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OF
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- *This is a ADULT rally
NO ONE UNDER 18
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IDs Will Be Checked
- *Pets stay in owners'
campsite only.
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in camping area.
- *Only vendor, emergency
or service vehicles in
vendor area.



State Meeting

Meeting called to order 3:17 p.m., August 16, 2014
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence
All present except District 13, Deb W. in for Don B.
Guest Speakers:
Gate Security (Kirk), Coordinating with Paul W., Richard B. Fire Department, EMTs, will have extra personnel and all is ready to go. Paul H. will have list of personnel. ATMs, will be 2 ATMs, 1 at front gate, 1 at vendor row. DJ, coordinating hours with Don K.
Secretary report read by Deb W., Motion to accept secretary report as read made by Paul W., Motion approved.
Financial Report given by Richard B. Discussion regarding pre-registration sheet for July and statistics as of Wednesday. Discussion regarding Bill and Ellie on accounts. Discussion regarding pre-registration confirmations sent via Wufoo.com.
Discussion regarding pre-registration numbers. Sheri provided current counts as of 5 p.m., August 15th.
MRF Report: 30th Annual Meeting of the Minds will be in Kansas City, MO, Embassy Suites, Kansas City Airport, 7640 Tiffany Springs Pkwy. (To eliminate repetition and reduce the possibility for error please see report in newsletter.)
Lobbyist Report given by Brian T., Discussed K-10 corridor cable median barriers and safety corridor, increased patrolling, etc. Will not be present at the September meeting due to State Fair. Still need volunteers to work booth. (To eliminate repetition and reduce the possibility for error please see report in newsletter.)
Public Relations, Sis stated that we need to police ourselves. (To eliminate repetition and reduce the possibility for error please see report in newsletter.)
Mid South Mile, report given by Sis. Reminder to that basket items are still needed. No questions.
Corporate Secretary Report given by Rocky. Motorcycle pre-registration will be on Friday only, 08/29/2014, from noon to 5 p.m. at the American Legion, Ozawkie. Motorcycles are not to pass traffic going into front gate area of rally.
Discussion regarding ATMs at rally.
Products Line, plenty of products for Labor Day Rally. Have 50 pink head light shirts. Ellie running product booth. No questions.
Newsletter Report: None
Website Report: None
Old Business: Online Pre-Registration and Membership will end after 11:59 p.m., August 23, 2014. Online membership will be re-activated after the end of the rally.
Motion made by Bill S. to extend discounted lifetime membership price until the last day of September, 2014. Roll Call vote: 1:Y, 2:Y, 3:Y, 4:Y, 5:Y, 7:Y, 8:Y, 9:Y, 10:Y, 11:Y, 12:Y, 15:Y, Ron V:N, Richard B:Y, Doyle P:Y, Paul S:Y, Deb W:Y, motion passed.
Motion made by Paul S. to create committee to establish ledger and procedures to record all motions for future reference. Roll call vote: 1:Y, 2:Y, 3:Y, 4:Y, 5:Y, 7:Y, 8:Y, 9:Y, 10:Y, 11:Y, 12:Y, 15:Y, Paul S:Y, Deb W:Y, Richard B:Y, Ron V:Y, Doyle P:Y, motion passed. Ringo appointed Paul S. as committee chair.
Discussion regarding rally passes. To discuss at October meeting.
Discussion regarding trash pickup throughout campsight areas etc. Person that previously performed that task will not be at rally this year. Looking for someone to take over this responsibility.
Discussion regarding arrival of showers to the rally site.
Discussion regarding Porta-Pottie clean out schedule for rally.
Discussion regarding who would be the main person in charge of rally operations and/ or issues. Ringo or Jon Puckett to be responsible for that task.
Discussion regarding maintaining professional atmosphere at the rally.
Discussion regarding AMA Charter. AMA memberships must be done individually, online.
Richard thanked Lea for all of her efforts so far with the Office Manager position.
Election nominations:
Recording Secretary: no new nominations
Sgt at Arms: no new nominations
President: no new nominations
Nominations now closed.
Upcoming events
Door prize won by Jon P.
Motion to adjourn by Bill S. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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October 11 | November 8 | December 13

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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?

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Why did I stop getting a newsletter?

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

Do I need my ABATE card?

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

Is ABATE just about helmets?

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

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

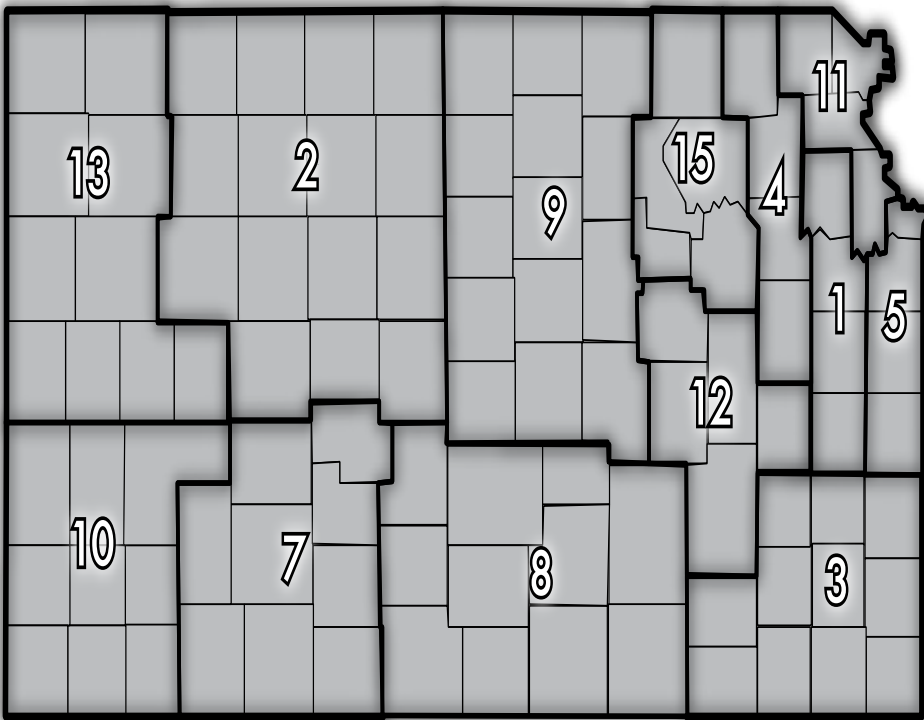
Yes, permits are required by the Corp of Engineers which are requested and obtained from the ABATE of Kansas State office in Perry, the only exception being if you plan to camp during the Labor Day Rally event.

