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The deadline for all information turned in for your newsletter each month is as follows. The deadline is at 5pm the Tuesday after the state meeting unless stated otherwise. Anything received after the deadline will be subject to time available basis only, but most likely won't be included in next months newsletter. This is necessary in order to have your newsletter to you in a timely manner Thanks for your help and understanding.



**NEXT DEADLINE:** May 9th 5pm









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# Notice!

Until further notice all Event Insurance requests & payments should b++e submitted to:

A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas P.O. Box 102 Perry, KS 66073

### **MAY STATE MEETING**

MAY 6TH CRAWFORD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 249 E K-47 HWY GIRARD, KS 10AM

AGENDA: MOMENT OF SILENCE;
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
ROLL CALL; SECRETARY
REPORT; FINANCIAL REPORT;
LOBBYIST REPORT; MRF REPORT;
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS REPORT;
PUBLIC RELATION REPORT; MIDSOUTH M.I.L.E.; CORPORATE
SECRETARY; NEWSLETTER REPORT;
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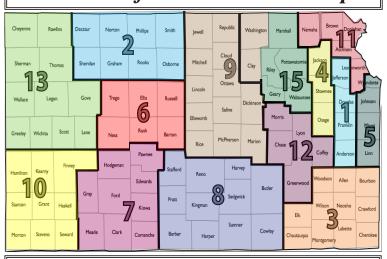
#### **UPCOMING STATE MEETINGS:**

June 10th, 10am Gove Community Building 305 Broad St Gove, KS

EXCEPT FOR THE ANNUAL OCTOBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, ALL STATEMEETINGS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Silvercreek Antique

# ABATE of Kansas District Map



A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas is divided into Districts by county. Each District header lists the encompassed counties for each respective District. To determine which District you are in, find your county name in the headers, and the number designates the containing District. Every active District of A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas has an elected District Representative.

# <u>Protect Your Rights.</u> <u>Reach out to your Kansas Congressional Members today.</u> SENATORS:

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# ~ State Meeting ~

The ABATE of Kansas state meeting was called to order on April 8, 2023, at 12:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of Silence

A thank you card was read from Barry's family.
Roll call-all present except
District 10. Brian for District
1, Bear for District 2, &
Michael for District 12.

Secretary report - Amber read a condensed version of the minutes. A motion was made by Tony R-d15 (2nd by Cheri) to approve the minutes as read. Motion passed with a show of hands.

Financial report- Lori went over the financials. Tony RR asked about the expense report & Lori answered his questions. A motion was made by Brian (2nd by Russell) to approve the financials. Motion passed with all board members voting yes.

Old Business- Byron reminded everyone to help with selling the gun raffle tickets for the state. A discussion was had about what to do with District 6 & the bank account since there was no response to the email sent to District 6 members. A motion was made by Dave (2nd by Doyle) to move the money from District 6 bank account into a cd for District 6 future use. Motion passed with all board members voting yes.

New Business- Russell asked how to lower the district's cost of insurance

per event. After discussing, a motion was made by Russell (2nd by Dave) to lower the price of insurance by half on events with no major liability by doing more inhouse events. Motion passed with all board members voting yes. Lori asked that the event/insurance list be turned in by every district by the May meeting.

Labor Day Rally - Thank you to Wellnitz Tree Care & Sara H for donating the time & labor to take down the tree at the rally site in honor of Sara's birthday. Doyle & Lori are ordering supplies this week for the shower house. Byron received an LDR sponsorship from Heinen Repair & Heinen Outdoor Power Equipment. Thank you, Heinen Repair & Heinen Outdoor Power Equipment! A motion was made by Doyle (2nd by Dave)to start putting in the 2 new needed culverts at the rally site. Motion passed with all board members voting yes. A discussion was had about the electrical panels needed for the rally site upgrade suggested by Chris. After review, a motion was made by Tony R-D15 (2nd by Brian) to purchase the 10 electrical panels @ the predetermined amount. Motion passed with all board members voting yes. Byron thanked everyone that came out last work weekend. There will be another one on 4/15 & 4/16.

Lobbyist report -please see

the report in your newsletter. Lunch 1:18 pm-2 pm

Labor Day artwork was presented & voted on. Thank you to everyone that sent in the artwork. Congratulations to Lori H for her artwork selected.

MRF report - please see the report in your newsletter

Motorcycle Awareness report - please see the report in your newsletter

Public Relations- Sis said there is nothing at this time

MidSouth Mile - will be in Springfield Missouri the last weekend of October 2023. Please plan to attend. The basket idea was decided on. If you'd like to contribute please talk with your district ren

Corporate Secretary -Tammy asked that every district review its policy and procedures to make sure they are updated & accurate.

Raffle coordinator - Rusty asked that anything about

raffles be sent to him now & not Tammy so that he has the information on hand.

Newsletter - Lauren asked for permission to change the ABATE of Kansas header for the newsletter & was permitted by a show of hands. The newsletter deadline is 4/11/2023 by 5 pm

Tammy asked that Tony R be reimbursed for gas to pick up the be aware signs & was approved by a show of hands.

Products - Bill C was at District 12 bike show selling products. Lori said new short sleeve shirts & tank tops are being ordered. Pocket tees & different colors would need to be pre-ordered.

Thank you to District 12 & the VFW for hosting!

MRF drawing - Cheri 50/50- Rusty The meeting adjourned at

2:51 pm

# NOTICE:

All submissions to Newsletter including event flyers, district minutes, ballots must be submitted to the Corporate Secretary for approval prior to publication. And the office for official records. Letters to the Editor go to Lauren abatekseditor@gmail.com and the Office. office@abateks.org and Tward72@gmail.com

All membership issues and newsletter mailing issues please contact the state office at 785-597-5140 or email at office@abateks.org

# **Attention District Reps and Treasurers!**

Please send your Treasurer reports to the following: office@abateks.org

Thank you, Lori Harden, Treasurer/ office manager ABATE of Kansas











Freedom of the Ride- May 2023

In this month's article I'd like to share a quote from Theodore Roosevelt.

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

—Theodore Roosevelt

Speech at the Sorbonne, Paris, April 23, 1910

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month – Watch out for distracted drivers as they aren't watching out for you. Be aware the life you save may be your own.

