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An opportunity for motorcyclists rights groups
members to meet and benefit
from each other's experiences -
working together toward a common goal -
the preservation of our freedom as motorcyclists



26th Annual Seminar
OCTOBER 27 - 29, 2017
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BOOKING AFTER SEPT. 9 SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AT REGULAR RATES.

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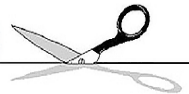
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ORGANIZATION'S DIVISION - \$100 REGISTRATION INCENTIVE: Any organization's division (local, district, chapter or however the organization is divided), can preregister as a group through their respective organization for \$100. Then any member of that division may participate in the seminar portion of the event at no individual charge.

REGISTRATION

INDIVIDUAL PREREGISTRATION: \$20 - \$25 at Seminar if not Preregistered

BANQUET/PARTY FEE PREREGISTRATION: \$25 - \$30 at Seminar if not Preregistered - (To insure accurate meal count)



PREREGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 15, 2017

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**WATCH OUT FOR
MOTORCYCLES**





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SEPTEMBER STATE MEETING

Saturday, September 9th, 2017
American Legion
10114 Old Town Trail, Ozawie
MEETING STARTS AT 2:00 p.m.

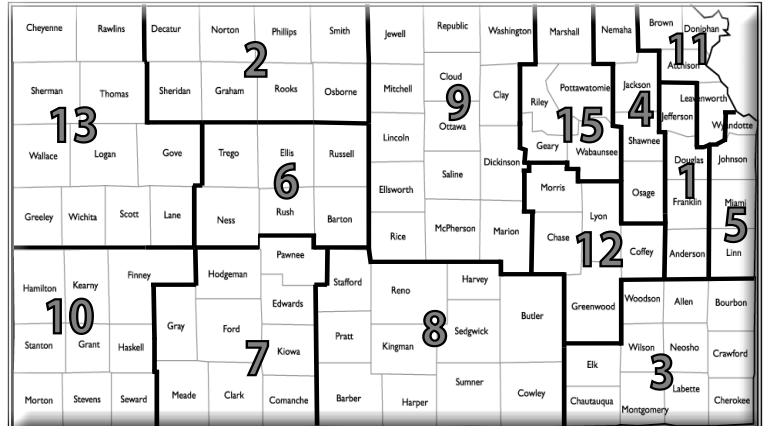
Agenda: MOMENT OF SILENCE;
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
ROLL CALL; SECRETARY
REPORT; FINANCIAL REPORT;
LOBBYIST REPORT; MRF REPORT;
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS
REPORT; PUBLIC RELATION
REPORT; MID-SOUTH MILE;
CORPORATE SECRETARY;
NEWSLETTER REPORT; WEB SITE
REPORT; PRODUCT LINE REPORT;
OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS;
UPCOMING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

UPCOMING STATE MEETINGS:

Oct 14th – (Dist 9) VFW Closed Meeting
Nov 11th – (Dist 1) American Legion
Dec 9th – (Dist 5) Moose Lodge

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.

If you would like to receive your newsletter
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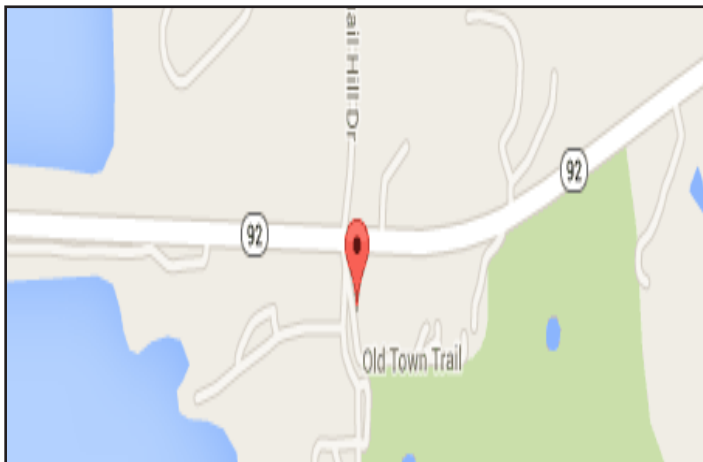
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State Meeting

August 19th 2017 State Meeting

- Called to Order: 2:02pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Moment of Silence
- Roll Call

-Guest Speaker: Kurt with the Sheriff's dept. said that everything was good to go & should be another good year. Emt's-Rodney's wife was present and said that they have everything that they need. Should have their camper out Tuesday or Wednesday. Fire Department- not present.

-Secretary's Report: Motion made by Nova (2nd by Tony RR) to wave secretary report.

- Financial Report- Richard went over the packet. No questions were asked. Richard said more LDR sponsor checks had come in.

- Old Business: Tabled from July- Jodi asked if the November meeting time would be changed due to Veteran's Day activities. After some discussion, a motion was made by Jerry (2nd by Jack) to change the November meeting to 2pm. Passed by show of hands. Paul announced that our lobbyist, Steve C has made a donation to Abate. Thank you Steve!

- New Business: Elections are in November. Final nominations are today. Vice President-Byron H, Treasurer- Dora G, Brian Van Dyke, Member at Large- Jon P., Ringo.

Nominations are closed. Richard B thanked everyone for the support during the fun and struggles of being treasurer & declined the treasurer nomination. Paul stated Jon, Steve, & himself attended the KDOT meeting. Reflectors & signs for construction

zones were discussed. KDOT does not provide signs and contractors are not required to place them. Rick stated to talk to the district engineers to get a sign recommendation and contractors will use signs. KDOT website has a listing of all district engineers. Paul asked if we would like to do Bikers under the Dome again? Motion 3. Sis made a motion (2nd by Jack) to continue to do Bikers Under the Dome annually as long as ABATE is welcomed. Motion passed with all board members voting yes. Steve has a date set for February 13th, 2018 from 9am-3pm. Please plan to attend.

Labor Day Rally
Site Coordinator/
Maintenance- Paul said that it's pretty much ready and gates are set. Buttons & pamphlets are complete. Signs will be put up next week. Fencing will be put up next week. Paul reminded everyone: If you come out to work, bring your own mowers and weed eater

Security: Ron V.- Good to go.

Entertainment/Stage
Security: Byron- Good to go.

Vendors: Tony and Tammy (absent): told Paul it's good to go.

State Products: Bill C- Good to go.

District 4 Beverage Garden: Jack stated that they have sign up books if you'd like to work. Jack asked about selling district 4 products at the bike games Saturday. District 5 has no problem with it. Bill C said they could set up with him at Cross Roads. After discussing, a motion was made (and wording amended) by Jack (2nd by Jodi) to allow districts to sell district

products in designated areas with approval by the board. Motion passed with all board members voting yes except districts 3, 6, and stg @arms abstaining and districts 7,15 Secretary, and member at large voting no.

Stage beverage garden- Getting all supplies and good to go. Lori reminded everyone that certain beverages income would be split 3 ways: Abate, MRF and the Mile.

Lunch- 3:07-3:45pm.
Thank you District 11 and the American Legion Post 225.

A thank you letter was presented to Steve C! Robin donated to ABATE to help with making a sign- She asked that it say "In Memory of Tim Sparks". No one had any objection. Jodi said that the burn out pit is set up and there will be trophies. There will also be a motorcycle mechanic on the site. Ron V introduced the United Riders who run the shuttle for the Rally. They stated that there will be 2 shuttle vans this year.

District 1 beverage garden: Good to go after they were told how the tent would be moved.

Bike Games/Bike Show: Tony asked for 5 day passes for the judges for the bike show. This was okayed by the board.

Showers: Jerry asked about moving the dumpster. Paul H will take care of it.

Front Gate: Randy asked what time the gate would close on Thursday. 10pm was agreed to. Byron said that platforms are ready but may need to find new blocks for the leveling. Richard said that there would be a register training course Wednesday at 6pm & Thursday at 10am. Any help at the gate would be appreciated.

Set up: Tents are coming, will need help Friday. Paul S will be

there. Ringo, Jack, and Benny will be at WhiteStar Wednesday 3:30 to pick up scaffolding.

Clean up: Will need help Monday-Especially with trash clean up. Paul will try to place an aluminum can ring to collect cans- money would go to road repairs.

Other: Pre-Registration: Sheri said 241 had registered as of meeting date and 25 early birds had signed up. Sheri asked for 2 more people to assist with pre-registration Friday morning.