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



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SEPTEMBER STATE MEETING

Saturday, September 6th, 2014
American Legion
10114 Old Town Trail
Ozawie

MEETING STARTS AT 12:00PM

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:

October 11 (Dist 9) - VFW 120 Taft
Street, McPherson
November 8 (Dist 1) American Legion
410 Perry Place. Perry
December 13 (Dist 5)
EXCEPT FOR THE ANNUAL OCTOBER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING,
ALL STATE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO
EVERYONE!





DISTRICT NEWS

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Anderson, Douglas, Franklin, Jefferson
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On August 10th we had a District One Meeting at The Hog Holler at 1pm.

Bill S. opened our meeting with a moment of silence for our fallen brothers, followed with The Pledge Of Allegiance.

Bill S. Said there wan't anything to really report because they haven't had the state meeting.

Bill S. Said they are still trying to make K-10 a safety corridor.

Bill S. said the rally site is coming together, lots of people have been cleaning out brush and mowing and weed eating to prepare the site .

Edward S. Commented that him and Cara will be going out to work during the week. If anyone works during the week they need to contact Paul H. with the time you start and the time you end.

Lifetime memberships are selling well and are still half price till the end of August.Richard commented that our State Representatives are working well with the Corps Of Engineers.

Clay M. said he would talk to thermals if needed, because he works with them all the time.We still need lots of help running the t-shirt booth.

More great ideas were brought up for District One to start making more money.

Bill S.said the State Meeting is Saturday August the 16th at 3:00pm at the Ozawkie American Legion. Please come if you can.

Nova H. read the Secretary minutes. A motion was made by Richard B. to accept the minutes as read and Dora G. second it.

District One will be holding the State Meeting in November at the Perry American Legion. Anyone that can help out, we would graciously appreciate it.

Old business.

We are no longer working at Oskapalooza.

New business.Pam W. asked about District One doing something at N.O.T.O.

Robert J. asked about Cabin Fever and what it is because he's a new member and had no idea what it is.

Edward S. said last week when he was going to Sturgis he had some bike troubles and there was a guy with his own traveling business where he fixed bikes, whether it be changing out tires or fixing brakes he was great. He wanted to know if he could come to the rally as a vendor. Bill and Richard said that they needed to talk to Ringo.

Clay M. made an announcement that if anyone wanted to join Bikes for Babies to let him know, its \$35.00 to join.

Bill S. said we have a booth at the State Fair in Wichita and if anyone wanted to help out to let him know. There is a place for you to stay if you work.

Everyone that can help out with any of our Labor Day Rally functions such as mowing, tree trimming, weed eating, setting up the stage or working during the rally, or helping with clean up after the rally we sure could use the help.

District One wanted to thank Clay M. for providing food on work weekends. We appreciate all that you done for us.

Next months meeting is September 14th at 1:00pm at The Hog Holler again. We hope to see more members out for our meetings. We can use all our members input and how to make our District the BEST.

Bill S. adjourned our meeting and Richard B. seconded it.

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

Missed Newsletter Deadline

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Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford, Elk, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson, Woodson
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Our District 3 August meeting was held at the Chanute American Legion at 1:00 Sunday August 3rd. Coop started the meeting with a moment of silence for our brothers and sisters lost followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ellie gave the secretary report and the notes from the newsletter were read. Bev gave the treasurer's report and passed it around. The state report was given. The state is getting ready for the Labor Day Rally at Perry Lake. Coop is driving his big bus so anyone interested can put their gear in it and ride up with him or on their bikes. He will be leaving Thursday the 28th. His numbers are 620-764-3734 or 620-249-4228. Coop encouraged all to keep up with the latest news and read their newsletter. State elections are coming up and all are encouraged to vote. The state will also be having an information booth at the State Fair in Hutchinson.

Our District 3 nominations were held for the Vice Rep and Treasurer. Dan H. was nominated by Duck and seconded by all for the Vice and he accepted. Bev H. was nominated by Dave W. and seconded by all and she accepted. They will be submitted to the newsletter to run in Sept, Oct and Nov with elections in Dec. Please vote!

The subject of universal helmet laws being pushed by the United Nations and European motorcycles having "black boxes" on the bikes and chips in the helmets was discussed. Dan H. motioned to give to the MRF again this year and this was seconded by Troll. All approved. Motion passed.

Bob N. gave a report on the Cards and Darts run that was held Sat. July 19th. All that attended had a great time. A big thank you to the 11 members who came to help and/or participate. Over 30 people attended and Coop encouraged all to help make this an even better one next year.

The Neodesha Bike Show and Rally was discussed. **It will be held the 3rd weekend in May 2015.** Dan H. will confirm this with the Airport immediately. We discussed the state meeting for May of 2015. Coop asked for suggestions and it was tabled until next meeting. Ideas for the Neodesha flyers and T-shirts will be brought to the September meeting so we can get them out earlier and have more

publicity. Bike game items such as bicycle wheels, tennis balls, construction cones and kegs are needed. We will try to get these donated and if anyone has access to these let us know. We also discussed having a different door prize. This will be confirmed at a later date. We will have a "Battle of the Bands". Dan H. is working on that. Thanks Dan! Tony M. made the motion to have 3 new Special Interest trophies inspired by one Russell B. brought to the meeting to show us. This was seconded by Dave and all approved. Motion passed. They will be made of old motorcycle parts so it anyone had any they would like to donate please bring them to the next meetings. Russell B. will put them together for us. Thanks Russell! The trailer donated to us by Roy S. will be ready to pick up in September. We will use it to store and transport rally supplies. Thanks Roy! We will also be getting T-shirt sponsors again this year so if you know anyone who would like to be on the shirts, let us know.

The Toy Run was discussed. Dan H. made a motion to do the same as last year and Troll seconded it. All approved. Roy S. said he had collector toys to donate to the district. He will bring them to the meeting for the district to decide the best way to use them. Thanks again Roy.

Upcoming events were discussed. The Meeting of the Minds is in Kansas City this year in September. The Elm Creek Lake party and the Mid-South Mile will be in October. The Elm Creek Lake outside of Ft. Scott with be held the first weekend in October to coincide with our meeting there. It will be a family oriented event with music, a fishing derby, games for the kids, roasted marshmallows etc. The CMA will help us. Coop emphasized the need to get our younger generations involved. Please try to plan to bring the kids and the grandkids.