To all the mom's out there, Happy Mother's Day!

Thank you to all of you that volunteer your time to ABATE of Kansas.

Thank you to all that have served our country in the Armed forces and to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice we salute you.

Ride safe, Ride Free and Enjoy the Freedom of the Ride

Byron Harden

**ABATE of Kansas** 

President











Hey everyone!

I hope you are getting some riding time in as the days are longer and warmer. Things are ramping up for us here in Kansas. Be on the lookout for several districts that are having awareness rides, as May is Motorcycle awareness month. I know Kansas will receive a proclamation but unsure if we will have a meet and greet to sign with the governor.

ABATE of Kansas is working hard out at the rally site, get your hours in now for early entry, there will be plenty of opportunities coming up. Remember the rally is our big fundraiser for the year.

MRF Kansas is planning for our trip to Bikers Inside The Beltway, we have a superb group from Kansas going, seven total going from ABATE and the Kansas COC.

On the top of our list will be HR 906 right to repair, to ensure consumers have access to data relating to their motor vehicles, critical repair information, and tools, and to provide them choices for the maintenance, service, and repair of their motor vehicles, and for other purposes. I encourage everyone to visit https://www.congress.gov to see what is going on at a federal level.

We will arrive Sunday in Washington DC and Monday will be our briefing with the MRF, this will include talking points, paperwork, and a Q&A session among other things. Tuesday we hit the ground running, whew, have you ever seen us run? We haven't either. A day filled at the capital with meetings from our representatives from Kansas. Then we return to the hotel and meet with everyone and discuss our day and network. In 2022 our efforts in DC proved very fruitful, in hope to repeat them this year.

Are you signed up for MRF alerts? If not, you missed out on this.

Major Car Maker Having

Second Thoughts?

A letter released to the public on Thursday, from the Ford Motor Company to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) regarding automated driving systems is an eye-opener. While not giving up on "self-driving cars" Ford appears to be dialing back their testing and investment.

In the letter, Ford formally withdraws a petition seeking U.S. regulatory approval to deploy up to 2,500 self-driving vehicles annually without required human controls like steering wheels. Ford states, "We believe the road to fully autonomous vehicles, at scale, with a profitable business model, will be a long one."

In December, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) worked with bipartisan lawmakers in Washington, D.C. to get answers from NHTSA about this new technology. The deployment of vehicles like the type mentioned in the Ford letter is a major concern of motorcyclists. The

MRF remains troubled by the rush to allow testing of these vehicles on public roads.

While the decision by Ford appears to be based on the economic reality surrounding this new technology, the MRF applauds any decision that pauses the deployment of this unproven technology on our nation's roads.

Please visit https://mrf.org/ to read the letter in its entirety and to sign up for alerts to be sent to your email.

Ride Safe and Free Tammy Ward-Railsback MRF Kansas Assistant Representative

Tammy Ward-Railsback ABATE of Kansas Corporate Secretary Vendor Coordinator District 8 Assistant Rep State MRF Assistant Rep

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# **Lobbyist Report**

We are now into mid-April and our Kansas Legislature is hard at work.

Our profiling bill SB 108 is on hold till the 2024 session. We did not get a hearing on this bill this year. February 24th is what is called turnaround day. After turnaround day bills that are not in an exempt committee can not have a hearing or new bills can not be introduced.

I have turned in our application to the governor's office to proclaim that May Is Motorcycle Awareness Month. We have asked to have an in-person signing by the governor on April 26th. 2023. I will have more details in the upcoming weeks.

I have also turned in an application to reserve the 2nd-floor rotunda for Bikers Under The Dome on January 30th. 2024. This date has verbally been confirmed by the property manager as a go.

Myself, Tammy, Bill C, Tony RR, Ron V, and Kansas COC are going to Washington D.C. to attend Bikers Inside The Beltway. This is an MRF event and motorcyclists from all over the USA will be in attendance. We are in the process of making our appointments with our Federal Legislators from Kansas. We are hoping to have the same great results with our efforts as we did in 2022.

I would also like to encourage everyone to take 2 minutes and take the 2023 National Motorcycle Profiling Survey. It is quite simple to take. You do not have to divulge any personal information. You do not have to have been profiled as a motorcyclist or even ride a motorcycle. This is a very useful tool for us when working on motorcycle legislation at the state and federal levels.

As always if you have any legislative concerns or thoughts please do not hesitate to reach out to me

Respectfully

ABATE of Kansas

Tony Railsback Vice President Lobbyist

# MPP Survey













# **MAY 2023 EXPIRATIONS**

RALPH L	BULLOCK	1	LYNETTE	LAYDEN	
SUZANNE J	BULLOCK	1	TREVOR	LAYDEN	
PATRICK	BURTON	1	RAE ANN "Honey"	MARTIN	
BOWEN HUDSON	CUNNINGHAM	1	GITANA	MCALLISTER	2
NOVALE	HORTON	1	JESSICA	MCELHANEY	
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ERIC	SHAW	1	CHARLES W	MORSE	
PHILIP ROBERT	STUMPFF	1	JOE	NAYLOR	
ANGELA	GITCHEL	2	PETE "Smokey"	OLSEN	
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JOHN	COLLINS	3	LISA	SHAVER	
KELSI	COON	3	BRANDON	SHOUSE	
RYAN	COON	3	BRENDAJ	SMITH	
RACHEL	DUDUN	3	CHAD	SMITH	
SHANE	DURKIN	3	ELROY	SNYDER	
DALE L	<i>ENDRESS</i>	3	BILLY	STEWART	
NICOLE	FOREMAN	3	MISTY	STEWART	
TONY	FULLER	3	CHRISTOPHER	STRATTON	2
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DWIGHT	GATH	3	DIANE	VANBECELAERE	
ROBERT	GREVE	3	LEROY	WALKER	
DANA	GUILFORD	3	BOBBY	WHITE	
JOSHUA DAVID	HALL	3	RICKY	WIGGINS	
HUNTER WAYNE	HEDGES	3	TOM	WILLIAMS	
NATASHA MARIE	HICKS	3	VICKIE	WILLIAMS	
STARLA ERLENE	HODGES	3	JERRY	HAYWARD	
SUSAN	ISAACS	3	MANDY	NOTT	
KENNETH	JOHNSON	3	CARL	FORD	4
PAUL	KEYS	3	DANYSE	FORD	4
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CODY	LARIMORE	3	JENNIFER	SADIE	4





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KEITH	GALVIN	20
RACHEL	GALVIN	20
PHIL	HOOPER	20
BERNICE	MILLS	20
GREG	MILLS	20
DONALD	ROBERTS	20

# BIKER JOKE

WENT CAMPING IN THE WOODS AT NIGHT AND HEARD A LARGE NUMBER OF BIKES GO BY.

