Connie's house 309 Cherry Street at 7:30. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.





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Kingman,Pratt,Reno,Sedgwick,
Stafford,Sumner**

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District Rep. Tony Railsback 620-204-8018



ABATE of Ks. Dist. 8 meeting held at Haysville Ks. at the V.F.W. Dist. Rep. Tony R. called the meeting to order at 1:30pm Sunday Feb 12, 2017 with the Pledge of Allegiance, a Minute of Silence for Lost Brothers and Sisters.

Roll Call:

Dist. Rep ,Asst. Rep, Secretary, Treasurer, Bd. Member at Large, Reno County, Cowley County all present.

Sectary report: None since there were no minutes to read from the last meeting.

Treasurer Report: Approved as read. Approved

Products Report: Have received new hats/beanies. Capital City Bike Show in Topeka, Ks. Feb. 17-19. Emporia Bike Show April 8th, Dist 8 will have booth at both shows.

Website Report: Still on facebook. Check us out ABATE of Kansas District 8

State Report: See state report in this newsletter.

M.R.F.: See report in this newsletter

Mid Soith MILE: Meeting next weekend in Springfield, Arkansas. The Mile will be in Arkansas. There will another

meeting Late April or Early May.

Old Business: The gun drawing has been moved to April 9th, 2017.

Sunflower Swap Meet: Thank you to all who helped.

Alefs Chili Cookoff: Thank you for your help.

New Business: Pinkie has been ill keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Sis made a motion to put our logo and dist. number in the El Forasteros book for 1/2 page ad, Alinda 2nd, motion passed. March 18th KDOT and Kansas Traffic and Resource Seminar. State asked if we would be interested in running a booth. Registration at 7:30am ends 4:00pm. For the Labor Day Rally T-Shirts designs need to be in by April 1st.

Upcoming events- Reno County Toy Run meeting next month.

Feb.24th Democratic Convention at Ramada Inn Topeka, Kansas.

Door Prize won by Justin Bass.

Tony R. Adjourned the meeting at 3:08pm.

The treasure report was given and approved.

State News: Lots of news from the state meeting. Artwork, for Labor Day Rally, deadline is by April 1st, turn into the state office. Bylaws and procedure review is in progress and updates will be coming out later in the year.

Awareness report: New highway sign put in place on the west side of McPherson on highway 56. Thanks to all that helped out.

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

Website report: All updated-adjusted time for meetings to be updated on website.

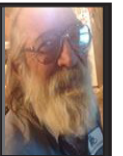
Old business:Bike show date set for Sept 23. Kevin name chairman for the event.

New Business: 2018

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

District Rep. Troy Love 620-214-3507



No meeting due to quorum not met... Next meeting is at

Garden City VFW April 2nd at 4:00PM

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Atchison,Brown,Doniphan,Leavenworth

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District Rep. Jodi Stutzman 785-364-7265



February 4, 2017 District 11 meeting called to order 12:15 at Wathena VFW. Followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence for our fallen and those still serving.

Secretary Report: Robin S. read minutes. Eric motioned to accept, Missy seconded, approved. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Doug gave report, he also stated that if any D11 member would like to see or has questions on finances, he would email copy of report. Missy motioned to accept, Tom

seconded, all in favor.

Products report: Doyle reported that Lea ordered products and will be available at the Topeka Bike Show.

Assistant Rep. Report: Stan talked about Rolling Thunder and Bikers in the Beltway, all in Washington D.C. Stan informed us on MAC (Motorcyclist Advisory Council) they were a committee of 10 and now only 1. MAC's purpose is to serve and advise the Federal Highway Administration on issues critical to motorcyclists across the

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**Clay,Cloud,Dickinson,Ellsworth,Jewell
Marion,McPherson,Mitchell,Ottawa
Republic,Rice,Saline,Washington**
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District Rep. .Russ Walline 620-245-5207

The district 9 meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm on Feb. 12th 2017 with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence given, with 16 members,

6 county reps, and 1 guest present.

The secretary's were given and approved with a correction to the year.





nation. This is of great concern as to the need of motorcyclist and our need to be recognized and considered, as there are over ten million motorcyclist in the USA.