Tom Musgrove won the door prize. Congratulations Tom!

Dave W. motioned to adjourn. All seconded and approved.

Our next meeting will be at the Ft. Scott Community College Harley School on North 69 Hwy in Frontenac at 1:00 Sunday Sept. 7th. Hope to see you there!

Membership number is required for membership verification and will be removed from the ballot before vote is tallied.

Without the membership number, the ballot is invalid.

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DISTRICT 2 BALLOT

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REMINDER: WRITE "BALLOT" ON OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE.





Plans for an A.B.A.T.E. event allowed to move forward

BY TAMMY HELM
Tribune Managing Editor

Bourbon County Commissioners met with Wally Maples, caretaker at Elm Creek Lake, Bill Martin, sheriff, and Bill Cooper, district representative from A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas Friday to discuss the possibility of an A.B.A.T.E. family event at Elm Creek Lake.

Cooper attended the commissioners' meeting on Aug. 8 to ask permission to use the lake for an A.B.A.T.E. event to be held Oct. 3 and 4 at Elm Creek

Lake.

An event held last year attracted about 75 people, but Cooper said many people chose not to attend when they saw the area cordoned off with police caution tape and six patrol cars at the entrance.

On Aug. 8, Cooper said the event will be family oriented, with music, food and activities for all ages. The purpose is to promote motorcycle awareness.

Warren suggested Friday's meeting to ensure all parties are in agreement with whether the event

should be held.

"How can we make it work this year?" Warren asked. "I'm talking to everybody here when I say that."

"I think the event last year went fairly well," Maples said. "Everything went well, no trouble."

He said he doesn't condone alcohol, but he knows people have alcohol at events held at the lake.

He said he knows members of the Christian Motorcycle Association were at the event last year to minister to people, and Cooper

said the group would be involved this year, too.

"That's all it is," Maples said. "They're just trying to raise money for their organization. I think they get a rap because sometimes some events get rowdy people. Take Good Ol' Days at Fort Scott, some people get rowdy, too. As far as last year, I went over and looked, listened to the band, walked around, talked to some people. I didn't see anything bad."

He commended the group for cleaning up after the event.

"I thought it went over real well, considering," Maples said.

He said he would recommend having the event again because it not only benefits the lake, but those attending would spend money in Fort Scott.

Before the meeting began, Cooper said he would like to be able to put some money back into the lake by planting trees or eventually building a shelter house. He said A.B.A.T.E. has given back to other communities where their events have been held.

When Warren told Maples he is the "point man" for the county when it comes to events at the lake, Maples said he would be the first to say when something isn't working the way it should.

When asked if he thought there would be more people attending this year, Cooper said he believes there would have been more last year had it not been for the high visible police presence.

"I have no problem with law enforcement being present," Cooper said. "But we had to put this caution

See A.B.A.T.E.



Bourbon County Commissioners agreed to allow plans to proceed for an A.B.A.T.E. event in October at Elm Creek Lake after meeting with those who will be working closest with the organization. Pictured are, from left, Sheriff Bill Martin, Elm Creek Lake Caretaker Wally Maples, A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas District

A.B.A.T.E.

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tape over the entire area. I thought that was a bit overkill."

He said it's his responsibility to take beer away from someone he believes has had too much.

"I don't think I should be the one going through somebody's cooler," Cooper said. "I don't think that's legal."

"Was there anybody going through your coolers?" Martin asked.

Cooper said nobody had. "I am trying to promote motorcycle awareness," Cooper said. "I am not trying to promote alcohol in any way."

"How can we make this work?" Warren asked.

He asked Martin if he sees any issue with the

group renting a shelter house at the lake.

Martin said there is law enforcement at any event that draws a large group of people. When asked if that includes a wedding reception, Martin said it would if it is brought to his attention there would be a large group of people. He said one individual hired security for a private reception.

"It's just not in this county, it's any county," Martin said.

He said at last year's A.B.A.T.E. event, several deputies were relieved of their duty at the site when it was realized the crowd that was expected did not materialize.

Warren said he believes it would be good if the event could get started, which would enable the group to help make minor improvements at the lake.

"I think it has a lot of

potential," Warren said.

"From my standpoint, Bill's in charge of security in our county," Warren said. "So it's his call on how he does things. Hopefully you can work with these guys to make this a pleasant event."

He said Maples will be responsible for the lake during the event. Warren said there is no permit to be issued, but Maples is responsible for the shelter house activities.

Second District Commissioner Barbara Albright suggested in the future, Maples should contact the sheriff's office any time there is a large event at the lake. Maples agreed.

Martin said he has no problem with the decision to hold the event.

Cooper said the event is scheduled for Oct. 3 and 4, but everyone will leave the area after a CMA church service on Oct. 5.

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Jackson, Nemaha, Osage, Shawnee
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The meeting was called to order on August 10, 2014 at the Ozawkie American Legion. Meeting was moved from Paradise Point due to weather. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

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

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

State Report: Meeting to be held after the District Meeting.

SMART Report: No report at this time

MRF Report: Paul S reported that Congress approved a temporary funding grant for the Highway Trust Fund otherwise all Federal Highway funding would have been stopped.

Products Report: Rrrrich reported he has T-Shirts, Womens shorts, hats and visors in stock.

Old Business: District 11 Bike Games held on July 25th - 27th went well. They had a good turnout. Mike and Moe Snavelly renewed their Wedding vows. Congratulations Mike and Moe for thirty years of marriage. Valley Falls Street Dance was held on July 26th. Everyone had a good time. Bikes, Boobs and BBQ at Hog Holler was held August 1st-3rd. They had a good turnout. Toys for Tots and Bike Show contracts were signed on July 29th. Paul S reported that the KDOT K-10 Highway meeting on August 8th went well. Recommendations have been made. Will report more details when available. Happy Belated Birthday to Tim F. His

Birthday was August 3rd. Happy Birthday Todd H. His Birthday was August 9th.

New Business: August State Meeting will be August 16th at the Ozawkie American Legion at 3 pm. Labor Day Rally will be August 29th-September 1st. Work weekends continue. Paul H reported that if you come to Rally site to work, come prepared to work. Bring mowers and weed eaters. Sheri C reported that preregistration for the Rally will close on August 23rd at 11:59 pm. Ringo thanked everyone for their help in preparing the Rally site. Toys for Tots artwork needed by September District meeting. We may need to find a new location for Toys for Tots. Will report more details when available. Toys for Tots jam session will be held at the Flamingo. Will report date when available. Hibernation Party location discussed by the District. Julie R made a motion to have the Hibernation Party at Paradise Point and seconded by Roxie H. Motion passed by the District. Paul S asked the District for permission to have our Wedding Ceremony during the Hibernation Party. Permission granted by the District.