I GUESS THERE ARE ALOT OF HOGS IN THESE WOODS.









# Happy Mothers Day to all the ABATE mamas



# A.B.A.T.E of Kansas, Inc.

# **Notice of Approved Amendments to Policies and Procedures**

- II. State Events:
- A. 1 6 unchanged
  7. All supplies including liquor and beer for the Labor Day Rally beverage gardens are to be purchased with state funds.
  - All Labor Day Rally sponsorships received must be turned in to the ABATE of the Kansas State treasurer to be deposited into the Labor Day Rally accounts & earmarked for appropriate use. (Amended March 2023)
- All profits from the beverages (excluding beer), will be divided 50% for the district and 50% to the state. The Main stage bar/Waunetas Bar profits will be split 1/3 to the state, 1/3 to the Mid-South Mile, and 1/3 to the MRF to help pay for the \$1 donation
- B. MidSouth M.I.L.E.
- 1. The Kansas State Representative to the Mid -South M.I.L.E Committee, only, will be reimbursed \$200 with receipts for travel
- expenses to MidSouth MILE meetings and the Mid-South M.I.L.E. event. (Amended November 2022)
- C. Bikers Under The Dome

Notice all wording with "Webmaster" will be changed to Web Administrator (Amended March 2023)











# ABATE HAPPENINGS

		MAY 2023 ABATE HAPPENINGS
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>1</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - May 20, Kick Start Saloon, 2521 N Kansas, Topeka, Ks - 1pm
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<u>2</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - May 14, Kibbee's Repair & Towing, 158 North HWY 183, Phillipsburg, Ks - 4pm
		May 21- Run for the Wall Fuel Stop- Bunker Hill- Time to be determined
DISTRICT	<u>3</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - May 7, Crawford County Fairgrounds, 249 E K-47Hwy, Girard, Ks - 1pm
		Bike Show & Rally- May 5-6, Crawford County Fairgrounds, 249 E K-47Hwy, Girard, Ks - gates open Friday at 12pm
DISTRICT	4	DISTRICT MEETING- May 14, Carbondale City Park, Carbondale, Ks -1pm
		May 22- Run for the Wall Fuel Stop- East Topeka Service Area on the Turnike- Time to be determined
DISTRICT	<u>5</u>	DISTRICT MEETING- May 13th- Wyandotte County Lake, Shelter 10. Kansas City , KS - Noon
		Awareness Day- May 13th- Wyandotte County Lake, Shelter 10. Kansas City , KS, Bike Show, Cookout, Products- 11am
DISTRICT	<u>7</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - May 5, 2400 E Post Ave. , Dodge City,Ks - 7pm
DISTRICT	<u>8</u>	DISTRICT MEETING- May 7- Sandhills Brewing, 111 W 2nd Ave, Hutchinson, Ks - 2:30pm
DISTRICT	<u>9</u>	DISTRICT MEETING- May 14- Easy Bar, 307 N Main, McPherson Ks- Eat at Noon Meeting at 1pm
DISTRICT	<u>10</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - May 7, American Legion Post 9, 405 S Main, Garden City, Ks Noon
DISTRICT	<u>11</u>	DISTRICT MEETING & Bike Show May 14, Mothers Day Bike Show, Mueller's Locker Room, 120 S 2nd, Atchison, Ks - 10am
		MEETING WILL BE AFTER BIKE SHOW
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<u>12</u>	DISTRICT MEETING & Election- May 7, VFW Post 1980, 932 Graphic Arts Rd., Emporia, Ks - 2pm
DISTRICT	<u>13</u>	DISTRICT MEETING- May 7, B-Hive, 170 W 4th , Colby, Ks - 2pm
DISTRICT	<u>15</u>	DISTRICT MEETING- May 14, Rose Buds, 215 E 8th, Junction City - 2pm
		May 21- Run for the Wall -Junction City- Time to be determined
		STATE MEETINGS & EVENTS

MAY 6TH Crawford County Fairgrounds, 249 E K-47 Hwy, Girard, Ks 10am JUNE 10TH Gove Community Building, 305 Broad Street, Gove, Ks - 10am **JULY 8TH** American Legion Post 9, 405 S. Main, Garden City Ks, 12 pm





- ABATE of Kansas is currently running its online 50/50 raffle. It begins January 1st and ends March 31st. Email all raffle reporting sheets to Rusty Burdette Rusty.Burdette@gmail.com and the Office office@abateks.org













Anderson, Douglas, Franklin and Jefferson

district1.abateks.org
District Rep Bill Saric
785-806-8585

The March ABATE of
Kansas District 1 Meeting was
held at the American Legion in
Ozawkie on March 18, 2023.
The meetings called to order by
Bill at 1:00 PM with the Pledge
of Allegiance and A Moment
of Silence for Fallen Brothers
and Sisters; there were 12
members present.

State Report was given by Bill. Points of discussion were District 1 can sell margaritas in our tent at the Labor Day Rally. A work weekend will be held at the rally site on March 25 & 26th. Online 50/50 need more participants. Donation for Run for the Wall – Brian made a motion to donate, Paul seconded, all in favor. See State Minutes for additional information.

Secretary report. Jason made a motion to waive, Nova seconded, all in favor.

The financial report was

6-8585
given by Holley. Brenda made
a motion to accept the financial
report, Jason seconded, all in
favor.

Old Business:

Cabin Fever – Jason spoke with the various vendors.

The drawing for the raffle will be at Cabin Fever. If anyone wants to buy a raffle ticket, contact a District 1 member.

