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February 10th

Moose Lodge, 1401 E 1st Ave
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AGENDA: MOMENT OF SILENCE;
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;
ROLL CALL; SECRETARY
REPORT; FINANCIAL REPORT;
LOBBYIST REPORT; MRF REPORT;
MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS REPORT;
PUBLIC RELATION REPORT; MID-
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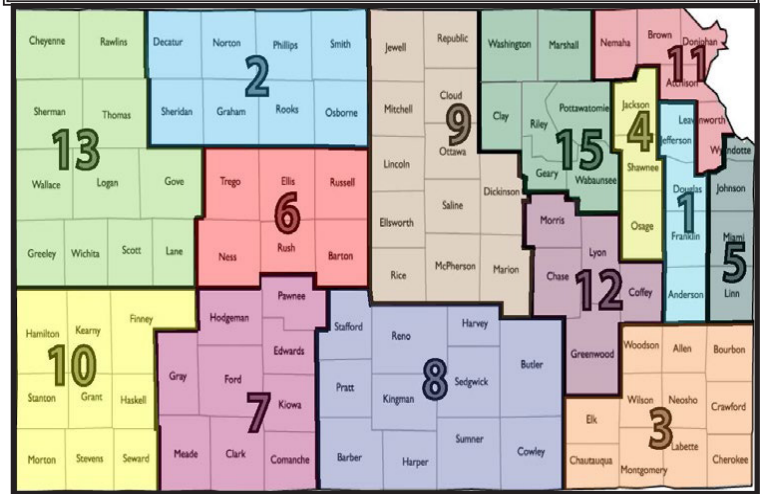
UPCOMING STATE MEETINGS:

March 9th

VFW Post 1714, 909 N 13th, Dodge City
Ks, Noon

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, ALL
STATE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE
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All submissions to Newsletter including event flyers,
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Attention District Reps and Treasurers!

Please send your Treasurer reports to the following:
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Thank you, Lori Harden, Treasurer/ office manager
ABATE of Kansas





~ State Meeting ~

No meeting held thanks to the snow.



ABATE of Kansas has been protecting and fighting for the rights of all motorcyclists in the state of Kansas for nearly 50 years. We have made valuable connections on both sides of the legislature and with our experience and good reputation we can make those connections even stronger.

If we are to be successful in protecting the freedom of the road we must continue to sign up new members and unite all motorcyclists in our mission to protect motorcycle rights.

There are simple things we can all do to help. That starts with remaining vigilant and updated on important issues in your area. When there is an issue we can't be afraid to reach out to the appropriate government officials. A good place to start is by attending town halls with local elected officials and building those relationships.

There are a wide range of issues that should be of concern to motorcyclists at

the federal, state, and even local levels. Some of the issues that most concern me are E-15 fuel requirements, the right to repair, the increase in autonomous vehicles, distracted drivers, and motorcycle profiling.

Those are just some of the issues that ABATE is staying on top of at the state level and the MRF is working on at the federal level.

The best tool we have to fight for your rights is an informed and engaged membership. If elected officials hear from ABATE membership about important issues it will make a difference. Join ABATE of Kansas and the MRF and help us in the fight for your rights to ride.

Ride safe, Ride free and enjoy the Freedom of the Ride

Byron Harden
ABATE of Kansas
President

PLAY ABATE OF KANSAS ONLINE 50/50



- ABATE of Kansas is currently running its online 50/50 raffle. It begins January 1st and ends March 31st 2024
Email all raffle reporting sheets to Rusty Burdette Rusty.Burdette@gmail.com and the Office office@abateks.org





A.B.A.T.E of Kansas, Inc.
Notice of Approved Amendments to Policies and Procedures

EVENTS

P. ABATE of KANSAS, INC., requires all district and state events to be insured. All insurance requests should be made by the District Representative no later than 30 days prior to the event.

Q. Event and Insurance Clarifications:

- 1. An event is any activity sponsored, promoted or supported by ABATE on a county, district or state level that involves liability; any activity is considered an event. Anything that involves conducting business is not an event.
- 2. All sanctions and sanction fees and/or requests from fund are to be turned into the insurance coordinator in writing, on a form provided by the coordinator thirty (30) days before the event at the latest.
- 3. All insurance fees must be turned in to the insurance coordinator (30) days prior to the event.
- 4. There are three (3) levels of Insurance, Low Liability, High Liability, High Liability with alcoholic beverages. Pricing for insurance Low Liability will be half the price of High liability and High liability with alcoholic beverages will have an additional fee above the price of high liability. *(April 2023)*

FINANCIALS

L. All monies received from Life Memberships will be deposited yearly in Certificate of Deposit (CD's) and Earmarked as Life Memberships. *(December 2023)*

NEWSLETTER

I. Newsletter Content:

A. Required monthly content includes: a current corporate board roster including contact information; the ABATE of Kansas state seal and mission statement; state meeting locations; state and district meeting minutes; a membership expiration listing as well as a membership application; deadline submission dates; and an events calendar. *(Amended May 2023)*

D. Ethnic slurs, religious slurs, sexual slurs and/or slang, and profane expletives are disallowed in any publication of ABATE of Kansas. In addition, mentions of specific monetary values, (except admission prices listed on fliers and Raffle ticket pricing), alcoholic beverages, or any use of the term "rodeo" are prohibited from publication. *(Amended June 2023)*

H. Full names may be used in newsletter and in state and district minutes. *(Amended October 2023)*

MEMBERSHIPS

J. District 21 to include all deceased members that had a current membership at time of death. *(December 2023)*

I want to thank The State Board for entrusting me with the Appointment of Corporate Secretary.
I'll do my best to keep things running smoothly.
Thank you,
Kitty Estes
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MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS REPORT

From the MRF: The Federal Government Finalized 2021 Crash Data and has their report available. Since it takes a great deal of time for NHTSA to compile the data and create a report, this data only goes through 2021.

