



ABATE OF KANSAS

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September 2016

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David S. Mann



1948- 2016



State Meeting

August State Meeting

8/20/2016, Meeting
called to order at 3pm

~Pledge of Allegiance

~Moment of Silence for
our fallen brothers & sisters,
Please keep the Mann
family in your thoughts
with the loss of Dave Mann

~Roll Call: All present Except
Dist 13. Nova for Dist 1, Sis
for Dist 8, Sarge for Dist 12

~Secretary Report- read by
Amber S. Motion was made by
Doc(2nd by Jodi) to approve
the minutes as read. Motion
passed by a show of hands.

~Financial Report-Richard
showed off the new "unofficial
LDR shirts". Richard went
through the financial packet
& asked if there were any
questions. Questions were
asked & answered.

~ Labor Day Rally:
Guest Speakers
Sheriffs Dept/Fire Dept/EMTs-
Sheriffs are good to go & will
only come in if needed. Fire
Dept is good to go & will set up
on Thursday. EMTs are good to
go. Call on radio if needed but
not for bug bites. EMTs are in
need of ATV still, Abate should
have an extra that they can use

~ Old Business-Tabled from
last month- Rocky has a 15ft
trailer for sale that abate could
purchase to use for the fencing.
It was stated that Rocky would
wait on payment until after the
rally. After some discussion a
motion was made by Sis (2nd
by Jodi) to purchase the 15ft
trailer for a predetermined
amount from Rocky as long
as Abate could pay for it after
the rally. Motion passed with
every board member voting
yes. State is in need of a safe
to be used for the rally. Jack
stated that Dist 4 has 1 & would
check with the board if it would
be ok to loan it for the rally.

Carey stated the insurance
company for Perry had looked
& submitted a claim for the
sewage damage at the office. If
the board OK'd the amount, the
insurance company would write
the check & we could hire our
own contractor. Becca made
a motion (2nd by Sis) that we
accepted the check from Perry
for water damage to the office
under the condition that we use
a contractor. Motion passed
with every board member
voting yes.

~New Business-
None at this time

~ Labor Day Rally (pt 2):
Ringo asked if there would be
any trolleys or buses running
this year. It was said that we
would have the trailer running
but the tires would need to
be foam filled before then.
Also the United Riders would
be running the van again
this year. They were asked if
they could use a blow horn &
announce upcoming events
& bands. They agreed. Site
Coordinator- Paul H stated
that the grounds look good as
of now, will need additional
mowers this weekend if we get
more rain. Tony RR apologized
for any misunderstandings
that happened with new
members regarding rules at
work weekends. Work weekend
guidelines are in packets, please
share with your dists. A motion
was made to by Tony RR(2nd
by Amber) to allow a tent to
be set up by Dist 5 member
early for use at the bike games.
Passed by a show of hands.
Paul stated that he has a full
maintenance staff. Thank you
Paul & staff for all you do!
Security- Ron V stated
that all is good to go
Stage- Byron said everything
is ready to go. Will need
help with new stage set

up this weekend. Will also
need help with the fencing
Entertainment- Byron said all
is good to go except needing a
camper/ RV to use behind the
stage for the bands to use. Paul
asked that no one cut the hoses
from the fencing unless told to
by him or Byron. Richard stated
that the commercials have
started & tickets are being given
away on the radio stations.
Becca asked for permission to
take the commercial to other
radio stations. Jack made a
motion to allow any dist to use
the commercial as long as it was
free advertisement or that dist
paid for it to be aired. Passed
by a show of hands. Lori H
stated that she had sent out
thank you letters to this year's
sponsors of the entertainment
along with sponsorship letters
for next year. Thank you L!
Vendors- Ringo reported
that Tammy said
everything was good to go
Products- Bill C said all is good
to go.

Beverage Gardens- Jack
stated that all is good to go &
would be needing people to
help work. Dist 1 is good to go
Bike Games/Bike Show- Tony
RR stated that there would
be new games this year along
with some of the old favorites.
There will also be a tug of war
competition between the Dists
on Friday @ 4pm in the field
where the games are held. Jon
P asked if there would be ATMs
this year? Carey will check on.

Showers- All is good to go.
Will be set up on Wednesday
Front Gate- Will need help. Get
with Dist 15 to sign up. Cathy
stated that early entry would
start at 12pm on Thursday &
you must have your pass from
Paul & pay at the time of entry.
There will also be an early
essential list of people to help
with set up. Dist need to get list
in to the office asap.

Lunch 4:33pm- 5:25pm
Set up/Clean up- Same as
always.. help needed. If you
can help with clean up, make
sure to sign in at Vendor pad
so your hours count towards
next year. Ron V stated that
at an executive meeting it was
decided that anyone driving
over 100 miles for work
weekend would receive 2
hrs drive time towards hours
worked for this year. Will
discuss at a later meeting for
next year. Jon P said that a slow
down sign is still needed on
the road leading into the rally.
Ringo reminded everyone to
smile & have fun!

~Nominations- Ringo opened
nominations – President: Sarge
nominated Richard P. Richard
accepted. Sergeant of arms-
Becca nominated Tony R.
Recording Secretary- Brian T
nominated Dora. Dora accepted.
Nominations officially closed.

~Lobbyist Report-Brian
gave report. Please see in your
newsletter

~MRF- Bill C gave report.
Please see detailed report
in your newsletter. It was
also stated that the annual
donation made to MRF for
Abate of Kansas would be
done after the rally & when
the budget is set for the year.
~Motorcycle Awareness Report-
Paul stated that as of this time
there has been 13 motorcycle
deaths in Kansas(there were 14
at this time last year).

