

# Aging riders at higher risk

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Motorcycle riders across the country are growing older, and the impact of this trend is evident in emergency rooms nationwide as doctors are finding that senior citizens who ride motorcycles are more likely to be involved in accidents and also more likely to be injured or die than their younger counterparts.

Researchers at the University of Rochester Medical Center found that half of all motorcyclists needing emergency treatment in 2005 were over 40, nearly double the number in 1996, which is consistent with demographic data indicating that the average age of motorcycle ownership has rose from 33 years in 1998 to 40 years in 2003. Injury severity, length of stay in the hospital or intensive care unit, and mortality were higher for riders over the age of 40.

In the study, which was published in the March issue of the American Surgeon, researchers using the National Trauma Databank reviewed the records of 61,689 motorcyclists aged 17 to 89 years involved in a motorcycle crash between 1996 and 2005.

Those ages 50-59 were the fastest growing group involved with crashes, and accidents involving riders in that age group were almost twice as likely to be fatal as those involving younger bikers.

"Treating a 60-year-old who has been in a motorcycle accident is very different from treating a 21-year-old who has been in a similar accident — 60-year-olds bring a lot more medical baggage with them and impact outcomes," Dr. Mark Gestring, director of the trauma program at the Medical Center.

Age-related factors associated with aging, such as impaired vision, delayed reaction time, and altered balance contribute to motorcycle crashes in this population.

The increase in injury severity for older riders may be related to the reduced capacity to withstand injury as the body ages, including decreases in bone strength and brain size, as well as pre-existing medical conditions.

## SUMMER RALLY SEASON IN FULL SWING



Photos/Garry "2R" Canaday

The weather, and the scenery, were both pretty hot at the Winding Creek Party in Pink in June.

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# Easy 'writers' text while on two wheels

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FROM THE 'WEIRD NEWS' DEPT. - Everyone knows that texting while driving can be dangerous. Now consider this: texting while riding a motorcycle, in heavy traffic!

It's not uncommon in Vietnam, where 29 million motorcycles are the primary source of transportation.

Pham Thi Thuy Linh is 21, a college student and — according to a recent contest sponsored by a mobile phone company — has the fastest fingers in Vietnam.

She can text 160 characters in 25 seconds, though she admits she is "about 20 or 30 percent slower texting on my bike." She doesn't much care that texting while driving is both illegal and not too smart.

Tran Van Thanh is a senior official in the government's office of traffic safety.

He told National Public Radio that he understands the concerns about texting while driving, but says peoples' bad habits will take time to change, and with limited resources it's impossible to crack down on everyone for everything.

Meanwhile, contest-winner Pham says she can't wait to get one of the new iPhone packages.

She says it will enable her to text even faster than she does now, from everywhere including her bike.



# Get your motor runnin'

Rallies, runs and bike events coming up around the state

## June 2010

- ▶ 19 - Dealership Appreciation Cookout hosted by ABATE of Tulsa at Myers-Duren on Peoria St. in Tulsa. Demo rides same day.
- ▶ 26 - Dignity Vietnam Memorial Wall Escort, begins at Tulsa University Chapman Commons, 11th and Harvard in Tulsa. Registration 8 a.m. The ride will make stops in Depew and McCloud and will end in Norman. For more info call 918-384-8978 or visit [www.operationoklahoma.org](http://www.operationoklahoma.org)
- ▶ 26 - Cruisin for St. Jude's Poker run, starts at Ardmore Convention Center. Registration 9 a.m. Fee \$20 for rider and \$5 for passenger. For more info call 580-653-2878.
- ▶ 26 - Little River Zoo's Bikes & Beasts Poker Run, starts at Bass Pro Shop in Oklahoma City. Registration 9 a.m. Fee \$20 for pre-register, \$25 the day of. Ride will benefit the Little River Zoo. For more info call 405-366-7229.
- ▶ 27 - T-Town Leather 1st Annual Poker Run, proceeds to benefit BACA. First out at 10 a.m., poker run, live band, BBQ, prizes throughout the day, T-Town Leather, 2874 N. Sheridan Rd., Tulsa. For info 918-764-9694

## July 2010

- ▶ 4 - Blackberry Festival Poker Run, ride starts at 418 E. Broadway in McCloud. Registration 10 a.m. Fee is \$15 if pre-registered. Call 405-249-4918 for more info.
- ▶ 10 - 3rd Annual Oakridge Volunteer Fire Department Poker Run, ride starts at Oakridge VFD on Highway 7 in Duncan. Registration 8 a.m. All proceeds benefit the

Oakridge VFD. For more info call 580-475-2070 or 580-467-1098.

▶ 16-18 - Washita Hideaway Bike Rally, held at 3765 Sooner Road in Davis. Gates open at 10 a.m. on Friday. For more info call 580-465-7772.

▶ 16-18 - Chilsolm Trail ABATE-Illinois River Run, \$80 per person, includes two nights stay in bunkhouse, breakfast and dinner on Saturday. For more info and registration form visit [www.chisholmtrail412abate.net](http://www.chisholmtrail412abate.net)

▶ 17-18 - 3rd Annual Enid Shrine Scotter Unit, Iron Butt Association 1500 Mile, starts at Enid Shrine Building, 301 E. Broadway in Enid. Fee \$75 for rider or \$120 for rider and passenger. All bikes must register by July 15. For more info call 580-977-4069.

▶ 24 - Back to School Evening Run, starts at Louie's Grill and Bar, 1601 S. Service Road in Moore. Fee is \$25, \$10 for passenger. Ride will benefit Mark Twain Elementary School in Oklahoma City. For more info call 405-812-1004.

▶ 29 - Aug. 1 - Hawg Lakes Summer Rally, held at Hawg Lake, 22501 Highway 102 in Tecumseh. Gates open at 8 a.m. Admission \$40 for all four days or \$20 per day. For more info call 405-598-1755 or visit [www.hawglakes.com](http://www.hawglakes.com)

## August 2010

▶ 7 - 5th Annual Kruizin for Kidz Car and Bike Show, takes place at Mingo Valley Center, Hwy 169 at 86th Street North in Owasso. Registration 8 a.m. Entry fee \$20. Will benefit and support the Special Olympics. For more info call 918-274-3784.

# The Wine and the Bread

By **RAY-MAN**

President Great Plains Chapter

It's been a good year for bikers and motorcycle enthusiasts in our great state of Oklahoma. I won't revamp all of the legislative issues we covered this past session. I will say that the legislative session is over and it's a time for us to enjoy the pleasures and freedom of biking.

Spring came with the sights and sounds of new birth. The heat of summer has arrived and when fall comes we will be reminded of our own mortality as nature completes its cycle and the cruel cold hardness of winter returns.

All of the biker magazines and journals, just like this one, are filled with endless lists of events and advertisements promising the finest bands, contest, poker runs, giveaways and just a real good time.

Some of the events promote a noble cause such as "Carry the Flame" or a ben-

lem and priest to God Most High brought out wine and bread and shared it so that Abraham could be recognized and blessed. In another example Christ used bread to represent his body and wine to represent his blood.

When he shared the bread and wine with his disciples at the last supper, he asked them to remember him when they ate and drank. King Solomon wrote "Go, eat your bread with pleasure, and drink your wine with a cheerful heart, for God has already accepted your works." Through the ages the breaking and sharing of bread and wine has represented hospitality, respect, remembrance, and blessings.

Well, I suppose about now you might have a picture in your mind of Ray-Man with Big Blue parked nearby, sitting somewhere at a place of power on a beautiful day giving thanks and having a little wine, bread, cheese and sausage while embracing the goodness of life, being thankful and

reflecting on those things to come including some dark clouds I see on the horizon.