According to the report, in 2021, motorcyclists made up 13.8% of all nationwide traffic fatalities, with 5,932 motorcyclists killed on our nation's roadways. That is the highest number since data collection began in 1975. The number of those injured on motorcycles reported in 2021 was 82,686, which is fewer than the all-time high of 104,442 in 2016. This total injury count represents 3.3% of the 2.5 million people injured in all motor vehicle crashes.

2021 showed a substantial increase in motorcycles registered. The data also shows an increase in vehicle miles traveled by bikers. NHTSA data shows 9.8 million registered motorcycles with approximately 19.6 billion miles traveled in 2021. Those increases mean that while the total number of fatalities and injuries went up, fortunately, the rate per 100,000 registered motorcycles went down.

Here are other takeaways:

- Riders accounted for 95% of deaths, while 5% were motorcycle passengers.
- 57% of fatalities occurred by collision with another vehicle, 26% resulted from a collision with a fixed object, 4% collision with a non-fixed object, while 13% of fatalities occurred without a collision.
- 34% of fatalities

involved a rider impaired by alcohol. That number is in line with the 31% of alcohol-related fatalities nationwide.

- Riders were wearing helmets in 59% of fatalities, while riders were not wearing helmets in 38% of fatalities. Another 3% of fatalities occurred where helmet usage was unknown.

- 29% of fatalities involved an unlicensed rider.

Alcohol-related fatalities and those involving unlicensed riders are especially disheartening, as they are avoidable. Riding sober, trained and licensed are basic steps to help protect lives.

States like Wisconsin have passed increased registration fees with that money earmarked for motorcycle safety programs. However, motorcycle funding at the state and federal levels remains low, and that certainly includes Kansas. Only 20% of your motorcycle endorsement fee goes to the State Motorcycle Safety Fund, which is doled out to programs based on the amount of money in the fund and the number of students trained. This past year, the federal government awarded states \$5.5 million for motorcycle safety programs. The federal government is spending just fifty-six (56) cents per motorcycle on safety grants, so you can see where motorcyclists are on the priority list.

A former NHTSA official recently spoke publicly about the threat self-driving cars pose to bikers, yet the federal government has been slow to act, although Tesla just recalled thousands of their cars to do a software upgrade that hopefully will help prevent drivers from assuming they can go to sleep

while the car takes them to their destination. You can find the full report at: <https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/813527>

The United States should take a cue from the Europe, where BMW, Honda, and Yamaha, in conjunction with several countries, have established

the Connected Motorcycle Consortium. The purpose is to research technology, both on new and used vehicles, where they can recognize each other and warn other operators of each one's presence. Would that NHTSA get their act together and do the same thing in the US.

Lobbyist Report

Lobbyist Report January 2024

It's that time of year. The Kansas legislature is now in session as of January 8th. We still have Senate Bill 108 motorcycle profiling on the Senate agenda. It will die this year if we can't move it. KCOC still has their House Bill HB2286 on motorcycle profiling. Both bills need a hearing to move forward. SB 108 needs a hearing in the Judiciary Committee and House bill HB2286 needs a hearing in the Transportation Committee. Myself and Jimbo Iverson with KCOC went to Topeka on January 11th. We started our afternoon with Representative Hill and Representative Fairchild. We gave each of them a copy of Iowa's profiling bill. After some good conversation, it sounded promising that we might get a hearing. Our next stop was Senator Kelly Warren. She is the head chair of the Judiciary Committee. That meeting kind of left us wondering if she would get us hearing. She listened to what we had to say but didn't come across like she was in favor of it. It's going to take some phone calls and emails to her from constituents in her district from ABATE OF KS. Our next stop was in Senator Rick Kloos's office. Senator Kloos and Senator Pittman were the

ones to introduce the bill for us. Our next stop was Senator Mark Steffen and Representative Jason Probst. We did not have appointments with them. Both of them were out of their offices in committee meetings.

On January 30th from 9 am till 3 pm we holding our lobby day Bikers Under the Dome. The event will take place on the 2nd-floor rotunda at our state capitol in Topeka Ks. Please plan to attend if at all possible. We need to fill the capitol building with motorcyclists. Please take time beforehand to make appointments with your representative or senator in your district.

They are always glad to talk with you on their playground.

We have Eric Ross with the M.R.F. Byron Harden president of ABATE Of Kansas Jimbo Iverson with K.C.O.C Bill Cooper State Rep M.R.F. and myself Lobbyist for ABATE Of KS. giving short speeches. If you need more information or help, please reach out to me or Tammy. I will try and keep everyone posted on any legislative changes.





Kansas MRF report. As we approach the end of January the primary and promises from the candidates seem to be endless. This is why the MRF is making it's stand because our rights to ride our motorcycles is in jeopardy.

The MRF stand is still the same still fighting for the rights of all motorcyclists.

The number one priority is Motorcycle Profiling. Bikers are still being stopped just because of their mode of transportation and the way they dress themselves.