Break taken and door prize won by Sheri C

Motion to adjourn made by Paul S and seconded by Roxie H. Meeting adjourned. We would like to thank Rocky H and the Ozawkie American Legion for letting us hold our meeting at the Legion. Next meeting will be September 14th at the Kitzman residence in Hoyt, Kansas.

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The August District 5 Meeting was held at noon on Saturday, August 2nd, at the District 5 Campground at Paradise Point (The Labor Day Rally Site). This was part of District 5's work weekend in preparation for the Labor Day Rally.

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

District Representative's Report: Tony pointed out that Jamez has been big part of helping to run the District 5 Bike Games and Show t the Labor Day Rally, but would most likely not be able to make it to the Rally this year. Tony requested members to step forward and help with running these both these events. It takes up a good portion of the day, but it is a lot of fun being part of these events. Tony would like to know ahead of time of committed members that will be there to help out. District 5 really doesn't want to lose these events just because we can't get the support to run them ourselves.

Tony reported the Labor Day Rally

plaques are ready to be finished with whatever design is to be placed on them. If there is no suggestions for designs by August 15th, Tony will make the decision as to what design to use, and will be applying the design to the plaques on August 17th at 2:00p.m.

On the state level, we are in need of help with security for the Labor Day Rally; particularly in the afternoon and evenings. To volunteer, show up at the vendor gate and ask where they could use the help (vendor pad, crossroads, front gate, etc...)

District 5 congratulates Kristy and Jody on their life memberships. District 5 would like to remind everybody of the current life membership availability at reduced rates. See a board member for more information on life memberships.

The September District 5 Meeting will be held at noon on Saturday, September 13th. The meeting will take place at the Eagles Lodge – 4726 Merriam Dr. Overland Park, KS 66203.

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

Aug 3rd meeting

Call to order 2 p.m. sharp' 10 members present. Minutes read and approved, financial read and approved. Motion made for V.F.W. trailer tabled until sept. meeting. JULY BASH was a HUGH help on finances. THANKS to all who helped Dist. 10. New products will be pre-paid before ordering. Big thanks to Mike for re-joining Dist. 10. New business...Start JULY BASH plans 3-15. ABATE building move cost : ABATE to pay 1/2 John (rep)

will pay 1/2. Oct. 5th meeting meet @10 a.m. @ Plymell school afterwards meeting and BBQ. 1 award given for most unusual find. 50/50 won by Troy, he donated 1/2 back. BIG THANKS to Misty and Garth for their help at JULY BASH. Next meeting Sept 14th @ John's house. Meeting adjourned @3:45 Ride Safe

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

Meeting date August 3rd, Location Field Event Site, started at 12:03pm Moment of silence for all our fallen brothers and sisters currently serving in our military.

Attendance 24 member and quests. Secretary report. read by Asst Rep. motion to approved by Todd D. 2nd by Mark J.

Treasurer Report by Ruth S. motion to approve by Mark J. 2nd by Mike D.

Asst Rep. Report Pat ask to get a key for electrical box.

There were no county Rep. reports Terry Jameson was ask to stand in for sargent of arms while Mike D. heals from injuries.

Nominations for Brown county rep was Mark Joslin. nominated by Pat H. 2nd by

Mike S...Nominations for Doniphan county rep was for Mark Pottoroff. nominated by Mike S. 2nd by Mark J. ...no new nominations for asst rep. no new new nominations for secretary. Jim betts was appointed for Atchinson county rep Johnny Patterson was appointed to be new member at large.

There was a discussion about new electrical to be in place by next years event motion made by Mark J. 2nd by Johnny P.... motrion to adjourn. by Mark J. 2nd by Pat H. at 1:35

Next meeting Sept 7 Toms Country Tavern in Leavenworth at 2pm

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Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris

Our meeting on August 10th, 2014 was held at the Longhorn Saloon in Strong City.

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters followed by the pledge of allegiance. Connie gave the treasurer's report and Deb read the previous monthly minutes and all reports were approved as read.

The floor was opened for old business for our benefit ride on September 20th, 2014 and Debi F. reported about our radio time, sponsors, and door prizes that we have acquired.

The games chosen are:

Blind Wheel Barrel Race

Bat Spin

Jug Toss

Slow Races

Tennis Ball Drop

The stops and persons that will be there from start to finish are:

Soden's Grove in Emporia– Richard & Connie

Casey's in Madison – John & Lori

Half Dollar in Eureka– Steve & Jan

Gas station in Cassoday – Scott & Sheila

Casey's in Cottonwood Falls - Ed & Tish

Soden's Grove in Emporia- Richard & Connie

John S. made a motion to give out five trophies for the games that was seconded by Danny W. and it was carried.

A motion was made by Debi F to have our October 12th,

2014 meeting @ the Pump Jack in Hamilton

to present the families with the money raised. This was seconded by Lori it and carried.

Contact Debi F., Devlon, or Gloria for door prizes or sponsors, which are still needed.

Second order of old business was discussion about the Mid

South Mile that will be taking place @ Best Western Wichita

North Hotel & Suites, 915 E 53rd Street North in Wichita, KS.

If you would like to reserve a room please do so by October 1st,

2014 and mention the Mid South Mile. The phone number is 316-832-9387.

Third order of old business is the Great American Market held in downtown Emporia on September 13, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CMA will be set up right next to our site. We will be selling shirts, koozies, & memberships. Motorcycle

Awareness signs will be given out for free. Please show up and help volunteer, if possible.

The floor was opened for new business and Devlon has the memorial patches for Harold Young; please contact him if you are interested in purchasing one.

The second order of new business was a motion made by Richard to help Ed & Tish with monetary expenses that was seconded by Rob and the motion was carried.

An announcement was made for the Out of the Darkness Walk being held on Saturday, September 27th, 2014 for suicide awareness.

Hope you can make it!

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Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman,
Kiowa, Meade, Pawnee
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Missed Newsletter Deadline

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

No August meeting due to majority of board not able to make it.

Alefs Harley Davidson Fall open house September 13th, need help with booth and parking. Call Tony 620-204-8018 if you want to help.

