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SEPTEMBER STATE MEETING

September 12, 2020

American Legion Post 225

10114 Old Town Trail

Ozawkie, KS

Lunch at Noon, Meeting at 1 pm

Due to Weasel's Memorial

AGENDA: MOMENT OF SILENCE;

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;

ROLL CALL; SECRETARY

REPORT; FINANCIAL REPORT;

LOBBYIST REPORT; MRF REPORT;

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS REPORT;

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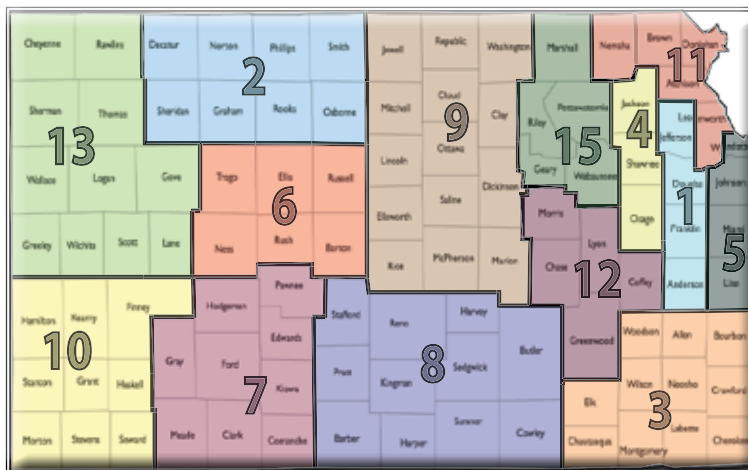
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ABATE of Kansas District Map



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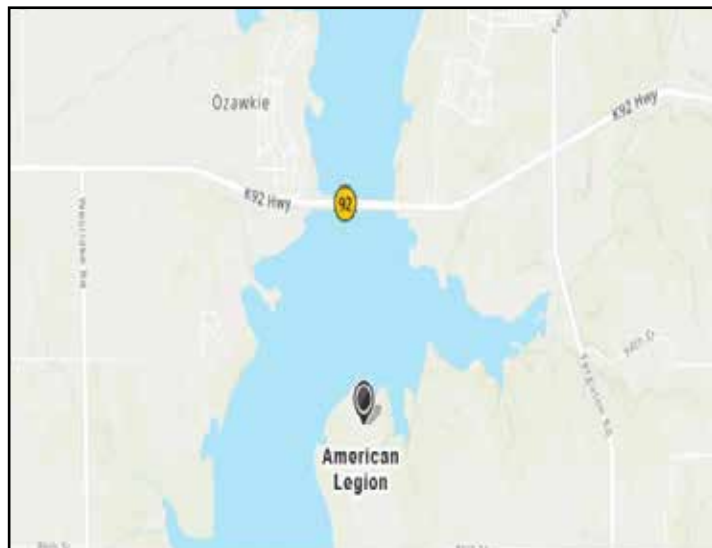
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State Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited, and a Moment of Silence given.

Roll Call- all present except Districts 2,7, 10, and 13. Tammy in for District 8.

Guest speaker - fire department present. Ronnie said they are ready to go for the rally. Kirk with the sheriff's department was present also but will not be helping at the rally this year. Congrats on your upcoming wedding Kirk.

Secretary report - Bill made a motion (second by JR) to waive the Secretary report. Motion passed by a show of hands.

Financial report - Lori went over the report. Thank you to the Districts that have all their financial reports in. Ron and District 9 presented a check to the state from the drawing that the District held. Thank you District 9! Lori said that Chad would be getting an invoice to the state for the electrical work done at the rally site. A motion was made by Tony RR (second by Tony Roberts) to pay Chad as soon as the invoice is turned in to the state. Motion passed by a show of hands. A motion was by Tony RR (second by Lori) to give Chad an Abate membership. Motion passed with a show of hands except for Ron V that was opposed. A motion was made by Doyle (second by JR) to approve the financial report. Motion passed by a show of hands.

Old Business - none.

New Business - Elections- President: Bill S was nominated and accepted.

Sgt at Arms: Tony Roberts was nominated and accepted. No new nominations for Recording Secretary. Election nominations are closed.

Bluegrass festival - Byron said there should be more information on this

the event next month. Jon appointed Scott B as the new District 6 Representative. District 6 hopes to get back on track with the help of the state and Districts 2 and 13. A motion was made by Tony Roberts (second by JR) to reinstate District 6. Motion passed with all board members voting yes.

Labor Day Rally - Thank you to Jefferson county emergency management for the donation of 5000 masks and a loan of 5 handwashing stations to Abate for the rally. Thank you to Lori and Lone Star Tire in Oskaloosa for the discount on tires for the trailers.

Site coordinator - Paul asked for help this next week with mowing and fence setup.

Security - Rick has a few volunteers. Need more help.

Entertainment- Byron announced that Drowning Pool has canceled due to COVID concerns. Adelitas Way will be the headliner for the rally instead.

Vendors - Tammy said there have been some cancellations

but the spots have been filled for this year.

State/event products - Bill will have them. Lori will be ordering cozies.

There will also be masks, bandanas, and lanyards with the abate logo on them.

JR asked about the single piece backpatch logo. After a lot of discussions, a motion was made by JR (second by Tony Roberts) to move forward with the single-piece back patch. Motion passed with all board members voting yes except Districts 4,5,8, and 9 who abstained.

Lunch 3:15 pm-4:02 pm. Thank you to District 4 and the American Legion for the great lunch.

Showers - vendors with the blue wristband will get 1/2 price showers. Help is needed at the shower house.

Beverage gardens- all three beverage gardens are good to go. Bill S thanked Paul H and everyone that help with their millings at District 1 beverage garden.

Front Gate- CMA will be running it. Amber and Melissa will be helping and selling beverages at the main gate on Thursday. Sis asked and it was ok'd to put an American flag at the main gate. Byron thanked Gene Heinen for the donation of the concrete culverts. He also thanked Heinen Repair Service for the donation of batteries for the flashlights and radios.

Preregistration- ready to go. Lori asked about doing a Give-away at the main stage and it was approved.

Memberships- District 6 has some members not getting newsletters. Please contact the state office so this can be addressed. Please note that if your membership has expired you will not receive a newsletter.

Lobbyists report - nothing cur-

rently.