State/Rep Report: We are a go on the burnout pit for LDR. Keegan sent plans on trailer design. Jodi presented thank you letter from the VA. Jodi asked for funds to provide snacks at the Democratic Days hospitality room. Doyle made motion to provide funds for the Dem. Days, Bull seconded. Robin will be giving testimony at the BUTD. Discussed the bills of concern.

Doyle asked about state finances and audit. Jodi asked for a memorial fund to be sent to the Nemaha County Men's Club in honor of Larry Fund. Doyle motioned to send funds, Missy seconded. Also design for pocket calendar in the works.

Atchison Co. Report: Chops talked about Century party and Halloween parade. M-day bike show insurance and flyer. Missy presented flyer for approval.

Brown Co: Still looking for a Rep.

Doniphan Co Rep: Robin is attending planning meeting for the Bikers for Babies. Donation jar was started for the Bikers for Babies. Blessing of the Bikes discussed.

Leavenworth Co: No new news.

Old business: Tickets for swing made and ready. Bands discussed for Field events and LDR battle of bands. Stan motioned for Nanette to be in charge of bands. Bull seconded. Budget for bands set. Doyle found a trailer. Motion was made to acquire trailer. Motion passed. Doyle gave prices of radios and styles. Doyle talked about getting track worked.

Artwork & sponsors discussed. State calendar discussed. Doyle has gotten sponsors. Submit photos to be considered for calendar sooner than later. New Business: Marty has a trailer to be used for storage at the Field Event site and would like D11 to put D11 fingers on. Doyle would like to see district logo. Jodi will talk with Marty.

Open discussion: Bull stated he will be moving soon and would need help with moving.

Contact Jodi if you can help. Missy is assisting Brian as assistant lobbyist for the COC. And stated if you have questions on bills to contact her. Chuck and Hanks will be doing BBQ cook off and is working on getting teams together. If interested contact them.

Next meeting is at the Chatterbox 2pm March 12th, 101 E. Carol St., Lansing. Drawing won by Darrell

Bull motioned to adjourn, Missy seconded. Meeting adjourned 1:40

Pool and Dart tournament followed meeting.

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Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris

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District Rep. Lori Siebenaler 620-757-1664



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

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

First order of old business was about nominations for District Representative, District Secretary, and Sergeant in Arms taking place at our May meeting. Jerry was nominated for District Secretary by John S. that was seconded by Danny W. Last month Shauntae was nominated for District Secretary by Deb C. that was seconded by Danny W. and Michael L. was nominated for Sergeant in Arms by Deb C. that was seconded by Danny W.; all three accepted their nomination and are now closed.

Second order of old business was about our annual Bike Show on April 8th. Everything seems to be in order, but still need more volunteers so please contact one of our officers or come to the next meeting. Our after show party will be at the Bourbon Cowboy with live music starting at 10:00 p.m. with a special show by Matt Mason, winner of CMT's Next Superstar competition. Free local transportation provided by Charlie's Place (limo service that will bring you to Bourbon Cowboy) and DZ Cab (on site to take you home).

Chili cook-off winners:

Best Tasting – Connie

Hottest – Sheila M.

Best Name – Dan S.

Dave won the door prize.

Our next meeting will be on March 12, 2017 at the VFW on Graphic Arts at 2:00 p.m.



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**Cheyenne, Greely, Gove, Lane, Logan, Rawlins,
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District Rep. Neil O'Connell 620-214-0485



February's meeting was held on the 12th in Leoti, Ks. @ "The Half Time Bar and Grill"

Neil called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm with 18 members present and 5 guests.

Roll call had 3 board members absent, Secretary, Road Captain & Assist. Road Captain

It was announced that the BOD, in a closed session, voted in Jimbo C. to the Member at Large position to be fill the vacancy until the elections in 2018

(As directed by Article V, Section IV of the Policies and Procedures for District #13)

The Secretary report was read by Neil and motion passed to accept minutes as read.

The Treasury report was given by Steve K. Motion passed to accept report as read.

Neil gave the State reports for January and February's meeting with a short discussion afterward on the topics.