Next meeting Haysville VFW in Haysville September 14th at 1:30pm

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

The district 9 meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm Aug 10th 2014 with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

State news: No state meeting yet. See state news in the newsletter.

Awareness report: Tony gave information on location of new highway signs. It was reported that the video "You Didn't See Me" that the district did several years ago has been posted to district's facebook page. It was posted the week prior to the meeting and as of the meeting it has received 22,260 views. Report given

on Eric M.

Products report: Still avail.

Website report: All updated.

Old business: None

New business: Discussion held on Casino Night. Myrna distributed tickets for the drawing

Nominations opened for district officers:

District Rep; Rick B. Ron D

Secretary; Kevin M

Member at Large; Russ W

Next Meeting: TPJs in Salina Sept 14th. Thanks to Bob and Juanita for hosting the meeting and everyone for the food.





The door prize was won by Debi F.
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be at the Heidi Inn in Lebo on September 14, 2014. That is Biker Sunday @ First Baptist Church on 807 Constitution

Street in Emporia starting @ 9:30 a.m. with music & brunch followed by a speaker then Blessing of the bikes.

Anyonewanting to ride in a group to our next meeting can meet at Presto on 12th street in Emporia at 2:00 p.m. to ride to Lebo.

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Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, Riley & Wabaunsee
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Meeting After Newsletter Deadline

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

Meeting was called to order at 2:00. Location of the meeting had to be changed at the last minute, so it was held in Healy. There was a moment of silence given for all the fallen brothers/sisters lost, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given. Roll call was taken, with a few stragglers riding in so we had a total of 15 members present.

Secretary's Report was given by Katy L on last months minutes taken. There were no questions. Tom N made the motion to accept report as read as seconded by John S, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by Steve K on last months statement, and no there were no questions. Tom N made the motion to accept report as read and seconded by John S, motion carried.

Rep Report: Rep did make the State Meeting in Meade on July 12, 2014 @ Noon. Rep went over the many topics covered and discussed at the State Meeting, and went through and discussed the topics with the members and answered any questions. Tom N motioned to accept rep report and seconded by John S, motion carried.

New Business: One of our own has been diagnosed with lung cancer and going through chemo and radiation treatment. Friends and family is hosting a supper at the 4H building in Dighton on August 9, 2014, and hopefully a white elephant auction as well. Also, John S has donated his services for this as well. In addition, asking District #13 to help with this as well. Tom N made a motion to donate a

certain amount to Don & Susy to help, and John S seconded and motion carried.

Next week is the Benefit Run for Don W and the run will stop and pick-up any riders that want to join at the stops. Many of the riders will join up from the parade in Scott City that are riding in it also.

Thunder on the High Plains co-insides with the Flatlanders Festival in Goodland on September 27, 2014, and that is where the run ends.

Kim W confirmed that the Veteran's Memorial in Dighton that fell over during the last storms we had will be replaced and all monies will be taken care of.

Old Business: A few members volunteered to go over to Suppes' to get any of things left from the Memorial Weekend, and to get the items to the people they belong to. Thank you for those that volunteered your time to do this, very much appreciated!!

Door Prize was won by Charlie S and he donated to Susy & Don! Thank you!!

Tom N motioned to adjourn at 3:30 and seconded by Zachary L, all in favor.

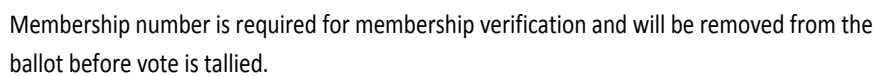
With the change of where the meeting was at, we had Kim W and Ginger F bring some snacky food for all of us to munch on. Really appreciate everyone pitching in and making everything possible. Sending out prayers to everyone that needs them, and hugs! Thank you to everyone that was able to make it on this hot windy day! We Ride! We Decide! Ride Safe! Katy

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Hello my name is Jon Puckett and I would appericate your vote in the November election.

ABATE History:

I am a former President of ABATE of KS for 4 years.

ABATE of Kansas District 9 Rep for 4 years and District 9 Asst Rep for 2 years

Life member of ABATE of Ks

Work at LDR site Every weekend from first of Aug to middle of Sept

Personal History:

Mayor of the City of Miltonvale 20 years

Board of Directors of Cloud Co.Development Corp.18 years

Life member Harley Owners Group

Michael “Ringo” Ringgold



I originally became a part of ABATE of Kansas in 1975 and later became a lifetime member Number 150. From 1998-2002, I served as District 4 Representative. Beginning in 2002 I served as Sergeant-At-Arms for the state executive board and later served as Member At Large until 2012. I was elected the ABATE of Kansas, Inc., President as a write-in candidate in 2012, and currently serve in that capacity.

During my term as President I've encountered various challenges and have done my best to work through them in a manner that best represents the membership as well as the goals established by this organization. Under my leadership, and with the current Board of Directors, ABATE continues to gain respect with state legislators, KDOT, and other entities to work through issues as they arise. Thanks to a number of resilient individuals ABATE has moved into the 21st Century with the implementation of online services such as Online Membership and Labor Day Rally Pre-Registration. It is my hope that this will increase our membership base and bring in more of our brothers and sisters to join us in the fight for our rights as motorcyclists and as individuals.

It is important that ABATE of Kansas Inc., is represented honestly and professionally, ensuring that each member has a voice and is provided with reliable information. Our current Board of Directors is communicating well and working as a team to manage issues as they occur and understands what it will take to achieve ABATE objectives. I encourage members to attend district and state meetings communicate their thoughts, educate themselves about legislation that may affect their rights, participate in ABATE events that benefit a number of worthy charities, and support this great organization as it continues to do what it takes to preserve our rights and freedoms.

There are still many things to accomplish, and with the membership's support, I hope to continue as your President of ABATE of Kansas Inc.

Respectfully,

Michael "Ringo" Ringgold
President



Deborah Watkins

**Candidate for:
Recording Secretary for
ABATE of Kansas Inc.**

I am currently a resident of Manhattan, Kansas, and the “better half” of District 15 Representative, Paul Woodyard. I’m 49 years old and am employed by K-State as a painter as well as doing maintenance for the Manhattan Medical Center. I’ve been a member of ABATE of Kansas since 2010 and currently hold the position of State Alternate for the current Board of Directors since November 2013. I have performed the duties of the Recording Secretary on numerous occasions since becoming an alternate and have a clear understanding of the importance of this position.