New Business:

Bad Ass Ride on May 6, 2023. Cory's Ride on September 16, 2023.

The next meeting will be at the rally site during Cabin Fever on April 29 @ 1:00 PM. May meeting will be on May 20th, 1:00 PM at Kickstart. Brenda made a motion to adjourn, Brian seconded, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

there are 2 Guns & 1000 tickets printed. If you are wondering that is all the tickets that will be printed.

The First Gun is a Springfield Armory Hell Cat. A small 9mm Automatic w/case & an extra clip.

The Second Gun is a Mossberg Shockwave. It is a legally short 12 Gauge Pump Shotgun. This is one that has been referenced as a Home Defense type weapon.

We will draw the winner at the end of the Poker Run. The first ticket gets choice.

If you would like to buy some or world like some to sell get ahold of Gary his phone number is 785-543-1874 they are \$ each or 5 for \$\$. Our 39th Poker Run will be June 17th. Due to problems we've had we are late finalizing the details. What we do know is that it is to help the Osborne Rural Fire Department. This kinda ties in with last year when we helped those affected by the Paradise Fire. We also know it will end at the Rumor Mill in Osborne. That is when we will also draw the previously mentioned raffle tickets.

Please bear with us and come out and support the Poker Run. As usual t-shirts will be available with all the profits going into the fund.

Last minute update the Run will start at the Osborne City Park, Stop 2 will be in Smith Center at Alta, Stop 3 will be in Mankato at the City Parkand, Stop 4 at Beloit at Casey's. The final stop at the before Mentioned Rumor Mill in Osborne.

The May meeting is on the 14th it is to be held at Kibbee's Repair & Towing North of Phillipsburg. If you turn North at First National Bank go North cross RR tracks continue north about 1/2 Mile & you'll be there.

The June Meeting is on the 11th. It will be at Richard & Carla's in Bogue. Their address is 807 Meadowlark. Go into Boguand e turn right on Meadowlark they are on the right.

I know with this much writing & no meeting how much would I have written if there was a meeting?

Ride Safe Bear



Decatur, Graham, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, Rooks, Sheridan, Smith

District Rep Larry Kibbee 785-623-0420

Ok, Please bear with me (Pardon the Pun). This is another set of minutes from a Phantom Meeting.

Our ABATE of Kansas D2 April meeting was scheduled for the 9th at Larry & LouAnn 's in Stockton. However as it drew close Larry informed us that they had run into some Medical complications & therefore could not hold the meeting. It being Easter weekend we weren't sure where to hold it. That is why this report is on a Phantom meeting.

On a personal note we don't know what the medical complications are. As a district we should keep them in our thoughts and hope for a good recovery.

Now to business. The new raffle is moving. This time











# MAY2023



Saturday	6 State Meeting Girard 10am D3 Bike Show & Rally	13 District 5 Meeting & Awareness Day	20 Armed Forces Day District Meeting 1	27	RCES
Friday	5 <u>Cinco de Mayo</u> D3 Bike Show & Rally D7 Meeting	12	19	26	
Thursday	4	П	18	25	Memora
Wednesday	£.	10	17 Bikers Inside the Beltway	24	31
Tuesday	2	6	16 Bikers Inside the Beltway	23	30
Monday	¥	8	15 Bikers Inside the Beltway	22 Run For the Wall Fuel Stop - Topeka	29 Memorial Day
Sunday		7 Mother's Day District Meeting 3, 8, 10, 12, 13 D12 Election	14 District Meetings 2, 4, 9, 11, 15	21 Run For the Wall Bunker Hill & Junction City	28





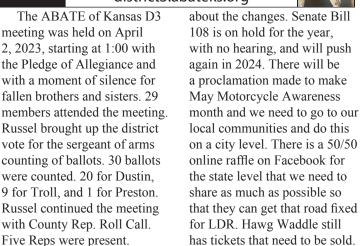






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BSR- We have people settled for gates but we still need sign-ups for working the gates. The product tent still has five openings that need to be filled. The stage is paid for and it is huge!!! We will need to look at how it will work in the area that we have. Bike Show... Why can we not put the bikes outside? There was some discussion about moving it around the corner on the road. We need to be prepared for the weather in case the ground is wet so we can put the bikes in the barn. We have updated flyers and they need to be distributed...Come get them! Post pictures of it on Facebook as well! We are still short of our best in show sponsorship. If anyone knows of anyone, we are still looking

Sue mentioned doing burgers at the Legion building with pop and water. Dwight wanted to present a bar-b-q but we agreed that Dr. John is the man. Jerry Dawn has the liquor license and will provide a closed area

for sponsorships

for the drinks. Burlesque is out. Tracy asked why we could not have just a wet t-shirt contest. Denny said that we ought to think about having a wet t-shirt contest on Friday next year. Russel is worried that we are out of time and need to have this locked down and we need to move forward. Matt stated that just because we do one doesn't mean that we can't do something Friday night if we wanted to. Sherry said that girls want to go up there and some girls win money and there isn't much support and too many pictures. Friday night is not set in stone and our vendor guy is not here so we will not move forward on this until next year.

Next time insurance calls anyone, get their name and phone number so that we can turn them in to the state. As soon as you turn in your membership, you are covered. They are trying to get more information to sell you more insurance. State only covers death and dismemberment.

New business: Rockers are ordered and our D3 patches are plentiful. We have hats, tank tops, and bandanas on their way! We are getting a tablecloth and some blackout background to make our product vendor area look more professional. Kitty got more racks for clothing and there are options for more racks if we need them.

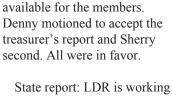
Appreciation party either at Remington Ranch or Bill Caldwell's shop... Caldwell-18, Remington-1... The vote went to Caldwells! Sherry Motioned the Appreciation party to be held on the 12th of August. Chris second. All agreed.

Next Saturday CMA Blessing of the Bikes in Chanute at @11 a.m. CMA also stated that they will have signs at our rally to do a blessing of the bikes to do them throughout the day. Russel asked if we could give the chapter a donation to the CMA. Tammy motioned that we donate and Trisha 2nd Tracy 3rd. Living Hope Chapter will get the donation.