My reflections today came through as a reminder that our word may be our bond but it's our actions that speak the loudest. The path to greatness is in the service of others.

For me, that service to other bikers is found through ABATE of Oklahoma as a biker protecting biker rights. I am reminded that as a military veteran I swore an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States of America and loyalty to the Constitution is not to be confused with loyalty

to a national government that serves itself instead of "We the People".

I am reminded that in battle I served among American patriots where there were no labels lying about that told me who were republicans or democrats. We served together to defend "We the People" yet I hear national politician's every night on television on every news channel making all knowing statements about what the American people want and don't want but the only actions I see is their servitude to Wall Street.

As they may have said in the time of Jesus, our house has become divided and the priesthood (government) has become corrupt. Our government appears to be serving itself. Those must be the dark clouds on the horizon, but that's just me. I'm here for the after party and I'm really thankful for that!

This is the time for all of you who worked so hard to promote motorcycle safety and awareness in Oklahoma to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

Embrace each other in the spirit of unity in your efforts to fight and stand for a noble cause. Take advantage of that precious time given to you to reflect on your place and purpose in this life and within the brotherhood. Who do you serve? Do your words reflect your deeds? What are the realities of God along your path and oh yeah, don't forget the wine and the bread.



efit for a downed biker or other charity rides. I haven't ridden to all of them but I've ridden to many and the Toothfairy and I have always enjoyed being surrounded by our good brothers and sisters in the motorcycle community.

Yeah, it's all a good time but sometimes I just have to find time for myself in an effort to gather my thoughts and look for clarity in my spiritual path so that I can perceive the direction I should take and define the causes that I serve.

Today started out as any other nice day for an enjoyable ride. Today is a day with blue skies, green grass and the open road with little or no traffic. After an hour or so of clear minded riding, I put the kickstand down for Big Blue and I find a nice spot to have a seat for awhile.

It may be a place with a view of the valley floor, an unending field of green grass or maybe a spot along a river bank where one can hear the voice of many waters. While on my path in this life, there are a few rituals I have embraced as part of my Christian faith. The breaking of bread and a little wine is one of them.

The breaking of bread and the drinking of wine is a ceremony of communion as in one person to another under the watchful eyes of God.

The first recorded example is found in Genesis when Abraham returned victorious from battle. Melchizedek, king of Sa-

## COMPLIMENTARY COPY

You may have received this complimentary issue of the ABATE of Oklahoma Biker Journal via your local motorcycle shop or favorite stomping ground. If so, we are pleased to offer this free issue to you in the hopes of spreading awareness of what our organization has done and will continue to do for the motorcycling community.

ABATE (A Brotherhood Aiming Toward Education) is a nonprofit independent group of motorcycle enthusiasts who ride different types of motorcycles, but we share a common interest in keeping motorcycling a safe, pleasant sport.

We participate in legislative activities, which promote the sport of motorcycling.

While one of our goals is to keep helmet use a freedom of choice for the motorcyclist, we are not against helmets and many of our members wear them. Again, we feel it should be freedom of choice. We continue to strive towards mo-

torcycle safety awareness and implementation of antidiscrimination laws in the State of Oklahoma (and nationwide). In addition, ABATE members continue to support local communities throughout the State of Oklahoma through toy runs and other events which benefit local charities.

While ABATE has been dubbed a "Harley Davidson" organization in the past, we invite and encourage you to become a member of our organization regardless of the type of motorcycle you ride. In fact, you can become a member even if you do not ride a motorcycle. Please help the growth of the sport by becoming a member to-

day. Not only will you make a difference in your community, but also you will have a great time doing so. You will find a membership form in this newspaper.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Chapters listed. If you are currently a member of ABATE, Thank You!





# NCOM Biker Newsbytes

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## Motorcycle fatalities inexplicably plummet

Following more than a decade of steady increases, motorcycle rider fatalities unaccountably dipped by double-digit proportions last year. Motorcyclist deaths dropped by 16% nationwide through the first three quarters of 2009, compared to the same period in 2008 when fatalities reached their highest level of 5,290.

The study — sponsored by the Governors Highway Safety Association, which represents state traffic safety agencies — is drawn from preliminary fatality data from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. While there is nothing in the data to indicate the cause of the sudden decline, the GHSA asked state safety agencies to speculate on reasons for the decline, and several respondents pointed to the economy and underscored that a significant portion of motorcycling is for recreation rather than transportation.

Other reasons cited in the study for the decline: Fewer beginning motorcyclists; an increase in priority given to state motorcycle safety programs; an increased awareness of motorcycles by other drivers; and colder, wetter weather in some states during the riding season. It doesn't appear helmet laws played a significant role in the decline.

The popularity of motorcycles has surged in the past decade, particularly among aging baby boomers and women, nearly doubling to more than 10 million.

During the nine-month period of the comparison, the District and 38 states reported a drop in motorcycle deaths, and 12 states recorded an increase. California had 133 fewer deaths, Florida had 111 fewer and Ohio had 48 fewer. Only two states — Hawaii and Rhode Island — had double-digit increases. Once numbers for the final three months of 2009 are factored in, the report projects, the annual fatality decline will be at least 10%.

## Legal challenges to Michigan Helmet Law

Several members of ABATE of Michigan rode to the Lenawee County judicial building on Tuesday, April 20th to show support for a fellow motorcyclist who is challenging a non-compliant helmet ticket. Ryan Hildebrand, 26, is one of nearly a dozen riders ticketed this spring by Adrian police Sgt. Lynn Courington for wearing helmets that the state claims do not meet federal Department of Transportation standards.

Representing the group of ticketed riders is Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney Lawrence "Katman" Katkowsky, who filed an appearance for the helmet defendant. A formal hearing was set for June 29 in district court, and Katkowsky said he will try to consolidate all the helmet infraction cases that are being challenged for the June 29 hearing. "The issues are all the

same," he said.

He is taking on the helmet enforcement issue in Lenawee County on behalf of ABATE of Michigan, which also has a lawsuit pending in United State District Court in Grand Rapids, challenging the state's DOT helmet rule.

One of the enforcement issues Katkowsky will raise is regarding probable cause to justify a traffic stop on a civil infraction.

ABATE claims in the lawsuit that police have to look inside a helmet to determine if it meets DOT standards, and therefore cannot claim plain sight evidence to justify a traffic stop and request to inspect a helmet.

No trial date is scheduled.

## Angry French motorcyclists snarl traffic in protest

Forty thousand motorcyclists demonstrated all over France in protest of a recent Government announcement to fine any bikers caught filtering through traffic ("lane splitting"), and more than 60 cities saw their roads blocked by hordes of angry riders who said NON to French authorities who propose to treat motorbikes, scooters and mopeds like cars and require them to stay in their lane one behind another.

So, they behaved like cars! On March 13th the La Fédération Française Des Motards en Colère (FFMC - the French Federation of Angry Bikers) urged all mo-

torcyclists to occupy the space of one car in each lane, and within minutes an enormous traffic jam was created that gridlocked the whole of Paris on a busy Saturday afternoon as car drivers were stuck in traffic until late in the evening.

While bikers blocked the roadways above ground, other protestors went underground bringing the subway system to a grinding halt in response to a statement made by French Transport Secretary Jean-Marc Belotti, who said "If they (bikers) are not happy, they can take the metro like everyone else."

They inconvenience us, we will inconvenience them, responded the FFMC, which

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## Ask A Lawyer

By Jonathan M. Sutton of Sutton and Associates

### There are two types of bikers in this world, which are you?

As we all know there are two types of bikers in this world, those that have gone down and those that will go down. This being said, many things happen when the shiny side is down. One important thing to think about is, who is going to pay for my bike and what if, pray not, there are injuries involved?