If any member is contacted by an insurance agent that represents the insurance company with the ADaD policy, PLEASE get their name and phone number before you terminate the call. Turn that information over to any BODER so it can be passed off to the state.

A reminder that artwork for the LDR is to be received by April 1st. guidelines are on the cover of this months newsletter.

Old Business: A venue for this years "9th Annual Memorial Buffalo Run" on June the 9th-11th will be in Russell Springs again this year.

The BOD will take care of Entertainment, Beverage, Ice, Trash and Food details.

The Sponsorship is a VERY important component to the success of this event and all District members are encouraged to get out there and bring in those donations.

We will be having a couple firearm raffles as well as 1 or 2 meat bundle packages with details to be announced soon.

Products were discussed again and details are still being ironed out at this time.

Neil brought up the declining membership roll. Discussion was held on how to retain current members, reach out to expired past members and the recruitment of new members.

Congratulations and a presentation of his plaque went to Richie R. for his award of "Best in Show" at the 8th annual Buffalo Run.

Nominations were opened up for the 3 BOD positions to be voted on in the coming months. Dist. Rep./Neil O. - Secretary/Mona C. - Road Captain/Steve O. (Ox), & Tom N.

Motion to close old business passed.

New Business: Neil brought up the State Calendar add space and layout plans. Within 10 minutes all spaces were sold. please have your donations ready by March's meeting. At the "Museum Fun Run" a group picture will be taken to use for the backdrop on the top of the page. All district members and guests are welcome to be included in the picture.

Neil brought up that we need

to decide on our meeting venues for the next 6 months. Dates & cities were picked out with details to be announced after verification is completed.

Upcoming events were discussed. Door prize was won by PD W. and donated

back to the District. Thank you PD! The next meeting will be in Scott City @ The Rec Bar Sports Bar. 2pm

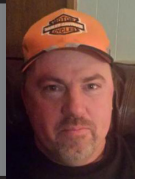
Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, motion was accepted @ 4:25 pm

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**Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Riley
Wabaunsee**

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District Rep. Randy Bassler 785-826-6372



On February 12th , 2017 district, alternate rep. George T. called meeting to order at Eagles' Lodge, Manhattan, KS.

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

Sarah G. read secretary's report a motion to accept minutes was made by Carl H. and second by James W.

Motion passed.

Cathy H. gave treasurers report a beginning balance, income, expenses, balance motion to accept was made by Rita P. second by T. Motion passed.

State meeting.. Randy B. started discussion about state meeting, a lot of conserving questions were brought up by district 15 members about changes being made to LDR front gate. Ken W. gave a lot of good information and a lot more can be found in state newsletter. Discussion tabled

OLD BUSINESS:

Cathy H. started discussion on 2017 biker ball. Flyers ready, Tickets ready, ball is rolling nicely donations in by March meeting.

Abate calendar district was told it will be a 14 month calendar adds need to be ready by April.

NEW BUSINESS:

Awareness ride date set for

April 29th 2017, Ron G. will have route flyer ready by March meeting, discussion on start point on Motorhead Cycle's.

Sarah G. started discussion on district 15 web site and possibly switching to a district 15 Facebook.

Mark K. made motion second by Ron G. to allow a 90-day trial period and reevaluate in April weather or not website is still cost officiant or switching permanently to Facebook is the better route. Motion passed.

Comments: Next meeting to be held March 12th @ noon at Sportsman's Traven, 401 Onaga Bypass Rd. Onaga, KS 66521.

Damon L. won drawing A motion to adjourn was made by Carl H. second by Clarky. Motion Passed.

Thanks for letting be of service SO.





