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## Motorcyclist beware: States with worst drivers

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National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

You might believe that your state has the worst drivers in the country, but a report from [Carinsurancecomparison.com](http://Carinsurancecomparison.com) ranked states according to their safety record to determine where the bad drivers live.

Five factors were considered when determining the rankings; fatalities per million miles traveled, drunken driving, the

number of tickets issued, failure to obey traffic signals and carelessness, utilizing data compiled from the National Highway and Transportation Safety Administration (driving fatalities), the National Motorist's Association (traffic tickets), and MADD (drunk drivers).

Here is their list of the 10 states with the worst drivers:

#10) South Carolina - Ranked 48th for fatalities and 45th for obeying road signs.

#9) Alabama - 46th for tickets. 42nd for fatalities. 41st for obeying road signs.

#8) Montana - Highest ticket rate in the country. Also ranked 40th for carelessness.

#7) Kentucky - 42nd for carelessness and 48th for drunk driving.

#6) Arizona - Arizona ranked poorly across the board.

#5) Oklahoma - Lots of DUIs, fatal accidents, and traffic tickets.

#4) Florida - Not as many drunk driv-

ers... But Florida has more tickets than any other state.

#3) Texas - Texas ranked pretty poor in all categories.

#2) Missouri - Ranked in the bottom 10 for carelessness and DUIs.

#1) Louisiana - In the bottom 10 in all categories except failure to obey signs.

The safest driving state was Rhode Island, followed by Connecticut, Massachusetts, Virginia, and New Hampshire.

### SUPPORT ABATE



Outdoor rallies are over for the winter and won't be back until spring, but the merchandise shown here in this ABATE booth is always available by using the order form on page 10. Proceeds from sales of ABATE merchandise goes directly toward our mission of educating riders and the general public about safety issues, protecting motorcyclists' rights and freedoms statewide, and promotion of motorcycle-friendly legislation at the state and national level.

## SMILE moved to OKC

Make reservations now for Jan. 13-15 event

The ABATE of Oklahoma SMILE conference (State Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness) has been changed to the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City the weekend of Jan. 13-15.

ABATE members, friends, and the general public are welcome to the conference which offers knowledge and skill workshops pertaining to ABATE's mission, a banquet and awards party, door prizes, a

\$1,000 drawing, silent/live auctions, and fellowship with fellow riders.

The mission of ABATE of Oklahoma is to promote and defend motorcyclist freedom, safety, and awareness through education and legislation to make Oklahoma the best place to ride.

Call the Biltmore at 1-800-522-6620 by Jan. 8 to reserve a room. Be sure to mention "SMILE" to get the special group rate.

## Bikers rally, rescind un-fair policy

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"The State Fair of Louisiana, for a minute, mind you, adopted a discriminatory position toward bikers by posting signs that would not allow them to attend the fair in their traditional biker gear, some of which is protective gear," said Mary Baker in an article in the Examiner newspaper, adding that "...bikers everywhere contribute to charity in a way that not many other segments of the population do... And, they definitely make an impact on the local community, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars at local establishments including restaurants, theaters, bars, parks, and small businesses. That is why it is disheartening to hear of discrimination based solely on appearance."

Upon being alerted of the fair's new anti-biker policy, Facebook exploded with messages like this: "ALERT/INFO: The State Fair of La. has adopted the policy: NO COLORS... Signs are now being posted at all gates. NO BIKER COLORS of ANY KIND. Please pass this on to ALL BIKER friends and family. MC's are being Discriminated against. To Complain::: Call State Fair of La. Let Your VOICES be heard.... Repost!!! Don't support the fair..."

You can imagine that bikers, their friends

and family were livid. They began to complain about the discrimination with phone calls to the Director of the State Fair, and his offices. The result: Before the end of the day, this message by the representative for Independent Riders, Northwest Louisiana, was posted on Facebook:

"UPDATE...UPDATE...UPDATE... WE HAVE WON!!!! Just received a call... And the State Fair of Louisiana has now changed their policy. THE SIGNS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND ALL BIKERS ARE WELCOME AT THE FAIR!!!! Never, never, NEVER underestimate the power of a close knit FAMILY!!! Thanks to all who made calls and helped!!!"

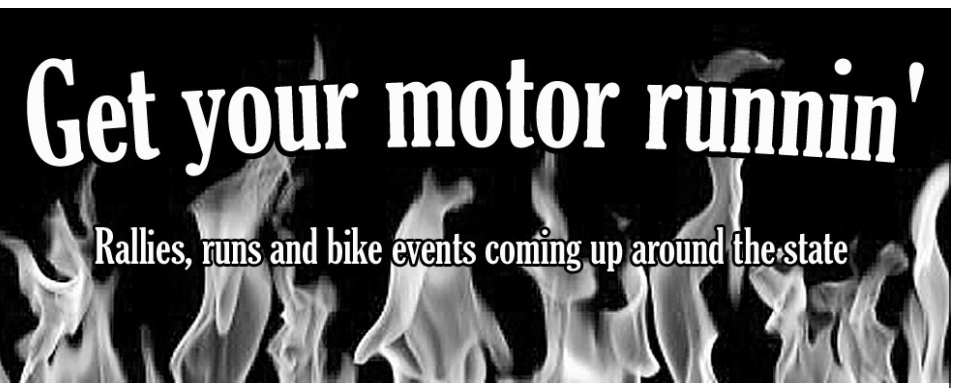
Louisiana State COIR (Coalition Of Independent Riders) Commander Lionel "Nite Train" Bailey reported that the US Defenders and COIR conducted a phone campaign and not only have the Louisiana State Fair officials rescinded their No Colors policy, but even offered to organize a Bike Night to a Blue Oyster Cult concert.

### Helpful websites to bookmark:

ABATE of Oklahoma  
<http://www.abateofoklahoma.org/>

Motorcycle Riders Foundation  
<http://www.mrf.org/>





# Get your motor runnin'

## Rallies, runs and bike events coming up around the state

### January 2012

► 13-15 - **ABATE of Oklahoma S.M.I.L.E.**, Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City. See page 12 of this issue for more information.

### February 2012

► 11 - **ABATE of Rogers County Chapter 11 - Scholarship Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner**, door prizes, cookies, cakes, and more will be added. Held at 6 p.m. at the Claremore VFW, 1717 W. Dupont. Dinner is \$10 for an adult, \$5 for children. For more information or questions, find us on Facebook.

### April 2012

► 28 - **3rd Annual Sweet Rods & Rides Show**, sponsored by the Sugar Creek Casino. The show will be held at Sugar Creek Casino, 4200 N. Broadway in Hinton. Registration is from 8 a.m. to noon. Show opens to the public at 10 a.m. No fee to enter bike in the show. Trophies will be awarded in five classes for motorcycles and trikes. There will also be a loud exhaust contest, music, door prizes and

more. Participants may pre-register by 5 p.m. on April 1st and receive an event shirt. For more info call 405-542-2946.