For those of you who have not gone down here is what is going to happen in a nutshell, but remember all cases are different so this will be very generic.

The typical scenario is that before the local responsible law enforcement, possibly fire, and ambulances all show up there will be those gallant citizens who come to render aid in the precious early moments.

Next, the local accident response team will arrive, the police will work up an accident report, the paramedics will render treatment at the scene and if necessary the ambulance will transport you to the hospital and the fire department will clean up any mess that might have been made.

The officer working the accident will probably issue a citation for the accident, delivering it to you in the hospital if necessary.

Now the fun begins... fighting insurance, paying hospital bills, and appearing in court to pay fines... but, if you follow a few simple rules this process will be much smoother.

First, if possible get the names and contact information of as many witnesses as possible.

Those great and wonderful citizens who stopped to help will be your best witnesses, so make sure you get their names and contact information.

In many cases witnesses will want to leave and not speak with law enforcement, for whatever reason, but if you can personally get their information you'll have a much stronger chance at recovery.

If you are not in a position to do so, then ask whomever might be with you to. Getting this information, especially from eye witnesses, is invaluable later when dealing with the insurance companies.

Second, and quite possibly most importantly, get as many photos as possible.

You've all heard that saying, "a picture is worth a thousand words"... in a personal injury case pictures can also be worth thousands in recovery.

Pictures can tell the story for you, and quite honestly, the insurance company will make every attempt possible to put holes in your story.

If you have pictures, it makes the insurance company's ability to do so a lot tougher. Take pictures of everything; your bike, all other vehicles involved, the area around the accident, any street signs that control the traffic, road conditions, your injuries, your riders' injuries, etc.. You can never have too many pictures. You should also take pictures of your injuries as they start to heal. Once the injuries have reached a point that time simply will not change them your attorney can start to talk settlement with the other parties.

Third, before you talk to anyone, contact yourself a good attorney. You will begin to get phone calls from the other party's insurance agent almost as soon as you get home from the accident.

The biggest mistake most people make is in trusting and talking to the insurance agent for the other party. They will almost always make you a quick settlement offer, and at first blush quick cash looks pretty good, but then the bills start rolling in and you quickly realized that you've made a big mistake.

A ride in an ambulance alone can run as little as \$1,200.00 and that quick \$5,000.00 for medical you received doesn't look so good anymore.

A personal injury attorney will be your best help here. Once you have made a decision be sure to give your attorney all of the witness information that you have gathered, the pictures you have taken, the accident information you have gathered, your insurance information, and any other information that he or she may request.

Now get a hold of your insurance company and advise them that you were involved in an accident, be sure to advise them that you have retained an attorney and any correspondence should go through that attorney's office.

This will insure that your rights are protected. Your insurance company will be concerned with their bottom line, so it is important you have someone who is there to protect yours.

I hope this assists you should the need arise. One other thing that I might suggest to make this process easier is to have an attorney chosen prior to any incident.

This will allow you to contact, interview, and choose the attorney that will help you the most when dealing with that stressful situation. An attorney that does both personal injury and criminal law is the absolute best choice, because, let's be honest, sometimes the accidents aren't always the fault of the person driving the cage.

If you have any questions about this or any other legal issue and would like to discuss them with an attorney, please give us a call at (918) 747-9977 or email us at [Jonathan.M.Sutton@Suttonlaw-OK.com](mailto:Jonathan.M.Sutton@Suttonlaw-OK.com).

## Tales from the Other Side:

## When the biker becomes the cager

By **PAUL BRINKER**  
State Safety Coordinator

On Friday the 21st I had a different view of an experience that I have had several times in the past. I was almost involved in a four-wheeled vehicle vs. motorcycle accident. Now usually I'm on the bike, but this was the first time I was in the truck.

I was headed east on Admiral in Tulsa for the bank; the bike was going west and was in the left turn lane with his signal on. He was probably headed home as it was 5:30 p.m. and was turning onto a side street. I was doing the speed limit, or less, as the bank was near and my foot was off the gas. No sense wasting fuel, right?

Traffic was unbelievably light for a Friday at that time. I picked this guy up on my radar while he was well down the road. I kept waiting for him to make his move as

he had plenty of time and space before I got to where he was. The thoughts running through my head were, "Okay lots of room, no problem. Uh, gonna hafta brake a little to let him go. Gonna hafta brake hard if he's gonna make it. And finally NONONONODON'TDOIT!!!!!"

Well he dood it. First I noticed his body posture changed. He tensed up. Then he looked at the ground. Then he grabbed the front brake. Now when you are only going about 3-5 mph, have the front wheel turned and the motorcycle leaned over, there's only one outcome. That's right, the ground reaches up, grabs you, and drags you right down to the pavement.

I whipped the truck over to the curb, looked for traffic (still none) and went over to help him right the bike. First thing I asked was if he was okay.

He said "yeah, just a little embarrassed." He restarted the bike and pulled over to the side. I picked up a spring and a chrome do-dad he had lost and gave it to him.

Again I asked if he was okay and he said he was. I noticed that he had the good old adrenaline shakes going and was trying to keep him there until he calmed down. I did a quick check of the bike. Total damage: a loose mirror, some paint scraped off the front fender, and a little chrome gone off

the turn signal. Plus the spring and the chrome do-dad. Oh yeah, and his damaged pride.

As he put the bike in gear to take off, I again asked if he was okay. He said yes and added he didn't know why he hesitated, then he left. As I watched him ride off I couldn't help but wonder how long he had been riding and if he had ever taken a rider course. In telling this story to some friends they asked if I had suggested that he take a rider course. Well, no, I didn't. Insult to injury and all that.

So what did I learn from this little incident? First off I think if you are in a four wheeler/motorcycle accident I'd rather be in the four wheeler, past experiences taken into account. Next, I am still amazed at how fast the human mind can process information and make choices. From the time I realized he was in trouble until he was on the ground was about three seconds. And as a Rider Coach, not only did I pick up on what he did wrong, I also knew what he needed to do to correct the situation.

Also I was glad to see he was wearing proper riding gear. Good shoes, long pants, long sleeved shirt, and yeah - it was a half helmet but he had it on. Granted it was a very slow fall down, but he could have gotten his foot/leg caught under the bike and

gotten a bad burn or road rash. I wasn't too impressed with the shorty gloves, but they did work in this particular situation.

So what could we have done to avoid this situation? He needn't have hesitated. Maybe he misjudged the speed of my truck, maybe he was thinking about something else and didn't snap back to what was happening until it was too late. I'll probably never know.

On my end, maybe I should have slowed down when I saw him hesitate, but by then it was too late. Perhaps I could have tried to signal him somehow, to let him know I saw him, but you never know how people will interpret that. Does he want me to go or does he want me to wait? Too many variables and every situation is a little bit different, so maybe we did what we were supposed to do.

So people, keep your head and eyes up, pay attention to what's happening, don't let your mind wander, and wear your protective gear.

And do me a favor, if you see somebody in shorts and sandals working on their tan, GENTLY remind them of what could happen if they happen to bounce off the pavement once or twice. I'll appreciate it even if they don't.

Later, Paul.



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June was probably the biggest month so far this year for motorcycle rallies, with Copperhead, the Party at Pink, Bike Week at Sparks, America, and so on.

With the return of rally season, comes the return of our signature front page photo of a pretty girl with super sweet ink, compliments of our own State Coordinator Garry "2R" Canaday and his capable camera.