Public Relations: Nothing at this time.

Mile: Sis thanked everyone for the donations for the baskets so far. Bring anymore to the meetings up until October. Sis asked if any left over drinks could be donated to the Mile? It was decided we could donate any opened cases.

Lori inquired about a generator for the main stage.

Lobbyist: Not a lot at this time. Steve is looking into other states Right of Way bills.

MRF: Robin and Bill C are going to the Meeting of the Minds. Bill asked if he could put out a donation jar at the Rally to help with the expenses. There were no objections. Bill said he received an email and all districts are in good standing with MRF. District 12 is donating fee for the State. Thank you.

Corporate Secretary: Nothing at this time.

Newsletter/Website: Richard showed everyone the pamphlets for the Rally. Carey showed and explained the armbands and tickets for the Rally. Thank you to everyone who helped with these items. Carey said that since the new memberships were done, we now have 8 business memberships and 76 couple memberships!

Products: Bill C- Good to go!





Executive Session- 4:45-5:02pm.

Meeting called to order

5:05pm.

Paul said that the American Legion Post 225 is having a family event September 30th from 1-4pm. Everyone is

welcome.

- Door Prize Drawing - Jerry, MRF-Nova.

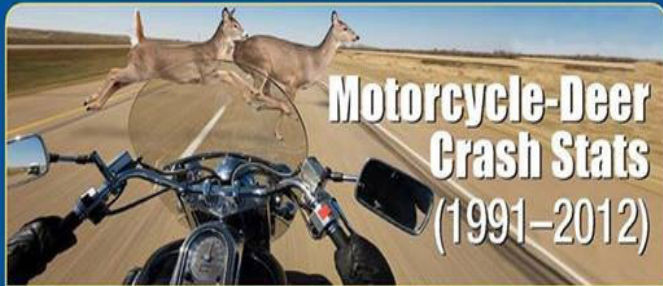
- Upcoming events

- Meeting adjourned- 5:18pm.



ATTENTION

Novemeber 11th 2017
BOD meeting in
Ozawkie
will be changed from
12 Noon to 2 PM



1991-2012 Total Motorcyclists Deer Crash Deaths

57



6% of total rider deaths during those years

2013 Total

Motorcyclists Deer Crash Deaths

7



13% of total rider deaths to-date in 2013

Fatalities resulting from a collision with a deer are an emerging trend within the last decade. During 2002-2012, 48 motorcyclists have been killed in a crash with a deer, nearly five times more than the 10 deaths between 1991-2001. 2013 is on pace to be the deadliest year with rider deer crashes.

DNR Deer Stats



Deer population
900,000-1,000,000
Deer harvested by
hunters each year
150,000-200,000

Habitat and range

White-tailed deer live in prairies, forests, swamps, wood lots and agricultural fields. They are common in both suburban and rural areas. Deer become a traffic hazard when crossing highways.

Reproduction

White-tailed deer mate from November to early December. Their young (often two fawns, weighing eight pounds each) are born seven months later. During the mating season, male deer (bucks) travel widely in search of females (does). It is at this time they become a real hazard on roadways.

Safety Tips:

Deer are unpredictable, it is important for riders to be alert and focused on riding. Also wear full protective gear, including a DOT-approved helmet.



When encountering an animal slow down and use both brakes to stop. If a larger animal, like a deer, jumps out in front of you, use emergency braking (applying both front and rear brakes) to stop as quickly as possible. If you are unable to stop in time and/or contact is imminent after maximum braking, and you have room in the lane, release the brakes and attempt to swerve slowly behind the animal.

Rider training is an affordable, potentially life-saving option. Training is important for beginning, as well as experienced riders, to sharpen skills and improve crash-avoidance techniques.

To receive more riding tips and training information go to motorcyclesafety.org



Please turn in all items for the
Kansas Mid South MILE Basket
before the October Board of
Directors Meeting.

Thank you
Mid South MILE Committee





2017 STATE BALLOT

Membership number is required for member verification.
Number will be removed before vote is tallied.

**Vote is invalid if Membership Number is
not provided on this ballot.**

MEMBERSHIP # _____

VICE PRESIDENT:

Byron Harden _____

WRITE-IN: _____

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DORA GUENTHER _____

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MEMBER AT LARGE

JON PUCKETT _____

MIKE "RINGO" RINGGOLD _____

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ELECTION DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 2017

State Elections
Get To Know Your
Candidates



Dora Guenther

Running for State Treasurer



Hello, my name is Dora Guenther and I am seeking the position of Treasurer on the ABATE State Board. I have been a member for over 12 years some of those years like many inactive due to work once I could become active, I put my all into it promoting Awareness of Abate Of Kansas by setting up booths in various locations promoting Abate Of Kansas Inc. I have served at the district level as Vice-Rep and secretary. I try as a member to attend all state meetings to keep informed with what we are doing as an organization. I am also an active American Legion Aux Member in Perry KS, a life time Aux Member of the Meriden VFW and a lifetime member of ABATE of Kansas. This organization was founded on Volunteer work and I try to volunteer in as many things as

possible. I believe in what we stand for You Ride You Decide and in order to keep that going we must stick together and we must most of all help. It's easy to lose some of our rights and even harder to get them back that is why I remain as active as possible. We have entered a new era and with the new so we must as an organization change and improve the way we do things. I have never served on your State Board but would love the opportunity too with your help and your vote I want to help keep our organization as alive and up to date with today's world.

Respectfully
Dora Guenther





Brian Van Dyke

Running for State Treasurer



Hello, my name is Brian Van Dyke and would appreciate your vote as state treasure.

I am a lifelong Kansan and a avid motorcycle rider.

I grew up in Rose Hill and currently live in Whitewater (north of Wichita). With my wife Sandy (A.K.A. Sharon) two of my three kids and my beautiful granddaughter.

I currently work at Great Plains Industries as a CMM programmer and QA Inspector. Prior to that I was a line supervisor with Grede Foundries.

I served in the Marine Corps as a Field line man and telephone repairman from 1982-1986. I served with 1st Combat Engineers, at Camp Pendleton, CA and then Served with Marine Corp Base Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan. I am also Head Chef at Casa de Brian.

I have been a proud member of ABATE of Kansas since 2009, as a District 8 member.

I was elected as the Assistant District Rep. in 2015, I also work as the assistant products manager.

I have helped out with the State products and whatever else is asked of me. I don't mind getting my hands dirty and pitching in where needed.

I believe in what ABATE of Kansas stands for, fighting for the rights of the motorcycle rider

and enthusiast.

I have went to several Mid-South Miles, Bikers Under The Dome and many events throughout the state.

I went to my first Labor Day Rally 1986, when I got out of the Marine Corps. I've carried on this tradition with my oldest son when he got out of the Marine Corps, he keeps coming back every year. I feel its important that we get our youth involved to ensure that our way of life is preserved

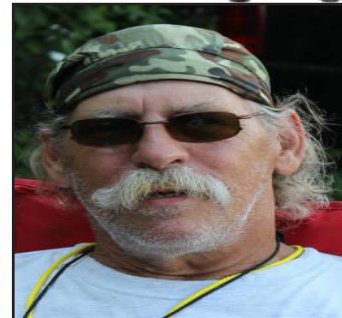
I believe that I bring discipline, level head, and good math skills to the state board, as treasurer.

I would appreciate your vote as ABATE of Kansas Treasure this November.

Thank you
Brian Van Dyke

Byron Harden

Running for Vice President



Fellow ABATE members, my name is Byron Harden and I am seeking re-election to the office of Vice President. Riding a motorcycle has been a passion of mine for most of my life and fighting for the rights of my fellow bikers has been a passion for nearly 20 years as an active member of ABATE of Kansas.

I am currently the Vice President of ABATE of Kansas. I have also served on the state level as Member at Large and as an Alternate member for six years and with District 4 as Historian/Member at large and Assistant Representative. I have been a member of the MRF for twelve years. I am also a member of ABATE of Indiana & the AMA.

I, along with my wife Lori, have taken a leading role in spearheading the Battle of the Bands at the Labor Day Rally. I'm proud of the positive feedback this event has received. In addition I have been in charge of the Labor Day Rally entertainment and the entertainment sponsorship program, for both the main stage & Battle of the Bands the past two years. Last year along with several dedicated members of ABATE of Kansas we rebuilt and enlarged the main stage. This needed improvement will help ensure we can have quality entertainment at the rally for years to come.