MRF report- Bill C asked about doing a drawing at the products bus at the

rally to raise funds to go to the meeting of the minds and it was ok'd. JR asked that more of the MRF emails get sent to the members. Tammy said that there will be a memorial after the Sept 12th state meeting at the rally grounds for our longtime friend and lobbyist Weasel that recently passed away. Patches for Weasel are in the works.

Motorcycle Awareness report - Steve C reported that there is has not been a KDOT meeting in months. Steve was appointed our new motorcycle awareness person.

Public relations- nothing currently.

Mid-South MILE - Sis said the Mid-South MILE has been canceled this year due to COVID. The Mid-South MILE will still be held in Fort Worth Texas next year.

Corporate Secretary - Tammy's advice, go to the rally, have fun, and be safe.

Newsletter - get meeting minutes in as soon as possible.

Website - the sponsored ad in Facebook for the Rally has reached 62,000

people. Tammy said the lobbyists' report has been updated on the website.

Products - they will be at the rally. Products online will be worked on after the rally.

Upcoming events: Lori informed everyone that with the cost of the state insurance going up, the cost for District insurance for events will also go up. Contact the office for information about this

Drawing - Ron V - thank you for the donation, Ron.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Honoring Weasel

Lobbyist, Freedom Fighter, Friend

Held Sept 12th, 4 pm

Vendor Pad, Paradise Point LDR Site.





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Rick Gitchel _____

Tony Roberts _____

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ELECTION DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2020



★ **PRESIDENT** ★**Byron Harden**

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

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

I firmly believe that for ABATE to thrive, we all must participate. I have strived to make the membership process more streamlined with a faster turnaround time. Members should not have to wait for weeks(months) for their membership.

I, along with my wife Lori, have taken a leading role in spearheading the Battle of the Bands at the Labor Day Rally. I am proud of the positive feedback this event has received.

In addition, I have been in charge of the Labor Day Rally entertainment and the entertainment sponsorship program, for both the main stage and Battle of the Bands, for the last five years.

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

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

It has been an honor to serve as your Vice President for the last 5 years. I ask you to vote in the upcoming election and as always feel free to come to me with your opinions on where ABATE should be headed.

I will make no empty campaign promises. Just the promise, if elected, to do the job of the president to the best of my abilities.

Byron

DISTRICT

Anderson, Douglas, Franklin and Jefferson

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District Rep Bill Saric
785-207-7993

District Rep Bill S. called the meeting to order at 1 pm at the Labor Day Rally Site Paradise Point Lake Perry. After the Pledge of Allegiance, we held a moment of silence for our lost brothers and sisters. We also did a moment of silence for the lifetime member Weasel as he passed away. Weasel was loved by many Abate members and to this day still very well respected by many on the State Capitol.

There were 14 people in attendance. Thanks, everyone that showed up.

Bill made a motion to not read last month's secretary report. Richard B seconded, and passed. Richard B. read the financial report. Ryan motioned to accept the financial report, Lavonna seconded, passed. Bill read the state report. This year the battle of the bands will be held in both beverage gardens with Saturdays Bands in Our District 1 Beverage Garden and Sunday in the District 4 Beverage Garden.

Saturday, August 22nd is the next state meeting and September meeting is the 12th, everyone is welcome to come. For a complete rundown on the state meeting see the newsletter.

Old Business: many topics covered pertain to LDR

District 1 and the LDR maintenance staff have installed the plastic sheeting (weed control) at the Beverage Garden and as you read this the millings will have been poured and leveled. NO MORE MUD!!! Plus, a nice smooth surface to party on under the tent A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that helps make that possible.

Our District 1 Beverage Garden shirts have been ordered and Kelsi B. has started making them. PLEASE REMEMBER you will be provided a shirt if you are signed up to work the Beverage Garden. District 1 is paying for the shirts so there is no cost to members. If you have not ordered a shirt and would like one please contact Kelsi B. To place an order. Richard B still plans to make a roulette wheel for entertainment and you better believe the vibrator races are back again this year.

No such luck on the refrigerator truck (or trailer) as we have continued to look for a purchase they are too high priced or need extensive repairs as used equipment Vice Rep Jason F. continues to scout this out for us but looks as if we will continue for next year on finding one.

KickStart Saloon will once again be sponsoring the District 1 Beverage Garden plus Budweiser/Strathman Sales a Labor Day Rally Sponsor have donated the use of four plastic stock coolers with drains and locking lids. Be sure to thank them for their continued support and donation of Abate of Kansas and District 1.

New Business: No new business currently.

Today's meeting, we have signed up 4 new members CONGRATS and Welcome to ABATE District 1.

Motion to adjourn made by Ryan A. seconded by Roger F.

NOTICE OF CHANGE TO OUR NEXT MEETING Next meeting will be held on September 13, at 1 pm at Perry American Legion with the counting of Beverage Tickets.





DISTRICT



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District Rep Larry Kibbee
785-623-0420



The August 9th meeting was held at Jeff's backyard in Phillipsburg. The

the meeting was called to order by Larry Kibbee, District Rep., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters. There were six members and four guests in attendance. Peggy read the minutes, motion to accept the minutes as read by Bear, seconded by Gary, motion passed. The Financial Report was given by Gary on the general account. Bear reported on the Awareness account. Rick moved to accept the financial report and seconded by Jeff; motion passed.

Larry asked for nominations for officer positions for Assistant Rep and Secretary. Rick nominated Gary Littrell for Assistant Rep, he accepted.

Bear nominated Peggy Littrell

for Secretary, she accepted. Gary nominated Lou Ann Kibbee for Secretary, she declined.

No State Report was given due to a change in the schedule of State Meeting.

There were three potential members interested in joining which we welcomed.

Discussion about the Awareness signs which are not quite ready because of the black vinyl not being available right now. Bear says we hope to have one ready to take to the State ABATE office.

There was a discussion about the Dead Red Law and what it means. Members talked about the things that ABATE does for motorcyclists to make the potential members more aware.

Next meeting September 13th at 183 Lanes, 4 pm in Stockton.

BALLOT DISTRICT 2

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Gary Littrell _____

WRITE-IN: _____

SECRETARY:

Peggy Littrell _____

WRITE-IN: _____

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district3.abateks.org
District Rep JR Watts
806-217-1160



The August 23rd meeting was held at the American Legion, in Girard.

District rep JR Watts called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters. There were 38 members in attendance and 3 guests. District 3 had 10 new members sign up this past month. A big welcome to you all.

Windy Adams read the Secretary report. Dave made a motion to accept the the report, Tim S. seconded. Motion passed.