July 15th Erie Bean Feed is looking for as many bikes for the parade for their 150th

Tracy brought up whether we are going to look for a new rally venue or are we going to stay here. Russel feels that they have everything that we need and they did let us know that they were going to have to raise the price. If someone has an idea of something, bring it forward after this year's rally or if we are going to consider our location. Denny mentioned that part of why we have this is because we are not in city limits. There are things like this that we need to look at. If they raise their price again, we can find another place. Sherry motioned to table this and Kitty seconded it. Motion passed.

50/50 went to Sherry. She wanted to donate it to the downed bikers fund! Sherry motioned to adjourn all seconds of the motion!



Squeak mentioned that there is

someone that may be interested

in becoming Bourbon County

Pressing Business:Chris

went to Springer Farms and it

wasn't a family hog. Springers

the processing donated. Denny

motioned that we pay for it and

JC seconded the motion. All in

Arlene gave the secretary's

report. Denny Motion to read

the newsletter for the minutes

accept the secretary report and

and Trisha 2nd. Motion to

Sherry 2nd the motion. All

Kitty gave the treasurer

report. There was a copy

will sell us a hog and we got

rep.

favor.

accepted.

State report: LDR is working on getting things moved around to make things run better. There was some discussion and some members were not happy











# In memory of Rick Jones



Jackson, Osage and Shawnee

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District Rep RC Harman

785-224-5063



# **District 4 Ballot**



Obituary

Garden City- Rick Jones, 60, died on Friday, April 7, 2023 at St Catherine Hospital in Garden City. He was born on November 28, 1962 in Garden City the son of Jim & Janet (Rice) Jones. He married Jeanna Snodgrass on October 10, 1985 in Garden City.

Rick graduated from Garden City High School. He attended Arts School in Colorado Springs. After his schooling he returned to Garden City to work at Lee Richardson Zoo. He moved to Scott City and worked as a Mechanic and later at Weichman Feedyard. In 2002 he had a conversion in life and started being mentored by Pastor Bruce Ferguson at the Healy United Methodist Church and began lay speaking at churches. He graduated Seminary with his degree in Theology and was ordained a United Methodist minister. He served churches in Grainfield, Gove, Bucklin, Hebron Nebraska and Chester Nebraska before moving back to Garden City in 2019. He loved his Harley motorcycle and was a life member of ABATE of Kansas and a Patriot Rider. He also was the Chaplain and member of the Eagles Lodge in Garden City.

He is survived by his 2 Daughters- Kirsten Mieth-Overton and husband Brandon of Wichita and Candice Jones of Newton, North Carolina, Father- Jim Jones of Garden City, Brother- Jeff Jones of Scott City, Fiancé-Sharyn Baybayan of Chester, Nebraska and 3 Grandchildren-Adrienne Mieth-Overton, Henry Mieth-Overton and Annie Mieth-Overton all of Wichita. He was preceded in death by his Mother.

Funeral Service will be at 10:30 AM Wednesday at Garnand
Funeral Home in Garden City with Pastor John Carney
officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery in Garden
City. Friends may call from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Tuesday
at Garnand Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to
Rick Jones Memorial Fund in care of Garnand Funeral
Home. Condolences may be posted at www.garnandfuneralhomes.com

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

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If Mailed, ballots must be postmarked by <u>June 3 2023</u>.
Election date is June 11 2023

Attention! Print the word "BALLOT" on the outside of the envelope if mailed.











Johnson, Linn, Miami and Wyandotte

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District Rep Tony Rawls-Riley 913-706-8449

The April ABATE of Kansas District 5 Meeting was held at noon at the Bub's Bar in Louisburg, KS on Saturday, 1st, 2023.

Tony called the meeting to order. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters, as well as for those serving our country. Sargent At Arms Report: Tank reported on all those present at the meeting. Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Ang to wave the reading of the minutes from the March District 5 Meeting and just go over some of the highlights. Bud seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was passed. The minutes were accepted and approved as reported and printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer Report: Geoff reported on the accounts. Everything is in good standing and was accepted and approved as reported.

Product Line Report: Tony reported. District 5 still has products available. There are shirts, front "Look Twice" license plates, etc. Contact a board member, or check out one of our events or meetings if interested in any products available. Tony stated he got back in and followed back up with the company that printed up the District 5 stickers to give to new members and such. Ang made a motion to move forward with acquiring the stickers. Beth seconded the motion. The motion was put to vote and was



approved.

State Report: Tony went over the items from the State Meeting. The State Meeting was held in Dodge City, KS. Run for The Wall is soon approaching, and will be coming along I-70, right through Kansas. Ang such have also begun out at the Labor Day Rally site. Now is the time to be putting in those hours. Online registration for the Labor Day Rally is also up and running.

SB-108 on profiling is done and over with for the year; but will carry over to next year.

Bikers Inside the Beltway: National Motorcycle Lobby Day - Bikers are going to be gathering in Washington D.C. running. There is now a spot on the website where you can subscribe. If you subscribe, you can get updates on everything in District 5 via email.

The date is now confirmed with the Moose Lodge in Kansas City, Kansas for the District 5 End of Year Party and State Meeting.

Insurance is taken care of for the May District 5 Meeting and event at Wyandotte County Lake. Grill and water, food, and beverages have all been arranged and will be available for donation.

The May District 5 Meeting will be held at noon on the 13th of May at Wyandotte County Lake- Shelter 10. There will be food and refreshments available. Bring your beverages as well (no glass containers). We will have a ride at the bike show. No driving or parking on the grass. The June 4th meeting is being confirmed, but will likely be held at noon at The Tumbleweed in Gardner, KS. July meeting will be held at noon on July 9th at Big D's on the Hill, in Kansas City, KS. The August 5th meeting will be held at noon at the Labor Day Rally Site, followed by a District 5 work event.

Ang made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Beth and was passed. All members and nonmembers are welcome to attend District 5 Monthly Meetings. Feel free to drop by and say hello.