I am proud to have attended the Mid-South Mile for past

thirteen years and through this I've gained a great deal of knowledge on the national fight for bikers' rights. The Mid South Mile has provided me with both a nationwide and even worldwide perspective on the ongoing battle to protect the rights of bikers.

My goal is to continue to do what is best for ABATE and its members while supporting the MRF anyway I can. ABATE is a statewide organization and every member has their own unique viewpoint. My goal is to take an open-minded approach and listen to your unique views. I make my decisions based upon facts, not hearsay. One of my top goals if re-elected is to work with others to continue improving the Labor Day Rally. Additionally, I believe ABATE needs to keep working to improve its communications with those outside our organization. If we intend to be successful in preserving motorcycling for future generations, we must keep our voice strong by actively recruiting new and younger members and continuously moving our organization forward.

It's been an honor to serve as your Vice President the last two years. I ask for your vote in the upcoming election and as always feel free to come to me with your opinions on where ABATE should be headed.

Byron





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☐ Change of District

☐ Registered Voter

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“Where we ridin’ tomorrow,” asked Jim. He was an original resident of Crapper 8, our imaginary city at the Chip. The imaginary city was born last year at the rally. Jim and his wife, Bonnie, moved next to us, Kyle, Aaron and me. Not much later, a couple from Denver who were expecting a brother/cousin/friend from Florida moved in on the other side. All is status quo for the Chip. We had a population of 8 in total, and we were camped in the vicinity of the pit toilet prominently labelled “8.”

I responded, “Krista want to see a coal mine, and they have a strip pit at Gillette right by the highway. They have a HD store as well.” Jim agreed that it was an idea worthy of the Mayor of Crapper 8, as I became known. As the elders of the town, we were up and having coffee long before the Idaho trio or Krista were moving. The Idaho trio, of course, were on Pacific time; Krista was just being a college student who had finished a summer of rising early for her job as a lifeguard and assistant manager. No problem here. The only schedule was the concert schedule.

Some background material first. The Chip, the Buffalo Chip, is a huge campground at Sturgis; typically, 35 to 50,000 people stay at the Chip. You have any number of camping options. Some people stay in motorhomes as plush as any on the road. Some people stay in cabins or recreational vehicles rented for the rally. Some, the people of Crapper 8, for instance, just find a piece of pasture and set up camp. After a few years in the same spot, you learn who the neighbors are, and you start looking forward

to seeing them each year. The Buffalo Chip is, in a way, similar to a flight on a plane. You know you will never see the person next to you again, so you are more unrestrained than you might be at home. People return to the Chip year-after-year, and considering that we are not only herd animals but creatures of habit, they tend to stay in the same spot each year. At first, I was a regular at Stage Hill Campground, but that got too crowded too soon, so I moved to Crapper 8.

A second point is that you are only there for a week or, maybe, a few days more on either end. You look forward to seeing your neighbors each year, and you are sad to separate. However, never, under any circumstance do you communicate during the year. Sometimes, you go so far as exchanging phone numbers, email addresses and such, but you know you will never hear from them until the next year. Weirdest damn thing. You have a great time, become friends, and leave each other not to communicate for a year. Chip chums, perhaps.

As the others awoke, we had more coffee. The nights at the Chip are long. Three concerts a night, two after dark. The last ends around midnight; then, the side stages become the focus of the action so you have another couple of hours milling around watching the human zoo at its best. Drinking, of course, continues the remaining night and the next day for that matter. I don’t know how much beer is sold at the Chip in that one week, but it must be a staggering amount. Then, too, you might have the activities about which you hear rumors. They aren’t really rumors, you know.

As soon as we could be account for all residents of





Crapper 8, we decided to take a trip to Devil's Tower, one of the best sites in the area for my money instead of Gillette. Devil's Tower is in Wyoming, so we would be able to get cheap Wyoming gas. Also, a good portion of the ride was on the Interstate so we could gain time at the Tower. Since we decided to postpone a run to Gillette for a day, we added a brunch and visit to the satellite Harley shop that the Gillette store opens for the rally. All the HD dealers open a store in small town and sell memento from a shop that is only open 10 days of the year. If they can sell you a tee shirt, they are going to do it.

In many ways, we were a very compatible group, a wide range of ages, occupations, geographies, and experiences. While we were stopped, someone always had a story with which to entertain the group. Winters, for instance, spent in a tent at West Yellowstone comes to mind. Hunting and making deer jerky from Wisconsin and student stories from Kansas fill in the time. Most conversation, though, was about either our bikes or riding our bikes. No matter what you do, that is the focus of the time at Sturgis. The motorcycle is the feature event.

We finished brunch at a restaurant in Sundance and decided to walk to the Harley shop since it was just around the corner and only a block-and-a-half away. Laughing and horsing around all the way, we were having a grand time. As we turned the corner onto Main St., we could see the store with a portable stage out front. The Harley shop in the middle of the block was our focus. Although Sundance did all it could to capture some rally business, they were far behind the rest of the Black Hills. The street had some space for cars as it wasn't fully blocked off this early in the day.

The great feeling, sad to say, was broken when some fat, old guy in a blue Dodge minivan, and an old one at that, shouted, "You need to shut your mouth at night so others can get some sleep." His use of profanity has been omitted, but, trust me, it was fully laced with it. Not that such language is much of a surprise at the Rally.

Huh? First, to whom are you speaking? Second, about what are you talking? Grammatically correct, he wasn't, and we started staring at each other. Since we, the residents of Crapper 8, are all neighbors at the Chip, we would know if we were noisy or not. Sure, the guys from ABATE 19 of California were noisy, but they were so friendly we gave them a pass. The bunch from Texas with the generator and air conditioned tents made noise, but since the generator produced a constant noise that soon became part of the hum of Chip. Besides, if you can't be boisterous at a motorcycle rally, where can you?

I asked him about what he was talking, and he reiterated his charge. This time, though, he seemed even more certain than before. I sensed a difference this time. This time he wasn't leveling his charge at the group in general; instead, he was speaking to me specifically. I decided to straighten out his misconception. As the distance between us narrowed, I asked the question made famous by Al Pacino in *Taxi Driver*: "You talking to me?"

As it turns out, he was. He was addressing me directly. I continued toward the mini-van, and my anger grew with each step. I don't mind being accused, and I will usually admit to the truth

when confronted with it. This, though, was a false allegation, and I adhere to the rule from the old neighborhood: Take no shit from no one, no how. That was more than just an idle platitude; it was a law. As I approached, I noticed he was wearing an oxygen hose. I said to him, "maybe you shouldn't be dishing out so much wearing an oxygen hose." Of course, my response was also laden with profanity because that is how it is done.

By this time, we were jawing back and forth, the intensity of which grew the closer we got. Back in the day, he must have been a tough old bird because he wouldn't back down. He kept yelling at me about my noisy ways. Our anger intensified. I can get angry, very angry. My family says it is frightening how deep and hot my anger can get. What they don't really know is that I am capable of reaching the next stage: rage. Most people never reach rage. The best analogy is when you stay awake for so long that you work right through sleepy and get what most people describe as a "second wind," and you can work for hours, or in some cases, days more. Rage would be in the realm of the second wind. You gain clarity, intensity, and focus. What you don't feel is angry. White hot rage has little in common with anger. You are far beyond that. I was reaching for that point-of-no-return into rage.

In a last moment of lucid patience, I asked, "Which campground you at?" He replied with, "Westwood." Westwood? Are you kidding me? We weren't even in the same campground, and that was a point I made crystal clear. "We are at the Buffalo Chip," I screamed at him. I was thinking that the only time I have ever been in Westwood was to have cheap beer at the Lucky 7, a small bar and casino. Then, I remembered another rule from back home: Respect is everything. I demanded an apology. "You have the wrong guy; now, apologize, you old bastard." "Apologize," I demanded. He wasn't fond of apologizing, and I wasn't leaving until I had an apology.

Sad to say, I grabbed his air hose and pinched it off. Rage makes you do strange things. "Apologize or beg for air," I hissed. He was gasping for air, and I heard his breath becoming faster and shallower. Fortunately, he realized I was serious and said something. He might have told me to kiss his ass, but he might have said, "sorry." I never really could tell. It really didn't matter because what I heard was "I'm sorry" and that was good enough.