Kitty Estes read the Financial report. Sherry made a motion to accept the report. Amy seconded; motion passed. A motion was given by Amy to move money into our Girard Bike Show fund. Dave seconded; Motion passed.

JR Watts read the state report. The Mid-South MILE that was scheduled for October in Fort Worth has been canceled. The vote got passed to make a patch, but more Discussion needs to be done before patches are made. Labor Day Rally, PPE has been donated for anyone needing or wanting to use it. The State also needs people to get out there next weekend to do some mowing.

Security during the rally is still needing help, if interested go to the vendor gate. District 1 beverage Garden got 19 loads of asphalt donated to them. There is going to be a memorial for Weasel who has passed away, memorial will be September 12th 4 pm LDR site.

Old Business: General ABATE Flyer has been in the works for District 3.

ABATE D3 is putting together

a First Responder's Awareness Porker Run September 19th in Montgomery County. It will start at the park having fun with lots to do. The American Legion is helping out with the rides and miniature Golf. Speed made a motion to accept the flyer, Windy seconded, motion passed. Speed made a motion to give all funds minus our cost to the First Responders, CJ seconded, motion passed. Shirts also are in the works, a vote passed to pre-order 300 shirts including junior sizes. Denny made a motion to charge \$ for adults and \$ for youth. Dick seconded; motion passed. Mark your calendar and come support the First Responders of Montgomery County!

Girard Bike Show. Windy motioned to have the gate charge be \$ for members and \$ for non-members, Tracy seconded, motion passed. D3 needs Shirt and Flyer designs. The winner will receive a free t-shirt. Also, we are still needing vendors and someone on the Bike show board overseeing Vendors. If interested or know anyone willing to be a vendor please get with JR. The shower benches are finally installed. Thank you, Denny, for getting that done.

Nominations for the following were done today. Michael Brotherton was nominated for Member at Large, he accepted. Steve Coester was nominated for Vice Rep. He was not here today so JR is getting hold of him. Bill Caldwell was nominated for Vice Rep., he accepted. Kitty Estes was nominated for treasurer, she accepted. Voting will take place in December.

New Business: D3 needs designs for the Toy Run. Donations, Flyers, and a a drawing is needing to get done as well. The Toy Run is scheduled for November 28th.

MRF Profiling, July 10th did a call to action. Everyone needs to pay more attention to this, we all need to band together and become more active in the MRF. We all need to be doing our part to be in the public eye educating.

D3 talked about getting a rider's safety course going again. KTSRO does give a \$ reimbursement for anyone taking a motorcycle safety course.

Donovan at Dry Creek Saloon in Neodesha wants to sponsor a party for ABATE D3 the first weekend in October. All in favor of the party passed!

Details for insurance purposes still need to be discussed.

Dawg made a motion to give

Blain the downed biker fund as he went down and will be needing surgery. JR seconded; motion passed.

John Smith stepped up and is now the Labette County Rep. Thank you, John!

D3 is still looking for someone to design and take charge of ABATE D3 products!

Paula won the door prize and donated it back. Thank you, Paula!

Dave Ward made a motion to adjourn, Sherry seconded, the meeting adjourned.

Hope to see you all at Perry where our September 6th meeting will be held at 1 pm.

October 11th meeting is at the Dry Creek Saloon, Neodesha at 1 pm.

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District Rep Chris Love
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Chris informed me on Monday after the planned meeting date that there was only one Board member present and 4 District members, so the District meeting at Paradise Point was not held.

Secretary's Report: These brief notes from August are in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: No Report

State Report: No Report, the August meeting will be on the 22nd, 2 pm at the Ozawkie American Legion

SMART Report: Steve is teaching a 3WBRC this weekend so could not attend the district meeting. For the first time in his experience, the class consisted entirely of women. Of the 7 students, 6 completed the course and one dropped out, saying this sport was not for her. Additional 2 wheel and 3-wheel classes are posted on our website.

AMA/MRF Report: There is not much happening at the federal level, with nothing but coronavirus on the plate in the House and Senate. MRF has lost another valuable staff member as Tiffany Cipoletti has taken a position with the American Motorcyclist Association. Tiffany was with the MRF for 10 years and was a valuable member of the team. Her position with the AMA will be the government relations man-

ager for on-highway issues. She will be in the Washington office and doing much of the same thing she did for the MRF. The AMA is looking for members to run for an Individual Director position from the South-Central Region for the AMA Board of Directors.

2021 Bike Show: No updates

Rescue Mission Ride: A check was presented to Barry Feaker, the Mission's Director, on July 31st, by District Rep Chris. Frank Votaw and Steve Christenberry from the district were there, as well as Jimmy Kenyon from the American Legion.

Primary Elections were Tuesday, August 4th. If you did not vote, shame on you. If you are not registered, you can still register and vote in the General election in November.

D4 Products person: The District still needs someone to take over this role.

New Business: Nothing to report

Next Board Meeting: September 9th if we have it.

Next District Meeting: September 13th at Whiteys. As always, bring a covered dish for lunch.

Notes recorded by Steve Christenberry.



District 4 presenting the check to the Topeka Rescue Mission from the Rescue Mission Ride. From left to right, Jimmy with Post 400, Steve Christenberry, Barry Feaker, Chris handing Barry the check, and Frank.



DISTRICT



Johnson, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte

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District Rep Tony Rawls-Riley
913-706-8449



On August 1st, 2020, ABATE of Kansas District 5 monthly meeting started at Noon at Paradise Point.

We discussed making the plaques at Tony's on August 23rd for the bike games. If interested in helping contact Tony or Debbie.

Our District meeting for September will be at the Bike Game site at 11 am on September 5th.

We will also be doing the "party in a cooler" tickets for a giveaway at the Rally after the games.

The Labor Day Rally is happening. The state will need help with Security, putting up fencing, mowing, setting up the stages,

clean-up, etc.

There were many new ideas brought to the table for events to get ABATE in the public eye. We will think further on these ideas and talk about them in upcoming meetings.

Always remember, other motorcyclists, 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.

Put down the phone. JUST DRIVE.





Barton, Ellis, Ness, Rush,
Russell, Trego

District Rep Scott Beydler
785-216-0115

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

District Rep Doc Pritchett
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Butler County Toy Run 28th Annual



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

All Bikes Welcome!

We invite you to ride in support of those less fortunate
All proceeds stay in Butler County

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

When: Saturday, October 3rd, 2020

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

Line up starts at 10:00 A.M.