# ABATE of Kansas District 5 Motorcycle Awareness Day

May 13th, 2023 @ 11AM

**Location: Wyandotte County Lake shelter 10** 

The Meeting starts at 12:00 pm we will also have a ride in bike show

We will have a cookout and have products for sale there

For more information contact Tony @ 913-706-8449 or Debbie @ 913-909-2131





Promoting Awareness of Abate of Kansas

made a motion for District 5 to do its part in contributing to the Run for The Wall effort with fuel-ups. Beth seconded the motion. It was put to vote and was passed.

Work began in April on the shower trailer for the Labor Day Rally. Work weekends and Thursday, May 14th, to protest on being able to work on your own, pretty much anything (motorcycle, lawnmower, tractor...) and much more. Tony will be attending this event.

Old/New Business: The District 5 Website is up and











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# MAY 6, 2023 COME RIDE WITH US

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May 6, 2023, as CMA members and others
across the United States come together and participate in the 35th annual
Run for the Son. You do not have to be a CMA member to participate.

For more information about CMA's Run for the Son contact....



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Other Informatio









Barton, Ellis, Ness, Rush, Russell, Trego

# **INACTIVE**



Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Ford, Grav. Hodgeman, Kiowa, Meade, Pawnee

District Rep Glenna Day 620-826-5293



The April ABATE of Kansas District 7 meeting was held on the seventh at 7 pm at 2400 Post Avenue. There were 14 members present.

Glenna called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. All were present and stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters.

Roll call of officers was done, and all filled positions were present. Glenna went over the state minutes and recapped the state meet.

Secretary's report....Rod made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes, seconded by Sofia. Motion passed.

Treasurer report....Brittany read the treasurer's report. Everything was in order. Glenna motioned to accept the report as read, seconded by Sofia. Motion passed.

Product report....There was

no product report since it was recently handed over to Stasia.

Old business.....We started with our hospice run: went over the location where we will be having it, which route we will use, who is making the flyers, what food we are planning to serve, and other details. Went over upcoming events and need to confirm that D7 is listed on the October Cancer run with D10 and D13

New business.....We took a break for the counting of the ballots for our elections. Rod, Stasia, and Mark B were present for the count. Glenna was voted as District Rep and Blake was elected to Sergeant of Arms. Congratulation to both of them. We did not do a membership drawing due to not having enough funds, will hold over till next month. Our May meeting will be held on the fifth at 7 pm at 2400 Post Avenue.



Ridin' With Roberta Spring is here!Hope everyone had a good winter.Last month I went to Eureka springs for our Women in the Wind Internal meet up. There were around 200 lady riders there, a few from Canada.We had a Great time; Harley had an afternoon of events and food for us. Weather was not the greatest going down, but the rest of the weekend was nice enough to hit some local highlights. I took a trip down to Afton OK to participate in a Scavenger hunt with the KC Indian riding group. We had a good time finding some local attractions, I think my 2 favorites was the ghost town and the F-4 Phantom fighter jet. Thanks to my Hotwired heated gear I purchased a few weeks ago, the 3-hour trip there in 30 degrees was warm and cozy. April 2nd, I met the Indian riding group in Council Grove at the Hays House for lunch on their way back from Cassiday. If you have not eaten at the Hays house, I highly recommend it. Not to mention the slice of carrot cake was enough to feed all 14 of us.My next adventure is back to Arkansas to take the backroads to Mount Magazine for some sightseeing, ride over to Mt. Nebo, ride back up through the Arkansas Grand Canyon in Jasper, maybe hit the Arkansas Dragon in Mt. Judea up into Harrison and through Eureka Springs and back to Bentonville/Rogers.Hope to see you out on the road!













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https://www.facebook.com/ABATE-of-Kansas-District-8-114523255250459 District Rep Stacy Kenyon (620) 636-1163



The ABATE of Kansas D8 Meeting was called to order at 2:41 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and a moment of silence was given for our fallen brothers and sisters as well as Betsy Gast. Roll Call was completed and all were accounted for except Sgt at Arms- Melissa sat in as SAR and reps for Butler county, we have several counties with no representation. Welcome back to member Brian Van Dyke! The Secretary Report was read and a motion to accept as read was made by Joe and seconded by Frank. The Treasurer report was read and Brian made a motion to accept it as read. Joe seconded. The product report was talked about next. District 8 shirts were mentioned and will be ordered for \$\$\$. A motion was made by Melissa to order shirts for D8. Seconded by Joel. The motion was passed. Hats, bling headbands, and beanies were also other options for products. The 50/50 raffle online was talked about and it was noted to please share to get it around. Next, that was



talked about was donations for the LDR showers. Tammy made a motion to donate \$\$\$ for the showers. The motion was seconded by Joel. The motion was passed. The MILE basket was brought up next and local items were talked about. Tony is selling gun tickets for the MRF. A motion was made by Joel to donate \$\$\$ to the MRF for the Bikers In The Beltway trip. Melissa seconded it and the motion was passed. The last thing brought up was the location/date of meetings. Tammy made a motion to keep the 2nd Sunday @2:30p, but just move locations to different counties within the district to possibly get more members to show. The motion was seconded by Rose and the motion was passed. The next meeting will be on April 2nd at @2:30p in Haysville. The meal will be a potluck, so bring a dish. Tammy is providing the Ham. Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Melissa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20p.

Lyndsey Van Dyke District 8 Secretary May MIn.