Autonomous Vehicles. The MRF is making sure that

motorcycles are part of the tests and are a separate classification of other vehicles because of the technology needed to recognize motorcyclists.

The MRF strongly believes that avoiding an accident through proper training is better than safer crashes urging the National Hiway Transportation Safety to support rider education and focus on crash prevention is just a few.

Our Kansas team is working along side Jimbo from the C.O.C. as we approach Bikers Under The Dome which will be held at the Kansas Capitol in

Topeka on January 30th, 2024. This is your chance to meet with your legislators so call and make the effort to speak with them. We are hoping to have Eric Ross the membership director from the MRF speak at the event. Bretz Law will pass out 100 sack lunches to the participants.

The Kansas MRF is also is giving away a Ruger L.C.P. in 9mm just for being a member so if you join now or are already a member the drawing will be held in December. They are also selling tickets on a Colt Python 357 in stainless steel as a fundraiser for our trips to

Washington D.C. on May 20th and 21st for the 15th National Bikers Inside the Beltway. Thats where we will meet with our legislators on the MRF National Lobby Day. It takes good people and teamwork to make these things happen and we need your support.

I would like to thank Tammy and Tony my assistant reps. because working together is how we get stuff done.

Bill Cooper
Kansas MRF Rep.

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December

ABATE District 1 Meeting
On December 16 2023, the ABATE of Kansas District 1 Meeting was held at Jason & Holley's in Perry. The meeting was called to order by Bill at 5:25 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and A Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters; there were twenty members present.

The State Report was given by Bill. Points of discussion were the lifetime membership, 50th Anniversary Gun Raffle, Coalition of Clubs - Bridging, District 21 was created for deceased members, Bikers Under the Dome on January 30, 2024. See State report for additional information.

Secretary report. Brian made a motion to waive, and Roger seconded, all in favor.

Financial report was given by Holley. Brenda made a motion to approve, Roger seconded, all in favor.

Old Business:

Donations of propane

heaters for Cabin Fever.

Discussion of selling shirts for Cabin Fever. Decision to sell bandanas and koozies. Jason made a motion, Bob seconded, all in favor. Poker chips will be handed out as well.

New Business:

Jade & Glory will not be playing at Cabin Fever. Checking into other bands.

Discussion was had about possibly adopting a family for next Christmas. Other suggestions were made. Matter was tabled.

Special Thank you to Jason & Holley for hosting the Christmas Party this year.

Brian made a motion to adjourn, Nova seconded, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next meeting will be January 14, 2024, at the Joint, 607 Cedar St., in Perry @ 1 PM. February meeting will be at the VFW, 612 E Palmer, Meriden on February 11, 2024 @ 1 PM.

January

On January 14, 2024, the ABATE of Kansas District 1 Meeting was held at the Joint in Perry. The meeting was called to order by Bill at 1:10 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and A Moment of Silence for Fallen Brothers and Sisters; there were fourteen members present.

No State Report was given due to the State meeting being canceled because of the

weather. Some points regarding Kitty as the new corporate secretary and Bikers Under the Dome on January 30 were mentioned.

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

Financial report was given by Holley. Brenda made a motion to approve, Roger seconded, all in favor.

Old Business:
Mill Town will be the first band playing at Cabin Fever, and Blue 88 will be the second band on Saturday.

Need sponsors for Cabin Fever and the District 1 trailer.

Need donations for the raffle.

New Business:

Nova has the alcohol list.

Checking with Jaime regarding GJs.

Tent for Cabin Fever.
District 21 for deceased members. Working on a list.

Brian made a motion to adjourn, Roger seconded, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM. The next meeting will be February 11, 2024, at the VFW in Meriden @ 1 PM. March meeting will be at the Kickstart in Topeka on March 10, 2024 @ 1 PM.



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

District Rep Larry Kibbee
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This is a little bit different newsletter article.

January is when District 2 hosts the State Meeting. However this year Mother Nature helped change that plan. With daytime temps forecast in the single digits, nighttime forecasted in the double digit below zero, this caused it to be decided both on the local & State level to cancel the meeting. We figured that with the temperatures like that people didn't need to be on the road.

With that decision being made for the same reason we cancelled the district meeting that was to be held after the State Meeting.

We also cancelled Casino Night. People just didn't need to be out with that weather forecast. Therefore we didn't hold the Raffle for the Mossberg Shockwave. We will hold that draw at the February meeting. As far as I know. A rescheduling of the Casino Night is not planned. Also that possibilities not been discussed.

This year on June 15th the District will reach a Milestone. On that day we will hold our

40th Annual Poker Run. On a personal note how times have changed, when we held our #1 in 1985, people didn't know what a Poker Run was. Now it seems that on any weekend there are several to choose from.

We need Two things for that day. We need to figure out who we are raising the funds for & we also need people to mark June 15th 2024 on their calendar & come make the 40th Great.

The February meeting will be held on the 11th it will be held in Stockton at the 183 Lanes. Their actual address is 906 S Cedar. Basically head south on Highway 183 they're on the East side. This meeting is our Winter Social & Gift Exchange. The District will buy supper. If you want to participate in the Gift Exchange bring a gift. Now that seemed obvious didn't it? Anything is acceptable but Please have it wrapped. We suggest an upper limit of 20 to 25 dollars but it's up to you.


Well that's it. We finally caught up with ourselves & don't know where future





meetings will be held. Stay tuned. We'll eventually know.