Cost: A new unwrapped toy

Lunch available - prizes will follow the ride!
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District Rep Tony Railsback
620-204-8018



ABATE of Kansas District 8 August 9th meeting brought to order at noon in Potwin Kansas. Pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters. Remember our former lobbyist Weasel, as he passed.

Roll call: Dist Rep, Asst Rep, Secretary, and SSA all present. Treasurer missing in action.

Good to see our friend Jeff T. from Florida.

Treasurer report: Tony R. gave, positive balance in our account.

Product report: Ordering new tags. Will be at Beaumont Breakfast Run.

Facebook report: Brian VD will be added to FB account to help with posting, thank you to Brenda F. for all your years of helping.

Secretary report: Tammy read the minutes of the last meeting thank you Tammy and approved as read.

State meeting: is not until Aug 22nd and September meeting is on the 12th both at Ozawie, KS.

New business: insurance cost discussed and coming events.

Old business:

District Elections: nominated for District Rep Roy F. and Brian VD. Milton Collins was nominated by Brian VD., he accepted.

Secretary nominations, Milton C, and Tammy WR. Sandy was nominated for secretary by Brian VD, she accepted.

The subject of a new position for a District 8 Road Captain was discussed. It will be posted for two months and then vote on it in October.

ABATE of Kansas District 8 is looking for a new position of

Road Captain to organize rides for our district and other functions.

District 8 swap meet/garage sale will be in Hutchinson on September 19th, southeast corner of 6th and Monroe. Anyone wanting to donate bring items on the 18th sell on the 19th and the 20th from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Gun redrawing winner was Billy Worthy, congratulations.

County reports:

Reno County: August 22nd porker run, Reno 5K run September 26.

Toy Run Sunday before Thanksgiving, the 22nd of November.

Butler County: Toy Run 1st weekend in October.

Cowley County: working on a Toy Ride to Ark. City, not a parade type of event.

Sumner County: Toy Run last weekend in October contact Julie Crow for more information.

Sedgwick County: Wichita toy run 1st weekend in November.

Tony made a motion to close the meeting, Brian seconded 1:03 p.m.

Thanks, everybody for coming, next meeting Potwin after the breakfast run 12 Noon on September 13th.





DISTRICT



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District Rep Ron Davis
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The District 9 meeting was called to order at 1 pm on August 9th, 2020 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence given, with 13 members and 3 county reps present.

The secretary's report was given, correction to Marion County Toy Run date, November 7th.

The treasurer's report was given and approved. Motion 920-020 made, second, and approved to add money to proceeds going to state.

State News: State meeting has not happened. See state news in the newsletter. Work weekends coming up.

Awareness report: Asking about the availability of yard signs.

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

Website report: Not updated.

Old Business: Discussion on ballots to be sent out. Use ballots out of the newsletter and copy if needed, if more than 1 member in the household. Planning on not sending out ballots to members as done in previous elections.

New Business: Mid-South MILE has canceled for this year. Texas will host next year's MILE in Ft Worth. Donations given

to MILE will carry over to next year. Nominations have started at the district. Nominations for District Rep, David Zeller, and Ron Davis. Member at large, Russ Walline and Chris Gaddis, Cindy Gaddis for Secretary position. Work weekend is coming up 3rd weekend in August, needing extra volunteers. The message was sent to the Facebook page with concerns about meeting locations to reach northern members. Members start asking for locations to host meetings and attend the December meeting to set a calendar for the year for meetings.

Upcoming events: Labor Day Rally, Cloud County Toy Run, October 3, Marion County Toy Run, Nov 7, and Heritage Days in Canton ALR having a Porker run on September 26.

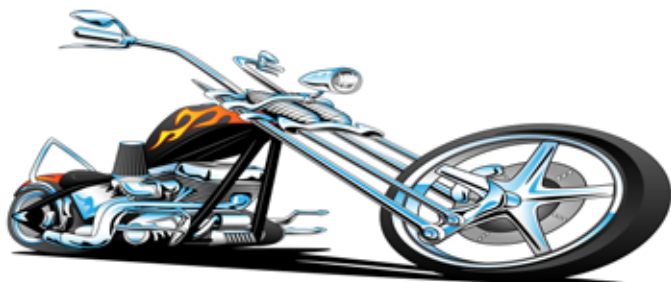
Drawing won by Cindy G.

Thanks to everyone that cooked for hosting the meeting.

The next meeting is at American Iron Motorcycle, 326 N 12th, Salina, KS, September 13th.

Meeting in October at VFW in McPherson.

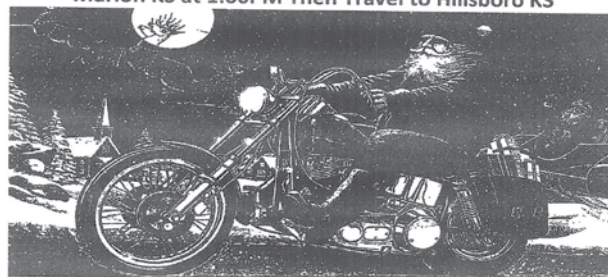
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Saturday, November 7, 2020

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David Zeller

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Russ Waline
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Secretary

Cindy Gaddis
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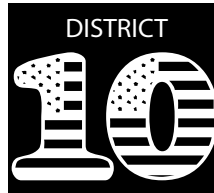
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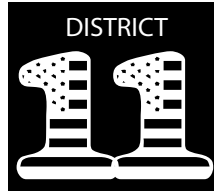
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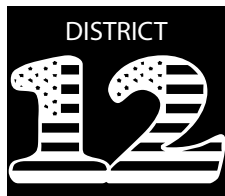


ABATE of Kansas District 11 August meeting was called to order at 2:11 pm, August 9th, 2020, and we had 16 members and 2 guests. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Chop went over what Doyle P. discussed with him since the District Rep could not be here. We briefly discussed how Field Events went this year and what we should do to prepare for next year. Leavenworth, Atchison, Brown, Nemaha, & Doniphan counties had no news. Robin wants everyone to know that the no helmet rule in Missouri does not go into effect

until August 28th! If you want your bike blessed, they are doing that in Leavenworth on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month from 5 pm-7 pm at the Sonic by McDonald's. District 11 is putting up the stage and taking it down for the Labor Day Rally. The stage setup is August 29th at 9 am at the Midway. For more information contact Doyle.

Secretary read notes from the last meeting. The next meeting is at Scooter's in Sabetha at 2 pm. Meeting ended at 2:33 pm.