ABATE of Kansas D8 meeting was called to order at 2:47 pm on April 2nd. The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was given for our fallen brothers and sisters. The roll call was completed. Member at Large missing as well as reps for Barber, Butler, Harvey, Kingman, Pratt, Stafford, and Sumner counties. District 8 welcomed two new guests Alan and Don. Thank you so much for coming! Secretary report was read and Joe made a motion to accept as read, a motion was seconded by Frank. The Treasurer report was read as still the same as the month before. Nothing new to report. Products were discussed next, District 8 T-Shirts, Tammy

stated getting those sometime soon. A tumbler was brought to the meeting as an idea for a product for the district and more discussion on that will come at a later date. May 20th is the Salty Cycles Downtown Mayhem! If you can make it; something you don't want to miss! The next meeting will be May 7th at 2:30 pm in Hutchison at Sandhills Brewery. The address is 111 W 2nd Ave suite c, Hutchinson, KS 67501. The last thing that was done was the 50/50 drawing and Don(our new guest) won! Brad made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joel seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Lyndsey Van Dyke District 8 Secretary



Cloud, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Jewell, Marion, McPherson,

Mitchell, Ottawa, Republic, Rice, Saline

district9.abateks.org District Rep David Zeller 620-755-5445



The ABATE of Kansas District 9 meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm on April 9th, 2023, with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence given, with 17 members, 3 county reps, and 3 guests present. The secretary's report was given and approved. The treasurer report: Report given and approved State News: See state news in the newsletter. Awareness report: Discussion on highway signs. Products report: None. Website report: All updated. Facebook is current. Old Business: Tickets are printed for the Dunham Sports raffle, sell as many as you can. Memory patches are available for Pops. New Business: Discussion on the Run for the Wall. A brief

discussion about district policy and procedures. Board meeting to be held soon. Motion made to donate to the Run for the Son. Upcoming events: Run for the Wall May 21st. Drawing: Dave Z donated back. Thanks to David H for hosting the meeting and everyone for the food. Next meeting May 14th at Easy in McPherson.

June meeting Bob and Juanita's in Delphos



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

620-640-8471 Milton "John" Mowery



ABATE of Kansas District 10 meeting was held on April 2nd, 2023, at the American Legion, 405 South Main, Garden City, KS. District Representative John M. called the meeting to order at 12:13 PM The Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters. Roll call followed. All board members were in attendance minus Terry Dale and Milton Mowery. Milton is excused. There were 14 members in attendance. Linda M suggested that a donation be made to the family of a member that had just passed to help with funeral expenses. Carl made the motion, Darin second, and all approved. Time was taken for voting of Representative and Treasurer. Sharilyn read the minutes from March's meeting. Raymond made the motion, Carl 2nd, all

approved. Yolanda read the financial reports. Debra made the motion to approve as read, Darin 2nd, all approved. New business: Discussion of shirts for Freedom Bash took place. Three examples were shown that Randy had come up with. Carl made mention of having a Kansas Motorcycle Education Program in Garden City sometime for those who cannot make it to the ones that are in bigger cities. John M stated he will look into it for further discussion. Darin mentioned for Swing into Spring event, to offer more advertising to the vendors. Randy made the motion, Darin second, and all approved. Yolanda will talk to the vendors about this as they check-in. The next meeting will be May 7th at noon at the American Legion, 405 South Main. The meeting is adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Atchison, Brown, Doniphan,
Leavenworth, Nemaha
district 11.abateks.org
District Rep Doyle Pendergraft

913-704-9233

The ABATE of Kansas D11 meeting was called to order on April 2, 2023, at 2:09 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for all our fallen brothers and sisters. There were 17 members and 3 guests in attendance.

DISTRICT

Secretary's Report: Natalie read the notes. Ric motioned to accept Keegan seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Rusty went over the financials. Pop motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Keegan seconded.

Assistant Rep's Report: Keegan is still working on the October

meeting location. Stay tuned for that. Keegan reached out to Rawhide Harley about setting up a booth for pushing the Easton FE site. He will reach out to Worth Harley again about setting up a booth there as well.

Atchison County Report: Chop reserved the parking lot for the MDBS with the city of Atchison. We will be there at 9 am to start setting up.

Leavenworth County Report: Ric will be able to give us an update on the status of our annual Memorial Day event at the VA at the next

meeting

Doniphan County Report: Robin reminded everyone of the Blessings of the Bikes on April 22nd. He mentioned that May is Motorcycle awareness month. May 6th is the Life Jacket Run in Ozawkie, at the Legion.

Brown County Report: Jason doesn't have any news.

Nemaha County Report: Jason doesn't have any news.

Products Report: Lea is moving up the order date on the products, so if you want anything gets with her now!

Old Business: Get your tickets for the raffle at the MDBS before they are gone! Keegan made a motion on which dirt bike to purchase for the dirt bike raffle to be given away at the LDR and Ric seconded. Doyle reached out to Kitty's Bringin' it Down Bike Wash about coming to our FE. Pop motioned to go ahead and

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book her for the event and Keegan seconded. Doyle has not been able to go look at the stage at the FE site yet. Discussion of what games were going to be at the FE this year. Lea brought up the insulated tumbler cups for FE instead of trophies. Lea will get more information and pricing on them for the next meeting. Rusty went over the portable bathrooms and the dumpsters for the FE. Doyle will go to the Easton City meeting this week and clarify the camping and other questions for FE.

New Business: None

Pops motioned to close the meeting at 2:51 PM – seconded by Keegan – meeting closed. The next monthly meeting will be directly after and on the site for the Mother's Day Bike Show in Atchison, starting at approx. 2:00 PM on 5/14/2023 at Mueller's Lockeroom in Atchison.



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# Treasurer

James "J	Iimbo"	Carver
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Darla Jarmer		

Write in		
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# Member at Large

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Ulysses , Kansas 67880
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No minutes as our meeting isn't until April 16th After the ride for fallen brothers and sisters. This ride starts at 10am at the Goodland 24/7 plaza. With stops at Sharon Springs, Tribune and Leoti. We will have tickets for the gun raffle to be drawn that day at the meeting.

Our Buffalo Run is June

9th and 10th at Gove City Park. Please come and join in the fun, music and raffles.

Our May meeting is May 7th at the B-Hive in Colby, KS. Please join us. And remember to cast your votes in the upcoming elections.