I let go of his oxygen hose, and he bounced back quickly. I made sure of that. "Next time, keep your mouth shut," I told him, and he nodded in agreement. That alone was such a huge concession on his behalf, and we both knew who was the lead dog. My rage had disappeared; my calm had returned. Of course, the adrenaline was still wearing down, but the situation was over. I had my respect.

The others in the group, including my daughter, had witnessed what I had done. I could see the look in their eyes, and I knew they viewed me in a different light than minutes before. They had a look of recognition that I was capable of far more than they thought possible. They saw that I could assume the persona of a different person, a truly ugly person. Nothing was ever said, but we had to renew and redefine our relationships. Someday, Krista and I will have to discuss what happened, but, for now, nothing is said.

- Steve K. D13





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.

MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION PROGRAMS LOCATIONS

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Junction City/Fort Riley Campus
100 Continental Ave
Grandview Plaza, KS 66441
785-238-8550

Butler County Community College - Michelle Ruder,
Director 316-218-6124
901 S. Haverhill Road
El Dorado, KS 67042
Andover Campus: 715 E. 13th
Andover, KS 67002
316-683-2342

Cloud County Community College - Jason D. York, J.D.,
Director of Business & Industry Programs
631 Caroline Avenue
Junction City, KS 66441
785-238-8010 Ext 719

Hutchinson Community College - Steve Porter, Dean of Workforce Develop & Outreach
1300 N. Plum
Hutchinson, KS 67501
620-665-3552
800-289-3501 x3550

Independence Community College - Terasa Hodges
Office of Instruction
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PO Box 708
Independence, KS 67301
620-332-5433

Johnson County Community College - Phil Wegman,
Program Director
Community Services
12345 College Boulevard
Overland Park, KS 66210
913-469-4446

Kansas City Community College - Pamela Howe,
Coordinator
7250 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66112
913-288-7189

Motorcycle Rider Education - Michael Vermillion, Co-Owner
4600 W. Kellogg Drive, Suite 2002
Wichita, KS 67209
316-706-9722

Neosho County Community College - Brenda Krumm,
Dean of Outreach & Workforce Development
800 W. 14th
Chanute, KS 66720
620-431-2820, ext 234

Seaman USD 345 - Dr. Rob Balsters, Asst. Supt.
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Topeka, KS 66608
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2047 SW Topeka Ave
Topeka, KS 66612
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LOBBYIST REPORT

State legislative activity in July is pretty much at a standstill with the adjournment of the legislature in June. There may be some committee action this fall, but typically it is limited. On the national level we have "Chaos in the White House," if you've been paying any attention to national media. Bills to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act failed in the Senate, at least for now preserving health insurance for millions of Americans.

The president did appoint Governor Brownback to become the ambassador at large for religious freedom, which will need Senate confirmation, but is highly likely that it will happen. Lieutenant Governor Colyer would then become the Governor of Kansas. I talked briefly to Governor Brownback at the Capitol this month and noted that it appears he will not be around to sign our MC Awareness Proclamation next year. He had ridden his Big Dog to the Capitol that day.

ABATE District 4 member George Hanna, from Tecumseh, has filed to run for the Kansas House District 47 seat, currently held by Ron Ellis. District 47 roughly runs from Tecumseh to up around Meriden. George testified on the successful HB-2174 license plate bill, and also on the unsuccessful HB-2188 right of way bill during the 2017 session. George is a Democrat, but regardless of your affiliation I would encourage those of you in District 47 to support one of our own.

I have been researching

right of way bills that have been proposed in other states, as well as anti-profiling bills. Alabama was successful in passing the Marshall James Walton Highway Safety Act, which creates the crime of homicide by vehicle or vessel. An interesting tidbit from Wisconsin is that their bill has gained support from the Bicycle Federation, and as you may be aware, bicycle riders are also victims of ROW violations. The Wisconsin bill has yet to be passed. Other states have proposed or pending legislation, but nothing has passed to date. Please join MRF and read the reports from all the states and you'll find a wealth of information about what is happening elsewhere. MRF has been instrumental in getting resolutions submitted to the House and Senate, H. Res 318 and S. Res 154, respectively, to address the motorcycle profiling issue.

As always, please contact me with your legislative concerns and also your legislative contacts. It is always nice to be introduced to a legislator by someone who has a relationship with that person.

Respectfully
Steve Christenberry
Lobbyist
ABATE of Kansas

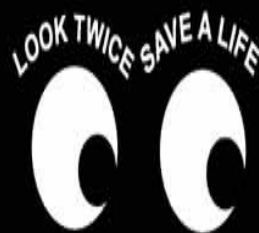
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ASSISTANT DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:

Richard Bassler _____

WRITE-IN: _____

WRITE-IN: _____

TREASURER:

Roger Farley _____

WRITE-IN: _____

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Nova Horton, District Representative
ABATE of Kansas District 1
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ELECTION DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2017

DISTRICT NEWS**1**

Anderson, Douglas, Franklin and Jefferson

district1.abateks.org

District Rep. Nova Horton 785 393 6994



ABATE of Kansas District #1 meeting August 6, 2017 at 1PM was held at the Sinderbloc, Pomona, KS.

Nova H. opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

State Report: Please see your newsletter.

Treasurer Report: Read by Roger F. The report was accepted as read.

Secretary Report: Waved. Old Business: Nothing to discuss.

Sargent at Arms: Ron Bowser regrets that he can no longer fulfill this position. Nova H. appointed Lavonna Bassler. She accepted.

New Business: It was determined that the September meeting would be cancelled.

Nova H. adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting is October 1, 2017, Stinky's, Oskaloosa at 1 PM.

We appreciate all the members that made it to the meeting.

After the meeting the District Rep determined that a September meeting is needed to recap the LDR. This meeting will be held Sunday, September 10th, 2017, 1 PM at the Perry American Legion.





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

Distret Rep. Rick Gitchel 785-533-1205



Before our meeting we met a mile North of Hoxie to erect another 4X8 awareness sign. With this one we have at least one in every county in Dist. 2, except Decatur and Rooks.

Rick called the August 13th meeting to order with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters, at J D's cafe in Hoxie.

Reading of the secretary's report was waved.

Terry and Gary gave the treasures reports. There were a few questions, and all were answered satisfactorily.

There was no state meeting report, due to state meeting being after ours.

Old business, two of our old plywood awareness signs are in bad shape and need to be replaced. They are East of Smith Center, and in Glade. Bear has replacement signs ready, he just needs help putting them up. Anyone wanting to help contact Bear, and we will get them put up some evening. These are the wooden signs, from now on our signs will be metal, so they should last longer.

New business, Gary has received a bid for the vinyl for the signs that is much better than what we gave last time. He will be working out the details on them. Bear brought up the idea of working with Dist. 13 to put up a sign at the new motorcycle museum in St. Francis. Rick will contact Neil and try to work out details. Gary brought up the Ron Schneider memorial porker run will be on September 9th, leaving from the Horseshoe bar

in Phillipsburg, and ending at the Phillips county fair building. All proceeds from the run go to help local people battling cancer. We would like to see all Dist. 2 members, and everyone who can support this good cause. Gary introduced 2 new members. Matt Christensen. and Brian Fenner. Welcome, and we hope to see a lot of you in the future.

Our elections are coming up in October, the official ballot will be. Dist. rep, Rick Gitchel. Secretary, Jeff Keen, and Lyle Lewis.

The September 10th Dist. 2 meeting will be at Mat Christensens home, 891 2nd street in Phillipsburg, across from the post office. At 4:00 pm.

Animal moved to adjourn all approved. Thanks to J D's for allowing us to have our meeting there.



BALLOT DISTRICT 2

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MEMBERSHIP # _____

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:

Rick Gitchel _____

WRITE-IN: _____

SECRETARY:

Jeff Keen _____

Lyle Lewis _____

WRITE-IN: _____

MAIL BALLOT TO:

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ELECTION DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2017





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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 3 meeting was held at the American Legion in Chanute on Aug. 6th with 19 members present. Coop opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for our brothers and sisters lost. Coop gave the State Report and encouraged all that could to attend our 42nd Annual Labor Day Rally at Perry Lake. He emphasized the need for workers to help with the Rally.