Chase, Coffey, Greenwood,
Lyon and Morris

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District Rep Don Morfitt
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Don called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

We had 7 people show up including the Board, we need more people to attend these meetings before we lose our chapter, we have over 50 members, come on people we need more participation and ideas and help! There was no meeting in June, Roberta made a motion to waive the Secretary's report of the May meeting, and Scott made the second, there was no discussion and the motion carried,

Sheila read the May and June Treasurer's report. Roberta made the motion to accept the treasurer's report as read and Scott seconded the motion and there was no one opposing, the motion carried.

Unfortunately, the COVID virus shut the bike showdown for July 11th, We met and had a planning session for the bike show committee, most of our vendors are still on board for the 2021 bike show and allowed us to keep their donation for either the toy run or the 2021 bike show. We have the best vendors around.

The Labor Day Rally is right around the corner, the showers and ice are run by our district. we need help with all of that, please get with Don and get your names on the list to help, First come/First serve entry to the rally will be given FREE to those who promise to help for a limited number of people. GET YOURSELVES SIGNED UP!!!!

The Mid-South MILE is going to be held in Ft. Worth this year, if you are interested in going, get

with Don The dates are October 23rd - 25th. Roberta and Kim are both interested in going.

In new business: Sheila ask if we were going to continue the scholarship monies to the Vo-Tech. A motion was made by Roberta and seconded by Scott to continue the scholarships and appointed Kim and Sheila to the committee, and to present the check for the scholarship.

Many of our bike show sponsors expressed an interest in donating the items they donated to be used in the toy drive this year. We also have funds that were donated for the toy drive. We need direction on what to do with all the items that were donated for the bike show drawing, where to have it so we can adhere to the social distancing guidelines and so forth.

Roberta made a motion since it is so late in the year to have a toy run, to cancel the motorcycle ride for the toy run and just buy the things needed for the toy donation to the Shiloh house, Barry made the second and no one opposed so the motion carried.

We ask the State and received approval to sell tickets at the LDR for the Firepit from E&K Metals. Especially since we did not have any type of fundraiser from the bike show.

The next meeting date is September 13th, 1 pm, at The Chuckwagon Cafe in Strong City. (The Old Pizza Hut) On the South side of the Highway as you come into town.

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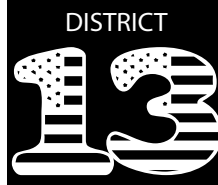
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The August 9, 2020 ABATE of Kansas District 15 meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by District Representative Tony Roberts at Paradise Point Lake Perry.

Carey Griffin-Wingett, district secretary was absent. After conferring with state officers, it was recommended that Carey Griffin-Wingett be temporarily replaced as district secretary as she has missed three consecutive meetings due to COVID. Tony R appointed Jennifer Hardy to fulfill the position until Carey's return.

Officer reports were waived.

Tanner H. requested that our lobbyists consider inattentive driving regulations to promote

safe driving/riding for motorists. Possibly work with DARE programs and community action groups to remind the public of the dangers of texting and driving. Tanner H. and Chris M. will follow up.

Tony R. reminded those in attendance that we have a responsibility to help with cleanup after the rally.

The next meeting will be on September 13th at The Cove at Noon. There was no door prize drawing. Dennis L. moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hardy.

We want to see your smiling faces!

Send us pictures of members attending events in your district.

No event flyers, please.

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BALLOT DISTRICT 15

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Jen Hardy _____

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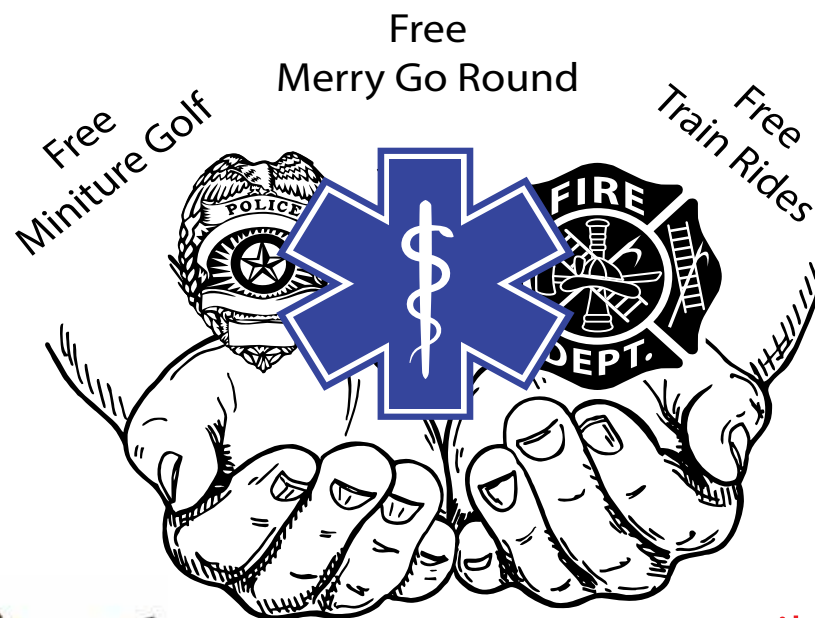




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MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS REPORT

You might have seen billboards in May for Motorcycle Awareness Month, that was black with the face of a motorcyclist wearing a helmet in the center of it. The caption said do you see motorcycles. Those billboards were paid for with federal funding allocated to KDOT and then to the State Motorcycle Safety Committee, which is hosted by the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office, which I have been a member of for many years. Paul Swoyer also used to serve on this committee. Google KTRSO and you'll find their website, which has a link dedicated to motorcycle safety. Our committee has not met this year due to COVID, but we did agree on the billboards, and also to continue using our discretionary federal safety dollars to promote the licensing of motorcyclists, by giving students who pass a class approved by the Department of Education a \$50 rebate, at least until the money has been distributed. Just one more reason to take a basic 2 wheel or 3 wheels, rider class. Pass and you get the M or 3W endorsement, and \$50

bucks back from your registration fees. In the past, our committee has used federal dollars to purchase the "eyeball signs" and has done audio and video PSAs. I was actually on an audio one several years ago. I'll sign my autograph for you if you'd like, LOL. Since our committee is not meeting face to face yet, I cannot predict what our next actions will be. Nevertheless, remember that we ALL are responsible for motorcycle awareness. That includes educating our friends and family to watch for us, putting up those eyeball signs, and doing presentations at the local Kiwanis and whatever other clubs are out there that you might be a member of. It is not enough to blame the car drivers, as in nearly every situation in a multiple-vehicle crash involving a rider, there is something/somethings the rider might have done to prevent or minimize the outcome of the crash. We are all responsible, regardless of what we ride or drive. Be safe out there, during this pandemic, and while you are "socially distancing" on your motorcycle.