### May 2012

► 11 - 13 - **Kiamichi Independent Bikers Spring Rally**, held four miles west of Idabel on Hwy. 70. Gates open at 8 a.m. on Friday. The event includes a bike light show, bike games, bike show, poker run, vendors, music and more. For more information call 580-212-6949 or go to [www.pine-net.com/kib](http://www.pine-net.com/kib)

### November 2012

► 4 - **Wagoner 7th Annual Toy Run**, sponsored by the Wagoner Community Outreach & Road Warriors for Christ. Ride starts at Balke Park, on southwest corner of US-69 and SH-51. For more info call 918-852-4911.

For more Oklahoma motorcycle events, check out [www.lets-ride.com/event/oklahoma.htm](http://www.lets-ride.com/event/oklahoma.htm). To submit events to the Biker Journal, e-mail [okabatenews@yahoo.com](mailto:okabatenews@yahoo.com). Deadline for February issue is January 1.

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# Despite cold temps, two-wheeled therapy needed

By **SHAWN SCOTT - CMEJAM**  
Contributing Writer

Cold temps, short days and the approaching end of 2011 mark another holiday season upon us once again. It's the time of year when we find ourselves on our bikes less and look for any good reason to enjoy some two-wheeled therapy.

A mild day is a given to get us all out in force, a conference or a meeting can get a large group on the road, but there is one thing for certain to get bikers out in full force even in freezing temperatures, and that is a toy run.

Those of us who choose the two-wheeled lifestyle share what my sister likes to call "the generous gene". One of the reasons we show up for all kinds of fundraisers is if it can be done on the back of a bike we jump at it like competitive Frisbee dogs. Much deeper than that, though, is a basic truth: one of the most important things that ties us all together is the freedom-loving and appreciative nature of the biker mentality and spirit.

That can translate to generosity for sure, since it takes an appreciation of what you have to lose that will make it important to stand up for someone else that can't do it for themselves.

There are toy runs every weekend during the month of December, in all four corners of the state. I find it odd that groups

who used to raise their eyebrows and be nervous around a biker in full leather now come to them and use their passion for motorcycles to help their causes.

Churches and schools and civic clubs see how well attended motorcycle toy runs are, and they are starting to get on the bandwagon when their traditional efforts to collect toys when their traditional programs falter.

I'm not writing this to point fingers, just make a point. For all the reasons I've already stated, we go out in full force riding with friends, toys strapped to our handlebars and back seats, hoping our gathering will make a difference. I encourage you all to make sure that when you choose to participate in a toy run this year, you take a moment and make sure to support those that are put on by bikers.

We may shun the recognition of our generosity. The general public may not need to know that although we may look rough, talk rough and are fearless when we ease into traffic on our steel horses, our hearts are made of gold when it matters. But to your biker brothers and sisters who are out there giving their all to make a child's Christmas a little bit better, it does matter.

I would support them all if I could, but for sure I'll be there to help out my fellow riders.

May you all have a glorious season of giving. Ride safe!

# 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 motorcycle 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 today.

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!



### Rally grows ten-fold in ten years

The 13th Annual S.M.I.L.E. Rally, held from January 13-15 at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, drew a record 1,200 participants, a ten-fold increase from the 120 participants of the first rally in 2002.

### Biker Journal debuts

The new Biker Journal, a quarterly publication, is set to debut in January 2012. It will feature news, events, and photos from the Oklahoma motorcycle community.

### Louisiana considers scrapping helmet law

Louisiana is considering scrapping its helmet law, which has been in place since 1987. The state legislature is currently debating the issue.



# To join new Yahoo group:

## New Yahoo group for ABATE members

The old Yahoo group for ABATE members was a forum where members and friends could share, rant and rave about anything and everything; post rides, share stories and bad jokes; but most of all the forum was about fellowship.

However, the spam/junk mail recently began to overwhelm the site. Therefore, the Chapter Reps unanimously voted to move the general membership to a new Yahoo Group.

You will have to be approved, but membership is easy: just mention your ABATE Member #, or if you are one of our out-of-state friends, just remind us who you are (since we don't have all your email ad-

resses memorized). Search on Yahoo Groups for ABATEofOKmembers or type this link in your browser: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/ABATEofOKmembers/>. Then just click on "join this group" and follow the easy instructions.

This group is all about members and friends, so if you have any suggestions on how to make this a better place, feel free to make them.

If you have any questions, please contact group moderators Brook "Xman" Bullock at [brookbullock3@gmail.com](mailto:brookbullock3@gmail.com), or Carol "Cornflake" King at [TulsaVicRider@AOL.com](mailto:TulsaVicRider@AOL.com).

## Visit the A.B.A.T.E.'s State Website at

# [www.abateofoklahoma.org](http://www.abateofoklahoma.org)

# ABATE presents Lifetime Membership Nominees

The ABATE of Oklahoma Lifetime Membership Award is our organization's highest honor, and we will award only the third such Membership in our history at the 2012 Oklahoma S.M.I.L.E Conference at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Only one Lifetime Membership Award can be given per year. The Lifetime Membership Inductee will be chosen by the State Board, and this year we once again have a prestigious and worthy group of nominees. Presented, in no particular order, are the 2012 Nominees for ABATE of Oklahoma Lifetime Membership #003.

**Charlie Williams is nominated by Three Rivers Chapter.** Charlie Williams is a charter member of Three Rivers Chapter (formerly known as Muskogee Chapter) and was their first State Representative from 1990-1993. He has since held that position "well, actually, more times than I can remember," he says as well as being Chapter Vice-President and President for multiple terms. Charlie said his most memorable ABATE moment was defeating the Mandatory Helmet Law in 1993 and then returning in 1994 when then Representative Gene Stipe tried to push it through again. "We had 300 Bikers there in black leather, looking in their faces, and watching how they would vote and they wouldn't re-do it." In addition to Chapter positions, Charlie has also been the Motorcycle Rider Foundation (MRF) Representative for all of Oklahoma, a member of the Mid-South MILE Planning and Leadership Committee, and a vocal supporter of motorcycle-friendly politicians both at the local and federal levels such as Senator Inhofe.

**Larry "Doc" Glennie is nominated by NW 69 Chapter.** "Doc" has been an ABATE member since October of 1992 and is a Charter Member of NW 69. Doc said that his proudest ABATE memory was riding to the capitol to help defeat the Mandatory Helmet Law in 1993, and he also has great memories of the many runs, trips, and events attended with friends in both sun, rain, and snow! Lee Jackson said, "To me, 'Doc' is ABATE." Larry "Doc" Glennie has been a State Rep for NW 69 as well as Vice President for three different terms and a Chapter President for two different years as well as other positions that "don't get as much spotlight." According to his brothers and sisters of NW 69, Doc's best qualities are his Commitment to ABATE, his honesty, knowledge, and his support of the community. Debbie Green, the NW 69 Secretary, said that in their Chapter Doc is best known for "looking at things from all points of view and offering experienced advice, alternatives, and/or encouragement."