Until Later Stay Warm.
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1-7-2024 ABATE of Kansas District 3

Meeting began at 1:05 at the Cherokee Legion with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters. 24 members attended the meeting. Russel continued the meeting with County Rep. Roll Call. Motions were made and seconded for Glen to become Labette County Rep. and Zach to become Wilson County Rep. All were in favor.

Secretary Report: Monthly meeting calendars were distributed. With Arlene absent, There was a motion to read the minutes in the newsletter. It was seconded and all accepted. Sherry motioned to accept the secretary's report and Troll second that. All agreed.

Financial Report: Kitty read the financial report and there was a paper copy available for members to view at their discretion. Sherry motioned that we accept the Treasurer's report and Troll 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

State Report: Russel gave the state report indicating that there was a motion to put lifetime membership into a CD fund. There was also the passing of a motion to create a District 21 for fallen brothers and sisters.

Old Business: The Ol' Bastard's BALL was discussed. JR motioned to have it at Sassy's in Sycamore and it was second by Tracy. Motion passed. JR motioned that this be

a potluck, and Sherry seconded the motion. All were in favor. This will be held February 17th at 1p.m.

The Bike Show and Rally discussion mentioned the budget for the band which was motioned by Speed and second by Sherry. Motion passed. There was also a motion for passes to Bike Show for sponsors who reach a specific criteria of sponsorship. That motion also passed. Different jobs were designated for the bike show and rally. A motion by Speed and a second from David that Larger sponsorships also get a wood plaque and some recognition at the Bike Show. This motion passed as well.

Dustin will be out of town for a while. Hank motioned that we accept Dustin via phone for meetings. JR second the motion and it was accepted.

Turkey shoot was finalized for March 2nd. Troll motioned to accept the flyer and Tada second. All were in favor.

New Business: Matt will step down from Member at Large. JC will take over that position until a special election can be held. The motion was made by Curtis and second by Zach. Motion passed. Nominations Will be accepted at the February meeting.

District wide poker run was discussed. Bikers Under the Dome will be January 30th. There was a motion by Sledge to donate to MRF.



Speed second the motion and it was accepted. Jr asked if he could start up as historian, Zach motioned that JR be the historian for District 3. Troll second the motion and it was accepted. Tracy mentioned that Dave's Wrecker & Body Shop is willing to repaint the Districts trailer in exchange for sponsorship. JR made a motion to make the trailer red. Dale second the motion and it was accepted by all. It was also discussed the sponsor decal be

2"x12"

The Chili Cook-off / Pool Tournament will be Saturday the 20th of January. Mackey's in Caney will open at 11a.m. The pool tournament is open to the public.

Travis won the 50/50 and donated it to Tasha. Dale motioned that we adjourn and Zach 2nd that motion. It was accepted by all.

Next Meeting will be Feb. 4th at the Arma Legion 512 E.Main St. at 1p.m.

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1/13/2024. January meeting was cancelled due to the frigid weather conditions. There was a tentative agenda sent out in advance, along with a draft of the 2024 Calendar of events. This freezing weather will let up sometime the middle of the month and we'll have had the District 4 Bowl-a-thon fundraiser on January 21st by the time this is published. This is a fundraiser for Papan's Landing Senior Center, where

they have graciously allowed us to have our meetings during the winter months. I trust everyone is safe and warm out there and let's hope for no more power outages and little to no more snow, at least for us urban folks. I know the farmers need the moisture badly. Next meetings February 11th and March 10th@ 619 NW Paramore, Topeka KS Papan's Landing





DISTRICT

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The January District 5 Meeting was held at noon on Saturday, January 6th, 2024 at Big D's on the Hill in Kansas City, Kansas. Tony called the meeting to order. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters, as well as those serving our country.

Sergeant at Arms Report: Tank reported on those present at the meeting.

Secretary's Report: James went over the minutes from the December District 5 Meeting. Becky made a motion to accept the minutes as read and reported in the newsletter. Kim seconded the motion. No one opposed and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Tony went over the accounts. All accounts are in good standing. The district is in the process of turning everything over to the new treasurer and getting acquainted with the processes, policies and procedures. Tony stated he is the only current person listed on the post office box account for the district. Becky made a motion for a

second person to be added to the post office box. Kim seconded the motion. No one opposed and the motion was passed. It was decided Angela, the district's new treasurer will be added to the post office box.

Membership Report: Tony reported on the District 5 memberships. It is important if you know someone who is a past member that you haven't seen in a while; check in on them. Maybe it slipped their mind to renew their membership. Bring guests to ABATE functions, introduce them to people and get them signed up.

Product Line Report: District 5 has lots of cool t-shirts, tanks, and hoodies. We have all kinds of neat stuff, in men's and women's, and in pretty much all sizes. It was decided at this point not to order anything new, until some of our current inventory is sold.

State Meeting Report: The December State Meeting was held in Kansas City, KS. Tony went over the items from the state meeting. See the State Meeting Report in the

newsletter for those items from the state meeting. The January State Meeting will be in Norton, KS.

New Business: Tony discussed making an amendment to the District 5 Policies and Procedures. He wanted to change the wording that states "Attend District Board Meeting, and monthly open meetings." to "Attend District Meeting, if needed, and monthly open meetings." Karen made a motion for this change in the wording to take place. Louie seconded the motion. No one opposed, and the motion passed. Tony will submit the changes.

Legislative Report: Kansas is looking at what defines a motorcycle. Basically trying to get the Slingshot out of that description.

Tony will be writing to the state senator regarding motorcycle profiling.