~Public Relations- Sis said
nothing to report at this time.
~Mid South Mile-Sis stated
that it would be in Branson,
MO at the Radisson Hotel.
Please get with your Dist rep
if you can help with items for
the basket. Jon asked about
the state paying for gas for the
auctioneer to make it to the
Mile. A motion was made by
Tony RR (2nd by Jon P) to
pay a predetermined amount





for gas for the auctioneer to drive to the Mile this year. Motion passed with all board members voting yes except Dist 15-no & Treasurer abstaining. ~Corporate Secretary- Carey read report due to Sheri being in LA. Sheri asked that all bios for the upcoming state board elections be sent to Tammy by 8/23/16. Checking into the office network system will cost to have Kevin look at it. Will table issue until after the rally. Sheri thanked the Dist that have turned in their policies & asked

for the Dists that haven't to please do so.

~Newsletter/Website Report- None at this time. Tammy not present.

~Products- Good to go

~Upcoming Events

~ Drawings- MRF

Jerry , Donation-Jodi

~Richard thanked the dists that have all of their financials turned in & asked for the other districts to get caught up as soon as they can

~Meeting Adjourned @ 6:24pm

IN MEMORIAM

David S. Mann *(August 11, 1948 - July 18, 2016)*



David Mann , 67, of McLouth, passed away Monday, July 18, 2016 at his home. David was born August 11, 1948 at LaJunta, CO, the son of Richard and Doris Campbell Mann. He was a 1967 graduate of Desoto High School. He worked for Rock Island Railroad for three years, and for TRW (Schlumberger), as a maintenance mechanic for 32 years until his retirement in 2009. David was the President of ABATE of Kansas from 1981 to 1991, was the current Chairman of Mid South M.I.L.E., has been the

Treasurer of Motorcycle Riders Foundation for 4 years, and has been Santa for the ABATE District 11 VA Chili Feed. He married Noriene Ehrhardt on December 9, 1972 in National City, CA, who survives of the home. He is survived by two daughters, Dawn (Kendall) Wright, Lawrence, Christine (Bradley) Shanks, McLouth, three brothers Tommy Mann, Cleburne, TX, Jerry Mann, Cleburne, TX, and Ed Mann, Oskaloosa, seven Grandchildren, and one Great Grand-Child. He was preceded in death by his parents. David will lie in State from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on July 25th, with funeral services at 2:00 P.M. at Barnett Family Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to help with funeral expenses and sent in care of Barnett Family Funeral Home, PO Box 602, Oskaloosa, KS





2016 STATE BALLOT

Membership number is required for member verification. Number will be removed before vote is tallied. Without the membership number the vote is invalid.

MEMBERSHIP # _____

PRESIDENT: Jon Puckett _____

Paul Swoyer _____

Brian Thompson _____

Richard Prock _____

WRITE-IN: _____

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Amber Shutts _____

Dora Guenther _____

WRITE-IN: _____

SGT-AT-ARMS:

Ron Vawter _____

Tony Railsback _____

Bill Seric _____

WRITE-IN: _____

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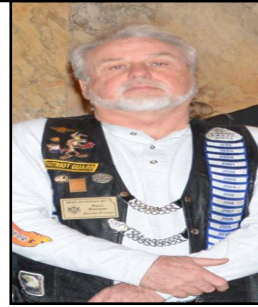
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BY November 5, 2016**

**ATTENTION! Print the word "STATE BALLOT"
on the outside of the envelope.**

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ELECTION DATE: November 12, 2016

State Elections Get To Know Your Candidates



Hello all , my name is Paul Swoyer and I am seeking the President position on the ABATE State Board . I have held the position of Member at Large for the past three years.

During the past three years I have accompanied our Lobbyist to meetings with our Legislators and with KDOT on many occasions to discuss issues that effect all

Motorcyclists . I am a member of the KDOT Safety Resource Committee and also serve as the State Motorcycle Awareness Person . I also serve as Vice President on the Board of Papan's Landing Senior Citizen Center.

I have been an active ABATE member for over twenty years . Thirteen of those years I have held a position on the Board at District and State levels.

We need to remember that ABATE is a Motorcycle Rights Organization . Over all I feel like our Organization is moving in the right direction. We must be open to new ideas and continue to move forward .



Jon Puckett--I have served as mayor of Miltonvale for 24 years. I have served on the board of directors of the Cloud Co. Development Corp. for over 20 years. I've lost track of the years that I've served District 9 as Asst. Rep and Dist. Rep. I have served 2 terms as President of A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas. I work at the LDR

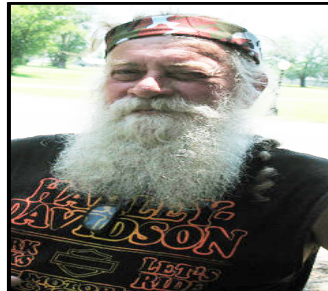
site every weekend from the first of August to the middle of September. I am a life member of A.B.A.T.E.--I believe it's been something in excess of 30 years. I am committed to preserving the independence of this organization--Our own office, our own officers, etc.--unlike some who have advocated moving to someone else's office and having 2 or 3 people (not necessarily elected) run the whole show. I would appreciate your vote for me for President of A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas. Thank you. Ride free--Jon