During my time as an ABATE member I've played a very active role for District 15 by, among other things, acting as Chairperson for the very successful, District 15 Biker Ball (past and present) which is an annual fundraising themed banquet, and was an instrumental part of the team that managed to basically eliminate the long line at the front gate during the 2013 ABATE National Labor Day Rally. Using my past experience I understood what challenges we would face and knew logistically what it would take to make the rally a more pleasant experience for everyone. With more personnel, more registers, and a resilient team of hard working individuals we achieved our goal.

Along with several other members, I assisted in the development of a fully functional pre-registration process to be utilized at the National Labor Rally. Although it wasn't implemented for the 2013 rally, a committee, which I am a member of, was later established and succeeded in gaining the support needed to implement pre-registration for the 2014 rally and potentially other ABATE events.

It is my goal to ensure a professional and accurate representation of business conducted during all official meetings as well as fulfill all other necessary duties expected of this position. I plan to continue to promote more awareness of ABATE of Kansas, ensure that the entire membership has a voice, and increase the membership base by educating others about this great organization. Together we will continue to accomplish great things both legislative and charitable. I embrace any challenges that may be encountered, welcome new concepts and ideas, and want to ensure that ABATE is continually moving forward to maintain more efficient methods of reaching our goals.





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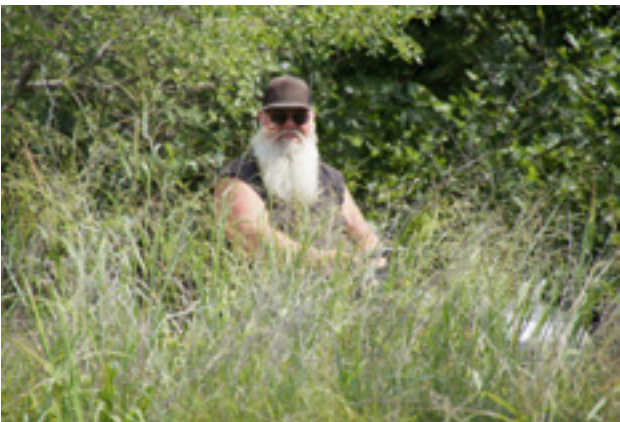




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Open Forum

It was raining again. Third time that day. I had gotten kinda used to it by then. It was hot in between showers, so the brief shots felt good. Up ahead, I saw some trees along side the road, figured it would be a good spot to throw up the tent. Getting late, and the lights weren't exactly dependable on the old rice grinder I was riding. Back then, a body could do that, as long as you weren't right on the shoulder.

As I got closer, I saw there were a few other riders already there. I hesitated, I had gone to war before. Back then, there were many that would burn a ricer. I bore the scars to prove it, and I still rode the bike. I slowed, tired, getting dark. Three grizzled riders stood up at my approach. I stopped, and they walked over. Looking me over, the older looking one said something I have never forgotten. "Son, you look like you've had a hard ride. Park that pig and have a seat." Simple words, but a welcome sign that here, among them, I would not have to defend myself, or my ride.

I sat, for some reason, they had directed me towards the middle of the group. Maybe it was my age, I don't know, I was only seventeen then. But it seemed they formed a protective line on each side. I pulled out a warm soda, offered it to them, they laughed. "you want a cold one, son?" they asked. I nodded, and a Bud was quickly produced. We shot the shit for hours, it seemed. They would ask a question about my riding life, then laugh, slap me on the back, then hand me another beer.

Just on the edge of the group, sat a fourth rider. Darker, quieter than the others, but when he said something, the others quieted down to listen. At one point, one of the others, maybe a few too many, fell back on his ass. The laugh, my god the laugh... It came right out of the horror movies. That singular, sinister laugh we all associate with the devil. I stopped short, he stood up quickly, stepped over, and grabbed the fallen man. He wasn't very large. Wirey, about five-eight or so, but he snatched up a two hundred pound guy like he was nothing. Putting him back on his stump, he let loose with that laugh again, slapped him on the shoulder, and returned to his spot.

The next morning, there was a light kick to my feet. "don't know where you're heading son, but why don't you ride with us for a while." Not a question, just a statement, one I had never heard before, not out here, on the road. While I was headed to Sturgis, they were coming from there. They all said they didn't like the feel of it anymore. It was still fun, but there just seemed to be something not right this year.

So, I rode with them. Back into Nebraska, the Sandhills, stopping at bars along the way. Some good riding, with some good riders. To this day, I could go back on that route. After a couple days, nearing where I needed to be, we pulled into another bar. We sat for a couple hours, just bull shittin; again, when the older one turned to me. "Brother, If we don't see each other again, remember us." With a handshake, and a hug all around, they fired their bikes, and were gone. I stood there for some time, watching them ride off. I never got their names, but one name hung on me, a little weight to it, no one had ever called me "Brother" before. It was August 10th, 1981, in Arnold, Nebraska, some things you never forget.

Not long after, I departed the civilian

life. Joining the Army in early eighty-two, in what is considered "Peace Time". Yeah, kiss my ass with that. Between , Grenada, Angola, Libya, Somalia, go ahead and

tell yourself it was a time of peace. Just because thousands weren't sent, doesn't make it a picnic. When it came time to leave, I went home. No glory, pats on the back, salutes, nothing, just a cloud...

There's something magical about having that name hung on you. "Brother", it can be heavy at times, but it pulls on you constantly. There is an old saying "the Brotherhood never forgets". You can step away for some time, living a lie, you call life. But, when the time comes, that empty pit before you, the Brotherhood finds you again.

And so it was. In a strange, round about way, tramping all over the country, the world, seeking something not lost, but definitely missing. Making mistakes, doing some time, coming and going, at the lowest points, it seemed it was always the Brotherhood, that would snatch me by the hair, and pull me back to reality. All those times, you knew me, I knew all of you, we just didn't know each others' names. While in the eyes of so many, I had disappeared, all but declared dead by my family, the Brotherhood always knew where I was, and made sure I did as well.

The majority of a decade, fighting, tramping around, barely just getting along. A lost soul? Naw, just exploring the world. Maybe doing it the hard way, but enjoying the vast majority of the ride.

A new decade, and, like a long lost cousin, I returned to the town I left so long ago. It hadn't changed much. A young girl had gone missing, under bad circumstances, a friend lost, in a deal gone bad. But still, pretty much unchanged.

I went to work, building a packing plant. Not really wanting to be around the area, I would go to the bar at night. Setting there, having a cold one, listening to familiar voices, but seeming to be foreign to me. Above the cacophony, I heard it. It seemed to quiet the entire bar down, for some reason. A laugh, right out of the horror movies. That singular, sinister laugh that we all associate with the devil. A chill went up my spine. I had never heard another like it, other than ten years before.