## A.B.A.T.E. of OKLAHOMA

### Sustaining Memberships

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Tulsa Chapter (4/2011)

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Three Sands Chapter (11/2010)  
Chisholm Trail Chapter (11/2010)

Silver

Leatherneck MC (3/2010)  
Lawton District #3 (11/2010)

Bronze

Rogers County Chapter 11 (8/2010)  
Naysayers Motorcycle Club  
Main Street Cafe (9/2010)

## After spring's hard work, comes summer fun

Keep that camera clicking, 2R ... I know our mission is to educate and promote biker safety and education, and biker friendly legislation, but we can do that and enjoy the scenery all at the same time, right?

I think I can freely speak on behalf of our entire state ABATE membership when I say a sincere "thank you" to 2R and every other ABATE member who gives so much of his or her time to attend these rallies and events to work a booth, sell merchandise, and promote membership.

You all work so hard for the rest of us, and we appreciate you so much.

Just please keep those cool pics of hot chicks coming, if you don't mind ...

With all the legislative successes ABATE of Oklahoma enjoyed this year, with a perfect 5 for 5 record, it's time to plan some fun times.

One event in particular I'm really looking forward to myself is the annual Party on the Plains in October. Watch future issues for more details on that event.

And to be certain you don't miss a single thing, be sure to pick up your ABATE of Oklahoma Biker Journal each month or see it at [www.abateofoklahoma.org](http://www.abateofoklahoma.org) for the online version. (Be sure to click on "Biker Journals" on the left hand column, and not on "newsletters" ... that tripped me up once, so I thought I'd warn you.)

Oh, one more thing ... if you haven't yet

joined ABATE, please turn to page 15 of this issue and find the membership form. We're waiting to welcome you!



VICE

There's a new business in Tulsa that I think may be one of a kind for the state.

It's called Ride Masters Quick Lube and Custom Accessories, and it's sort of a "Jiffy Lube" for motorcycles.

As a disclosure, I'll say that the owners are friends of mine. But even if they weren't, I think their business is a neat idea. There are a lot of riders who don't necessarily know how, or

even want to, change their oil or perform other routine maintenance on their bikes.

Well Jiffy Lube doesn't work on motorcycles to my knowledge, so this is a great idea. Ride Masters calls themselves a "ride in, ride out" service whose primary business is one-hour fluid change and tire service for motorcycles and ATV's, including metric.

They also provide bolt-on accessories and customizing service, wheel and tire sales including mounting and balancing, belt and chain replacements, handlebar swaps and upgrades, light kits, and bike wash and detail service.

A good time to check them out is on their bike night every Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 at the southeast corner of 15<sup>th</sup> & Memorial in Tulsa where they offer a free dinner with no obligation. Now what biker doesn't enjoy a free meal?

# Tiger Tales

By **TIGER MIKE REVERE**

President COD Chapter, ABATE of Oklahoma

Hello to all my riding friends, and Happy Independence Day to all! I hope this finds everyone enjoying a bunch of summer fun, and that you're staying hydrated in the steady 90-degree temperatures that are approaching triple digits.

This hot weather has also translated into some violent thunderstorms, and that affected our 18th annual War Memorial Run to the State Capitol on May 31. The sky reverberated with thunder and lots of lightning, along with drenching rain and some small hail for three hours before the scheduled parade time, and I had to get ready in the dark as my power went out.

After consulting with the Central OK District Chapter officers and the American Legion Riders Post #1340, the decision was made to cancel the parade in order to safeguard riders from possible flooding and irresponsible motorists on wet roadways. However, all were encouraged to head down to the Oklahoma Veterans Memorial Park to take part in the 11:00 services to honor those Americans who have given their all for Freedom. Participants were also strongly encouraged to join in the reading of the names of the over 15,000 Oklahomans who have been killed in our Nation's conflicts since the Spanish-American War.

With Oklahoma weather being what it is, things were nice and sunny by 10:00, and folks decided to parade to the Capitol on their own as a group. The Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club graciously volunteered to serve as outriders, and it was a good thing they were there, since on part of the route, the participating bikes had to proceed through the oncoming lane due to deep water. Almost 180 motorcycles and trikes took part in the impromptu event, because attendees were committed to doing the right thing in paying tribute to our Armed Forces and honored war dead.

The heartfelt Memorial Day service featured Representative Kevin Calvey as keynote speaker, who is running for Congress. In conversation with him later, I was gratified to have him tell me that his encountering biker veterans on these Memorial Day Parades inspired him to become a soldier and serve in Iraq, which he has done with distinction.

After the services concluded, attendees rode out to Charley's Last Stand where, once again, the American Legion Post and Ladies Auxiliary hosted a hot dog cook-out for everyone.

Many thanks to all who took time out of their busy weekend schedules and weren't deterred by the storms, and to all who volunteered to make the occasion successful and meaningful. Be sure to put Nov. 11 on your calendars, when ABATE will again host the Veterans' Day Bike Parade! That'll also be when Del City officially dedicates its Veterans Memorial Complex next to the Public Library on S.E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, on which they're spending over \$150,000 to serve as a fitting tribute to our Armed Forces and their sacrifice.

I had a very rewarding and productive

experience at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Coalition Of Motorcyclists Convention May 6 through 9 in Orlando, Fla. Close to 2,000 motorcyclists and trikers from all over America and overseas gathered to share information and discuss issues common to and threats facing all motorcyclists of every background.

The Convention featured seminars and presentations on a wide variety of topics dealing with motorcycling liberty and improved quality of life for our two-and three-wheeled community. Legislative and judicial-related issues were thoroughly dealt with, along with subjects such as women in motorcycling and the world of sport bikes. "Slider" Gilmore was there also, with his



renowned Accident Scene Management presentation.

The event also afforded me the opportunity to brag on ABATE of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs and the Sooner State's riding community's tremendous legislative successes for 2010, which I was able to do both at the NCOM Board of Directors meeting and at the Worldwide Confederation Patch Holders Meeting, where I was honored to represent our state as Liaison at the request of the Oklahoma Confederation.

The ringing of the Memorial Bell was a featured event, honoring those who have passed on during the past year, and my eyes welled with tears as names of departed loved ones such as "Gunner" Catcher and "Roach" Hoffmann were read. The Silver Spoke Awards Banquet was well-attended, with trophies given out to those who have made a positive impact on the motorcycling world over the last year in areas such as commerce, government, entertainment, and legislation.

Next year's Convention is going to be held in Albuquerque, N.M., which isn't too far from us, so PLEASE make plans to attend if you've never been to one of these. They get bigger and better every year, so become a part of Biker History! Check out [www.aimncom.com](http://www.aimncom.com) for more information.

I mentioned "Slider" Gilmore's singularly impressive "Two-Wheeled Trauma" presentation, which would benefit all riders from our state, and am proud to announce that he's going to be one of the featured speakers at this year's Mid-South Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effective-

ness (M.I.L.E.) Seminars being held in Sherman, Texas Oct. 15-17. We just held a planning session at the hotel venue last month, which is quite comfortable and easy to get to, and a number of valuable seminars presented by the American Motorcyclist Association, NCOM, and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation are on the agenda, as well as presentations by educated folks such as our own Legislative Coordinator John Pierce.

It's going to be an informative and fun event, so go to [www.midsouthmile.org](http://www.midsouthmile.org) to print a pre-registration form and make plans to attend.

This is especially important to do if Oklahoma is going to beat out the Lone Star

## Tiger's Tip O' The Month:

We've had some sad incidents occur among our motorcycling community recently involving unexpected right-of-way violators. When traveling on two-lane roads, be ready for possible stopped vehicles on the other side of a rise, or farm vehicles that take up the entire roadway, swinging across lanes in a turn, or are pulling out from side roads. One of the best ways to avoid problems is to keep your speed under control.