Member:
Since 1994
Previous Position:
Undercover Lobbyist
Proudest Achievement:
Dead Red Passage
Future Goals:
Row Passage
Favorite Thing:
We Ride We Decide
Main Message:
To Continue Moving Forward

Name:
Brian R. Thompson
Position:
President

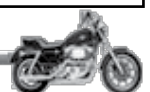


State Sargent of Arms
Dear Abate Members
I would like to hold the position for Sargent of Arms for ABATE of KS. I feel that I have the qualifications for this job. I have been an active member of ABATE of KS. Since the early 1990's

I have held all positions on the District 8 board in the last 20 years from county rep., secretary, treasurer, board member at large, assistant district rep. and currently district 8 rep. for the last 12 years. I have read the bylaws and policies and procedures many many times. I also feel I can offer a bias opinion on all areas, problems, changes,

and day to day business within our organization. I have been involved in numerous events at the state level and District level over the years. I also sit on several toy run committees. I am also currently township clerk for Medford Township Reno County KS., I oversee day to day and long term decisions and finances for Medford Township. I am also Maintenance Manager for a company for 16 years and handle day to day decisions for 3 commercial buildings, 7 housing units, 1 apt complex, and 42 vehicles. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE

RESPECTFULLY
ABATE of Ks. District 8 Rep
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Résumé's must be postmarked by October 1, 2016 or they will not be accepted. Interviews will be conducted at November meeting. The outside of the envelope must have the word "APPLICATION" written on it.

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SEPTEMBER STATE MEETING

Saturday, September 10th, 2016
American Legion
10114 Old Town Trail
Ozawie Kansas
MEETING STARTS AT 4:00 PM

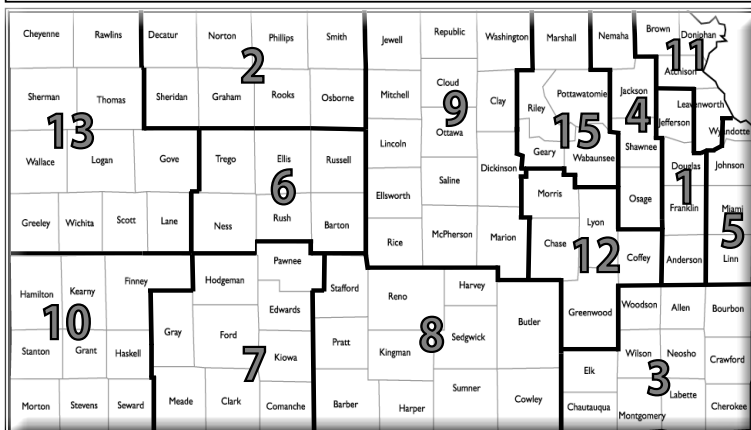
Agenda: MOMENT OF SILENCE;
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
ROLL CALL; SECRETARY
REPORT; FINANCIAL REPORT;
LOBBYIST REPORT; MRF REPORT;
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS
REPORT; PUBLIC RELATION
REPORT; MID-SOUTH MILE;
CORPORATE SECRETARY;
NEWSLETTER REPORT; WEB SITE
REPORT; PRODUCT LINE REPORT;
OLD BUSINESS; NEW BUSINESS;
UPCOMING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

UPCOMING STATE MEETINGS:

Oct 08 (Dist 9) VFW
Nov 12 (Dist 1) American Legion
Dec 10 (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.

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via e-mail please contact the office

office@abateks.org

Report Unsafe Routes
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KDOT @ 1-877-550-5368

OR

KTA @ * 582





Frequently Asked Questions

Can I wear a helmet and be a member?

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

Do I need to be a Harley owner?

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

Do I need to own a motorcycle?

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

Do I have to live in Kansas?

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

Is ABATE a motorcycle club?

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

Which District can I belong to?

You can belong to any district

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

Why did I stop getting a newsletter?

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

Do I need my ABATE card?

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

Is ABATE just about helmets?

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	
Return Application to your nearest District or Mail to: ABATE of Kansas, Inc., P.O. Box 102, Perry, KS 66073	
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**DISTRICT 2 BALLOT**

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MEMBERSHIP # _____

ASSISTANT REPRESENTATIVE Gary Littrell ☐Jeff Keen ☐Kenneth Craig ☐Write-In: _____ ☐TREASURER: Lauren "Bear" Weinert: ☐Terry Gitchel ☐Write-In: _____ ☐ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Kenneth Craig ☐Jeff Keen ☐Write-In: _____ ☐

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**DISTRICT NEWS****1**

Anderson, Douglas, Franklin and Jefferson

district1.abateks.org

District Rep. Bill Saric 785-207-7993

**Meeting Minutes Not Received By Deadline****2**Decatur, Gove, Graham, Norton, Osborne
Phillips, Rooks, Sheridan, Smith

District Rep. Rick Gitchel 785-533-1205



The August Dist. 2 meeting
had to be canceled due to
most of the officers going to
a wedding. The next Dist. 2

meeting will be at JD's cafe in
Hoxie on September 11th at
4:00 pm

3Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford
Elk, Labette, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson
Woodsondistrict3.abateks.org

District Rep. Bill Cooper 620-764-3734



Our meeting was held on
Sunday August 7th at 1:00 at
the Chanute American Legion
Post 170. Coop opened with
the Pledge of Allegiance and
a moment of silence for our
brothers and sister lost.

Bill said all is set for the
Labor Day Rally at Perry. He
will be going up on weekends
to get it ready and offered a ride
to anyone that wanted to go.
He stressed the importance of
voting at the state level.