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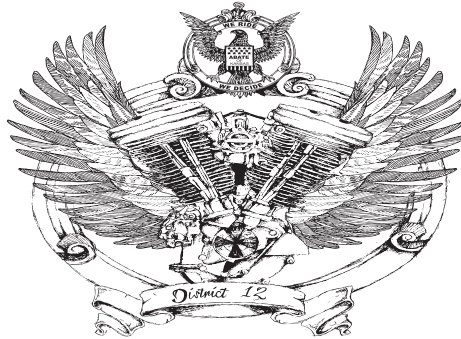
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Lobbyist Report

ABATE of Kansas had a busy week at the Capitol this first full week of February. Our second Bikers Under the Dome was on February 7th, and Tammy tells me there were 45 ABATE and COC members in attendance. We are not sure how many legislators stopped by despite D4 Rep Jack Frost's attempts to flag them, but we had good conversations with those that did. Our motorcycle brothers and sisters spent time exploring our State Capitol, and hopefully had an opportunity to locate their respective legislators' offices. I was struck by the number of legislators, lobbyists, and passersby who had a similar comment, "you guys do good work." That makes me proud to be a member of our organization, and hats off to all of you who take the time to visit the Capitol or call or write to your representatives and leave positive impressions on them. Grassroots work can really make an impression! On February 8th HB 2188 and HB 2194 were heard by the House Committee on Transportation. We had about 10 ABATE and COC members present, several who testified during the hearing on HB 2188, the right of way bill, about personal right of way violation experiences and the costs of lives, injuries, and financial burdens to the victims and families. The Committee was very receptive and compassionate toward those who testified. In addition to my testimony for HB 2188, I also testified on HB 2194, related to the motorcycle license endorsement, seeking reciprocity of recognized motorcycle safety courses regardless of the state the training was received. This bill would eliminate licensing fees for the "M" endorsement for

military, veterans, and emergency responders, although given the difficult financial times for our state that provision might be stricken. Representative Campbell also testified on behalf of this bill, and we hope that the reciprocal provision will be approved, as well as an amendment to recognize the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Completion Cards at DMV to obtain one's "M" endorsement, just as military personnel can do now. Other bills on the horizon include a hands free only device bill, HB 2010, that would prohibit any hand held devices while operating a motor vehicle. HB 2104 might also be of interest to our members, as it would raise the minimum uninsured motorist coverage from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for one person or \$50,000 to \$100,000 for two, which could increase insurance premiums.

You can go to the legislative website for contact information about your legislators, as well as to see who is assigned to other committees: <http://kslegislature.org/>

If you need help figuring out who your legislators are don't hesitate to call or email me and I will assist. And last, if you or your members have issues you would like ABATE to address, please take them to your District Rep so he or she in turn can take to the full Board for discussion. You are certainly encouraged to contact me directly, as well. I encourage use of email since our meetings are monthly and much can transpire between them.

Respectfully,
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March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Mtgs: Dist 1, 2, 3, 10, 11	6	7	8	9	10	Hawg Waddle, Dist 3 STATE MEETING 11 Noon, Dodge City
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19 Mtgs: Dist 4, 8, 9, 12, 15	20	21	22	23	Mtgs: Dist 7	25
26 Mtg: Dist 13	27	28	29	30	31	District 6 meetings vary, contact the Representative

ADVANCE NEWS

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3/12 – Mtg

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Meetings are First Sunday

3/5 – Mtg,

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Am Legion

3/5–Mtg, Am Legion, E 47 Hwy

District 4: Unless noted, all meetings start at 1:00pm
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District 5: Unless noted, all meetings start at NOON
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District 6: Meeting time & Places vary

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3/17–Mtg,

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3/12-Mtg Haysville VFW

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2/3 – Mtg

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STATE MTGS:

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

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

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Jun 10, 2017: RC McGraw's, 231 Tuttle Creek Blvd,
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This week, official congressional letters of inquiry were sent to the newly confirmed Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao asking her to secure that a balanced makeup of the newly reestablished Motorcyclist Advisory Council be guaranteed. The Motorcycle Advisory Council or 'MAC' was created to coordinate with and council the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on infrastructure issues that affect motorcycles. So, it came as a shock when the FHWA announced in January they would only dedicate one seat out of a possible ten for a motorcyclist on the Council. After an influx of communication from the motorcycle community, Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Dan Sullivan (R-AK) led a bipartisan letter in the Senate while Representatives Tim Walberg (R-MI) Mark Pocan (D-WI), Mike Burgess (R-TX), Donald Norcross (D-NJ) led the House Version. The letter asked that the Secretary of Transportation delay MAC activity until a fair and balanced composition of MAC members could be reached. In total, almost 40 elected officials lent their name to the cause either by signing onto the letters, or contacting the FHWA directly,