~Steve Christenberry

KANSAS

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In Memoriam

Kenneth "Weasel" McNeill



WONDERFUL WEASEL

Kenneth Ray McNeill was born in Conway, South Carolina on May 31, 1952 to Una Gail and Henry Colton McNeill. He lived through out his childhood in Conway. Kenneth graduated from Conway High School. After becoming an adult, he hitch-hiked across the United States after returning to the states from serving in the US Army. He lived in Kansas for several years after making it his home. At one-point Kenneth lived in Hollis, Kansas. He was the only resident and lived there with his goats and chickens. In his later years he lived in Gate, Oklahoma.

Kenneth was the third of four children. His oldest sister Cleta Fay Kile, widowed. His only brother Russell McNeill and wife Peggy McNeill. His younger sister Cynthia Gail Ferrara and husband Ed Ferrara. All survive. Kenneth has several cousins, nieces, and nephews as well as some aunts and uncles that are still living.

Kenneth married Bettie Ruth Ford McNeill. They had four children that his raised as his own. He leaves behind: Their oldest child Jonah Krause. Their daughter Jennifer Custer and husband Michael Custer. Their youngest son Matthew Krause and his wife Kara Krause. Their youngest child Elizabeth Paradise and husband Danny Paradise. They were blessed with 19 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Kenneth enjoyed time with family and friends, going to Lake Perry, debating with anyone, leather crafts, biking, fishing, and camping. He loved books! He liked to catch up with others on Facebook.

Kenneth served in the US Army during Vietnam and served in Germany. While in Germany one of his commanding officer was a former neighbor from South Carolina. He was honorably discharged as a SP4. As a disabled veteran Kenneth worked with other veterans coming back from war zones. One of the things he lobbied for on behalf of veterans was the bill that would allow a motorcycle owner who is a resident of Kansas to apply and receive a United States military veteran license plate.

Kenneth was a long-time lobbyist for ABATE in the State of Kansas. He was a freedom fighter and ensured that all voices were heard. One of the most important fights he made was for the right for motorcycle owners to make the choice to wear a helmet or not. He presented his case to the floor by having a young lady wear the heaviest helmet he could find to make his case. His fellow ABATE family tell me that he was a very dedicated and loyal servant to all that ride without a helmet to this day.

Kenneth is presided in death by his parents Una Gail and Henry Colton McNeill, his wife Bettie Ruth Ford McNeill, his grandson Christopher Krause, his brother in law Raymond E. Kile and nephew James W. Azar. He is now free of the pain that slowed his joy of riding.

Ride Free Weasel.

Kenneth Ray "Weasel" McNeill husband ,father grandfather great grandfather and friend.

He may have been small in stature but his heart and personality loomed larger than life. He lived life on his own terms and passed the same way. He will always be remembered for his love of everyone. All of us could use a little more Weasel in our hearts.



The celebration of his life will be held at Lake Perry September 12th with his ABATE family, all are invited. The burial at Fort Dodge will be announced later.





Weasel, what can I say. I can call him friend, business associate, sometime roommate in a hotel, teacher and one of the most intelligent people I have ever met. In August of 1989, I had just moved to Kansas and was invited to my first Abate meeting. As we gathered for the meeting, this wild haired little gnome of a man came barreling up on a rat Harley that I swear to god was held together with duct tape, a coat hanger and a shoestring holding the battery on. I quickly became involved in Abate and was lucky enough to get to know Weasel. When I made it to Board of Directors my friendship with Weasel blossomed. We started traveling together and I quickly learned that if one had their beer cooler in back seat and two of the daily newspapers, Weasel was a happy boy. We spent many days at the party site, preparing for the rally. Camping together, sharing a good meal and always lively con-

versation around the fire. Weasel's wry sense of humor would always come out when he would "educate" someone on an issue. Weasel was the priest that performed mine and Tom's wedding ceremony. Weasel being a Pagan priest, Tom being Catholic and myself a Lutheran it just seemed like the thing to do. Family was a little shocked when he came out in his robes and staff but hey, we have a license legal in Leavenworth County and 21 years under our belt. Stories about Weasel are too many to tell. Do I start with the truck with no floorboards, training his goat to ride on the back of his trike, or the night he set his pants on fire (he was wearing them and he saved his new suspenders). I will miss you my friend. Have fun drinking with the gods in Summerland.

-Betsy Gast



Weasel was the first person to ride passenger on my bike.... he said he wasn't scared of me being a new rider, more that he was old and didn't bounce well anymore. He encouraged me (along with Dave Mann) to run for the state board. I spent many weekends around campfires on slacker hill and down at the shower house during work weekends listening to his stories and learning how to respectfully represent our cause while lobbying in our leathers, he was very interesting and one of the most intelligent people I've ever known. He listened to CNN for fun :)

-Tracy Stephens





The One and Only Wonderful Weasel

Weasel was a truly unique individual. A legend, if ever there was one. I never learned where he got the nickname. Let's be honest, that was his given name to many of us. I know that I had worked at the office for a while, before I found out who the heck that Kenneth McNeill we were writing those checks to, was. He was the most politically savvy person I have ever known. He could sit in the gallery at the capitol, watching a vote on some bill, and tell you whether it was a party line vote, or if there was a deal struck behind the scenes, or whatever. He was the BEST lobbyist we ever had. Sorry to the people who came after him, but it's true. He won some sort of award for being the most effective lobbyist once. Martin Hawver, who writes (wrote?) the newsletter for the capitol, once stated that it was a good thing that Weasel wasn't a lobbyist for the toxic waste industry, or we'd all be knee deep in it, and glowing green. If the legislature was in session, he was there, and if there was something going on between sessions, he was there then, too. He spent his lunch time during sessions reading every bill that was introduced that day. He could get information that may not have been available to the public. I never asked how he got it, and he probably wouldn't have told me. He did mention to me about "not having witnesses" once when he had a meeting with a politician. The bureaucrats either liked him or hated him, depending on whether they were on the same side as he was, regarding a bill. I don't know a politician who didn't like, or at least have a high respect for him. All you had to do was say his name at a party convention, and heads turned. It didn't matter which party.