Bev gave the treasurer
report and will have the May
rally results next month. Dave
W. motioned to approve. Troll
seconded and all approved.

Ellie reviewed last month's
meeting and then highlighted

the steps listed from the June
meeting about our Bike show
for next year. The first weekend
in May is reserved for us and
the Fair Board will let us know
if we can use the arena area.
They were very pleased with
how we left the fair grounds
and gave us back the deposit.
This amount plus another
sponsor from Coop was given
to Bev. Ellie will have district 3
products for sale next meeting
and take care of Toy Run shirts.
Dave W. motioned to allocate
money to get the product line
started and Leonard 2nd. All
approved and then a cash
donation was added. Thank
you!

Our Vice Rep position and





Treasurer position are open again this year. Bev and Dan were nominated to continue in these positions and all 2nd! They accepted and it will be in the Newsletter this fall. Please vote. The results will be at our December meeting in Fredonia.

Elm creek lake is a family event the first weekend in October. Coop will get sponsors and Ellie will have t-shirts made. The feasibility of having it again was discussed. Dave W. motioned Dist. 3 sponsor it one more year and see how it goes. Shaffer and Duck 2nd and all approved. Bev and Dan will check on a few sponsors also and let us know next meeting.

4	Jackson,Nemaha,Osage and Shawnee abateksd4.com	
	District Rep. Jack Frost 785-383-4836	

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5	Johnson,Linn,Miami,Wyandotte abateksdist5.org	
	District Rep. Tony Rawls-Riley 913-706-8449	

August 6th, 2016 District 5 monthly meeting started at 12:00 at Lake Perry, KS. We started with a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters and the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 24 members present and three guests. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped with mowing and other items needed to get the rally grounds ready for another year of great fun! Don't forget, volunteer's are also needed during the rally so that everyone has a chance to enjoy their

The Toy Run was also discussed. We will have a door prize the day of the event. There was concern about having too many t's. This was discussed and we will pre-order about what we had last year as we sold out. This helped defray the cost of insurance.

Dan won the door prize and donated back. Thanks Dan!

Motions to close the meeting. All approved. See you next month Sunday Sept. 11 at the Neodesha Eagles.

Labor Day weekend!!

Old business: need to register for biker's for babies and finish plaques f or bike games at the rally.

Guest speakers: Lobbyist Bryan T. and State Treasurer Richard B.

Upcoming events:
September: Labor Day Rally
October: Pumpkin Chunkin
November: Bonfire
December: End Of Year Party
January: Bowling
February: Secret Stalker
Our September meeting is at the Labor Day Rally grounds on

September 3rd, starting at 11:00 at the bike games area.

October 1st meeting will be held at Moose Lodge, starting at noon.

Always remember, other motorcyclist, family, interested people, are always welcome. As you can see our

District is growing rapidly. If you know someone that would like to join, you can contact anyone on the board for the membership forms or bring them to our next meeting.

6	Barton, Ellis, Ness, Rush, Russell, Trego	
	District Rep. Becca Hardman 785-259-9557	

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7	Clark,Comanche,Edwards,Ford,Gray Hodgman,Kiowa,Meade,Pawnee Facebook.com/pages/abatedist7/101952168299	
	District Rep. Doc Pritchett 620-339-5814	

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8	Barber,Butler,Cowley,Harper,Harvey Kingman,Pratt,Reno,Sedgwick, Stafford,Sumner facebook.com/pages/ABATE-of-Kansas-District-8/114523255250459	
	District Rep. Tony Railsback 620-204-8018	

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Next meeting is at Pizza Ranch 1805 E 17th Ave, Hutchinson to coincide with the Kansas State Fair and the ABATE of Kansas State booth. After the meeting at the fairgrounds we will ride to The Kansas Rides to the Kansas State Fair!

The Kansas State Fair is excited to announce it's 15th annual Motorcycle Rally and Parade.

Motorcyclists from across the state can bring their motorcycles to the Fair on Sunday, September 11, 2016. Paved parking for motorcycles will be located on Plum Street between 20th Ave. and 23rd Ave.

Enjoy the Fair all day and at 4:45 p.m. meet back at your bike for a parade at 5:00 p.m. through the Fairgrounds.

We invite all riders of all bikes to come join us!



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MEMBERSHIP # _____

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:

Jon Puckett _____

Russ Waline _____

WRITE-IN _____

SECRETARY:

Kevin McKee _____

Dave Zeller _____

WRITE-IN: _____

TREASURER:

Brenda Davis _____

WRITE-IN: _____

Member-at-Large:

Russ Waline _____

Kyle Kagle _____

WRITE-IN _____

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Marion,McPherson,Mitchell,Ottawa
Republic,Rice,Saline,Washington
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District Rep. Jon Puckett 785-427-2494



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

District Rep. Troy Love 620-214-3507



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Atchison,Brown,Doniphan,Leavenworth

district11.abateks.org

District Rep. Jodi Stutzman 785-364-7265



ABATE of Kansas Dist. 11 meeting at First Street Bar on August 7, 2016. Meeting called to order by Jodi at 12:20pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters and those still serving, and also included Noriene Mann & Family.

Treasurer report: Ruth gave numbers of persons thru the gate. Doyle stated to table rest of report until later in meeting, all agreed.

Jodi thanked everyone who was involved with the Field Events. Great job by everyone! The drone operated by Cory shot some incredible footage. A huge thank you goes out to the Martinson's! The moving of the registration and security station ran well.

Cards were passed for The Mann family, Doyle and Al. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Noriene and family. We are also happy that Doyle is one

tough biker. Speedy recovery to Al.