For the second time in a many weeks, a key congressional committee held a hearing to consider funding options for improving the nations infrastructure. Throughout the hearing, senators emphasized

the need to find direct funding opportunities such as raising the motor fuel excise tax and imposing toll roads to pay for infrastructure improvements-a top priority for the Trump Administration. Last week, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a hearing that also examined infrastructure funding options. Taken together, the House and the Senate hearings represent what is expected to be year-long efforts examining the nations infrastructure needs and methods to fund them. Your MRF was present at both hearings and through their representation on the Alliance for Toll-Free Interstates, signed on to a letter to congressional staff stating our serious reservations about the potential for imposing toll roads as a way to fund infrastructure developments. Though similar hearings will take place over the coming weeks and months, Congress is unlikely to consider infrastructure policy in earnest for several months as Republican leaders have prioritized healthcare reform and comprehensive tax reform over infrastructure policy.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) launched an effort to crack down on drowsy driving, an issue that accounts for a significant percentage of U.S. traffic deaths. The first step in this endeavor; the 2017 Drowsy Driving Prevention Campaign. Orchestrated by NHTSA, the campaign includes tons of data, infographics, talking points, images, web videos and

other items all available for public use. The hope is that by spreading the word about the dangers of driving drowsy, many will take note, and the estimated 1.2 million collisions attributed to drowsy driving will be reduced. For more information go to, <https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/get-materials/drowsy-driving/drive-awake>

Its time to sign up for Bikers Inside the Beltway. Tuesday, May 23, 2017 is the 9th annual Michael 'Boz' Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway event in Washington D.C.. This is a once a year opportunity to meet with Washington policymakers. Last year the MRF network visited delegations from 25 states and held over 300 meetings to discuss our agenda, 100 of which were sit down discussions that resulted in 79% of those legislators either supported or co-sponsoring legislation we are about. With a new Congress in place and a myriad of issues facing the motorcycle community like autonomous vehicles, motorcycle profiling, the MAC, and ethanol, we need your voice in D.C..

Please sign up as soon as possible! Registration for the event will close after May 1 after which space will not be guaranteed. Sign up link, <http://mrf.org/events/>

The Meeting of the Minds will be held in Williamsburg Virginia from September 21-24-2017. The Hotel is the Doubletree Williamsburg 50 Kingsmill Rd. Williamsburg, VA,

On Tuesday February 7-2017

I attended Bikers Under the Dome held at the Capital in Topeka, KS. We met with our legislators and discussed our concerns as motorcyclists from Kansas. I feel we had a very good success.

On Wednesday I attended the hearing on HB 2188 where ABATE members and Lobbyist Steve Christenberry gave testimony. Robin gave a powerful presentation over the loss of Tim Spark her husband and member of ABATE. HB 2188 would increase penalties for individuals who violate the right of way in traffic and injure or kill whose right of way was violated. This bill is not just for motorcyclists but it applies to all who use our streets and highways. It requires driver education and stiffer fines for anyone who violates another persons right of way.

Its hard to believe we have 70 and sunshine in February in Kansas. A lot more motorcyclists are on the road. To all you cell phone users out there hang up and drive. Remember while riding to look twice save a life. The life you save will probably be your own.