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4:00pm Mini Bike Race Registration 6:00pm Mini Bike Registration ends 6:30pm Mini Bike Races

7:30pm Bike Sled Pulls

9:00pm Bands start & awards 10:00 Burlesque Show

Saturday

Gates Open at 9:00

10:00 am Bike Show Registration

12:30pm Bike Show Registration ends

12:30pm Drag race Registration

1:00pm Bike show judging

1:30pm Drag Race registration ends

1:45pm Drag Race drivers meeting

2:00 pm Drag Races/

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3:00pm Bike Show Awards at Band

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4:00pm Bike Games Registration

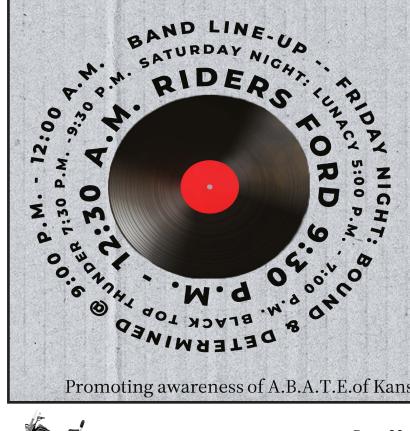
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# THREE GUYS ON A BENCH

# BY STEVE K

Really, it is such a stereotype that old guys spend their time sitting on a bench and talking about the past that it is in any movie in which old guys are featured. At least once each movie old guys will be sitting on a bench feeding pigeons, eating lunch, drinking coffee, or plotting a crime. No matter what they are doing, it must be on a bench. Fortunately, old guys are the last demographic of which we can make any fun without fear of offending someone. As for me, I am glad to be the butt of your jokes. I see my role has provided a social service.

I attended the St. Francis Motorcycle Museum weekend of activities. Some members of ABATE 13 have adopted the Museum as a cause. For me, this was the first time I attended the party, but it was so good I know it won't be my last. Most fascinating was the crowd and the museum. A guy lit up his nitro burning drag bike in the afternoon. I missed the talk provided by people who donated some of the bikes, though. What ended up being a great day of motorcycle activities, though, didn't begin so well.

The St. Francis Motorcycle Museum is only 141 miles northwest of Scott City, and I didn't have to spend time riding I-70 to get there.My first problem occurred when I put my foot down on Washington Street across from the museum.I found a spot in the shade, and I attempted to back into a parking spot. Sand—and we have all been there—was my undoing.I hit the sand, my foot slid, and I dropped my bike.In front of all the other bikers hanging around for the day."Good morning, everyone.I am about to make your day; watch closely." On the positive side, I rolled off like a fat, old stunt double should roll off a bike—smooth and effortlessly.On an even better note, people—a special thanks to the Free Tomorrow riders among others—rushed to my aid picked-up my bike.Nothing hurt but my ego.

After I said "hello," to my ABATE brothers and sisters, I toured the museum. What a phenomenal experience in a town of 1300 on the border of Colorado and Nebraska. A Flying Merkel, Jefferson, an Orient, among others, occupy a special place in a vault. Indians, Harleys, a Thor, a Flanders, and a world of other bikes fill the floor outside the vault. The bikes stand for all stages of mechanical life—some fully restored, some representing the "barn find" stage. A museum tilled with wonderful displays represents the development and history of our machines. You might be looking at the bikes for a minute before you hear, "I used to ride one of these."

Following my tour, I crossed the street to my bike, got my water, and took my rightful place as an old guy on a bench in the shade.Not long after that, another old guy asked if he could join me.He did and we talked bikes.He rode in on a CanAm, I on my Road Glide.We did what old guys do, we shot the shit about our common interests and the when's and where's of our lives beyond our bench.He, Doug, was, at 70-years old. a bit older than me.He was career military and had been all over the world.He picked Kansas because it was his last duty station.Interesting stories to be sure

Soon, we were joined by John, an even older guy. John was from Burlington, or Siebert, or Vona, or somewhere Colorado. I am not sure where he was from specifically, but he was from Colorado. He was a Vietnam vet. Doug and John were military. John and I had Colorado in common since we were both born there. We all had our bikes to talk about. Old guys on a bench work like that; we find common ground and talk about for the rest of the afternoon. We fit together for a couple of hours of old guy time.

After motorcycles, our common thread was the Vietnam War, but each of us represented a different stage of the Vietnam era. John, the oldest, graduated in '66 and was drafted. He was shipped to Vietnam. Both Doug and I knew not to ask for any more information. You just don't. If John wanted to offer details, we would listen, but he didn't, and we didn't. He did his duty to his country, and that was it.

Doug, the second oldest, graduated in 1970.By then, the lottery was in operation.He took a different path.His number was low enough for him to realize that he was going to be drafted, so he decided to enlist in the Air Force.That was how he spent his life doing secret Air Force work around the world.He mentioned bases, and both John and I knew them.Secret work is secret work, so neither John nor I ask any questions about what took him around the world.

I, at 67, was the youngest of the group. I graduated in 1973, and I had both a draft card and a lottery number. In the twelve months before my graduation, the last draft call-up was held on December 7, 1972. The last lottery was held on March 2, 1973. I, holding lottery number 56, experienced the range of draft status. I was I-H, not eligible for the induction, until I graduated. Then, I received a draft card that listed me as I-A, available for military service. The final draft card was I-S, not eligible for induction, when I enrolled at the University of Colorado. I was among the last to hold a valid I-A draft card.

Three old guys with common ground 50 plus years in the past found themselves on a bench in Northwest Kansas because of a common interest in motorcycles. We talked about our bikes. We talked about the chopped Hondas parked at the curb. Those bikes caught the soul of motorcycles. Even though they are built in a factory, every rider personalizes their bike. We watched the others doing their thing. We talked politics, listened to a great band, and shared time. By the time the drag bike was the star of the show, we left the bench, and we all knew the chances of sharing a bench and time would never happen again. By the way, what is more motorcycle and small town than lighting-up a nitro-burning drag bike on a city street with absolutely no crowd control?

Our love for bikes, and a bench in the shade brought us together, maybe it will again.









# Frequently Asked Questions

# Can I wear a helmet and be a member?

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

# Do I need to be a Harley owner?

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

# Do I need to own a motorcycle?

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

#### Do I have to live in Kansas?

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

# Is ABATE a motorcycle club?

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

#### Which District can I belong to?

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

# Why did I stop getting a newsletter?

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# Do I need my ABATE card?

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# Is ABATE just about helmets?

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While the goal is to always keep two wheels down, we all have experienced other motorists not keeping a lookout for motorcycles, turning in front of us, or driving while distracted. The Referral Service will ensure that attorneys participating in the program support the Mission of A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas, are motorcycle riders who are highly experienced in representing motorcyclists in Kansas, and understand the unique legaland insurance issues surrounding motorcyclists.

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