**This year's Lifetime Member Nominee from Central Oklahoma District is Mitchell "Ripper" Bailey.** "Ripper" is a

Charter Member of COD from before the statewide organization was formed and, thus, also a Charter Member of ABATE of Oklahoma since 1990. "Ripper" has held such Chapter leadership positions as President, Vice-Pres, and Treasurer. He also helped create the original State Bylaws and was the first, State-elected Sgt-At-Arms. When asked about his proudest memory, Ripper wrote, "...from being on the first Executive Committee and being involved for over 30 years with ABATE, it was the coming together of several small chapters to form the State Organization. It was an honor to sign the original State Charter." According to his Chapter, Ripper is best known for his honesty, integrity, outspokenness, and diligence....Ripper can always be counted on to 'go the second mile' for ABATE." Even nowadays one is likely to see Ripper set-up at a local swap meet or area rally with his homemade "Join ABATE here" sign sitting beside his table of parts and treasures as he talks with others about the necessity of Biker Freedoms.

**Tulsa Chapter nominates Paul Brinker for the 2012 Lifetime Membership.**

Paul Brinker is a Charter Member of Oklahoma's first ABATE chapter and a Charter Member of the statewide organization as well. His membership in both has never lapsed. When asked what Paul is best known for, Carol King (Tulsa Member) responded with a mischievous grin, "Well, it has to be the psychedelic top hat, right?...Actually," she continued, "Paul is a Founding Father of Tulsa ABATE and ABATE of Oklahoma. He has lived and breathed our mission to make Oklahoma a better, safer place to ride for longer than some of our members have been alive." Paul has served as Chapter President, Chapter Representative, Chapter Road Captain, and numerous other offices as well as the State Safety Officer until this past fall. Paul said his warmest memories—"although usually just on the inside" he added with a smile—are of the Tulsa Toy Run. "We thought we were king dogs when we had 20 or 25 bikes. Now, ABATE has that in the thousands. It shows the heart of the biker, and part of ABATE's mission is to change that Hollywood stereotype. If the public sees us as more than just renegades on two wheels, if they remember us as 'oh, yeah, they helped out those kids—or even MY kids—at Christmas,' then maybe they will remember that motorcycles have people on them and they will remember to look twice." Tiger Mike Revere, former State Coordinator for 10 years and Lifetime Member #001, said, "Paul's unselfish sacrifice and invaluable contributions to ABATE for over 25 years have made him one of my oldest and dearest friends."

Please join us on January 14 at the SMILE Conference for ABATE of Oklahoma's Awards Celebration where we will honor one of these incredible members.



## Where is your life going?

BY CHAPLAIN STICK (MONTE KEINER)  
State Chaplain, ABATE of Oklahoma

A lot of people are content with their life and appear to be happy and that's a great thing, but a lot of people don't understand why their life is going or not going anywhere.

It's simple. Step aside look at your life in sections:

1. What was your life like yesterday?
2. Is today any better?

This is not fair, I know; sometimes immediate results are not always going to be seen. But what a person can do is take a look at where you were last year, the year before, and so on. Then look at where you are now. Is it better, or is it getting better? If the answer is no, not really, or I am not sure then you need to do something to change it.

Why have the attitude of, "Well we will have to wait and see" ... hmmm, I've heard that before.

If you want more out of life than you've had in the past and have currently, do something about it. If you're unhappy about what's happening in your life now, then unless you do something about it—don't expect anything different in the future.

It's called the **Rut Syndrome** meaning you're stuck in a rut like a car sliding off the road and all you do is spin your tires. At the time a person might not realize that nothing is happening because after all, your engines are roaring, the tires are spinning and you can hear the sound of the tires against the mud or snow or ice.

However, when you step aside and look at it from outside the car nothing is happening, except making a mess and having a lot to clean up after you finally do get out.

It's just like our lives, isn't it? There are so many things in life we can't control but there's also a lot we can, and we need to take control of the things we can. So if you can say year by year has gotten better then you're doing great. If you can't see the light at the end of the tunnel and if today is no better than yesterday take a chance on something different, do something, but don't just sit there spinning your tires—throw some gravel under those tires and move forward.

Take a chance on your future - don't leave your future to chance!

So like I always say, STICK WITH IT and be safe.

**Joyful beginnings** – Nothing has been reported this month. Remember, it's more than just babies that make for a joyful beginning.

**In Remembrance** – Oklahoma State Senator and supporter of motorcyclist rights, David Meyers left us on Nov. 11, 2011. Please remember him and the family he left behind in your prayers.

On Dec. 1, 2011 we lost an avid ABATE member from the Northwest 69 Chapter, Donna Wood age 57. The cause of death was an adverse reaction to H1N1 flu shot. She loved to ride her bike, camp, fish, shoot and go hiking. Our thoughts and prayers go to Robert, Donna's husband and soulmate. You may remember her from Great Plains Party this year when she took 1st place in the bike show. Donna will be missed by many.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for your heartfelt wishes and prayers for my wife, Rose, during these last two surgeries and for her recovery.

I am asking for your help with **Joyful beginnings** and **In Remembrance**. Let me know about the good stuff as well as the sad. So when you have a new child, grandbaby, a wedding, the return of a soldier from overseas or any joyful beginning please let me know.

When we lose a brother or sister it is never an easy thing for those left behind; I am here and willing to help any way I can. There are a lot of miles of pavement in Oklahoma and even with modern technology information doesn't always reach those who need it.

In Remembrance is one way we can make sure that all brothers and sisters know about the passing of another brother or sister.

Please send me an e-mail at [ABATEchaplainStick@yahoo.com](mailto:ABATEchaplainStick@yahoo.com). If you need me, just call me on the cell 214-206-7949. If I don't answer right away leave a message or text; I stop and check messages every time I pull my bike off the road.

# Highlights of State Board Meeting, November 13

## VFW Post #5263, Lawton Oklahoma Prayer Requests and Moment of Remembrance:

**Lead by Stick:** Comfort for the family of Senator Myers, Protections for our Troops stationed at home and abroad, ask for safety and God-speed on our travels home.

**Roll Call: 11 of 13 Chapters Present** (Lakes Area & NW 69 Absent, Great Plains tardy) Legislative Reports:

**Oklahoma:** (presented by Suzette Northcutt-Rhodes) No New Bills filed since last month, but many, many Bills laid over from last year's session. Lots of changes coming in Congressional Leadership: TW Shannon is House Speaker-Elect. Senator Myers death opens the Chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee. "Politics will definitely be played in the coming session." **S.M.I.L.E. Nominations:** TW Shannon

helped us develop a contact with Mr. Ridley to spread the message of safety and awareness on the Electronic Highway Billboards. Tiger Mike of COD nominated. John Pierce nominated. Suzette was nominated but she respectfully declined.