Bev gave the Treasurers Report and it was accepted. The Secretary's Report was waived and Ellie has asked if someone would step up until the Election as with her work she will not be able to attend our meetings. Elections are coming up in December and District Rep and Secretary are open. If you would like to get more involved with ABATE Dist. 3, here is your opportunity. If you would like to nominate someone for either position please attend our next meeting at the Eagles in Neodesha on the 10th of September. Not the first Sunday but the 2nd due

to our Labor Day Rally. We would like all county Reps to attend if possible.

Coop is going to the Meeting Of The Minds in Williamsburg Virginia on September 21st thru the 25th, 2017 presented by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. The conferences and workshops help educate motorcyclists about legislation and safety for all motorcyclists. The 26th annual Mid-South MILE will be October 27th thru the 29th in Hot Springs Arkansas this year and if at all possible, we would like to see some District 3 members there. This is ABATE of Kansas' state event and is very informative.

There will be a swap meet at the American Legion Post 139 in Independence on September 23rd and 24th. For more information, contact Dan H. 620-330-6861 or Mike B. 904-716-6795. Dave W. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Remember, September's meeting will be at Neodesha Eagles on September 10th at 1:00 pm. See you there.



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Jackson, Nemaha, Osage and Shawnee

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District Rep. Jack Frost 785-383-4836



Jack called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. We said the Pledge of Allegiance and had a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters as well as for our military, veterans, and first responders. 24 members were present for the meeting.

Secretary's Report: In the newsletter as always. Traci moved to waive, Kyle seconded, approved.

Financial Report: Nicole provided the report. Expenses for the past month include storage building fees (we paid for 6 months this month). Reminder to those whose memberships are expiring this month to renew.

State Report: State Board meeting will be on August 19th at the Legion in Ozawkie.

Mid-South MILE: Hot Springs, Arkansas this year, October 27-29, Clarion Resort on the Lake. Kyle moved for the district to pay the \$100 for all District 4 members to attend the M.I.L.E, Benny seconded, approved by the district. The flier is in the ABATE newsletter.

Paul H. reported that there were enough volunteers to mow this weekend to get everything mowed in one day, usually takes two. Will need more mowing before the rally.

Paul S noted that effective next year the entire site will be locked (gate at the entry) so no one outside of members approved to use the site will be able to access it.

SMART Report: We have taught 11 classes this year, and have 3 more scheduled this fall, all three of which will be at Shawnee Heights Middle School. We have been

approved by MSF to move to the updated curriculum at the Seaman location, which means laying out the new range configuration.

MRF Report: Be sure to read the MRF report in the newsletter as our MRF rep, Bill Cooper, does a good job of summarizing what our motorcycle rights organization is working on in Washington. There have not been many posts on the MRF site or the AMA site in terms of current legislation and congress has adjourned for the month of August.

Products Report: Kerry Wathen, the District's new product manager, provided a report on activities. He has koozies and more shirts available, and can take orders for future shirt orders. Kerry plans to have sweatshirts made this fall, both pull overs and zip ups. Let Kerry know what size and which type.

Old Business: Rescue Mission Ride in June was very successful this year, with over 60 participants.

ABATE Calendar fundraiser: Photos and ads have been submitted to Tammy, the newsletter editor.

2018 Bike Show: Jeff Lacina, Scott Gardner, and his wife, are no longer at HPT, hence no response to efforts to contact them. Steve has reached out to the owner, Chris Payne, but to date has had no response, but Jack called HPT and he and Steve have a meeting set up on August 16th.

Run for the Wall: Frank moved that we continue to support the RFTW by paying





for fuel and tolls. Jeanie and Kerry and Alvin seconded, approved. Frank said that Legion Posts 421 and 1 have committed to contribute again this year.

New Business: State Board positions will be voted on in November. Vice-President, Treasurer, and Member at Large positions are up for election.

2018 Calendar of events: Working on dates and locations for District 4 events and meetings so it can be sent to Tammy for posting in the ABATE newsletter. Kerry will check on available dates for our Christmas party at the Goodyear shelter house in December.

Upcoming Events: Labor Day Rally: September 1-4, Paradise Point. District 4 can always use help at the beverage garden. Will have sign up notebooks at the August meeting. Discussed training for those who will be using the cash registers at the beer garden.

District 4 Board meeting: September 6, 2017, 7 PM, at Papan's Landing.

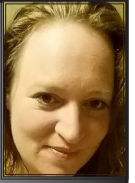
District 4 meeting: September 10, 2017, Don and Whitey's.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM

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Barton, Ellis, Ness, Rush, Russell, Trego

District Rep. Becca Hardman 785-259-9557



MEETING MINUTES NOT RECEIVED BY DEADLINE

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

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District Rep. Doc Pritchett 620-339-5814



ABATE Dist. 7 Meeting Aug. 20, 2017, meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Doc with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters.

Secretary's report -Motion made by Mike to wave reading of last month's minutes, seconded by Bryce motion passed.

Rep report -State meeting report given by Doc, see newsletter.

Assistant Rep -nothing to report from assistant rep Dave.

Treasure report- treasure report given by Starla, approved

Member at large -Sept 16th U&I riders of Dodge City has a Ford County Humane Society and Pets Miracle Rescue run. Run starts at HD's Bar and Grill

in Dodge City at 8:00 am.

ABATE Dist. 15 toy run Oct. 2, Manhattan.

Product - Shelley reports we have some product on hand if anyone needs anything.

Old Business - The appreciation party that was to be held on Aug 5th had to be canceled so the plan is to have a cookout for the October meeting, place to be determined.

New Business - Everyone is to start thinking about the March 10th 2018 Charity Bowl. Flyers are being worked on by Shelley for approval.

Door Prize not done.

Next meeting September 10th at 2:00 pm at Doc's house.

Meeting adjourned at 3:46

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



The district 5 meeting was called to order at 12:00 on August 12th 2017 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for brothers and sisters. There were 13 members present.

The secretary's, treasurer's and membership reports were waived.

Upcoming meetings/events with all meetings starting at noon:

September: Lake Perry, rally events at games tent 11 AM

October 7th: Red Eye

November 4th: Big D's On The Hill

December 2nd: Fraternal Order of Eagles

December 9th: End of Year Party, Moose Lodge

We are going to have another "Party in a Cooler" that will be given away at the bike games during the rally. You do not need to be present to win. You are responsible for either

returning tickets, or money, for tickets you sign out no later than Saturday morning of the rally.

Nominations for Assistant Representative and Treasurer have begun. Voting for the positions will begin October 1st with announcement of the officers at the December meeting. Check your newsletter for ballots, both District 5 and State

Executive Board. A lot gets put on these people, vote for who you think will do the best job. At the district level Assistant District Representative: Debbie H; Treasurer: Beth S.

Don't forget, work weekends are now through the weekend before the rally. You must make sure to sign in, and out, each day!

Meeting adjourned 1:10 pm.





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

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District Rep. Tony Railsback 620-204-8018



ABATE Of Kansas District #8 met at the V.F.W. in Haysville Ks. 7504 S. Broadway St. Haysville. Dist. Rep. Tony R. called the meeting to order at 1:50pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Minute of Silence for Lost Brothers and Sisters.

Roll Call: Dist. Rep., Asst. Rep., Secretary, Treasurer, Bd. Member at Large, Counties present Butler, Sedgwick, and Cowley.

Minutes from last meeting- Sandy read the minutes from the June meeting she was not present for the July meeting. Brian made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Brad 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer Report- Tony R. read the report, Brian made a motion to accept the report as read, Tammy 2nd, motion passed.

Products Report- We did good at the last 2 events. We are having a information booth and selling products at T&O August 19th - 20th Friday - Sunday.

Website Report- Tammy and Brenda are always updating Facebook.

State Report- Lake Perry- there is going to be a Tug-Of-War and Dist. 8 needs to come up with a Team.

Mid South Mile- Oct 27-29 in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Dist. 8 Old Business- Thank you to all who showed up and helped at Twister City.

Tammy is almost done with the calendar.

Dist. 8 New Business-T&O Drags August 19th and 20th- Brian, Tony, Tammy, Tracie will

be there and Sandy will be there late afternoons. Bike Night at Sassy Chaps 300 S. Greenwich Friday August 18th 6:00pm to 10:00pm.

Elections are coming up- the following are: Asst. Dist. Rep., Secretary, and All Counties. Tony Nominated Brian Van Dyke for Asst. Dist. Rep. Brian accepted, and Sandy for Secretary, She is thinking about it. Elections Close in Oct.