Open discussion: Doyle started out by discussing the P.A. system and the need for speaker brackets and gave a cost.

Doyle made a motion to get replacement brackets for speakers. Tom seconded. Motion passed. Doyle is checking on new powerhead and pricing, mic and cords. The need for better radios. Ric is doing some checking. Lighting, etc.

Tim S. brought up getting involved with the Bike Blues BBQ in Sabetha and would like to set up a booth and get some bikes to participate. Missy told everyone about the Daisy House in Atchison starting a cruise night. Matt W. announce his work has barrels and we could get them just have haul them. Jodi let know funds raise for the Mann family and Ruth motioned to match what was





collected. Lea seconded. All in favor. Doyle made a motion to donate to Jim Butterfield to him with expenses, Tom seconded. Motion passed. Jim B. told us about a gal from the Well-Armed Woman. To see if we would be interested in self-defense and conceal and carry classes. Jim was asked if he could see if she would be a guest and tell us more.

Ruth gave the rest of treasurer report. Approved.

Doniphan County Report: Not much to report from the county level. Remember we are a month away from Bikers for Babies. Need people to step up and help out the kids again this year who will be fighting the hardest battle of their lives. So far we have 6 Team Members. Please go to www.bikersforbabieskc.org and sign up and come out for the ride. We will need everyone signed up by September 9th. That way I can pick up the bandana's for the team parking on the 10th. Planning on having a Team photo taken this year with the Speedway grandstands in the background before we head out on the ride. As of today ABATE of Kansas District 11 Team is #3 on the top donor list. Good job to all that has helped out this year! Thank you. Also

remember we will be having the vendor booth set up. Thank you to Missy Roberts and DL Williams for stepping up from the District and working the booth this year. Last year we finished as a team #13 Top Donors! Let's see if we can't do better this year. Please log on and join the team. Watch the Facebook page for updates the next month. And time and place to meet so we can ride in as a group and lead the way for MRO's. (Motorcycle Rights Organization) Because as of last year we are the only MRO that put's a team together for this event to get the word out. Well done District 11!

District 11 and District 5 will be working the booth at the B for B in KC.

Old business: LDR weekends discussed. Tools needed for stage assembly and tear down.

Upcoming events: Prez ride, HLMF shoot out, Dragging Cancer to the Dirt, LDRally, State Fair, Bikers for Babies.

Drawing won by Lee
Next meeting TBA

Meeting adjourned 2:50 all in favor

route will be as follows:

Soden's Grove – Starting point. 1st hand

Lebo at the Heidi Inn 2nd hand

Reading at The Miracle Café 3rd hand

Americus at Harry & Lloyd's 4th hand

Soden's Grove – Ending point 5th and final hand

Lunch (included with each hand) and the auction will follow.

The train will be running and the proceeds will go towards this event. We are still in need of donations for the auction.

Thank you to all that volunteered to help!!!

Second order of old business was about Perry and all details are in order.

Third order of old business was about our bylaws needing to be looked at again, this has been tabled until next month.

New business was discussion about the annual Great American Market held in downtown Emporia on Saturday September, 17th. John S. made a motion that was seconded by Richard to set up a booth by our district to educate people about Motorcycle Awareness. The motion was carried.

Announcements are as followed:

Conrad requested for a "Random Act of Patriotism" on August 27th for the Cruisin' the Campus circle drive. Meet @ 6:30 between 11th & 12th Ave. We will make a complete loop through the circle then another half loop. The National Anthem will be sung at 7:00 p.m.

On August 27th is the annual ALS walk at Jones Park. Danny W invited everyone to join in the walk with his team.

On September 11th the Patriot Guard Riders will be

flying flags over the Melvern overpass from sun up to sun down to honor the lives lost and families that suffered that day 15 years ago in one of our most tragic acts of terrorism on American soil.

The Republican Women asked Pappy to suggest a donation for Lyon County Sheriff's Department to help fund body cameras. A motion was made by Sarah that was seconded by Mike L. and the motion carried.

Deb F. made a motion to send a monetary donation to Deb Bazil-Sturm who was in a recent motorcycle wreck that broke her ankle. This was seconded by Randy E., and the motion was carried.

We all give a big THANK YOU to Deb F. and Jason for spending time to shop for a new lap top for Dist. 12!!!

Next meeting will be on September, 11th. We will meet @ Presto gas station on East 12th Ave in Emporia, KSU at 1:00 going to Melvern overpass to honor those that were lost in the World Trade Center attack for one hour, and then we will head to Sarge's for the meeting about 3:00. Directions are: on HWY 50, ½ mile past Lebo on the right side.

A motion was made to adjourn and carried.

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Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon, Morris

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District Rep. Lori Siebenaler 620-757-1664



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

Deb F. gave the treasurer's report. The state meeting was postponed so there wasn't a report today. A motion was

made to wave the reading of the Secretary's report; all reports were approved as read.

First order of old business was our benefit ride on Saturday September 17th for one of our members, Danny W.

Everything seems to be in order; food, volunteers, ect. The





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

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



The ABATE of Kansas District monthly meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 14, in Gove, Ks at the Country Kitchen.

The pledge of allegiance was given followed by a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters. Roll call was taken and all officers where present accept for the treasure, secretary, road captain and assistant road captain.

The treasure's report was relayed to and read by Neil.

Approval was given by all present to move ahead and have Steve establish the account for the "Biker Down Fund" .