Bikers Under the Dome will be January 30th in Topeka, KS. 8 a.m., if you want parking, get there early. Call your legislator now to make an appointment to speak with them. This is an excellent opportunity to respectfully speak your mind about motorcycle issues.

HR-4468: Choice in Automobile Retail Sales Act was approved and passed in the House.


Old Business: There was more discussion about the district keeping the square device used to accept credit and debit card payments. It was decided to continue using the square for another year and

evaluate if it is worth keeping. Angela also brought up forms of payment such as Venmo. She said she would look into it and manage it for the district as part of the duties as treasurer. She would just have to add it to the paperwork to be presented. She will put that together and present it to the district at another meeting.

Tony stated he wanted to try another District event for Motorcycle Awareness Month. Everyone seemed to like the idea we had last year out at Wyandotte County Lake. The district didn't have a lot of turn out, but feel like if there was more put into preparation for it, there would be more attendees. Becky made a motion for District 5 to put together an event for Motorcycle Awareness Month in May. The event will include our May District Meeting and will take place at Wyandotte County Lake. Kim seconded the motion. No one opposed and the motion passed. The district will put together this event.

There is a Vintage Motorcycle Show on February 4th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds - 2120 Harper St. Lawrence, KS. 9am - 2pm. All motorcycles must be at least 35 years old and appear runnable. Visit SFTrail.org District 5 will have a booth at this event. Next meeting February 3rd at Big Ds 2139 S.34th Kansas City, Kansas.

Becky made a motion to adjourn. Kim seconded. No one opposed and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

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Is Green the New Gray Area?

By Mark Buckner
Executive Director – Motorcycle Riders Foundation

For as long as I can remember – which is getting to be a LONG time! – those of us who love riding motorcycles and have devoted a large part of our lives to preserving and protecting our way of life have been telling anyone who would listen that the enemies of motorcycling don't just want to pass more and more restrictive laws where we're concerned. Their ultimate goal is to get us off the road entirely. A prime example of this is the recent push to outlaw internal combustion engines, just one of the issues the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and our partners in the state motorcyclists' rights organizations and the motorcycle aftermarket are fighting head on.

So why are internal combustion engines under attack? The Biden administration is calling for one in two new cars sold in the 2030s to be fully electric. Federal incentives intended to prop up 'green' proposals have been pushed through Congress. In some states, these initiatives have become all

the rage, calling for the elimination of all internal combustion engines and the end of fossil fuels as an energy source. California's plan to ban all internal combustion engines by 2035 is the most obvious of these, while similar plans have been launched around the country and the world. On the surface, that might sound bleak for those of us who love our gasoline-powered bikes, cars, trucks, and boats, but there may be good news on the horizon. As more research is coming to light from a feasibility, a financial, and an environmental perspective, initiatives targeting zero greenhouse gas emissions are being reexamined.

The Connecticut state legislature, like their counterparts in California, initially targeted the elimination of internal combustion engines by 2035, but has now decided to pump the brakes, killing Senate Bill 1145 which would have set unattainable greenhouse gas emission goals. Part of that bill would have penalized non-compliant parties up to \$25,000 PER DAY for not meeting stated objectives, labeling the penalties as a 'tax'. Other uncoordinated decarbonization 'roadmap bills' are still being considered in Connecticut, but the all-out push to join states like Massachusetts, California, and others is on the decline.

Ohio is pushing back as well. Their state legislature recently passed House Bill 201, signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine. HB 201 prohibits state agencies, counties, or townships in Ohio "from restricting the sale or use of a motor vehicle based on the energy source used to power the motor vehicle." It also specifically prohibits a state agency from adopting the Califor-

nia emissions standards for motor vehicles. ABATE of Ohio played a major role in getting this law on the books. In northern Europe, Norway, which had targeted zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, is likewise backing off on its plan as its feasibility becomes less certain.

None of this is to say that we shouldn't be concerned about pollution. We absolutely need to address these issues, especially in our major cities. But the outright elimination of vehicles powered by fossil fuels is not the answer.

Regarding the general public's opinion on an all-electric solution, many people are less than enthusiastic about moving away from gasoline-powered alternatives. According to the Sierra Club, in 2022 66% of car dealerships did not have an electric vehicle for sale. We can only assume that's because there was no market for them. Today, thousands of car dealerships around the country are pushing back on the Biden plan, saying they can't sell the electric vehicles they already have in stock. Car manufacturers are backing off as well, curtailing production of new EVs. Why is that?

First and foremost, electric vehicles are expensive. Some studies suggest that people who can afford to buy all-electric cars represent a finite group, and that many of those consumers have already purchased an EV car or truck, meaning the available pool of buyers is shrinking. Also problematic is that due in large part to the high cost of battery replacement, there is a very small market for used electric vehicles.

Basically, no one wants to buy them knowing that a big repair bill is headed their way. While battery technology will likely improve in coming years, as of today that technology and questions about the cost of building a sufficient charging infrastructure are major concerns for consumers.

Finally, we should never forget that for the 'nanny state' crowd, going all the way back to Ralph Nader and the original safety-crats of the 1960s, the mantra has remained the same. That being, where safety is concerned, the public can't be trusted to make their own decisions or manage their own risks. In other words, these fine folks think they're smarter and better equipped to make policy decisions than us mere citizens. In their delusional 'Road to Zero' world - where there will be zero accidents and zero fatalities - the best way to get there is to get rid of what they consider to be dangerous activities - like riding motorcycles. Eliminating internal combustion engines could go a long way towards achieving that goal.