**-Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee:** Kevin Barons, interim OHSO Commissioner, will partner with new Commissioner Gary Thomas. Next Meeting will be announced soon. Contact JP for further details.

**MRF (Federal Legislation) :** Michigan needs the help of Riders. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row Michigan has passed helmet freedom law, 3<sup>rd</sup> year Governor has vetoed, this year the veto was over-ridden. Please contact the Michigan Governor's Office and let him know you will avoid Michigan as long as they have a helmet law.

Senator Sensenbrenner blocked the implementation of E-15 gasoline in the nation's fuel line until an independent study is conducted regarding its effects on older model engines.

Oklahoma has 53 active Oklahoma members. The MRF has the same Accidental Death insurance free to their members that ABATE has. The benefits stack (so an MRF and ABATE member has a \$5,000 benefit.) Xman talked about the benefit of the MRF's "Roadside Assistance Program." It is only \$20 all year and could be a huge help to someone in need.

**COC/NCOM/COIR:** (presented by Jim of Three Rivers) WhatAboutBob is new US Defenders Commander. Dr. Jim is new COIR Liaison. Mark Buskirk is new COC Logistics Director. New Printing of Biker Events Magazine will be coming. To get your events in, call Daryl at 918-260-7195 or email [Dbriggs@OklahomaBiker.net](mailto:Dbriggs@OklahomaBiker.net) Next Meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Lawton VFW Post #5263.

**Membership Report:** Membership reports are available for each Chapter. Many, many expired members **Please get your Members to renew.** If you have any questions, you can call ICE at 580-363-0321 or email her.

Please email new member names/info ASAP to [harleyRose56@sbcglobal.net](mailto:harleyRose56@sbcglobal.net)

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

Sustaining Memberships

- Double Diamond
- Diamond  
Oklahoma COC (2/2012)
- Silver  
Frank Kastl (07/2012)
- Gold  
Chisholm Trail #412 (12/2012)  
Tgree Sands Chapter (12/2012)
- Bronze  
Debbi Green (1/2012)  
Brook Bullock (2/2012)  
Jeffrey Johnson (2/2012)  
AOK Screenprinting (10/2012)

## Yahoo Groups:

**ANY MEMBER Group** [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ABATE\\_Members/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ABATE_Members/)

A serious Spam problem is occurring in the Members Group. We do not have access to the passwords and protocols to stop this. Discussion of solutions. **Motion by Tulsa to create a new Members Group with membership by approval and with ABATE moderators, 2<sup>nd</sup> by COD.** Motion carried unanimously. Initial moderators will be "Cornflake" and "Xman."

## Committee reports:

**Share The Road Program (Laura "Chiquita" Dodds)**

In October alone, presented to 215 people. We have started the process for Receiving Grants from the OHSO and "Gunner's Fund." We will host another "Presenter's Training" at the SMILE. We have 3 Approved Presenters and 4 others ready for Presenter Training. **ALL PRESENTERS MUST BE TRAINED & APPROVED** by ABATE of OK.

**Oklahoma S.M.I.L.E. January 6-8<sup>th</sup>**

(Xman presented report as Great Plains had not returned from break.)

- Quartz Mountain: \$65 Room Rate (4 occupancy). Deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>

Discussion that Quartz Mountain website and 1-800 number is offering a \$59 "Winter Getaway" Price to the general public. Xman said he would look into it immediately.

Xman stated he did not have a copy of the Contract but would get one either from Ilka or Quartz Mountain to insure the details were correct and to have a copy for State's records.

- Saturday Morning Breakfast Burritos will be on sale for \$1 each from Great Plains.

- Saturday Evening Banquet is \$20 and include 2 meat BBQ, 2 sides, dessert, and drinks.

- Xman has not heard yet from Great Plains Committee about Saturday lunch and Hospitality Room plans.

Xman will work with Committee to secure a plan. The State will provide initial funds of \$700 (\$1200 Registrations minus \$515 already paid for deposit) for both meal and Hospitality Room.

Discussion that no hosting Chapter should have to "front" the money for group meals and hospitality. Discussion that if the

SMILE Committee will bring estimated costs to the December meeting, then a check can be written to purchase menu items for Saturday Lunch and Hospitality room needs (within reasonable budget and subject to approval by a majority of the Chapter Reps).

- Any suggestions for Saturday Lunch menu are needed. Contact Xman or Ilka.

- Discussion of providing for rooms and travel cost for speakers. **Motion by Chisholm Trail 412, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heartland to allocate a limit of \$1,200 for room and travel costs of Conference Speakers at the 2012 SMILE.** 2<sup>nd</sup> by Motion carried a 9-1 (Great Plains out of room.)

## New Business:

**A: Membership Issue (Article XIII, b. - c.)**

**Motion by Three Rivers to move Forward with Proceedings against discussed violators as dictated in Bylaws (Article XIII, section C.) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chisholm Trail 412.** Motion approved 9-0 (Heartland Abstained, Great Plains not returned yet).

**C: T-shirt Design Contest**

Will "replace" the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary design for t-shirts, hoodies, etc.

- Entries due by the December State Board Meeting.

- ABATE of Okla State logo must be recognizable but doesn't have to be square.

**Motion by Heartland Chapter for Contest Design to be decided at the SMILE by Membership Vote. The winner will receive a free 3 year ABATE of Oklahoma Membership and free patch.** Motion carried, 7-4.

**D: State Purchase of the "ABATE Trailer" ?**

Discussion on value and use of trailer. Up to this point all use and maintenance has been donated by 2Rs. **Motion by Lawton to purchase the trailer for \$800, 2<sup>nd</sup> by COD.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Chapter Reports on Promoting Motorcycle Rights, Safety, Awareness**

**(What have you done to help make Oklahoma "the best place to ride" this month?)**

- Lawton Toy Run and Community Involvement

- Chisholm Trail 412 became a Gold Level (\$500) Sustaining Membership

- Rogers County designed new shirts and has sold over 60 shirts.

## Did You Know?

Colder temperatures affect fork oil and the rubber compounds in motorcycle tires by making them more rigid and less flexible than they are in warmer weather. This means that the tire has a weaker grip on the roadway surface.

Of course the center part of the tire will heat up after a few minutes of riding and give more adhesion, but the edges of the tire that do not contact the surface during normal straight-ahead riding remain colder than the rest of the tire.

During tight turns, these cold edges

contact the pavement and can lose traction against the cold pavement and cause a front wheel slip that can be disastrous to the rider. In temperatures in the 30's and below, this becomes much more pronounced.

It's good to remember that cold tires against cold pavement can cause a situation similar to riding on wet pavement. So treat colder weather the same as you would wet weather, and remember to ride safe.