Also, summertime brings along an increase in construction zones. Look for the bright-orange "Motorcyclists Use Extreme Caution" signs, maintain safe speed, and remember that a lot of the motorists you share the road with don't use caution in these zones. If they aren't watching out for construction crews, they sure aren't looking out for you!

Well, that'll do it for this month. I'll provide you with more information on some of the terrific events coming up, like the ABATE State Party, the Mid-South M.I.L.E. motorcycling rights seminars, and the NCOM Region 2 Conference as we approach Fall.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer vacation, and remember as we celebrate the Fourth of July that our liberty was bought with a price, starting when our founding fathers pledged their "Lives, Fortunes and Sacred Honor" to establish this great nation.

That price continues to be paid by our Armed Forces members, who continue to defend freedom and the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Before I close, I want to pass on respects and condolences to the family of Matt "Stumbles" Morgan, President of the American Iron Riders, who was tragically killed in a bike wreck near Ardmore the beginning of June. He'll be sorely missed by his many friends and fellow club members - Ride Free Forever, Stumbles!!

Take care of each other, Ride Safely, Sober and Aware, and I'll look forward to seeing you down the road in August!

Keep It On The Black Strip Between The Trees, Tiger Mike

State for the largest number of attendees in their own backyard!

Speaking of Texas, NCOM has tasked Sputnik and myself to spearhead an NCOM Region 2 Conference, including Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa. It'll be held in the Dallas/Fort Worth Area Nov. 19-21, at a venue to be announced. It's going to be a worthwhile event to attend, as well as a terrific party, so make plans to show up! I'll be providing a lot more information on this valuable Conference very soon, which will also be available on the ABATE State Website.



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Our long hair and patches and bikes with loud pipes  
Is a tribute to our freedom, the Stars and Stripes  
So before you make up your mind on just what I might be  
Take a look in the mirror and what do you see?  
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# South Central annual Poker Run had it all

**By TOURGUIDE**  
*South Central Chapter*

Some of the best scenery in Southern Oklahoma was seen on this fantastic ride to benefit Kourtney's Kloset, a local organization which provides clothing and personal items to foster and adoptive children and their families of Southern Oklahoma.

From winding roads to an actual western town movie set to a historic Confederate Cemetery, this ride had it all.

Our first stop was a motorcycle shop just opened for business called Caveman Cycles in Davis, Okla. It was located next to Smokin Joe's BBQ. The BBQ joint wasn't open for business since we got there pretty early but it sure made us hungry, smelling all that good food smoking in the pits. The owners of the shop greeted us all and made us feel really welcome.

We then proceeded back south to the Arbuckle Wilderness Animal Refuge and Park. The canopy roads and hills made this one of the better parts of the ride.

A few people took the high road and quickly understood why it wasn't part of the ride map. We then proceeded along the south side of Lake of the Arbuckles through the Chickasaw National Recreation Area into Sulphur, Okla., then on to the best part of the ride.

Sipokni West, an old west town constructed in the quaint community of Reagan, Okla., surprised visitors with its au-

thenticity. Many riders ate lunch in the saloon as they picked up their beads. The streets were full of bikers enjoying the sites and listening to the music by Gene Autry and Marty Robbins as it played over the loud speakers.

The route then proceeded south through the Tishomingo Wildlife Reserve down to Fort Washita, an old Confederate Fort, where everyone could take in a little shade and browse the historic sites. Not much remains other than a few small buildings and the cemetery but it was well worth the visit.

Our next stop was in Mannsville, Okla., at Wookies Tattoo Shop. We didn't have much time for a tattoo but it was really interesting to see the artwork on the walls.

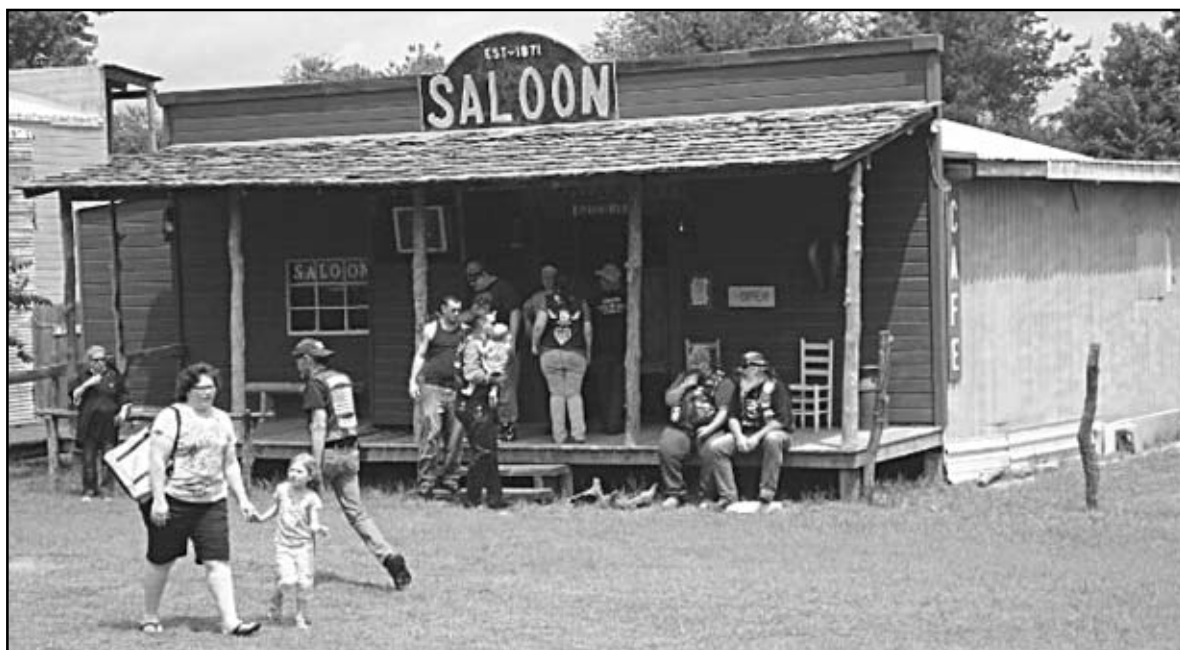
We ended up right back where we started, Longhorn Scooters in Ardmore, where the owner, Larry Edmonds and his band welcomed us back with some good ole gospel music.

The free BBQ sandwiches were awesome as well.

High hand went to John Thomas, riding with the Wings of Life group, while the low hand went to SC Chapter member Wayne Miller.

Nine riders joined the chapter and many others promised to join.

Kourtney's Kloset received approximately \$300 cash, a \$50 gift certificate from Wal-Mart and tons of personal items donated by riders.



# Bikers pack on the miles

TRAVELIN WITH 2R  
By Garry 2R Canaday

Wow, what a month! Sheryl got more miles put on her this month than any month in recent memory. We rode to Mayfit in Pawhuska, Bikelahoma in Pryor, Great Bend, Ks. to visit a cousin home on leave from the big sand box. Every weekend we were saddled up heading somewhere. I only regret that I can not make more miles than I do now.....

Most years Mayfit is the kickoff to rally season for me, and this was no different. The weatherman did us no favors forecasting severe storms all weekend. Those of us that showed up were treated to a great party. Pam was, as always, a great host and we had a most excellent time. We played motorcycle and people games all weekend. ABATE of Oklahoma hosted the tattoo contest. I have to thank Renee' for helping me judge the work, no easy task.