He was also the cheapest we had. Basically, all we had to do was pay his rent, and make sure he had beer and money to spend in the newspaper machines. I think, mostly he did it because he believed in the cause. He lived simply, at one time, after he quit working for ABATE, he lived in a house without electricity. His idea of a raise was to ask to have cable at the office, so that he could watch C-SPAN. He was incredibly intelligent, which I think was part of his 'secret weapon' as far as lobbying went. My husband once remarked that he didn't look smart enough to tie his shoes, but once you talked to him, you knew how smart he was.

He was a prolific reader. He read pretty much everything, but I think his favorites were newspapers and novels. He is the reason I read the legal notices in newspapers. He had an incredible

library, of mostly paperbacks. His favorite genre seemed to be sci-fi/fantasy, but he had lots of others in his collection. He wasn't much on music, but listened to talk radio pretty much all the time.

He had a curse with cars. We let him drive ours a few times, before we learned that was a bad thing to do. He was the only person who could properly drive what was commonly referred to as the wonder truck. The first ABATE owned vehicle. We paid I think, \$400 for it, and I'm pretty sure we over paid. But, it was perfect for him.

He was a great friend. If you needed help, he helped you. We occasionally had to rescue him, and he had to come to my aid several times. Usually after we let him drive our vehicle. Once, I was on my way to take him some tools to fix something on his bike. I didn't make it. I had to call him to tell him I was stranded, and he would have to pick up my husband at work. I wish had a camera that day, as Weasel comes around the bend with Dave on the back of his bike.

He was a hard worker. He would spend most of the month or so before the Labor Day Rally, doing whatever was necessary to get it up and ready. He was our resident electrician, plumber, and whatever else was needed. He usually stayed at the rally site for a week or two afterwards too, to make sure everything was getting taken care of. I could go on for a long time about him, but he really was a Wonderful Weasel. He was loved by many, and will truly be missed.

-Noriene Mann





I always get a "Smile" on my face thinking back to a ABATE Board meeting and after the Treasure gave their report, one Dist raised their hand about a check that was appearing monthly. "Who the hell is Kenneth McNeil and why are we paying him???? The answer, Weasel. No one really knew his real name. Weasel would live on the labor day rally site for about a month before the rally. He would haul material with the floorless truck and its mys-

tery shift. Building the vendor slab electoral from second hand store in Topeka, the cussing to make it work in the boxes and redoing it the following years, making sparks fly...(we should of turned power off) sometimes.

-Ed Martin



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Weasel and I were good friends through the 80's and 90's. My father was a district representative for the state of Kansas for 22 years. Weasel and my father became friends while Weasel was lobbying for Kansas Abate Organization. My father told me he represented the bikers so well that if not for him we all would be wearing helmets. We all can give praise to him for keeping our freedom to make that decision.

-Jeffery Vidricksen





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1 Bennett, Lakyn	5 Adams, Tywill Jo	11 Denney, Shannon	20 Linkenholer, Gregory A.
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1 Mcmillan, Darrel	5 Bergen, Michael	11 Hinkle, Lori Lynn	20 Ray, Jean
1 Pollom, Justin	5 Bettinger, Andrew	11 Hughes, Brian	20 Ray, Jessie
1 Sellens, Kimberley	5 Bowden, Mike E	11 Hyatte, James L.	20 Rezac, Jesse
1 Spain, Brock	5 Fletcher, Arthur	11 Lundy, Jason	20 Rezac, Roselynn
1 Ward, Angela	5 Greiner, Drew Lynn Aylor	11 Mann, Edward G.	20 Smth, Billy Ray
1 Ward, Jonathan C.	5 Gustafson, Nicole	11 McCaully, Raymond L.Jr.	20 Stiles, Dean
3 Blackmore, Brian	5 Hammon, Gregg	11 McDaniel, Bobbie	20 Teagarden, Keith
3 Blackmore, Jessica	5 Harshman, Alvin	11 Myers, Dustan	20 Teagarden, Joni Beth
3 Collins, Brian	5 Isbell, Andy	11 Rodger, Amanda	20 Vick, Lisa C.
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09/13 - Meeting & Ticket Counting, - American Legion Post 142,
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District 2 - Meetings are the 2nd Sunday, 4 pm
09/13 - Meeting - 183 Lanes, Stockton, KS

District 3 - Meetings are Sunday - Day After State meeting, 1 pm
09/06 - Meeting - Paradise Point, Lake Perry, Ozawkie, KS

District 4 - Meetings are the 2nd Sunday, 1 pm
09/13 - Meeting & Ticket Counting - Kitzman Residence, 9500 T4 Rd, Hoyt, KS

District 5 - Meetings are the 1st Saturday, Noon
09/05 - Meeting - Paradise Point, Lake Perry, KS, 11 am

District 6 - Meetings are the third Saturday
Meeting-TBD

District 7 - Meetings are the 3rd Friday
Meeting- TBD-Contact Doc Pritchett 620-339-5814

District 8 - Meetings are the 2nd Sunday, 1:30 pm
09/13 - Meeting - Potwin Community Center Park, Intersection of
Miller & Violet, Potwin, KS

District 9 - Meetings are 2nd Sunday, 1 pm
09/13 - Meeting - American Iron Motorcycle

District 11 - Meetings are 1st Sunday, Times vary
09/13 - Meeting - Scooters, 1008 Main St, Sabetha, KS, 2 pm

District 12 - Meetings are 2nd Sunday, 1 pm
09/13 - Meeting - Chuck Wagon Cafe, Strong City, KS

District 13 - Meetings are 2nd Sunday, 2 pm
Meeting - Contact Neil O'Connell 7620-217-0485

District 15 - Meetings are the 2nd Sunday, Noon
09/13 - Meeting - The Cove, 3710 Farnum Creek Rd., Milford, KS

State Meetings

09/12 - American Legion Post 225, 10114 Old Town Trail, Ozawkie, KS - 1 pm
10/10 - VFW Post 2715, 120 Taft St, McPherson, KS - 10 am