Just as we have since the 1980s, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is standing up for motorcycling, fighting against issues like the elimination of internal combustion engines, and we need every concerned rider to join us in our mission. If you're not already a member of the MRF, my only question to you would be 'why not?'

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Abate of Kansas District 7 was called to order at 6:30pm January 11, 2024 at 2400 Post Ave in Dodge City by District Rep Glenna. We began the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and then observed a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters.

Roll call followed; 5 officers and 6 members were present.

Treasurers report; Richard gave the financial report.

The secretary's report was waived you can read it in the newsletter.

State report District Rep Glenna did not attend but you can read the minutes in the newsletter.

This months state meeting has been canceled.

Old business was discussed next; we went over the toy run

and what changes we want to make for next years toy run. Overall the toy run was a success and is getting better each year.

New business; The March State meeting was discussed. We confirmed the VFW as the location and having the car show and vendors again. The Hospice Run is scheduled for July 20, 2024 and Toy Run October 5, 2024 both will be at the American Legion. We did nominations for Assistant Representative and Secretary positions. Richard Knoeber was nominated for Assistant Rep and Janae Knoeber was nominated for Secretary.

Next District 7 monthly meeting February 9, 2024 at 6:30pm 2400 Post Ave Dodge City.

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The ABATE of Kansas District 9 meeting was called to order at 1:00pm January 14th 2024, with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence given, with 21 members, and 3 county reps, and 0 guests present.

The secretary's report was given and approved.

The treasurer's report: Treasurer report given and approved.

State News: None as the state meeting was canceled.

Awareness report: Discussed possible highway sign at Clark N's.

Products report: None

Website report: All updated. Facebook is current.

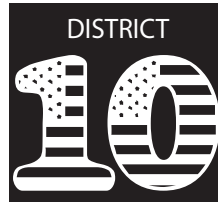
Old Business: Meeting relocation made for the May meeting, will be held at the Beverly Bar and Grill.

New Business: None
Upcoming events: Russ' birthday party January 20th

Drawing: Brie
Thanks to Russ and Myrna for hosting the meeting and everyone for the food.

Next meeting February 11th at Miltonvale EMS building.

March meeting the 10th at Lincoln VFW 144 S 4th Lincoln.



Finney, Grant, Hamilton, Haskell, Kearney,
Morton, Seward, Stanton, Stevens
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Milton "John" Mowery



ABATE of Kansas District 10 meeting was held on January 7, 2024, at the American Legion, 405 South Main, Garden City, KS. District Representative John M. called the meeting to order at 12:00 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 D., Milton M., and Kelly N. Milton M. is excused, although this was Terry D. and Kelly N. third missed unexcused meeting and therefore is now off the board. There were 19 members in attendance. Donna H. nominated Linda M. to be the new Sargent of Arms.

Ray D. 2nd and all approved. Linda M. accepted the position. Sharilyn S. read the minutes from December's meeting. Dallas S. made the motion, Red G. 2nd, all approved. Yolanda S. read the financial reports. Darin S. made the motion, Ray D. 2nd, all approved. Old Business: Ron V. from the state was spoke with about the concerns and complaints that John M. had addressed with him in December. All concerns have been addressed and taken care of. The sock hop is being moved to March 16th to coincide with the 1st run of the year. Red G. will work on designs for shirts and patches. Received a thank you from the Cancer Center, as well as our





picture and thank you on their Facebook page. New business: Still needing help with Bingo concessions. Red G. made a motion to have anyone who signs up to work concessions and does not show, will pay \$\$ to an ABATE fund. Stan R. 2nd, all approved. Jim B. was appointed as ABATE District 10 Chaplin. Nominations



were made for the following positions: Assistant Rep: John M., Stan R., and Red G. Secretary: Sharilyn S., and Rose K. Member at Large: Dallas S., and Mike K. Next meeting will be February 4, 2024, at 12:00 PM at the American Legion, 405 South Main. The meeting is adjourned at 1:15PM.

(Corporate Secretary) if anyone is interested in applying. The state is forming a new district (District 21) for fallen/passed Abate members.

Old Business: Ruth brought a sample of the raffle tickets for the minibike – tickets were approved by Rusty. Minibike raffle tickets will be available at the February district meeting. Haley Spurlock has volunteered to work with D11 on a nice vinyl sign for FE to be set at the highway if approved. Doyle will be attending the next Easton City Council meeting and will discuss having alcohol on site for Field Events. We will need to put fencing up along the roadway at the event this year due to the number of walk-ins we experienced last year. Doyle will also discuss at the Easton meeting about getting access earlier for FE setup since we now have another event planned on the weekend prior to FE.

was held concerning food vendors for Field Events. It was suggested that we need multiple food vendors with one of them selling simple items like hot dogs, hamburgers, and nachos. Everyone agreed with this, so we need options for other food vendors for our event. Discussion held on the Top 10 Bike Show at FE and Keegan & Ric were mentioned to coordinate that event this year – we will discuss again at next month’s meeting. Discussion held about Soldiers for Jesus event on July 20-21 and D11 doing the drag races at their event. We would have to move our meeting that month because this event is scheduled on the same day that our monthly meeting is scheduled. Keegan motioned to move July meeting to July 20th instead of July 21st. Ric seconded – all approved.