Bill Cooper
Kansas MRF Rep





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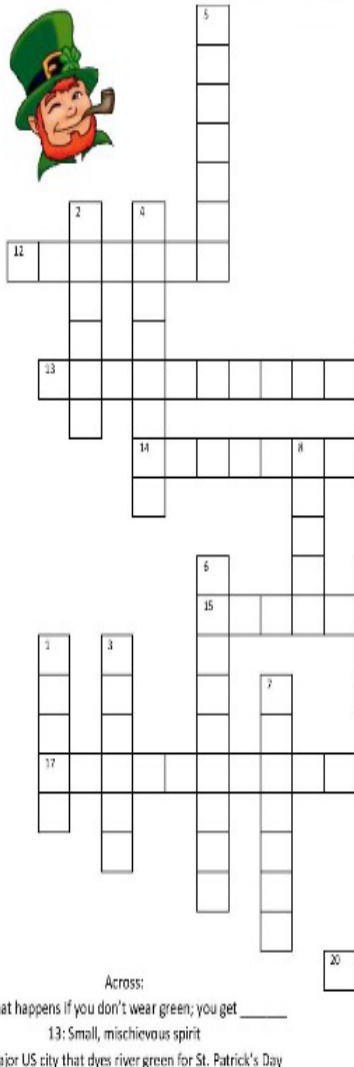
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St. Patrick's Day Crossword



- Down:
- 1: The official language of Ireland (along with English)
 - 2: What St. Patrick banished from Ireland
 - 3: Symbol of good luck
 - 4: 3 leaved green supposedly eaten to freshen breath in the 1600's
 - 5: The _____ Isle
 - 6: A custom or belief passed down through generations
 - 7: Country where St. Patrick's Day started
 - 8: Color associated most with St. Patrick's Day
 - 9: Color of coins
 - 10: Language group that includes Irish and Scottish
 - 11: Humorous verse consisting of 3 long lines and 2 short lines

- Across:
- 12: What happens if you don't wear green; you get _____
 - 13: Small, mischievous spirit
 - 14: Major US city that dyes river green for St. Patrick's Day
 - 15: What you follow to get to the pot of gold
 - 16: Capital of Ireland
 - 17: Day of the month that St. Patrick's Day falls on
 - 18: Month that St. Patrick's Day is in
 - 19: Having good luck
 - 20: What you find at the end of the rainbow; _____ of gold

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Why did I get divorced? Well, last week was my birthday. My wife didn't wish me a happy birthday. My parents forgot and so did my kids. I went to work and even my colleagues didn't wish me a happy birthday. As I entered my office, my secretary said, "Happy birthday, boss!" I felt so special. She asked me out for lunch. After lunch, she invited me to her apartment. We went there and she said, "Do you mind if I go into the bedroom for a minute?" "Okay," I said. She came out 5 minutes later with a birthday cake, my wife, my parents, my kids, my friends, & my colleagues all yelling, "SURPRISE!!!" while I was waiting on the sofa... naked.



WHERE IN KANSAS

Thank you to Brenda Davis for guessing last month's photo, The Ness County Bank Building is a finalist for the 8 Wonders of Kansas Architecture because of its hand-carved stone arches, rare extruded mortared joints, and the beauty of the inside woodwork.

Said to be the finest and most imposing structure west of Topeka when it was finished in 1890, the four-story limestone bank was nicknamed the "Skyscraper of the Plains."

Unique features include the four vaults, one of which has oil painting finished in 22 karat gold; brass fixtures with sunflower motif; and an elevator shaft which was rare at the time it was built.

The building is fully restored and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The Ness County Chamber of Commerce and Prairie Mercantile call it home. It's used now as a meeting place and one floor houses an exhibit of Ness County history.

Where is this Kansas wonder located? Send your answer to newsletter@abateks.org



Welcome Spring



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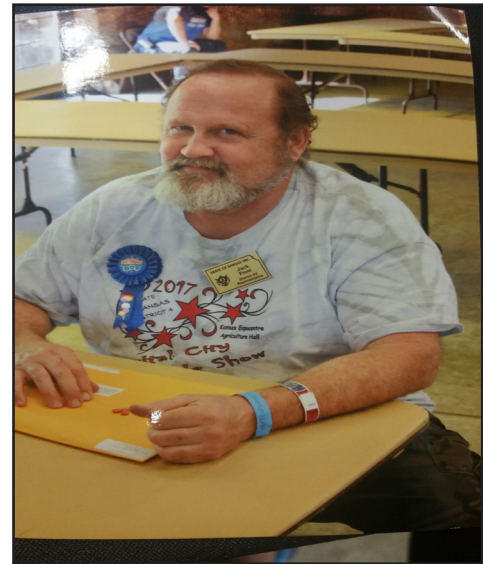
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