The ABATE booth was posted in its usual place. Our booth was once again the place to be for a night full of fun. Just ask Boots all about it! We were having a blast when Girlfriend decided that we needed to start a bra collection, of which we collected nine. Not to shabby. If you came near our booth ya couldn't help but get caught up in a good time, sometimes you would get dragged in kicking and screamin, if ya weren't careful. With several new members signing up and four renewals it was a great weekend.

My first trip to Bikelahoma was certainly an event that I'll put on my calendar for next year. Lakes Area ABATE had invited me to come over and judge the tattoo contest for them, so I packed my bags and a bedroll, invited some Brothers and Sisters and off to Pryor we were headed. I can't tell ya how much I appreciate Witt and Mike picking up the ABATE trailer so that I could take Sheryl to Pryor! The ride over was great. Great temps, beautiful Oklahoma rolling hills, great company to ride with and a fantastic party just waiting for us to show up.

After finding a camping site next to Witt, and making our home for the weekend we rode in to check out the festivities. Lakes Area ABATE already had the booth up and running and doing a fine job of promoting membership in our Brotherhood Aiming Toward Education. We were set just off from the American Hell Riders, a group of wall riding stunt men. They really were very impressive. The bikini bull riding may have been one of my favorite events of the weekend though. The one thing that Bikelahoma is known for is the bands. And boy did they have them. They all performed on the main stage under the big top. I was sooo nice to have shade any time ya wanted it. Siva opened up for Jackyll, and if ya ever get a chance to check them out I highly recommend it, they are worth your time. Jackyll was the main act, and for good reason. They really rocked, and it is even more amazing to hear someone play a chainsaw live!

The Lakes Area crew did a great job of keeping everyone entertained with bike and people games, and the tattoo contest even threw me a curve ball that I had never seen before. Best Day had his name tatted on the iris of his left eye ball!

All in all this month has been one of my busiest in a while. But I wouldn't have it any other way! We set the booth up at as many events as possible to help promote our cause and to add to our membership. Remember the power of numbers. The more members we have the better we are able to protect the riding freedoms of all motorcyclists that choose to ride on two or three wheels in our great state.

If you would like to help we would love to have ya. Simply fill out the membership form and mail it in, or better yet look for the big guy in the kilt at your next event and stop by and say hi. If you are hosting an event and would like to have an ABATE booth at your event I can promise that we will do everything we can to make it happen, just drop me a line at [garry2rcanaday@yahoo.com](mailto:garry2rcanaday@yahoo.com). Until next time keep the rubber side down.



Girlfriend after the weenie bite at Bikelahoma.



Weenie bite competition at Winding Creek at Pink.



Bikers hanging out after the Otoe-Missouri War Veterans Memorial.



Gator and her fan club at Lincoln School.



Sarge holding the flag line at the Otoe-Missouri War Veterans Memorial.

# Chapter Meetings Adjourned



## Kiamechi Chapter

April 24, 2010 meeting minutes  
 11:55 am meeting called to order by President Slick  
 11:57 am reading of the minutes  
 12:00 pm Tony motioned to accept minutes, Jan seconded motion carried  
 12:00 pm State Rep Report  
 Our chapter was unanimously voted in and the McAlester chapter was relinquished.  
 He touched on motorcycle safety month.  
 12:14 pm motion made by Tony to accept state rep report, seconded by Jan, motion carried  
 12:15pm old business  
 Patches were discussed, and decided to wait for next meeting to vote.  
 Rosco motioned to close old business, Jan seconded, motion carried.  
 12:59 pm new business  
 John resigned from road captain  
 Myspace account is in the works  
 1:07 pm motion made to adjourn meeting, seconded  
 Meeting adjourned

## Muskogee Chapter

Minutes of ABATE of Muskogee, May 19, 2010, held at Cowboy's BBQ.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by our Sgt at Arms, Troy Underwood.

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and George Austen led us in prayer. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting's minutes. It was seconded and passed.

Louise King reported that there has been no activity on the account in the last month. It was moved to accept her report as given. The motion was seconded and passed.

Charlie Williams gave the MRF report. Bernie Williams gave the State Executive Board Meeting report.

Jake Kennedy recommended that you should carry a copy of the malfunctioning traffic light law on your person and to avoid law enforcement conflicts wait a couple of cycles before proceeding through the light if it malfunctions.

We have 97 current members, four expiring this month, 14 expiring in June, six expiring in July, and 0 expiring in August.

The New Business we addressed was: Memorial Day Run, May 31st – we have committed to setting up a membership booth there. Louise King, Preacher, Bernie and Charlie Williams will set up booth at the UKB complex. Dave Cobb will help after the run.

Outlaws and Lawmen Poker Run, June 5 – we have committed to setting up a membership booth there as well. Bernie and Charlie Williams will set up booth there. COC meeting will be in Muskogee in July, we would like as many Muskogee ABATE members to be there as possible.

Committee Reports were given by Chrissy Kennedy covering the Poker Run on August 7 and by Jake Kennedy covering the Toy Run on November 28. We began finalizing the details of our Lake Party on June 26. We will ride into Carter's Landing as a group. <It was moved to elect Mike Robinett as the first Road Captain of ABATE of Muskogee. He accepted the nomination, the motion was seconded and passed.>

Food prep people will meet at Carter's Landing at 10:30 am. Riders will meet up with Mike Robinett at the Muskogee American Legion at 11 am.

He will have a route mapped and prepared to present at the next meeting. Each member will need to bring \$10 to cover the price of food and beverages to the next meeting.

Jake Kennedy moved that from now on if someone becomes a member at a fun function then the dollar amount asked for par-

ticipation is waived. It was seconded and passed.

The following announcements were made:

Please send an email to [muskogeeabate@yahoo.com](mailto:muskogeeabate@yahoo.com) so that Jim can reload emails and start working on the website again; OK Biker is now in the Current; Diamond Daze, Sallisaw, June 2-5; Party in Pink, June 4-6; Art of Living Festival, Tahlequah, June 12; OkieCountry Music Fest, Three Forks Harbor, Muskogee, June 19; Bikes, Babes and Bling, Fayetteville, July 1-3.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Chrissy "Duchess" Kennedy

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## Chapter Meetings (continued from page 10)

### Northwest 69 Chapter

The May meeting was held in Waynoka, May 9. We had 19 members and two guests present at the meeting with Eric Bucher calling us to order and Steve Stewart saying our prayer. Current active membership was 311 members. Next meeting will be back at the ABATE office on June 13 at 2:00.

The May meeting was at held at Waynoka so that we could present the Waynoka EMT's with our donation from a portion of the proceeds of the Waynoka Rattlesnake Rodeo. They really have their work cut out for them during the Rattlesnake Hunt Weekend, with everyone at the Dunes, in town and at the Rodeo grounds. Without their presence we wouldn't be able to have our Motorcycle Rodeo. A very gracious thank you to them! Thanks to Scott and Jodell from the Waynoka EMT for being present at our meeting to accept NW69's donation of \$1,500 to use towards new equipment and supplies.

We also made a special presentation, one that if you were there, made Mr. Johnny Copple a very happy! This little guy licked (yes, licked, no sponge or self-sealing envelopes) all the envelopes for the thank you letters and donation certificates that went out to every donor from this year's Chili Cook off. He now has a certificate to hang on his wall for being our youngest volunteer and also received a \$20 gift card for McDonalds (that one made his eyes light up) for all his hard work.

Bob has been working out the Foss campground details with the new lake supervisor, paid the deposit, and we are set for Aug. 20-22. The catering and t-shirt designs were discussed, as well as it was agreed that we are going to allow for pre-registering for the poker run to make things run a little quicker at registration time. We also will be able to preorder the t-shirts once the design is decided on. The poker run will be taking place on Saturday, Aug. 21.