Pop (Stan) motioned to close the meeting at 3:15 PM – seconded by Mo – meeting closed. The next February monthly meeting will be held on 02/03/2024 at 2:00 PM at the VFW in Wathena, KS (located at 107 N. 4th St, Wathena, KS 66090). The March monthly meeting will be held on 03/03/2024 at 2:00 PM at the VFW in Atchison, KS (located at 2201 Main St, Atchison, KS 66002).

 <p>DISTRICT 11</p>	<p>Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Leavenworth, Nemaha</p> <p>district11.abateks.org</p> <p>District Rep Doyle Pendergraft 913-704-9233</p>	
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The meeting was called to order at 2:15 PM on 01/07/2024 at the VFW in Atchison, KS (located at 2201 Main St, Atchison, KS 66002) with the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence for all our fallen brothers and sisters. There were 12 members and 2 guests in attendance.

year. He thanked D11 for taking care of this in his absence. Ric talked to the VA contact who stated that VA restrictions have been lifted so we believe our annual Memorial Day BBQ and Bike show is back on however we would need VA kitchen staff supervision for the BBQ portion of the event.

Secretary’s Report: Rusty read the report from last month - all approved.

Doniphan County Report: The local Pool & Dart tournament at the VFW in Wathena will be 02/03/2024 and it directly follows the District 11 meeting there. Wreaths Across America day to remove wreaths from headstones is coming up – Robin will check into and communicate this date.

Treasurer’s Report: Rusty read the checking and savings account reports from last month – all approved. Held some discussion about acquiring a mobile card reader for the district. Christine (guest) provided valuable input concerning what she uses as a small business owner. All approved moving forward with a card reader purchase based on this discussion.

Brown & Nemaha County Report: Nothing to report.

Assistant Rep’s Report: Nothing to report.

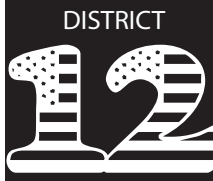

Products Report: Product order was picked up and Lea has special orders available as well. There are some product issues that need to be corrected with this order, otherwise we are good on products until Field Events.

Atchison County Report: Chop mentioned he would like to have flyers for Mother’s Day Bike Show available at the next meeting. Lea will be taking care of this.

State Report: Read the notes in the newsletter – Rusty attended the meeting for Doyle last month. Jan. 30th is Bikers Under the Dome at the State Capital building. There is an open state position

Leavenworth County Report: Ric stated that the VA Gift bags were a huge success again this

New Business: Field Events – discussion held concerning whether we want 2 nights of bands or just one Saturday night band this year. The majority favored having a band on both nights. Doyle will contact Dave Barnett about getting Silas Dogan for Friday night. We will still need a Saturday night band so we will discuss it again in the next meeting. Discussion

 <p>DISTRICT 12</p>	<p>Chase, Coffey, Greenwood, Lyon and Morris</p> <p><small>facebook.com/Abate-of-Kansas-Inc-District-12-100264820035093</small></p> <p>District Rep Barry "Nasty" Lorson 785-258-4007</p>	
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On January 14th 2024, Abate of Kansas, District 13 met at the B-Hive in Colby Ks. After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed, Jimbo called the meeting to order at 2:11 pm.

Curtis and Jimbo informed members of Cheri stepping

down as District Rep. We thank Cheri for her time as District Rep.

Curtis read the secretary's report Mona motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Darla seconded

Jimbo gave the treasurer's report. Kevin motioned to

accept report. Annie second. Motion carried.

Jimbo informed members there was no state meeting. He then read a letter of resignation from Tammy R. Thank you Tammy for your dedication to ABATE of Kansas

Old business:

A thank you was relayed to members on the toy fund donation to the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center.

A thank you card from Rina G and a thank you from Becky R and an update on health condition was given.

Buffalo Run Rally: Gove City has been paid. Curtis asked the mayor about playing music till 1-2 . City ordinance prohibited. Curtis will revisit closer to June.

State meeting location and meal set. Same as last year.

Jimbo reported Port a potties are booked; beer and ice ordered and bands are booked. Curtis secured Big John to DJ and do announcements all weekend.

Mona printed flyers, posts and created an event on Facebook, Mona is in charge of vendors.

Darla and Annie are working on the cornhole boards with a local Colby resident.

Gun raffle tickets were approved and are available for sale until rally. Only 300 tickets.

It was brought up about an alternate prize on the poker run at the Buffalo Run Rally. After discussion it was agreed to leave the poker run as is the "Fun Gun" Poker Run

Members are encouraged

to get sponsors for 2024. Sponsorship information packets will be available next meeting.

PD has a homemade Abate t shirt quilt he wished to donate to the rally. Thank you PD.

Mona motioned to close old business, Annie seconded.

New business:

KBBOB has requested donations. Mona motioned to make donation, Annie seconded. Motion carried.

Fallen Brothers and Sisters Memorial Ride was set for April 6th with meeting to follow *storm date April 20th.

Elections and nominations were discussed. Half of our positions are empty and the other half is up for reelection. Consider helping our district, by serving on the board. Jimbo brought up the message from Tony and Tammy R. and the importance of the work they are doing as our ABATE lobbyist and with MRF. Mona explained the lay out of the Capital Rotonda and encouraged members if they were able to go to the "Bikers Under the Dome" event they should. January 30th. More information is in your newsletter and on the State's website.

Kevin motioned to close new business ,Mona seconded.

Announcements:

Next Abate meeting Feb 11th Goodland at Tequilas.