No choice really, I got up, grabbed my beer, grabbed a couple more, and walked over to the table. He had change some. Older for sure, but weren't we all. I put a beer down in front of him, still didn't know his name. He looked up, and that moment between wonder and silent recognition, was clearly etched on his face. "Holy shit!" and his arms threw around me, like a long lost friend. He introduced me around the table, at least giving me the others' names. The night was passed, drinking and laughing, enjoying the music. At one point, I remember getting up, to get another round. Carol, his Lady, got up as well, seeming to walk with me. As I got to the bar, she asked me, "how long have you known Worm?". I hesitated, not wanting to lie. Finally, I told her of that ride, so long ago. How we never exchanged names. She listened, then, she smiled. She told me that he had told her of that ride. How they had brought a kid along, after running into him along the road. Then she said one more thing; "The Brotherhood Never Forgets"

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09/06- STATE MTG- American Legion, Ozawiekie 4:00 PM
09/14- DIST MTG- Hog Hollar, 9252 Apple Valley Lane, Ozawiekie
District 2- (unless noted, meetings start at 5:00 pm)
09/06- DIST MTG- Pizza Hut, Phillipsburg
District 3- (unless noted, all meetings start at 1:00 pm)
09/07- DIST MTG- Harley School, Hwy 69, Frontenac
10/04- DIST MTG- Elm Creek Lake, 682- 135th Rd. Fort Scott
11/02- DIST MTG- American Legion, Caney, Ks
11/29- 33rd ANNUAL TOY RUN, Independence Lone Chief Cabin- 12 NOON
12/07- VFW, 10283 Harper Rd, Freedonia
District 4(unless noted, meetings start at 1:00 pm)
09/14- DIST MTG- Kitzman Res. 9500 T4 Rd, Hoyt
District 5- (unless noted, meetings begin at NOON)
09/13- DIST MTG- Eagles Lodge, 4726 Merriam Dr., O.P. Park
10/04- DIST MTG- Eagles Lodge, O.P. Ks.
11/01- DIST MTG- Eagle Lodge, O.P., Ks
12/06- DIST MTG- Eagle Lodge, O.P.
12/13- STATE MTG HOSTS- Eagle Lodge, 12 NOON
followed by END OF YEAR PARTY, 7:00 PM
District 7- TBD
District 8-(unless noted, meetings start at 1:30 pm)
10/04- DISTRICT MTG- V.F.W., Haysville
District 9 (unless noted, meetings start at 1:00pm)
09/14- DIST MTG- TJP's, Salina, Sky.
10/04- CLOUD CO.TOY RUN- Airport Park, Concordia- 12 NOON
11/01- MARION CO. TOY RUN- Willy's J's, 9th Lane Bar, 131 S. Thorpe St, Marion- 12 NOON
District 10
District 11
09/01- LDR Stage tear Down- 9:00 AM
09/07- DISTRICT MTG- TBA- 2:00PM
10/05- DISTRICT MTG- Field events Site, Hiawatha- 12 NOON
11/11- VETERAN'S DAY PARADE- 10:00AM
12/07- ANNUAL TOY RUN- Wildwoods, 4th & Delaware, Leavenworth- 12 NOON
DISTRICT MTG FOLLOWS TOY RUN
12/14- V.A. CHILI FEED – 11:00 A.M.
District 12- TBD
District 13-
09/21- DIST MTG- State Park @ the Groves- 2:00 PM
District 15
09/14- Dist Mtg- Corey's Country Corral, 101 Smokey Lane, Junction City, –TBA- Fun Run before mtg- 2:00 PM
10/12- DIST MTG- 2nd Street, 200 N. Kansas Ave, Frankfort- 2:00 PM
10/18- ANNUAL TOY RUN, Little Grill, 6625 Dyer Rd, Manhattan- 12 NOON
11/09- DIST MTG/ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE- Cock 'n Bull, 2413 Stagg Hill Rd, Manhattan- 2:00 PM
12/14- DIST MTG-Hodges Res. 2840 Edwards St, Manhattan- 12 NOON Pot Luck Meal
followed by mtg 2:00 PM

State
(Unless noted, meetings start at Noon)
09/06- Meeting-Amer Legion-4PM- Hwy 92, Ozawiekie
10/05-10/14- STATE FAIR- ABATE BOOTH
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As of the writing of this report there have not been any substantial news releases. Some things we always need to be vigilant about is riding impaired and noise. Always the helmet and what we ride is in the news somewhere.

Be aware of your surroundings and watch for drivers who are oblivious to their surroundings. Even one lost brother or sister is too many.

I have been trying to get any info that I receive sent out to the contacts. Please be sure you are sharing the info with fellow riders. Discussing our way of life will keep people attuned to our plight.

As always rubber on the road and head in the clouds,
Seeker

14NR32 - MRF News Release - Think September 23 July 2014

Contact:Carol Downs, Director of Conferences & Events

While temperatures seem to be hot just about everywhere, we know September is coming. And September 2014 means the 30th Annual Meeting of the Minds (MOTM).

September 25th to 28th in Kansas City, Missouri Freedom of Road Riders (FORR) will be hosting the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) for this event at the Embassy Suites Kansas City Airport.

Hotel reservations must be made prior to August 25th to receive our rate of \$111.00 per night. This rate does include the breakfast buffet. Be sure to mention the MRF Meeting of the Minds to obtain the group rate. Embassy Suites Kansas City - Airport 7640 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway Kansas City, Missouri 64153 (816) 891-7788

The deadline for pre-registration for the Conference is also August 25th. Save \$10.00 per person by registering early. You can order your event t-shirt during the registration process, this year. This will assure you get a shirt in the color you choose (from those offered) in your size. If you do not order your shirt at the time of registration you may still pick one up in the Product Store during the Conference.

As usual there will be plenty of informational workshops including Interacting with the Media, Motorist Awareness, Peer-to-Peer Communication, Leadership Development, Event Planning and more. MRF Awareness & Education (MRFA&E) will be introducing a new program aimed toward children. We will have a panel discussion on the ups and downs of a State Motorcycle Rights Organization (SMRO). Not to mention the joy of seeing old friends.