Upcoming Events- Sassy Chaps Friday August 18th 6:00pm to 10:00pm, T&O Drags August 19th and 20th with Setup August 18th, Butler Co., Toy Run Oct 7, 2017, Cowley Co. Toy Run Nov. 11th., Sedgwick Co. Toy Run Nov. 5th. Reno Co. Toy Run Nov 19th.

Upcoming meetings Sept 10th Meeting will meet at Haysville V.F.W. and have a potluck lunch.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:03pm

**Spotting a
motorcycle
on the
road can
be just
as hard
as finding
one in
this picture.**

Keep an eye out
for motorcycles.



Share the road with motorcycles





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

District Rep. Russ Walline 620-245-5207



The District 9 meeting was called to order at 1:00pm on August 13th 2017 with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence given, with 13 members, and 4 county reps present.

The secretary's report was given and approved.

The treasure's report was given and approved.

State News: No State meeting at this time, meeting next weekend. August 26, 11:59pm is deadline for early online registration for LDR. Nominations at state level, send in your votes.

Awareness report: Delivered signs, pens, color books to DOT. Still being asked for yard signs.

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

Website report: No report given.

Old business: Nothing to

report.

New Business: Discussion on the Bike Show. Discussion on Casino night. Work weekend is the 3rd weekend in August at Perry for LDR. Needing nominations for District 9 Asst. District Rep and treasurer. So far we have nominations for Ron D. for Asst. District Rep and Brenda D for treasurer. Make sure to vote by mailing in ballot or in person at the meeting.

Upcoming events: Labor Day rally at Perry (Aug), District 9 Bike show (Sept. 23), Casino night (Oct), and Mid-South Mile, Hot Springs, Ark. Oct 27-29

Drawings won by. No drawing at this time.

Thanks to Bob & Juanita for hosting the meeting.

Next meeting at TPJ, 662 E. North St., Salina at noon.

BALLOT DISTRICT 9

Membership number is required for member verification.

Number will be removed before vote is tallied. Without the membership number the vote is invalid.

MEMBERSHIP # _____

ASSISTANT DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:

Ron Davis _____

WRITE-IN: _____

SECRETARY:

Brenda Davis _____

WRITE-IN: _____

MAIL BALLOT TO:

Attention:

Russ Walline – District Representative

ABATE of Kansas - District 9

102 W. John St.

Galva, KS 67443

**IF MAILED, BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED
BY OCTOBER 30, 2017**

ATTENTION!

Print the word "BALLOT" on the
outside of the envelope.

ELECTION DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2017





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

District Rep. Troy Love 620-214-3507



MEETING MINUTES NOT RECEIVED BY DEADLINE

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Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Leavenworth

district11.abateks.org

District Rep. Jodi Stutzman 785-364-7265



MEETING MINUTES NOT RECEIVED BY DEADLINE

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Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris

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District Rep. Jerry Wenciker 620-794-4945



The August 13th 2017, District 12 Meeting was called to order by Jerry Wenciker. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of Silence for our Fallen Brothers and Sisters. Meeting was held At Read's Clubhouse in Council Grove

The Treasurer's Report was read by Debi Fuller. John made a motion to waive the reading of the Secretary's Report and Sheila seconded it the motion. The motion had passed.

Lori made a motion to include donations to District 12's hosted benefit rides in the future, as Sheila seconded the motion. So the motion was passed.

District 12 made a donation for the Big Brothers Big Sister's fundraiser. It is on the 26th of August.

There are now koozies for District 12. Color choices are Pink, Blue, and Black.

For the Perry Lake rally, volunteers are still needed

and always welcome. Anyone can come up and help, every weekend. Twelve hours of work grants you early entry on Thursday at 12pm.

District 12 is allowing entries for a new t-shirt design, as well as, showcasing previous shirts. January 31st will be the end of contest and the artwork awarding will be in February during the chili cook-off.

The Great American Flea Market is still needing volunteers to work. There will be a sign up sheet. Date will be September 9th.

The door prize was won by Randy. The next District 12 meeting will be held September 10th at 2pm in Emporia at the VFW.





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

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ksabate13@wbsnet.org

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



MEETING MINUTES NOT RECEIVED BY DEADLINE

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Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Riley
Wabaunsee

www.abateks15.com

District Rep. Randy Bassler 785-826-6372



MEETING HELD AFTER DEADLINE



NOTICE

If you are getting calls from our life insurance company, you do not have to sign anything (yellow card) to activate.

Accidental life insurance is part of your membership.

Any questions regarding this give the office a call.

785-597-5140

DISTRICT 13 BALLOT

Membership number is required for member verification.

Number will be removed before vote is tallied.

Without the membership number the ballot is invalid.

MEMBERSHIP # _____

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE: Neil O'Connell

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Charles Sager

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Write-In: _____

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SECRETARY: Mona Carver

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Write-In: _____

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Write-In: _____

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ROAD CAPTAIN: Steve Orr

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Tom Neely

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Write-In: _____

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MAIL BALLOT TO: Mike Davis
ABATE of Kansas, Inc., District 13
807 S. Jefferson
Scott City, KS 67871

IF MAILED, BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SEPT 2, 2017

ELECTION DATE: SEPT 10, 2017

ATTENTION! PRINT THE WORD "BALLOT" ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE.





Ride Straight Ride Safe



11TH Annual Cloud County



Toy Run

Saturday
October 7, 2017

Concordia Kansas

Parade begins at 1:00 p.m. at the Airport Park

Ends at the American Legion

506 Washington Street . Concordia Kansas

Chili Feed & Auction right after the parade

Join in the fun!
Quality Auction Items
Door Prizes & Drawings
Help a great cause!

All Motorcycles Welcome!

Participant line-up begins at Airport Park at noon

♥ *Entry into the parade is one UNWRAPPED toy*



SPONSORED BY ABATE OF KANSAS DISTRICT #9

Gifts and auction proceeds will be distributed throughout Cloud County for Christmas. Donations can be left prior to October 1ST at California Phil S.

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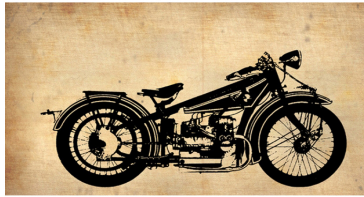
California Phil S. 785-243-9991 daytime or Jon Puckett 785-427-6519 anytime



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**Sept 23rd, 2017
Old Mill Park
Lindsborg KS**

**BBQ Contest to support
Bikes for Kids**

\$10 ENTRY

REGISTRATION 9-11 AM

VOTING BEGINS AT 11:00

TROPHY PRESENTATION AT 3:00

Dyno Shootout

12-3 pm



"BAD DAWGS"

Live 4-6 pm

Cash Prizes &
Awards



Dyno Runs \$40 12-3 pm



FOOD AND BEVERAGES

DRAWINGS & VENDORS

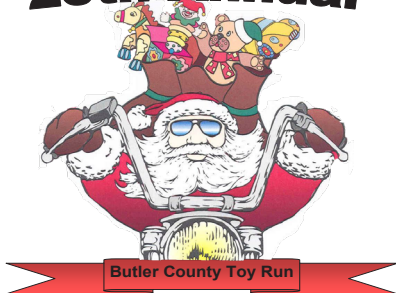
Drawing for "Judge" after trophy presentation

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Butler County Toy Run 25th Annual



The run will be a 70+ mile ride through El Dorado, Augusta, Douglass, Rose Hill, Andover, Benton and back to El Dorado returning to the 4H building.

All Bikes Welcome!

We invite you to ride in support of those less fortunate

All proceeds stay in Butler County

Meet: 4H Building – El Dorado Kansas
206 North Griffith St.

When: Saturday, October 7, 2017

Time: Ride leaves at 11:00 A.M.

Line up starts at 10:00 A.M.