A motion was made to pay the bills for stage hardware and travel expenses for our half of the band, 3x7 as co sponsors with Dist. #6 for LDR's Battle of the Bands.

A motion was made to waive the secretary's report, seconded and carried.

No State meeting to report on. it is the 3rd Saturday this month due to LDR preparations.

Old Business: An attempt to get the flowers to the funeral for the two riders that passed away at Meade Lake last month was hindered by a void of information on them. We got them delivered to the gentleman's but not the young lady's. Talk about the venue for next year's Buffalo Run is on hold at the last location until the first part of October. We are working on securing an alternate venue in case things fall through.

Congratulations again to those that won seats on the

board last month. Darin W. / Steve K. /Curtis B. We started taking volunteers of our county reps. Neil- Scott Co. Mona-Sherman Co. Kim- Lane Co. and Darin- Gove Co. Thank you all for stepping forward and helping out.

The hunted house has been tabled indefinitely because of lack of response from whomever is the caretaker there. The flags still have not been purchased that where voted on. Also we kicked off our renewed commitment to collect canned goods or other non perishable food items at each meeting to help those in need through out the district's counties.

New Business: The State is still looking for people that would like to work security at The Labor Day Rally this year. You can contact Neil and he will get you pointed in the right direction for who to talk to. District #13 will attempt to set up just south of the showers (or as close as possible) if you'd like to camp as a group. Just look for our Dist. flag along the roadway.

There was talk about incorporating toy runs into our monthly runs for the next few months to gather items to give away this holiday season.

Brian Thompson is still looking for volunteers to man the booth at the state fair this year. Various shifts are available. Entry to the fair is provided. Call (785)249-1987 for details.

Upcoming Events: The next 3 meetings are all at 2pm cst.

Sept. 11th in Goodland at The sports Bar. Oct. 9th in

Dighton at the Bowling Ally and Nov. 13th in Oakley, Ks. at Capt'n Jack's Pub. We hope to see you all there. The next state meeting is in Ozawkie Saturday Aug. 20 @ 4:00pm at the American Legion.

Our next run will be a benefit/toy run on Aug. 28.

Kickstands up at 9am leaving from the Veteran's Memorial in Scott City. Please bring 1 unwrapped toy.

Mona wanted all to know

about a "Land and Sky" run that leaves out of Sharon Springs on Oct. 6th. There will be a ribbon cutting and ride that stops at the new motorcycle museum in St. Francis.

There is a lot going on this time of year check our Facebook page or the "Benefit Runs for Western Kansas" FB page for all the ride schedules in this area.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn, motion carried.

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Any person operating in this state a motorcycle which is registered in this state shall be the holder of a class M driver's license. KSA 8-235

Additional fee for Class M License: \$12.50

Penalty for no Class M License: Class B Misdemeanor
Fine up to \$1,000 and/or Imprisonment up to 6 months

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George Tisdale _____

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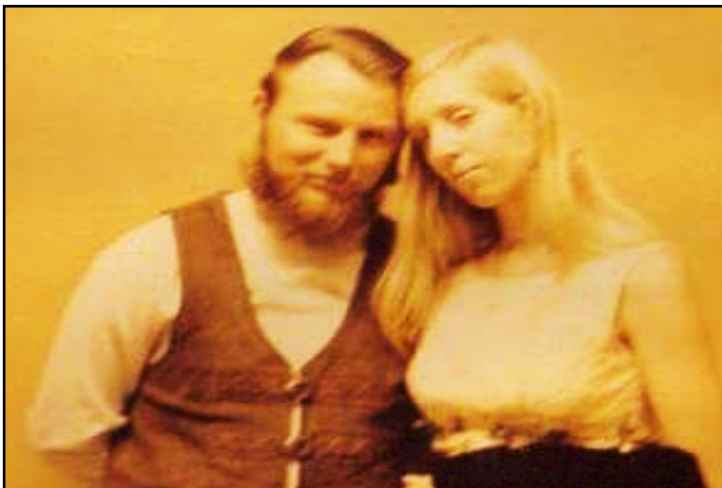


Dave Mann, You will be missed

Dave was honest, if he thought you were a jerk, he'd tell you to your face, never talk behind your back. Kind, he always made sure people were taken care of, whatever the need was. Witty, he could regale listeners with stories (some true, some not so true) and jokes, both funny and groan worthy. Generous, to a fault, always willing to pull out his wallet to make sure things were as they should be, whatever the situation. Our credit cards were used heavily the first few rallies he was in office, because there wasn't the funds in the coffers. Dedicated, he held the position of president of ABATE, for almost 10 years, not because he wanted to be the president,

but because he wanted someone who cared as much about the organization as he did, to take over. He was just as dedicated to the MRF and the Mid-South M,I,L,E, Wise, he could read and handle situations with tact and diplomacy. Patient, it wasn't uncommon to get phone calls in the middle of the night to settle some dispute between two members in a bar. Brave, more than once he got between some guy who had bad intentions, and the woman his intentions were aimed at. He wasn't afraid to take chances, but usually had his odds figured before he did. He loved being on a bike. He said he never felt bad when he was on the bike. Was he perfect? Heck no, but he was the best person I ever met.