From the Heartland Chapter Facebook page



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# Tiger Tales

By **TIGER MIKE REVERE**

President COD Chapter, ABATE of Oklahoma

A very Happy New Year to my ABATE Family and Freedom Fighters everywhere! I hope this finds all of you starting 2012 off well after enjoying a satisfying Holiday Season with family and friends.

My home Chapter, ABATE's Central Oklahoma District, placed enough confidence in me to re-elect me as President so I look forward to a rewarding and fun year at the helm.

I'd like to welcome our other COD Chapter Officers for the 2012 Term: Monte "Stick" Keiner, Vice-President; Carmaletta Lara, Secretary; Ruby Buskirk, Treasurer; and Amos Tallbear and John Dries, Sgts-at-Arms.

In addition, Stick and Mark "Bus" Buskirk are going to repeat as Chapter Representatives to the State Board.

Thanks so much to these dedicated members for volunteering to lead our Chapter and make it stronger and more effective!

We'll have opportunity to kick off 2012 the right way at the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs Meeting in Lawton Jan. 8, and at the OK SMILE State Membership Meeting at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City Jan. 13-15.

I very much look forward to seeing my Brothers and Sisters there!

Our fifteenth annual COD ABATE Veterans' Day Run to the State Capitol's Oklahoma War Memorial was successful, and over 475 motorcycles, trikes and vehicles took part.

After a heartfelt service in front of the Eternal Flame, participants headed over to the American Legion Post #73 in Del City for a Hot Dog Cookout hosted by the Legion and the Guard Dogs MC, one of our OK Confederation member groups. Many thanks to Post #73 for their hospitality!

Thanks also to the American Legion Riders Post #1340 for managing the Parade route and providing outriders, and to the OKC Police Motorcycle Division for keeping folks safe.

Our Riders Post Commander, Robbie Wicker, served as Road Captain, and also collected donations for the OK Veterans'

Home in Norman.

Veterans' Day underscores the importance of honoring our Military throughout the year, and holding the Government accountable for honoring its commitment to providing benefits hard-earned through Service and Sacrifice.

I look forward to working with the OK



Confederation of Clubs as we expand our Veterans' Connection Program to support our Military and Veteran members of the Riding Community.

Be sure to join us for our Memorial Day Bike Parade next May!

I was very busy in my role as National Coalition of Motorcyclist Director for Region 2 in November.

I attended the NCOM Semi-Annual Board Meeting Nov. 11-12 in Memphis, TN, where we hammered out details for the 27th Annual NCOM Convention scheduled for next May in Indianapolis, IN.

Make plans to be part of Biker History, where over 1,500 motorcyclists representing many different groups will attend! Check out [www.aimncom.com](http://www.aimncom.com) for more details.

Attorney Mitch Proner outlined NCOM's campaign to overturn New York's discriminatory Motorcycle Only Checkpoints, and discussed the danger of videotaping officers in the process of harassing Bikers.

Ironically, one of our Board members got arrested for Disorderly Conduct while taking pictures of a Memphis Police Officer in the process of breaking up a domestic disturbance on Beale Street.

He was released after being arraigned and all charges were dropped, but it still cost him over two thousand dollars!

Laws vary in different areas, so be aware of what's permitted before filming the police!

We held the NCOM Region 2 Conference No. 19 in Tulsa, and over 500 Freedom-Loving motorcyclists and trikers attended.

All six Region 2 states were represented, so it was gratifying to network with folks from Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri as well as Oklahoma and elsewhere in the Nation.

Special guests included South Dakota State Senator Jim Putnam, US Defenders Commander Gimmi Jimmy of Texas, NCOM Attorney Bill Smith, and Christian Unity Liaison Louie Nobs.

These experienced Freedom Fighters all presented educational, informative seminars on important issues.

As if to underscore discussed threats to Liberty, the Federal District Court in New York announced on the same day as our meeting that it upheld the legality of Mo-

torcycle Only Checkpoints. NCOM Attorney Mitch Proner plans to take this issue all the way to the US Supreme Court, so I'll keep you informed on further developments!

I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs, led by Bandido Steve-O 1%er, for providing logistical support contributing to the event's overwhelming success.

## Tiger's Tip O' The Month:

Ice is a primary adversary when riding in January, in that it'll cause you to immediately lose traction.

Be especially observant, especially regarding Black Ice which can take you by surprise, and heavy ice buildup due to re-freezing slush or even deep water in the street caused by blocked storm drains or burst residential pipes!

I'd like to remind folks that Freedom of Choice regarding helmet wear in Michigan is STILL a possibility! ABATE's bill has passed both Houses, and has gone back to the State Senate for re-confirmation.

After final approval, it goes to Governor Snyder's office for signature. The Governor's keeping silent on the issue, so keep sending postcards to the Michigan Tourism Department!

As I bring this to a close, I can't help reflecting on when I started submitting regular articles. I was serving as ABATE State Sgt-at-Arms in 1997, and then-State Coordinator Mark Baldwin asked me to consider a monthly contribution.

We decided on "Tiger Tales," and I quite frankly can't remember ever missing a month in the almost fifteen straight years of writing. It's hard to believe so much time has passed, but it's been a fun ride so far, and I hope you continue to find these articles beneficial and interesting.

As long as you do, I'll be proud to oblige you! Ride especially safely and aware during these Winter months, and I look forward to visiting again with you in February, as we get ready for Super Bowl Sunday and Valentine's Day (not necessarily in that order!).

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

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# Taking the motorcycle rider course: Practicing what we preach

By ANITA McMULLEN

Secretary, Chisholm Trail 412 Chapter

At the October monthly meeting of Chisholm Trail 412, Becka Drennan had checked into the MSF training course at the Chisholm Trail Technology Center in Omega. On Nov. 19 at 6:30 a.m., Kenny Anderson, Shawna Scholten, Laura Botkin, Roger Danks, Becka and myself were on the road to Omega.

I for one was very nervous since I had laid Mark's bike over at one time.

We arrived at the center at 8 a.m. and met our instructor Dusky Woodall. We studied in the classroom until lunchtime then we all loaded up and went into Watonga for lunch. After lunch we studied a little more then it was time to go out and get on the bikes.

My anxiety level shot way up and I wondered "What am I doing here?" They brought out the 250cc bikes and when I saw they were small my anxiety went down a little. We started by examining the bikes

and becoming familiar with where the controls were located. Then came time to get on.

Within an hour we were riding, not fast but riding. As the day went on we were all more comfortable and it was a beautiful afternoon. I can tell you tight corners are not my strong point. We headed home feeling more confident.

The next morning we decided to start an hour earlier. We arrived at the center and did our classroom work praying it would warm up outside - it didn't. With our written test out of the way (I made a 100%), I was feeling pretty good. Then we went outside and the wind was blowing and it was cloudy and coooold. A few of us went around to the garage to get the bikes out. I got one I had never been on before, BIG mistake.

For some reason I could not get my balance and it just wasn't cooperating. All I saw was the curb coming but some how I didn't panic and shut it down using the techniques taught to us the day before. Our instructor said I did an excellent job of recovering; he

knew I was going down for sure and so did I!!! We found out later that it had choke issues.