Cost: A new unwrapped toy

Lunch available - prizes will follow the ride!
For more information call: Mick or Teri @ (316) 320-0333
Email: tjimenez058@cox.net



DISTRICT 8
Promoting Awareness of ABATE of Kansas

The Wichita Toy Run Association Presents The 2017 WICHITA TOY RUN

A Bikers Tradition for 38 Years

Sunday November 5, 2017

Start: Lawrence – Dumont

End: Hartman Arena

★ Line Up Starts at 9am ★ Bikes Leave at 1pm ★

★ Thank You To All Participating Motorcycles and Trikes ★

NO ALCOHOL ON RUN ★★ NO UNSAFE RIDING/WHEELIES

★ STRICTLY ENFORCED ★

Bring a new unwrapped toy or a cash donation

REQUESTS ARE FOR A VARIETY OF TOYS. PLEASE KEEP STUFFED ANIMALS TO A "HUGGABLE" SIZE. REMEMBER TO INCLUDE ITEMS FOR AGES 10-14

\$5 Chili Feed/Prizes/Vendors & More

All proceeds from the **WICHITA TOY RUN** benefit the
SALVATION ARMY, USMC TOYS FOR TOTS and
THE KANSAS FOOD BANK

Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WichitaToyRunAssociation

For more information check out our website: www.wichitatoyrun.com



Sponsored by: Kansas Modified Bike Association & ABATE of Ks Dist. 8
in conjunction with All Wichita Area Motorcycle Clubs

★★ Special Thanks to Hartman Arena/Cessna Motorcycle Club/M&L CPA's Chartered ★★

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RENO COUNTY TOY RUN

Sunday, November 19th, 2017
"Bring a NEW UNWRAPPED Toy"

STREET LEGAL BIKE LINE-UP

*Line Up A & Washington @ 10am
*Parade leaves @ 1pm

*Ending at the Moose Lodge

*Chili Feed
*Live Auction
*On-site Memorabilia Printing

Benefiting
Local Charities
that provide toys for children
during the Christmas season
34yrs & Counting

For more information contact:
Alan Turner (620-662-2972) or Tony Railsback (620-204-8018)

Follow us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/RenoCountyToyRun>

ABATE OF KANSAS - Dist. 8 (promoting awareness of Abate of KS)

Cowley County 27th. Annual ABATE Toy Run Saturday November 11th. 2017



Line up at noon at Island Park,
Winfield, Kansas
Leave at 1PM Sharp
Ride to Ark City,
Agri-Business Building
For toy drop-off & lunch
ALL VEHICLES WELCOME

Proceeds donated to Angels in the Attic for distribution
Lunch armband \$5 Donation, sold at Island Park or at door
Door prize to be announced
Winner must be wearing armband
Door prizes and children's games



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Event Buttons \$2 Donation
Questions?????????
Rose - 316-518-0150
Joe - 620-221-2984
"Keys" - 620-262-6241





A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas District 9's **CASINO Night**

Saturday, October 14th, 2017
V.F.W. @ 120 Taft Street
McPherson Kansas

The evening will begin @ 7:00 pm
Auction starts @ 11 pm.

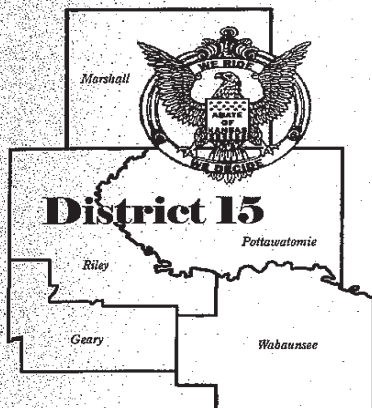


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ABATE of Kansas, Inc

31st Annual Toy Run October 7th, 2017

\$10 per entry

\$5 2nd Hand/Passenger

To Benefit: Riley, Geary, Pottawatomie,
Marshall, and Wabaunsee Counties

Bring Toys for the Kids

We are collecting toys for Christmas to be distributed
by Toys for Manhattan in December

Entry fees to help fund the districts Holiday family adoption

Start: 11:00am at Prairie Hawk HWY 24, Manhattan

1:00pm: Kickstands up & Ride

Local Ride to Multiple Locations

Finish: Eagles Lodge 312 S. 4th, Manhattan KS

Followed by Chili Feed for \$5 donation

Randy Bassler, District 15 Rep: 785-826-6372

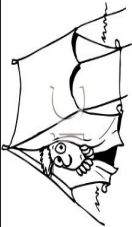
George Tisdale, Assistant District 15 Rep: 785-317-1743

Please help us support our Christmas family!

www.abate15ks.com





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
District 6: Mtg varies					1 LDR Begins at Noon	 2
3 Mtg: 3, 10, 11	4 	5	6	7	8	9 State Meeting 2PM Ozawkie American Legion
10 Mtgs: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Hands up! 	THANK S	The Volunteer	Workers!	You Made it	Happen!	

ADVANCE NEWS

District 1: Meetings are 1st Sunday, start at 1:00pm
9/3 – Mtg, TBA

District 2: Meetings are the 2nd Sunday, start at 4:00pm
9/10-Mtg

District 3: Meetings are 1st Sunday, start at 1:00pm
9/1/- Mtg, LDR, Cross roads

District 4: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, start at 1:00pm
9/10-Mtg, Don & Whitey's

District 5: Meetings are 1st Saturday, begin at Noon
9/2- Mtg, TBA

District 6: Meeting time and place vary
Sept – Mtg, TBA

District 7: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, Brunch at Noon, meeting to follow
9/9/10 – Mtg, TBA

District 8: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, start at 1:30pm
9/10 – Mtg, Haysville VFW 130pm

9/15- Sassy Chaps Bike Night
10/7- Butler County Toy Run

District 9: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, Lunch at Noon & meeting
9/10-Mtg, TBA

District 10: Meetings are 1st Sunday,
9/3 – Mtg, TBA

District 11: Meetings are 1st Sunday, start time varies
9/10-Mtg, TBA
9/17-Bikers for Babies

District 12: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, starts at 2:00pm
9/10 – Mtg, TBA

District 13: Meetings are 2nd Sunday, begin at 2:00pm
9/10- Mtg, Goodland

District 15: Meetings are various Sundays, begin at Noon
9/10 – The Cove Bar & Grill, Acorns Resort, 3710 Farnum Creek Rd, Milford

STATE MEETINGS:

Sept 9th – American Legion, 2:00pm, 10114 Old Town Trail, Ozawkie, KS

Oct 14th – (CLOSED MEETING), 10am, VFW, 120, Taft Street, McPherson, KS

Nov 11th – **Meeting & ELECTIONS, 2:00pm**, American Legion, 10114 Old Town Trail, Ozawkie, KS