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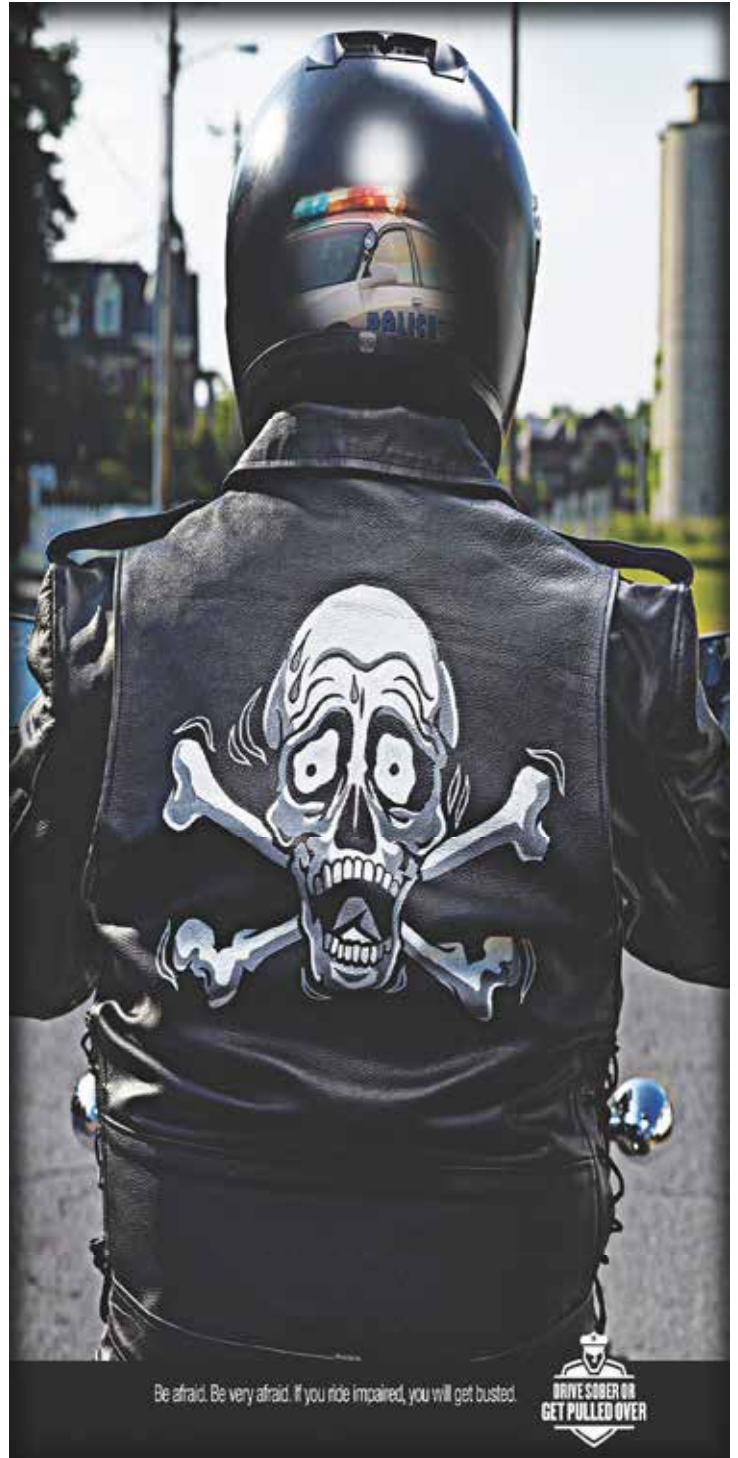
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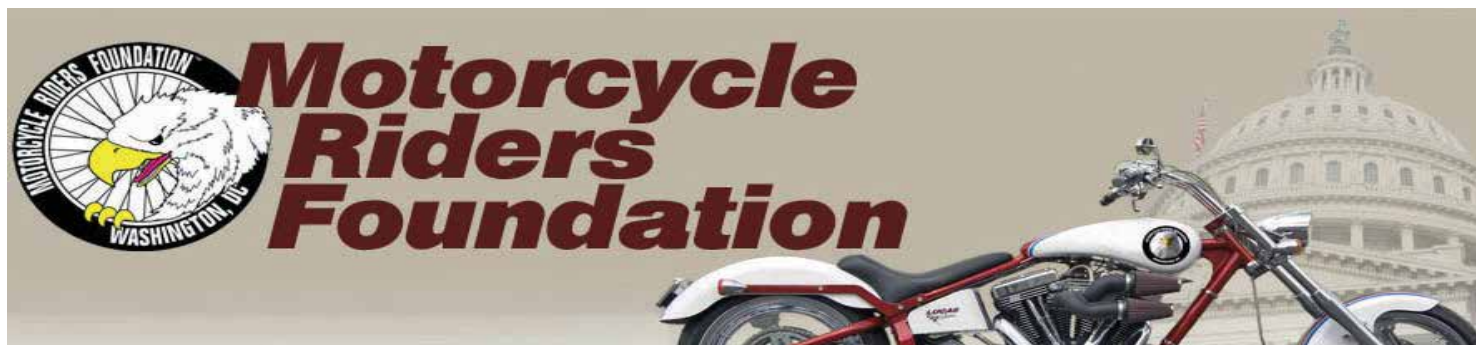


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On Friday, August 21, 2020, Co-Chairmen of the House Motorcycle Caucus Representative Burgess and Rep. Walberg released the Resolution 255 to Speaker Pelosi asking for a vote on the House Floor the motorcycle profiling resolution. Rep. Balderson, Rep. Peterson, and Rep. Raskin signed on also. The Senate passed an identical version of this resolution in 2018 and it is long overdue in the House of Representatives.

In the last 3 Congresses, similar resolutions have been introduced in the House. In the 114th Congress H. Res. 83 had 18 co-sponsors, and in the 115th Congress, H. 318 had 37 co-sponsors, and now H. Res. 255 has 138 cosponsors and is still counting. The continued growth of cosponsors demonstrates that the issue of motorcycle profiling is not going anywhere. 32% of House Members are co-sponsoring and it is time for the House of Representatives to act. Four States, Idaho, Maryland, Louisiana, and Wash-



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ington have passed profiling bills.

The Motorcycle Profiling Project has hit a milestone with 10,000 participants responding in the annual survey.

The 2020 Meeting of the Minds in Indianapolis Indiana is still scheduled for Sept. 24-27, 2020. Fred Harrell, Director of Conferences and events has assured that all precautions are in place for the event and the state of Indiana's COVID-19 guidelines will be in effect for everyone's safety.

With our 45th Annual Labor Day Rally being upon us, I have been at Lake Perry every weekend I can help make ready for our event. With all the nice weather all the work is done by so few we hope to make this Labor Day Rally the best ever. See you there. Remember to look twice save a life the life you save will probably be your own.

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