We were going through our paces even though we couldn't feel our fingers or legs. Shawna was the star pupil for having clutch control - she is known as the Clutch Queen. I was so proud of Kenny and Becka conquering the box perfectly, which is a U-turn in a box.

Roger also recovered from a near accident - don't grab the front brake.

At the end of the day we all passed and received our cards and certificates. I am so glad that Frank and Mark talked me into taking the class and I learned so much that will stick with me. I went this morning and took the written part at the Department of Public Safety and passed. Now I am "M" endorsed.

A huge thanks to Dusky for putting up with all of us and being a great instructor, and congratulations to all that took the course. It was definitely a learning experience for all of us.

## Get a free copy of TRIKER mag

By DONNA DOWNS

BTW Office Manager

Any ABATE members who have trikes or who are interested in trikes are invited to contact Brothers of the Third Wheel (BTW) for a free copy of our TRIKER magazine. BTW is a not-for-profit organization in its 29th year. Our purpose is to put trikers in touch with trikers for fun, friendship, and technical help. We have chapters in every state and province and several foreign countries.

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# Riding Oklahoma!

## Local ABATE Toy-Run a huge success

**By JIM MCKINNEY**  
*3 Rivers ABATE State Representative*

Despite the economic conditions, cold weather and cloudy skies the ABATE Toy run in Muskogee turned out to be a huge success.

Muskogee's yearly toy run is sponsored in part by ABATE of Muskogee and the Muskogee Bedouin Shine.

Door prizes were donated by local merchants for this yearly event that collects toys for children in Shriners hospitals and transportation funds for children needing critical care.

Most people associate Shriners with colorful parades, its distinctive red fez, and its official philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Shriners of North America established the first Shriners Hospital in 1922 and was among the first specialized pediatric orthopedic hospitals in North America.



Charitable contributions like those generated at this toy run work hard at Shriners Hospitals. Shriners Hospitals for Children are at the forefront of medical treatment and research in orthopedic, burn and spinal cord injury care.

More than 800,000 children under the age of 18 are today able to lead better, fuller lives, thanks to the network of 22 Shriners hospitals in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

This year over 100 motorcycles and automobiles participated in the event that

started at Curt's Mall in Muskogee. The Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) provided hot coffee, chocolate, and tasty sweets free of charge to riders as they arrived and offered bike blessings for a safe ride.

The motorcycles lined up two abreast and were escorted through Muskogee to the Bedouin Shrine where door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, and other prizes were awarded.

The Shrine was also the collection area for the numerous toys which will be distributed to needy children this Christmas.

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# Chapter Meetings Adjourned



## Heartland Chapter

1R called to order at 6:40 on Nov. 13, 2011, with the following persons present: JD, 1R, Jewel, Henry, Mike, Jerry, Barbara, Q, and Cindy Barnes. Special Guest Bandido Steve-O, SAA Bandido Frank-O. Guests Trouble, Ryan Dunn (son of Q), Jarred Barnes (son of Cindy), Darrin, and Bunny.

Soon followed the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer requests. Trike Mike requested we pray for Senator Myers' family, and fallen brothers and sisters and the troops. The following Heartland Members were present: JD, 1R, Jewel, Henry, Mike, Jerry, Barbara, Q, and Cindy Barnes. First Chair of COC-Bandido Steve-O, detailed future vision of COC and stressed welcome to all at COC meetings.

JD and 1R gave report of their MILE attendance and of seminars attended and the good time had by all. Secretary and Treasurer Report given by Jewel. Heartland will be using street address for Chapter use instead of PO Box, financial situation detailed and ledger brought to meeting for review. State Board meeting Report was given by Trike Mike.

Membership Report given by 1R, as of this meeting we have 39 members. MRF members will be tallied by Jewel, Awards to be presented by 1R at SMILE, money allocated for purchase. Jewel will be step-

ping down as Secretary so that others can be nominated, voting will take place at the December meeting. All duties will continue to be done by Jewel until replacement is found. Adjourned by 1R at 8:14 p.m.

Elizabeth Graham, Secretary/Treasurer

## Northwest 69 Chapter

November's meeting at Ganders' brought in a good crowd as this was our electoral meeting for our 2012 officers.

There was lots of business discussed and you missed a chance to see how awesome the building is looking, the work they have done is beautiful. After we were called to order and the Pledge was led by Rick Staude, Gene Karn led us in our blessing. Kim Beaner gave the November financial report followed by Debbie Green with our membership report. State Report could not be given as they were in session at the time of our meeting.

Ballots were handed out for voting by current members of ABATE NW69, with absentee voting offered by e-mail for those who missed it. On count, we had 49 votes of present members, 5 votes of absentee voters. The results have been tallied and waiting for the Christmas Party/December meeting to be announced.

Next on the agenda was our Annual Christmas Parade float discussion. The Christmas Parade itself is Dec. 10 at 11

a.m. We should meet at 10 a.m. at the ABATE office. Anyone who would like to ride in the parade with the float is welcome to come join us, and if you find it in your heart, please get a new, unwrapped toy to carry on your bike and it will go in with all the rest of the toys for the Toy Giveaway.

To follow that one up, we have lot of details that were covered for the Christmas Party on Dec. 10, time of arrival will be 7 p.m. The meeting place will be the old Woodward Skating Rink. We have 6 people taking care of cooking the turkeys and everyone else is requested to bring their choice of a side dish. Our own Eric Butcher will be bringing his band Three Thirty Five to play with Steve Stewart covering their breaks from his stash of music.

We will have Dirty Santa as our gift-giving venue again this year with the general gender based gifts and sensibly around the \$20 mark. Keep in mind that your discretion needs to be used on any minors you may bring and remember there will be no contributing to the delinquency of minors at this ABATE function.

Our December meeting will also be at the Christmas party so please, give us a little time for this among our festivities and see who will be representing us in 2012.

Very important, for those of you who have already made your reservations at Quartz Mountain Lodge, we need to can-

cel them.

The S.M.I.L.E. has been moved to OKC as well as the date of Jan. 13-15 instead of Jan. 6-8. We will be at the Biltmore Hotel on Meridian Avenue just off of Reno. I only have a few details as they are being hashed out as I type, so we should have ALL the details before our meeting at the Christmas Party. But, please, everyone who plans to attend, change your venue dates and your reservations. Hopefully, we have given you enough time to be able to attend. We should have the information on how and why this all came about for you at our meeting. I will also be sure to get all the details I get in next month's newsletter; trying to keep at least our end of the communication flowing.