- Noriene



We all have various chapters in our lives, one of mine was being very active in A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas. Those years changed who I am today. The independence of Riding Motorcycles and fighting for those Freedom Rights to do so, making life long friends and changing who I am today because of those years and experiences. Today we lost one of my mentors. Dave Mann. He was the first person to say.. "you showed up to the meeting so you now have a job" LOL He nominated me and backed

me as a State Board Member, he counselled me on what to say when I lobbied for our state, and was one of the first one to tell me I looked like a natural on a bike. He was opinionated, and true to what he believed in and the man had my respect. Those years in A.B.A.T.E. are long gone, but my heart is just as heavy with loss tonight as it would of been all those years ago, getting ready for the Rally next month. Noriene Mann, my heart is with you. - Respectfully Submitted - Tracy Stephens via Facebook

It was the early 80's when We got involved in motorcycle rights, it was something we believed with all our being. We found that there were lots of other people out there that felt the same way. A lot of us grew as a family as we fought the fight, it wasn't only ABATE but the MILE, SMART, the MRF, trips to DC, trips to the Kansas Capital building meeting all over the USA fighting the cause and Dave and Noriene were there helping lead the way. There are so many stories that could be told but it would be hard to just pick one, but we all have memories we can look back on and smile about whether it was helping start SMART or getting the final touches for Labor Day and the MILE or the Bus trips to DC.

Dave Left his mark on all of them and will be remembered.

Dave and Noriene went way beyond for the cause most people wouldn't know but there were times they covered part of the costs on their own dime to insure that we got the events off with out a hitch. Dave was the type of person even though you didn't see eye to eye he'd offer

you the shirt off his back, well maybe not (his) shirt lol. Dave will be Missed by many.

So Long Old Friend
The gypsy wind, it called
your name

No time to say good bye
You left us here alone,
Old friend

To take your final ride
The world it could not tame
your soul you lived your life
with pride.

Now you soar free,
like the crow

You're on your final ride
Your memory won't fade,
Old friend

We'll hold you deep inside
We'd come with you if only
we could

upon your final ride.
its time to say so long,
old friend

As you take your final ride
We'll keep you with us in
Our hearts

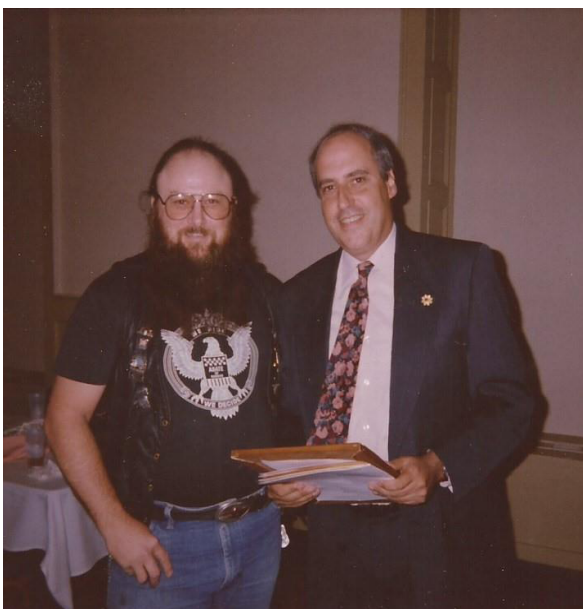
If not riding by our sides.

- Ed and Tish Martin





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Lobbyist Report

AUGUST LOBBYIST REPORT SUBMITTED 8/24/16

By BRIAN R. THOMPSON

Well the year is going fast.....

Since it began I have been to 13 of the 14 ABATE districts.

Never a dull moment from

CASINO NITE DIST 2

BIRTHDAY BASH DIST 6

CABIN FEVER DIST 1

VETERANS BBQ ON MEMORIAL DAY DIST 11

BUFFALO RUN DIST 13

RFTW DIST 4

BIKE SHOW DIST 12

COOP'S FINALLY FAIRGROUND RALLY DIST 3

STATE BOD MTG DIST 9

JANUARY DIST MTG DIST 8

DIST BOD MTG DIST 5

STATE BOD MTG DIST 7

STATE BOD MTG DIST 10

AS I always say

GOOD —TIMES — FOOD —and FRIENDS

Since MEADE state meeting I have been

7/15 dist 11 fuel test and drags.

7/28 dist 11 bike games.

8/5 dist 5 bod meeting at vendors pad at perry rally grounds

8/13 HUNG LIKE MONKEYS

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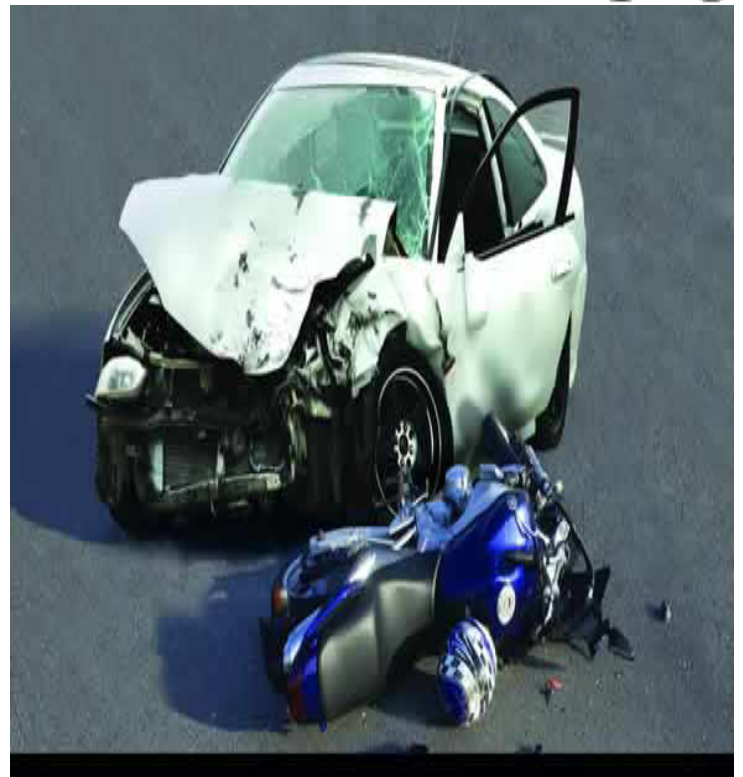
8/19 STATE BOD MTG

Finished organizing the state fair functions.