Tri State Winter Bash and meeting Feb 3 Oakley

Darla motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bruce seconded. Ended 3:37 pm

Respectful submitted
Mona





ABATE HAPPENINGS

February 2024 ABATE HAPPENINGS

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>1</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - February 11, VFW Post 10815, 612 E Palmer, Meriden, KS, 1pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>2</u>	DISTRICT MEETING & Winter Social - February 11, 183 Lanes, 906 S Cedar, Stockton, KS, 4pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>3</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - February 4th, American Legion Post 182, 512 E Main, Arma, Ks, 1pm Ole Bastard's Ball- February 17th- Sassy's, 233 N Hwy 75, Sycamore, Ks. - 1pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>4</u>	DISTRICT MEETING- February 11, Papan's Landing, 619 NW Paramore, Topeka, KS -1pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>5</u>	DISTRICT MEETING & Chili Cook Off - February 3, Big D's on the Hill, 2139 S 34th, Kansas City, KS, Noon
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>7</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - February 9, 2400 E Post Ave., Dodge City, KS - 6:30pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>8</u>	DISTRICT MEETING & Elections, February 11, Salty Cycles, 129 E Sherman, Hutchinson, Ks 2:30 pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>9</u>	DISTRICT MEETING- February 11, EMS Building, Corner of Star & Ash, Miltonvale, KS - Eat at Noon Meeting at 1pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>10</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - February 4, American Legion Post 9, 405 S Main, Garden City, KS - Noon
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>11</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - February 3, VFW Post 5531, 107 N 4th, Wathena, Ks 2pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>12</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - February 11, VFW Post 1980, 932 Graphic Arts Rd., Emporia, KS, 2pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>13</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - February 11, Tequila's Mexican Grill, 118 E 17th, Goodland, Ks 2pm
<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>15</u>	DISTRICT MEETING - February 11 - Fraternal Order of Eagles, 312 S 4th St, Manhattan, Ks, 2pm

STATE MEETINGS & EVENTS 2024

<u>February</u>	<u>10th</u>	Moose Lodge 982, 1401 E 1st Ave Hutchison KS, Noon
<u>March</u>	<u>9th</u>	VFW Post 1714, 909 N 13th, Dodge City Ks, Noon
<u>April</u>	<u>13th</u>	VFW Post 1980, 932 Graphic Arts Rd, Emporia. Ks, Noon
<u>May</u>	<u>4th</u>	Crawford Co. Fairgrounds, 249 Hwy 47, Girard, Ks 10am
<u>June</u>	<u>8th</u>	Gove Community Building, 305 Broad St, Gove, Ks, 10am
<u>July</u>	<u>13th</u>	American Legion Post 9, 405 S Main, Garden City, Ks, Noon

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Tuesday January 16th

Tuesday February 13th

Tuesday March 12th

Tuesday April 16th

Tuesday May 14th

Tuesday June 11th

Tuesday July 16th

Monday August 19th

Tuesday September 10th

Tuesday October 15th

Tuesday November 12th

Tuesday December 17th

FEBRUARY 2024 EXPIRATIONS

DAWN	BRINK	1
BRANDON	ESTES	3
EMILY	VAIL	3
LLOYD J	WATTS	3
SAM	WILLIAMS	3
JESSE L	CRAGHEAD	7
ROD	KNOEBER	7
GREG	VALADEZ	7
DAN	BRIGGS	8
SENATOR RICK	KLOOS	8
HARLEY V. "H.V."	PHILLIPS	8
MONICA	GRIFFIN	10
STAN	RINEHART	10
DANA	VOGTS	10
VICKIE	CRISS	11
WILLIAM	CRISS	11
BRITTANY	GUPTILL	12
CHARLES	GUPTILL	12
SCOTT	METCALFE	12
SHEILA	METCALFE	12
JASON	MUNDAY	12
TREY	SOMMERS	12
AUSTIN MICHAEL	DENTON	13
EMMETT	DOUGLASS	13
BOB	MCFALL	15
TERESA	MCFALL	15
JOHN	AMDOR III	20
RANDY	GEER	20





Frequently Asked Questions

Can I wear a helmet and be a member?

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

Do I need to be a Harley owner?

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

Do I need to own a motorcycle?

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

Do I have to live in Kansas?

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

Is ABATE a motorcycle club?

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

Which District can I belong to?

You can belong to any district you prefer. Districts are divided by county groups, except District 20 which is mostly out-of-state

members, however also choose districts adjacent to their state, if preferred. You may choose any district based on where you work, live, or have social ties. The only restriction is that you can only belong to one district at a time.

Why did I stop getting a newsletter?

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

Do I need my ABATE card?

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

Is ABATE just about helmets?

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

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

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



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A.B.A.T.E. Lawyer Referral Service

At the State BOD meeting on February 13, 2021, the board voted unanimously to start a Lawyer Referral Service. Lawyers participating in the A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas Lawyer Referral Service will pay 10% of their fees from any injury claim to A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas in turn, referral fees received by the A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas Lawyer Referral Service will be used to fund the Mission of the organization.

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 legal and insurance issues surrounding motorcyclists.

All injury claims - motorcycle, car, truck, semi, dangerous product, dangerous premises, etc. - qualify for the service. Additionally, in an effort to make sure that members have adequate insurance, lawyers participating in the referral service will be available to review insurance policies and coverages on members' policies at no cost.

To refer an injury claim, please contact Lori Harden. A.B.A.T.E. of Kansas, Inc., is a Kansas not-for-profit corporation.

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