Anyway, see you soon and please come

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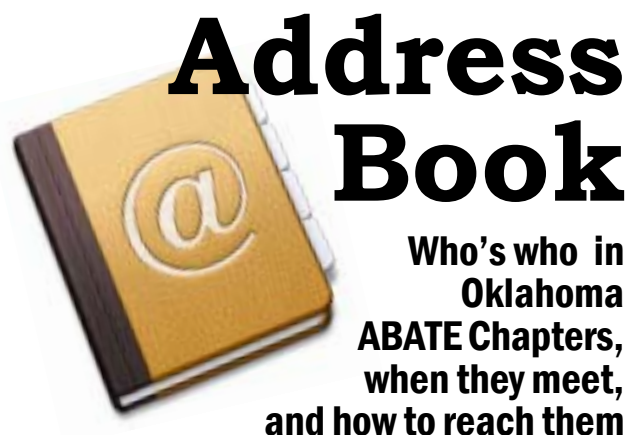
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join us for all we have going on this month and we'll end the year great!

Your news lady, Tammy

### Rogers County Chapter

Nov 18, 2011, Claremore VFW Board Members

President: Scott Williams  
VPresident: Eddie Wood  
Secretary: Marie Barton  
Treasurer: Sherry LaRue  
Sgt of Arms: Artie Clarke  
State Rep: Scott Barton

There were 28 members present and 3 guests: John Pierce, MeanGene Moore, and Charlene Ruby.

#### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

Pledge of Allegiance & A Moment of Silence

II. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer report given by Sherry Larue.

III. Secretary Report: Minutes of last meeting.

IV. State Rep Report: NCOM Region Two is tomorrow.

Passed out an accident Report and SMILE Flyer. Todd Lamb, T. W. Shannon will be speaking. John Pierce gave the story of the Overhead Amber alert signs being allowed to be used for Motorcycle safety use for the month of May.

Gave what caught their eye from the MILE. Eddie said he met some from Belgium and they are having the same issues that we have had and their road safety is worse than ours and European countries can go from town to town and have a completely different set of rules. Was interesting on seeing how other countries work.

#### Committee Reports:

Scholarship Dinner: Feb. 11, the VFW has already agreed to the date. A copy of the room form has been placed in the secretary's files.

#### V. Old business

A. Randall. The plaque did we get it to James? No it is in the back of Sherry's car. Charlie makes a motion to mail it to him and Tim seconded it.

B. Toys for Tots: Charlie asked for help to pass out the boxes and pick toys up.

C. Tony wanted to know the status on the COC patch. Marie is still in the process of getting them. Scott will go to the next COC and see about picking some up there.

D. Feb. 11th doing the Spaghetti Dinner and Eddie needs to get with the committee to do the dinner. Marie will create a flyer and get it in the journal.

E. Tim, Scott, Marie & Tim presented the Route 66 cruisers with a thank you card at their monthly meeting. And got a hold of BACA to deliver their card, and they did say they enjoyed seeing us at the Claremore Car & Bike Show. Both groups opened up and accepted us at this event.

F. Tim. Release forms for the Christmas Parade. Need about 10 adults and some children. We did pick up the ABATE Banner at the state meeting. The VFW has a flyer and motion made to add their banner to our float.

#### VI. New Business

A. Buckets Toy Run Sunday. Chili Cook off and Lots of Fun.

B. Boots on the Ground Toy Run. Starts

on Pine at the Ford dealer ship at 9:00am.

C. Bill Richie has tickets for the VFW Gala \$25 each. Good dinner, music and auction. And has tickets for the Motorcycle. Also wants to get with the Scholarship Committee to get the information out to all the VFW members.

D. Mae, How do we get more members under the age of 40. Suggested renting the blow up to draw kids and parents. This would be a great thing to do at Lawn Mower Event or Car Show.

E. 66 cruisers has our Links and also our Webpage is being updated and is current. Please go out there and review it and give any comments.

F. Bill Richie was wondering if VFW ticket spinner was in our Shed. Sherry has not checked the Shed.

G. Nomination closed at the end of the last meeting and since Eddie was acting President his vote is null and void. Therefore Scott Barton is the new President Jan. 1, 2012.

\$82 in the Chip pot, won by Sharon Hilton. John Pierce mentioned that we paid for the PSA from the Gunners bill. This was a \$100,000.00 PSA.

Charlie made a motion, Tim seconded to have next meeting as a Social for Christmas and do Dirty Santa and that ABATE provides the meat.

#### VIII. Adjourned at 8:38

Next meeting is Dec. 16, 2011

Pot luck \$40 no winner; rolls over to next meeting.

### South Central Chapter

President called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Nov. 15, 2011

#### Pledge of allegiance

Treasurer was absent; 27 members present. We signed up two new members. Reading of previous meeting minutes was waived.

Treasurer's report was read by Eric Gage and accepted unanimously.

Our state representative, Randy Jones, brought back a world of information from the last state board meeting.

He explained to us to stay vigilant as EPA wants to impose mandatory E-15 fuel.

We all know what E-15 would do for our air cooled, high compression motors.

Randy explained what the MRF is and does for us as members.

He also made mention to carry a white flag of some sort to tie around your handlebars to indicate when help is needed.

Randy mentioned that the state board was considering meeting bi-monthly and that we might want to consider it as well if the state goes to the bi-monthly meetings.

Christine McKlain spoke to the membership concerning the AIR Christmas party at the Moose Lodge on Dec. 10.

Our membership voted on new Executive Board Officers.

Eric "Tourguide" Gage was elected as the new President.

Our 2012 executive board consists of the following:

Eric Gage-President; Billy Stone-VP; Garth Hoard-Secretary; Coelene Guinn-Treasurer; and David Rozzell as Sergeant At Arms.

A motion was made and seconded to place a vote on the next agenda to move meet-

ings to Saturdays.

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join us for all we have going on this month and we'll end the year great!

Your news lady, Tammy

### Rogers County Chapter

Nov 18, 2011, Claremore VFW Board Members

President: Scott Williams  
VPresident: Eddie Wood  
Secretary: Marie Barton  
Treasurer: Sherry LaRue  
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State Rep: Scott Barton

There were 28 members present and 3 guests: John Pierce, MeanGene Moore, and Charlene Ruby.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

Pledge of Allegiance & A Moment of Silence

II. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer report given by Sherry Larue.

III. Secretary Report: Minutes of last meeting.

IV. State Rep Report: NCOM Region Two is tomorrow.

Passed out an accident Report and SMILE Flyer. Todd Lamb, T. W. Shannon will be speaking. John Pierce gave the story of the Overhead Amber alert signs being adopted to be used for Motorcycle safety use for the month of May.

Gave what caught their eye from the MILE. Eddie said he met some from Belgium and they are having the same issues that we have had and their road safety is worse than ours and European countries can go from town to town and have a completely different set of rules. Was interesting on seeing how other countries work.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Dinner: Feb. 11, the VFW has already agreed to the date. A copy of the room form has been placed in the secretary's files.

V. Old business

A. Randall. The plaque did we get it to James? No it is in the back of Sherry's car. Charlie makes a motion to mail it to him and Tim seconded it.