Dec 9th - Moose Lodge, 6621 Turner Drive, Kansas City, KS, Noon





AUGUST EXPIRATIONS

Ryan Adams	01	Jeffrey L Harlan	04	Tracie Collins	08	James W. Smith	11
Hilan Armstrong	01	Robert Hart	04	Steve Dannels	08	David Swendson	11
Amy Baker	01	Brent Isabell	04	Richard Fortney	08	Eddie Thomas, Jr	11
Vernon Brejche	01	Jerrold H Lee	04	Sean Galbraith	08	Jason Vannaman	11
Brian Collins	01	Laruen Livengood	04	Thomas Glaze	08	Larry "Bo" Wiggins	11
Robert Collins	01	Richard "Rick" Markley	04	Ryan David Julius	08	Debbie Wilkerson	11
Patrick Drake	01	Corey Mellenbruch	04	Kirk L Manuel	08	Sara Zavala	11
Jacob Alan Dunn	01	Zeb Minde	04	Jeff Taborsky	08	Nick Boeckman	11
Burton Gordine	01	Russell Nubach	04	Joel Taborsky	08	Whitney Farr	11
James Johnston	01	Larry Overkamp	04	Alan Van Dyke	08	Michael Hayes	11
Nathan Liska	01	David Poeverlein	04	Mark Wilson	08	Forrest Schroeder	11
Randal Long	01	Justin Pollom	04	Don Becker	09	Brandon Simmons	11
Travis Martin	01	Jona Rupnicki	04	Jarrold Brooks	09	Brad Simpson	11
Jon McClaskey	01	Natalie Ryan	04	Crista Carlson	09	Jake Strathman	11
Edward Miller	01	Robert Schoen	04	Gerald Carpenter	09	William "Billy" Vogel	11
Chad Ousdahl	01	Adam Schwerdt	04	Katherien M Daines	09	Linda Baker	12
Mike Reeves	01	William Willmon	04	Fred Detrixhe	09	Ralph B Palmer	12
David Rinke	01	Pat Boltz	04	Kale Fraley	09	Connie R Prock	12
Chauncey Slater	01	Jerry Dean Bradley	04	Michael Hoffner	09	Randall S. Ricketts	12
Michael Thompson	01	Hugh Buchtel	04	William M Hulse	09	John Siebenaler	12
Jim Waggoner	01	Robert M Clark	04	Jerry Kellogg	09	Trey Sommers	12
Lisa Waggoner	01	Rocky Cusic	04	Mandy Kellogg	09	Chuck Speer	12
Morgan Waggoner	01	Crystal Hensley	04	Aaron T Lacoe	09	Charles E Speer	12
Jakob Wagner	01	Robert Arden	05	Terry Larkin	09	Clarke D Wenger	12
Simean White	01	Adam Bell	05	Rodney B. Miller	09	Danny Williams	12
Karen Whiteley	01	Dan Brunsman	05	Andrew Ratzlaff	09	W. Allen Korte	12
Rick Willis	01	Tandy Gray	05	John R Rodgers	09	James Carver	13
Audri Cantrell	01	Billy Kelly III	05	Ricky L Simpson	09	Ken Wood	13
Levy Cantrell, Sr	01	Kenneth M Koelzor	05	Larry Jay Steierl	09	.Michelle Lamb	13
Floyd Clark	01	Robert W. Ladesic	05	Carl T Waugh	09	Richard Reystead	13
James Andrew	02	Diane MacDonald	05	Badger Williams	09	Brsf Efurd	15
Stephen Pfeifer	02	Terry MacDonald	05	Trinette Devere	09	Kevin Fischer	15
Philip J Potter	02	Lindzey Ming	05	Marvin "Messy" Foster	09	Gary Holt	15
Jeanette Garduno	03	James P Mullins	05	Michael E Haith	09	Jonathan Hooker	15
David Hopkins	03	Dave Patton	05	Claude Moore	09	Rita Powers	15
Dan Kruse	03	Marcus A Pinkney	05	Vickie R Aldrich	11	Connie Sandner	15
Roger Aaren Marshall	03	David Poeverlein II	05	Ben Argabright	11	David James Schleif	15
Ronald W Murray	03	Jeff Rivers	05	Kathy Barnette	11	Mark Seele	15
Pete "Smokey" Olsen	03	Todd Scherer	05	Willis Bowers	11	Dwight Smith	15
Don Sewell	03	Steven M Shaul	05	Ebbie Carmack	11	Brent Carlson	15
Eleanor "Ellie" Walden	03	Robert Shouse	05	Robert Dettmer	11	Kennan Coates	15
Andrea Amador	04	Cody Springston	05	Eirc Fleischman	11	Joel Wade	15
Wendy Boltz	04	Thomas P Frazier	05	Betsy Gast	11	Bonnie Adams	20
Steve Creallo	04	Tanya Gragg	05	James Gronninger	11	Andrew Akin	20
Craig Crouse	04	Brian Deines	06	Renee Huck	11	Leon Campbell	20
Mandy Dishong	04	Robin Grebler	06	Gentry Jackson	11	Kara Clark	20
Jeremy Driskell	04	Shad Kernell	07	Edward G Mann	11	Brian Ross Critten	20
Thomas Dudding	04	Christopher J Meyer	07	William Martin	11	Darin L Deck	20
Ryan David Flowers	04	Michael York	07	Raymond Mccaully, Jr	11	Nate Dennet	20
Sherri Garcia	04	Bev Bryant	08	Terri McNally	11	Cliff Dvoroc	20
Alan Gordon	04	Terry Bryant	08	Shaun Mellies	11	Jennifer Essel	20
Steve L Gray	04	Milton B Collins	08	Zon P Middendorf	11	Bruce Allan Fansher	20
				Scott Norris	11	Charlotte Fittro	20
				Eric Nussbaum	11	Chase William Friess	20
				David Schilles	11	Michael Hardman	20





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David M	Martinez	20
Mike	Merritt	20
Roger	Miller	20
Jeff	Minor	20
Megan	Murray	20
Jeffrey L	Nott	20
Tony	Parker	20
John	Prokop	20
Martin L	Ray	20
Jean	Ray	20
Martin "Rusty" Ray		20
Brad	Renner	20
Lucinda	Rice	20
Russell L	Riley	20
Timothy	Robertson	20
Rusty	Rosenbsum	20
Jonathan	Sawyer	20
Michael Lee	Shaddox	20
Susan M	Short	20
Carmen	Simmonds	20
Jc	Smith	20
William	Stattler	20
James	Steward	20
Kathie	Strain	20
Ricky	Strain	20
Justin	Thompson	20
Jason	Weidman	20
Shawn J	Willis	20
Donald Donnie Winters		20
Teri	Woodrum	20
Dan	Betts	20
Tim	Caples	20
John	Carson	20
David	Fox	20
Lisa A	Goacher	20
Randy J	Rice	20

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MEMBER AT
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5TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

- **GAMES & PRIZES**
- **KIDS' FISHING DERBY
(POLES PROVIDED)**
- **LIVE MUSIC**
- **BIKE GAMES**
- **VENDORS**
- **SUNDAY SERVICES
(PROVIDED BY THE
CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLISTS
ASSOCIATION)**



AT ELM CREEK LAKE

1 mile south of Fort Scott, off 69 highway
and 10 miles west on Indian Road

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT!

No Firearms • No Attitudes • No Glass Bottles
Electric Hook-Ups Available!

Suggested Donation: \$10

Contact Information

Bill
(620) 249 - 4228

Ellie
(620) 232 - 1164

ABATE of Kansas District 3
Promoting Awareness of ABATE of Kansas





MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION

WASHINGTON, DC

Protecting Your Rights in our Nation's Capital



On 8-2-17, a call to action was sent out about the EPA's latest activity regarding ethanol.

The EPA recently released its 2018 proposal to have refiners blend 15 billion gallons of conventional renewable fuels like corn ethanol adhering to the statutory requirements unchanged from the 2017 renewable volume obligation (RVO rule). The EPA is also proposing to lower cellulosic ethanol requirements to 238 million gallons in its 2018 rule.

While this is a step forward, it signals that now could be the time to pressure the Agency to ENSURE that our motorcycles are protected by always requiring E10 or E15 options at the pump and provide for more consumer education to ensure

that misfueling does not occur.

The Agency conducted a hearing and the MRF provided written testimony. In the last several years, we have seen higher blends of ethanol like E10 and E15 showing up at the pump. These higher blends specifically E15, has not been approved by the US Environmental Protection Agency for use in small engines like those in motorcycles. Studies have shown the potential of clogged intank pump and filters as well as a potential damage to fuel lines, injectors, seals, gaskets, and valve seats, as well as carburetors. As a result, the EPA banned the use of E15 and higher blends in small engines making it illegal in a number of

instances. Many small engine manufacturers started including statements that warranties would be voided if E15 was used.

On 8-17-17, we received word that the Federal Highway Administration has selected 10 individuals that will serve a 2 year term on the Motorcycle Advisory Council or (MAC) that was authorized in the Highway Bill or FAST Act.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation and its congressional champions raised concerns about the makeup of members because there was only one seat dedicated to a Motorcycle Rights Organization and the rest of the seats were for experts in engineering, safety, construction and

roadway design. The American Motorcycle Association (AMA) was chosen as the one seat for motorcyclists.

The MRF will be following up to convey its disappointment to the FHWA as well as inquiring about the selection process. Further, the Council will meet in a public forum and the MRF will be represented at every meeting.

This time of the year, more people are on the road and on their motorcycles attending events or just enjoying riding. Please be careful out there, bikers don't make good speed bumps. Remember look twice, save a life, the life you save will probably be your own.

Bill Cooper
Kansas MRF Rep



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Referred by _____

Date _____

MRF# _____

Exp. Date _____

Member was given:

☐ Pin

☐ Patch

☐ Year Rocker

☐ Newsletter

What issue? _____

It's time you did something more to protect your rights!

JOIN AND SUPPORT Motorcycle Riders Foundation

REGISTER, VOTE, WRITE AND RIDE!

☐ Annual Individual Membership \$30

☐ 3-Year Individual Membership \$80

☐ Annual Sustaining Membership \$100

☐ Annual Joint Membership \$50

☐ 3-Year Joint Membership \$130

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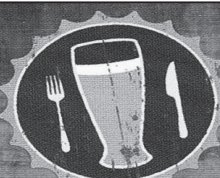
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