LABOR DAY RALLY SEPTEMBER 2nd THRU THE 5th at
LAKE PERRY. C U THERE

KANSAS STATE FAIR is coming up, so it is time to start
planning to visit the ABATE BOOTH IN THE MEADOWLARK
BUILDING from 9AM till 9PM. The dates are Friday September
9th thru Sunday September 18. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

AS ALWAYS THANK- YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. RIDE
SAFE.



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by accident.**

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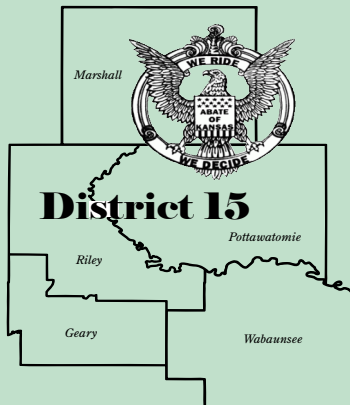
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Abate of Kansas



30th Annual Toy Run October 1st, 2016

\$5 per entry

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

Collecting Toys for 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: 11am - 1pm Sign-up: Prairie Hawg, Manhattan

1pm: Kickstands up & Ride

Local Ride to Multiple Locations

Finish: Rock House Sports Bar & Grill, Ogden
Chili Feed. \$5.00 Donation

Randy Bassler, District 15 Rep 785-826-6372

Carl Hodges, Assistant District 15 Rep: 785-587-5097

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ABATE of KANSAS DISTRICT #12

Promoting Awareness of ABATE of KANSAS, INC.



Benefit Run

Saturday September 17th 2016

Proceeds to be given to Danny Williams

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), sometimes called Lou Gehrig's disease, is a rapidly progressive, invariably fatal neurological disease that attacks the nerve cells (*neurons*) responsible for controlling voluntary muscles (muscle action we are able to control, such as those in the arms, legs, and face). The disease belongs to a group of disorders known as *motor neuron diseases*, which are characterized by the gradual degeneration and death of motor neurons.

Danny has been there for many of us, now it is our turn to be there for him.



Register at Soden's Grove Park, Emporia KS
First Bike out at 9:00 am last out at 10:00am

Last Bike Must be in no later than 1:00 P.M.

We will go on a beautiful scenic ride of between 80-100 miles route to be announced that day

First hand \$20.00 that will include a meal at Soden's Grove Park
Each additional hand \$5.00 Single plate of food \$5.00
High Hand Wins \$100.00 Low Hand \$25.00
Bugs Eye Spots \$1.00 each Best spot wins \$25.00
Door prize tickets \$1.00 each
Drawing and auction starting at 2:00pm

The Sertoma Club of Emporia will have the Miniature train running from noon until 2 with proceeds to be donated to Danny Williams.



For more information contact Debi 620-340-7526 or Lori 620-757-1664
All Money Collected are considered as Donations





16TH Annual Cloud County

Toy Run

Saturday
October 1, 2016

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

All Motorcycles Welcome!

Participant line-up begins at Airport Park at noon

♥ *Entry into the parade is one UNWRAPPED toy*



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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





Pinched

"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. Dist 13



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Sikeston Missouri

The preliminary hearings have been set for two out of three people charged in connection to the death of Larry Weaver of Pittsburg, Kansas. Larry died while trying to prevent his motorcycle from being stolen. The preliminary hearings for Elsie Hamilton and Larenzle Coleman will be on October 13th at 1:30 pm. A date for Ronnie Robinsons hearing has not been set. The three appeared in court on Thursday July 7th on murder charges. The charges were read and they did not have representation. The charges were upgraded on Wednesday July 6th to murder against Elsie M. Coleman Hamilton, Ronnie Carl Robinson Sr. and Larenzle M. Coleman. All three were charged with first degree murder, first degree robbery, first degree tampering with a vehicle and kidnapping in the death of Larry Weaver, who went missing from a Sikeston Motel and was found death in a cotton field in New Madrid County.

8/18/2016

The Justice Department and the EPA finalized a lawsuit alleging that Harley Davidson sold 340,000 (super tuners) after market defeat devices that can be installed on motorcycles to boost performance. These devices can also increase emissions

and hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides, which can contribute to smog formation.

It was announced that a settlement has been reached. Harley Davidson has agreed to buy back and destroy the devices and pay a 12 million dollar civil penalty and spend 3 million dollars on air quality mitigation projects. In a news release issued by the EPA, Harley Davidson sold more than 12,000 bikes from 2006 to 2008 that were not covered by key EPA certification.

The MRF has a long history of protecting the aftermarket industry and our ability to customize motorcycles. It is also closely related to our work Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act. (RPM act) A bipartisan bill now pending in the U.S. Congress that would make it clear that modified street vehicles, including motorcycles, into dedicated racecars and race bikes is legal and will continue to be in the future.

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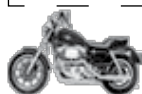
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