The hotel is less than two miles from the Harley Davidson plant in Kansas City. Harley Davidson has set up an opportunity for us to tour the factory free of charge. This will be for the early arrivals, so come early. Our tours will start at 1:00 pm on Thursday, September 25th, with the last tour at 3:00 pm. Pre-registration is required and transportation will be provided by Worth Harley Davidson. Coincidentally they are also located only a couple miles from the hotel. You can find the registration on our website. Click on 2014 Conference Information then register for the tour time you desire.

14NR33 - MRF News Release - Fact or Fiction? 25 July 2014

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

There is a safety community in Washington D.C. that is trying to destroy motorcycling as we know it with lies and half truths. This group is a quasi mixture of government and private safety driven organizations including The Center for Auto Safety, Highway Loss Data Institute, the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety and the Governors Highway Safety Association to name a few. All of these groups work to influence the government to enact stricter and stricter safety standards and laws. They all do this slightly differently from each other but they do have one common core; they hate motorcycles. If they thought it was remotely possible for one minute that they could eliminate all forms of power driven two wheelers from the traffic landscape, they would try. They try to alarm the general public with misinformation or partial information. They claim that motorcyclist fatalities have been on the rise since 2005 and that is true. Some years see a dip but for the most part motorcyclist fatalities have risen. There was an increase of 36 more fatalities between from 2005 to 2011, 4,576 to 4,612 respectively. However, bike sales and registration numbers are up and that tells a very different story. One that they don't want you to hear.

A closer look at the numbers reveals the bulk of the story. They tell us that motorcyclists fatalities are on the rise but they never mention the number of motorcycles on the road, which is also increasing. When we look at the numbers, they show the exact opposite of what the media, the government and the safety-crats are telling us. In fact, motorcycle fatalities are occurring on a much less frequent basis year after year. Since 2005, fatalities have dropped from 73.5 motorcyclists per one hundred thousand registered motorcycles to 54.7. That is an almost 30% drop in fatalities in the exact same time period in which the fear mongers tell you fatalities are a growing problem. All of the numbers used here are directly from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) website. Separating fact from fiction reveals the truth. Over six years 2.2 million motorcycles were added to the roads and we essentially kept the number of fatalities at a near static number. This is not exactly the end of the world, deathtrap-riding scenario that the powers that be would have you believe. All this considering that the only difference is the Motorcycle Riders Foundation created a federal grant program to send money to the states to assist with rider education and share the road type campaigns. We have also relaxed mandatory helmet laws which goes directly against what they would have you believe.

Year	Registrations	Fatalities	Fatalities per 100,000 registered
2005	6,227,146	4,576	73.48
2006	6,678,958	4,837	72.43
2007	7,138,476	5,174	72.48
2008	7,706,464	5,312	68.39
2009	7,883,446	4,469	56.69
2010	8,212,267	4,518	55.01
2011	8,437,502	4,612	54.66

During the August congressional recess remind your elected officials that since 2005, we have had states repeal helmet laws and have watched fatalities drop. The only significant change to the motorcycle safety world other than more motorcycles, is the National Highway Traffic Administrations motorcycle safety grant program. The same program that was supported by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. This fund has dispensed money to every state and is used for motorcycle rider education and share the road campaigns. In order to continue the fund we need Congress to pass another transportation bill. Please take advantage of the upcoming congressional recess by contacting your member of congress, attending events and town hall type meetings. Urge them to get to work on the highway bill.

14NR34 - MRF News Release - Highway Funding Bill Clears Congress 1 August 2014

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

The United States Congress has agreed on a temporary patch for the highway trust fund, reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. The Senate agreed to the House version of the temporary funding fix for the highway trust fund.

The fix came just hours before the United States Department of Transportation would have had to cut off payments for highway construction projects and mass transit programs. The quick fix will keep the trust fund solvent through mid May of 2015.

The final Senate vote ended a week of legislative ping ponging between the House and Senate. The Senate wanted to modify the legislation so it would expire in December of 2014, thus forcing a vote on a larger highway bill that would address the trust fund issues before the end of this year. The House defeated that legislation, sending its own version to be passed by the Senate, that will run through May and spends \$10.8 billion.

The temporary patch kicks the larger issues into the next Congress to be sworn in next year.

14NR35 - MRF News Release - 30th Annual Meeting of the Minds 16 August 2014

Contact:MRF Office, MRF Office

Do not forget that August 25th is the pre-registration deadline for the 30th Annual Meeting of the Minds to be held in Kansas City, Missouri on September 25th-28th. The pre-registration price includes

a \$10.00 discount for both members and non-members. You may either register on-line at www.mrf.org, click on 2014 Conference Information; you may register by mail, or you may register by calling the D.C. office. Please note: To pre-register by phone you must do so no later than August 22nd since the D.C. office will be closed the week of August 25th.

August 25th is also the last day to make hotel reservations and receive our group rate of \$111.00 which includes breakfast. The conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Kansas City Airport. The phone number to make reservations is 816-891-7788. After August 25th, rooms will only be available at the standard rate and we cannot guarantee availability.

If you wish to pre-order your T-shirt during the registration, you must also complete your order before the early registration deadline. This is a great way to be sure you get the shirt you want and the size and color you need. Event shirts will be available at the Conference, but we encourage pre-order to assure your choice.

Harley-Davidson is offering Kansas City Plant Tours on Thursday, September 25th for attendees who arrive early for the conference. There is no charge for this tour and transportation will be provided to and from the hotel if needed. The tours will be one hour in duration and start at 1:00 pm, 1:20 pm, 1:40 pm, 2:00 pm, 2:20 pm, 2:40 pm. The 3:00 pm tour is full and we encourage you to book a slot if you wish to visit the plant. You must pre-register as only a limited amount of participants can be accommodated for the tour.

We really encourage you to register for the conference prior to August 25th. Not only will you save \$10.00 on your registration, you will greatly assist our hosts in planning for the event. The more accurate a number provided, the easier it will be to assure they print workbooks for every attendee, not to mention stocking up on food and beverages for the Hospitality Room.

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Lobbyist Report

August 2014 Lobbyist Report

Attended two K-10 meetings with Mike Ringgold, Paul Swoyer, Tony Rawls-Riley, and Bill Saric. At this point in time we feel that finding solutions to K-10 crossover accidents are going very well.

Attended District 11 Bike Games. Had an amazing time talking to people about legislative issues and getting my game on!

We are currently in the process of drafting legislation for the 2015 session:

Safety Corridor, KDOT Resolution, and Right of Way Bill.

Summer is winding down. Enjoy the riding weather that's left. See you at the rally!

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