Gabrielle Blackard gave us an update on Rachel's progress, saying that she is doing very well. They have started her physical therapy, which he says is going good, she is riding her AmTryk which is now a part of her therapy. She will be going back to Shriners to start another stage of therapy and maybe (I'm praying for her and hope you are too) she will get her casts off during this visit to Shriners'.

Debbie has told me to ask all those who participated in the Northwest Oklahoma Hunting Expo to jog their memory a bit. Someone wore their Chili Cook off t-shirt in and removed it to put on the Bright yellow security shirt they were provided. This shirt was left at the Expo, your Cook off shirt is at the ABATE office if it was you. Feel free to come retrieve your shirt anytime during the week from 8-5 or call Debbie at 216-2276 to make arrangements.

FOSS T-SHIRT DESIGN IDEAS NEEDED FROM ALL YOU ARTISTIC,

CREATIVE & TALENTED PEOPLE! With the Foss Party at the Lake and Poker Run weekend coming up in August, which I am sure it is about to grow quite a bit more with our membership total over 300. Anyone interested has been asked to submit designs to Debbie either prior to the meeting on June 13 or bring them to the June monthly meeting.

A design will be chosen that day, so show up to vote and help pick your favorite! We have been asked to try to keep the color scheme to three colors, makes it easier to keep the price reasonable.

For those who like to Facebook, ABATE of Oklahoma is now up and running. A good source of happening information, both within the legislature and things going on at the state level and some of the surrounding states as well. Check it out and be sure to read Tiger Mike's Note section, it's loaded with information. Thanks Tiger Mike for taking the time to do all this!!!

Okay, now on to the calendar of events:  
 June 11-13, MRF Best of the West, Boise, Idaho  
 June 12, Three Sands ABATE Hospice Poker Run, Ponca City, Oklahoma  
 June 12, Dead End Poker Run, Peru, Kansas  
 June 13, NW 69, Monthly Chapter Meeting  
 June 17-27, Bike Week, Sparks America  
 June 19, Blackwell, OK Bike Show  
 June 20, Bucklin, KS Breakfast Ride, Leave Kevin's Corner in Woodward at 7:30 am  
 July 4, Cassoday, KS Breakfast Run  
 July 10, Sunset Chapter Garage Sale, El Reno, OK  
 July 11, NW 69, Monthly Chapter Meeting  
 July 17, VNV Poker Run to Clinton, OK  
 July 18, Buckland, KS Breakfast Ride, Leave Kevin's Corner in Woodward at 7:30 am  
 July 31, Great Plains Chapter, Sturgis Tune-Up, Altus, OK

There is lots more going on around the state, just check your Thunder Roads magazine! And with a little web surfing, thanks to Picture Man, you can find pics from most of these goings-on. He stays on the go to make sure it all gets caught on camera.

ANY LADIES THAT ARE BOTH A MEMBER OF ABATE AND THE MOOSE LODGE THIS PARAGRAPH IS FOR YOU: Tazz has requested that you contact her at 254-0004 or 334-7313 so that she can count your time in the Women of the Moose's community service report. For example the Chili cook off, benefit bike runs, benefits @ Buddie's or any other event you may have helped with on a volunteer basis. All she needs is the event, miles, time and money.

There are so many ladies that belong to both and the community service is what puts Woodard Lodge 2121 on top every year!

Well, enough for now. I heard something worth thinking about from an older fellow

today and I think it's worth sharing before I close this month's newsletter: "Young riders pick a destination and go, old riders pick a direction and go."

Which do you do? Think about it, I did ... Decided the older riders have a good way of thinking, nothing like waiting to see just what you might find around the next corner, might be well worth seeing.

Take care everyone, ride safe, and help others be safe, too. - Tammy

### South Central Chapter

May 20, 2010  
 Meeting was called to order by President Barbour at 7 pm  
 VP Randy Jones only board member not present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was followed by a prayer from John Bright.

President Barbour welcomed new members and visitors.

Five new members present and one visitor.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Tourguide and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's report revealed money in account.

State Rep.'s report stated that we as a chapter got a total of seven cities to follow the Governor's lead and proclaim May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

It was also noted that all legislation that ABATE has introduced to Congress has passed and will now be law.

It was noted that the Red Light Law was catching a lot of concern from unknowing citizens. How to discern certain concerns was discussed with the membership.

New and old business was combined due to only business to handle was our Poker Run. Door prizes were accepted, food, drinks, route, entry forms, and prizes were finalized.

Thanks went out to all members that helped collect door prizes.

A special thank you went out to Gael Phillips for getting our PSAs and free advertisement on the local radio stations.

A motion was approved to donate our portion of the 50/50 drawing to Kourtney's Kloset.

It was noted during general discussion that a gospel band would be playing music at the final stop.

Meeting was adjourned with a prayer by John Bright.

### Sunset Chapter

President "Wishbone" Mike Lander and Vice-President "Racket" Steve Seely were gone with Carry the Flame so Secretary "Teacher" Nancy Salsman called the Sunset Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. General Membership meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on May 13, 2010.

Nancy opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

We had 13 members present. Welcome to all.

Secretary Report: Teacher said the minutes were e-mailed as usual and there are copies on the table, along with State newsletters for April. Mike P. made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented. Gator seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Vicki gave the treasurer's report. Mike P. made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Sandbagger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chapter Representative: Arlene reminded everyone that May is Motorcycle Safety Month. She updated us on Gunner's Law. Invited anyone that would like to attend a state meeting to let her know. Told us that there is money available for training if anyone is interested in becoming certified to be a safety instructor.

Just let her know. Arlene also told the group about a \$2500 accidental death policy through ABATE. She went on to explain about a coloring contest that is being offered. It's up to each chapter to decide when they want to do this. After some discussion it was decided to table the contest until a later time since school would be out soon.

Arlene stated that at SMILE there would be no open bar so BYOB.

Vice President: Riding with Carry the Flame

Newsletter: Rhonda was absent, but sent copies of the newsletter. It also has been emailed to everyone. If you have articles to submit please let her know. The newsletter looks wonderful!

Break; Buy 50/50 and your Pill  
 Carry the Flame: We have the flyers on the table and they have been handed out at different locations, please leave them anywhere you can think of.

Just a reminder that we can't set up on Saturday due to the ballroom being reserved at the VFW. We will be at the VFW 6:00 a.m. to get everything done before the riders arrive. Remember your covered dishes. We need all the help that is available.

Dinner Ride: Will be May 24 Jake's Rib in Chickasha. We will meet at VFW Post 382 at 6:30. Suggestions are always welcome.

Lincoln School: Nancy thanked everyone that rode as part of the Honor Guard for the funeral of a nine year old student. He loved motorcycles so his family was overwhelmed at the response. There were at least five chapters represented that came in from all over the state to ride. Thank you to each of them as well.

Garnett Slimp's name was drawn in the capsule for \$46. She wasn't here tonight so it will carry over to next month. "Teacher" had the lucky ticket in the 50/50, which was worth \$38. Congratulations!

Sandbagger made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Arlene seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Nancy Salsman, "Teacher"

## Chapter Meetings (continued from page 11)

### Three Sands

May 12, 2010 7p.m.

Main Street Café, Billings

Charles Criner brought the meeting to order with 29 in attendance. Flag salute was led by Sarge. Prayer requests were taken for Tazz and our Woodward members (tornadoes), Joshua and Trevor. Tinkles gave the invocation. Introduction of guests: Chris Newland, Brian Hermanson (both

joined Chapter), and Justina Reaves.

Secretary's report: Motion 1st Staz and 2nd Sarge to waive the reading of April's minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of ???? in the checking account. Motion 1st Garry and 2nd Sarge to accept report. Motion carried.