B. Toys for Tots: Charlie asked for help to pass out the boxes and pick toys up.

C. Tony wanted to know the status on the COC patch. Marie is still in the process of getting them. Scott will go to the next COC and see about picking some up there.

D. Feb. 11th doing the Spaghetti Dinner and Eddie needs to get with the committee to do the dinner. Marie will create a flyer and get it in the journal.

E. Tim. Scott, Marie & Tim presented the Route 66 cruisers with a thank you card at their monthly meeting. And got a hold of BACA to deliver their card, and they did say they enjoyed seeing us at the Claremore Car & Bike Show. Both groups opened up and accepted us at this event.

F. Tim. Release forms for the Christmas Parade. Need about 10 adults and some children. We did pick up the ABATE Banner at the state meeting. The VFW has a flyer and motion made to add their banner to our float.

VI. New Business

A. Buckets Toy Run Sunday. Chili Cook off and Lots of Fun.

B. Boots on the Ground Toy Run. Starts

on Pine at the Ford dealer ship at 9:00am.

C. Bill Richie has tickets for the VFW Gala \$25 each. Good dinner, music and auction. And has tickets for the Motorcycle. Also wants to get with the Scholarship Committee to get the information out to all the VFW members.

D. Mae, How do we get more members under the age of 40. Suggested renting the blow up to draw kids and parents. This would be a great thing to do at Lawn Mower Event or Car Show.

E. 66 cruisers has our Links and also our Webpage is being updated and is current. Please go out there and review it and give any comments.

F. Bill Richie was wondering if VFW ticket spinner was in our Shed. Sherry has not checked the Shed.

G. Nomination closed at the end of the last meeting and since Eddie was acting President his vote is null and void. Therefore Scott Barton is the new President Jan. 1, 2012.

\$82 in the Chip pot, won by Sharon Hilton. John Pierce mentioned that we paid for the PSA from the Gunners bill. This was a \$100,000.00 PSA.

Charlie made a motion, Tim seconded to have next meeting as a Social for Christmas and do Dirty Santa and that ABATE provides the meat.

VIII. Adjourned at 8:38

Next meeting is Dec. 16, 2011

Pot luck \$40 no winner; rolls over to next meeting.

### South Central Chapter

President called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Nov. 15, 2011

Pledge of allegiance

Treasurer was absent; 27 members present. We signed up two new members.

Reading of previous meeting minutes was waived.

Treasurer's report was read by Eric Gage and accepted unanimously.

Our state representative, Randy Jones, brought back a world of information from the last state board meeting.

He explained to us to stay vigilant as EPA wants to impose mandatory E-15 fuel.

We all know what E-15 would do for our air cooled, high compression motors.

Randy explained what the MRF is and does for us as members.

He also made mention to carry a white flag of some sort to tie around your handlebars to indicate when help is needed.

Randy mentioned that the state board was considering meeting bi-monthly and that we might want to consider it as well if the state goes to the bi-monthly meetings.

Christine McKlain spoke to the membership concerning the AIR Christmas party at the Moose Lodge on Dec. 10.

Our membership voted on new Executive Board Officers.

Eric "Tourguide" Gage was elected as the new President.

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- Blankets - \$10 • Bibs - \$7 • Newborn hats - \$5
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by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

**Q.** Do You Want To See Some Of The Best Motorcycles, Motorcycle Art And Advertising Ever Produced?

**A.** How about the 1902 Indian (only 2 in existence), or a 1905 Harley, or a 1916 Indian, or the 1929 Indian Scout (the one favored at county fairs in the wooden barrel WALL OF DEATH because of weight and handling), or a 1942 Indian four cylinder Police Model, or say a 1948 Indian Chief Roadmaster next to a 1953 Chino Panhead, like you would have found in Hollister California in 1948, or the "Easy Rider Bike" that was burned in the movie and later restored, or Evel Knievel's jump bike next to Russ Hess' "Art Attack" and more? If you like that sort of thing then go to the Eiteljorg Museum at White River State Park in Indianapolis from March 10 through August 5, 2012. Get ready to enjoy it folks because they are planning the best motorcycle art show in the country. It is called "STEEL PONIES: MOTORCYCLES AND THE AMERICAN WEST."

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### Surviving the close encounter

**Q:** My local chapter might have a big problem. We sponsor a charity ride every year, and we insist that all riders and passengers sign a release and waiver. This year, we had somebody jump the gate and get injured during the ride. He has said he is going to sue us for failing to provide a safe ride. Since he didn't sign a release and waiver, are we screwed?

ABATE MEMBER

**A:** As I have long said, the best thing you can do to protect your organization is to have a release and waiver signed by each participant and make sure you have procedures in place to make sure that everyone signs it. Sometimes, however, someone will slip over the gate and get into the ride without signing the release, despite the best efforts of the organizers. Always one of my big fears.

A recent opinion by the California Court

of Appeals may provide you some breathing room. In that case, a couple injured in a recreational motorcycle ride sued because the ride did not have a police escort. The Plaintiff was an experienced rider and had signed waivers for previous rides, but somehow got in the ride without signing a waiver, including previous years of the same ride in which they were injured. The Court of Appeals ruled that the injured couple "assumed the risk" of the ride.

The couple on the ride were injured when a van swerved into their lane causing a collision. The court ruled that the couple had waived any right to sue even though they had not signed a waiver for this ride but had signed such waivers in previous rides. (As I said earlier, waivers are still needed but this case helps with those that sneak into an event without signing a waiver) The court held that the risk of participating in a motorcycle ride with a large number of participants along public highways is self-evident, and that the risk of being injured while in a motorcycle procession is well known as all rides do not have police escorts. The rule is that a voluntary participant in a recreational activity cannot recover damages for injury from a co-participant or organizer if the injury arises from a risk inherent in the activity and defendant does nothing to increase that risk. The court held that the lack of police escorts did not increase the risk of injury on a public highway.

This case is a victory for all organized motorcycle rides in this country and should result in lowering of insurance premiums for events- for those that can get insurance. Recreational activity organizers can breathe a little easier with this court decision if it becomes the trend in all states.

NOTE: Marc Falsetti was the legal beagle on this one. Marc, thank you for your good eye.

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A canvas will be given to the winner. No professional photographs. Staz has reserved the Tomahawk suite for extra communal time together.

Election of Officers for 2012: President Chaz, Treasurer Tenpoint, Road Captains Staz and Soxks, Sergeant of Arms Sarge

and Roy, State Rep Kat, Alt Rep Animal, Membership ICE.

Motion made by PJ, 2nd by Girlfriend to donate money to a charity in David Myers' memory. Scooter motioned, 2nd by Girlfriend to donate to the Marland's Children Home. Motion passed unanimously.

Up-coming events:  
Dec 17th Christmas Party in Billings.  
50/50 winner ICE  
Motion to adjourn Sarge, 2nd Girlfriend  
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