State Rep report: Brook (in lieu of Shari) announced that five bills have passed this

year and have been signed by Governor Henry. Suggestions for a nominee to serve on the Safety Committee are needed. November is campaign time so ask your Senator/Representatives if they are motorcycle friendly. Criteria for Lifetime Memberships needs worked on. S.M.I.L.E. will be held 2nd weekend of January 2011. Deadline for total reservations at Quartz Mt. Lodge is Dec. 17. Mid-South M.I.L.E.-October 15-16th in Sherman, TX. Motion 1st Tinkles and 2nd Girlfriend to accept the report. Motion carried.

Membership report: Elly announced that as of the end of April we have 185 members. Motion 1st Garry and 2nd Sarge to accept report. Motion carried.

Merchandise report: Large back patches are on order. Working on Chapter t-shirt orders. Pre-order shirts: \$12 and Hoodies: \$25. Motion 1st Brook and 2nd Garry to accept shirt/hoodie prices. Motion carried.

American Legion Report: Hawg Lakes Rally-May 20-23, next COC meeting is Sept. 12 at the Legion in Ponca City. May 22nd Pancake breakfast.

Memorial Day: need Color Guards. Running of the Rats-July 9-10th (\$20). Motion 1st Tinkles and 2nd Sarge to accept report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Hospice-June 12th. Nice items have been collected for the auction.

Dawn will send out the donation letter to give to businesses when asking for items. The goal amount for this year's run is \$10,000. Car/Bike Show in Blackwell-June 19th. Pre-register your bike/car, and the

ABATE booth will be set up at this event.

Old Business: 5 State Run-Guymon was awesome!! Don Wells at the Panhandle campground was very nice and accommodating.

New Business: Brian Hermanson announced to the Chapter that he is running for the DA in Noble/Kay county. Emergency Cards: Mickie discussed with everyone and handed out bright green index cards for everyone to fill out with their medical info and carry somewhere on their bikes. Ideas to include were: two emergency contacts not in the group, medical conditions, blood type, medications currently taking/allergic to, etc. Bike night: Keven is working on a location for Bike nights (possibly Main Street Café-Billings), Biker Rodeo: Janie is working on getting the 101 Rodeo grounds secured for an event. Possible dates: June or September of 2011. Coloring Contest: Categories-1st grade and below, and 2nd grade and up. Awards given by the State. Need name, grade, and school so winner can be contacted.

Discussion was held to present \$20 for 1st place from Three Sands Chapter. Motion 1st Girlfriend and 2nd Sarge to award winner. Motion carried. Casino Days: Charles will donate burgers for participants and members will bring side dishes.

50/50 winner: Elly Criner of \$35. Next meeting will be June 13 at 2p.m. at the American Legion in Ponca City.

Motion 1st Staz and 2nd Ken to adjourn. Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn Canaday

## Motorcycle 'vehicle miles traveled' numbers improve

For years and for good reason, the MRF has been crying foul regarding the motorcycle vehicle miles traveled (VMT) numbers collected and published by the federal government.

One of many glaring examples was that for several years, it was reported that the state of South Dakota, home of the Sturgis motorcycle rally, had zero annual motorcycle VMT.

In fact, before the MRF got involved in this issue, motorcycle VMT numbers were optional for the states to report.

We at the MRF realize the need for solid VMT numbers to get an accurate view of the country's safety situation.

The motorcycle industry gathers its own VMT numbers, and they are always at least double what the feds bring to the table.

It's refreshing to see the feds act on the MRF's demands and at least attempt to improve the accuracy of the motorcycle VMT numbers gathered.

They are now going to code the numbers using geographic information system mapping software that will compare travel on types of roads (from highways to rural roads), as well as breaking out the numbers by vehicle types.

This does not mean the numbers will be completely trustworthy, but they are headed in the right direction.

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# Newsbytes (continued from page 3)

set a fine example of civil obedience to demonstrate the impact of motorcycles on traffic flow, good or bad.

## Patriot Guard riders barred from miners memorial

Many of the 29 West Virginia coal miners who died at the Upper Big Branch mining explosion on April 5th were veterans and some rode motorcycles, so bereaved families had requested the Patriot Guard Riders to attend the memorial service. PGR is an informal group of motorcyclists which exists to make sure that all veterans are given respectful funerals. But they were barred from attending this service by federal officials who labeled them a security threat.

The appearance of the Patriot Guard Riders at the service, at the request of several families, had been cleared in advance by West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin, who is also a motorcycle rider.

But the day before the service, Joe Cumbledge, the West Virginia State Captain of the Patriot Guard Riders e-mailed the men who were scheduled to participate: "Due to circumstances totally and completely beyond the control of the Patriot Guard Riders and Governor Joe Manchin of West Virginia, we are regrettably ordering a STAND DOWN for this mission. Specific details will not be posted here but, we've been told we are not welcome to participate because of certain high-level dignitaries that are scheduled to be in attendance."

The "high-level dignitaries" were President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden. A Patriot Guard Rider told WSAZ in Charleston that Manchin had been forbidden to allow them to participate "because of overwhelming security concerns with high-ranking federal officials — it was just not logistically possible for them to be a part of the event."

Both Obama and Biden managed to escape West Virginia unharmed.

## Global markets boost motorcycle sales

While U.S. motorcycle sales continue to drift downward, globally Honda bucked the trend by posting a 30% sales gain for first quarter of 2010, reflecting 2.54 million motorcycles sold outside of Japan.

Sales in the American market dropped 21% during the first quarter of 2010, a less precipitous slip than the previous year's 37% slide, but the rising demand for small displacement bikes in Asian markets helped the juggernaut manufacturer post a \$2.68 billion profit for the last fiscal year, a staggering 95.9% increase over the prior year.

We may find consolation in the U.S. market since our sales are sliding less steeply than before, but the evolving global mar-

ketplace is not only motivating companies like Volkswagen to purchase one fifth of Suzuki, such international sales figures are also prompting manufacturers like U.S. stalwart Harley-Davidson to divert their efforts into regions like India.

## Naturalistic motorcycle safety study

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has announced that it will partner with the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) on the world's first motorcycle safety study that will use small video recorders and instrumentation mounted on numerous bikes for 6-18 months to gather data about the riders and events that occur.

Termed a "naturalistic" study, VTTI has developed this technology and used it successfully to conduct a 100-car study in 2005 that included 69 crashes and more than 750 near-crashes.

According to the MSF, "The method is presently in use by researchers across the globe to target nearly every type of roadway user, with the exception of two-wheeled vehicles.

This study, expected to be on the road by early 2011, will greatly advance the understanding of interactions among rider, motorcycle, roadway, other roadway users and the environment."

VTTI Director Tom Dingus added that "We expect the study to be very valuable to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's work, since we also will examine where and how crash avoidance is successful.

With so much information bandwidth coming from the cameras and instrumentation on each bike, we'll be able to examine details for years, and the findings will be relevant for decades."

Naturalistic Method identifies crashes using time-series video and numeric data, reveals factors not detectable through crash investigation, creates its own controls by comparing the crash-involved rider to himself/herself at all other times, and permits quantification of rider performance and behavior in non-critical and critical riding situations.

## Quotable Quote:


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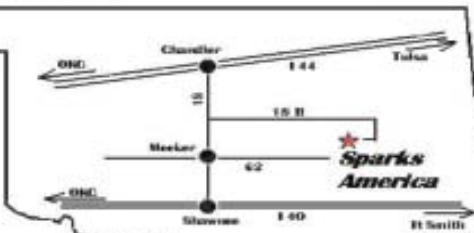


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