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## **CMT/ABATE ANNOUNCES LEGISLATIVE SUCCESS RESPECT BILL IS NOW LAW and is EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015**

In January, one of the four issues that CMT/ABATE, Inc. included in their legislative agenda was the effort to improve the ability for motorcyclists to show respect by removing their headgear during motorcycle events involving the passing of their friends, family and respected veterans. The initiative was introduced as the following bills:

**FUNERALS/RESPECT: HB 395-Goins/SB-469-Bell** Expands TCA 55-9-302 to allow freedom of choice regarding the use of helmets while participating in a funeral procession, a memorial ride, or a body escort detail as a show of respect.

After 30 actions in the House by Representative Goins, and 39 actions in the Senate by Senator Bell, (<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB0395>) the following language was passed, signed by the Governor on May 20, 2015, and has become the following Public Chapter 492, which officially becomes effective on July 1, 2015:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-302(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

- (5) In a funeral procession, memorial ride under a police escort, or body escort detail; provided, that
  - (A) The driver travels at a speed not to exceed thirty (30) miles per hour;
  - (B) The driver or passenger is twenty-one (21) years of age or older; and
  - (C) The funeral procession, memorial ride, or body escort detail does not exceed a distance of fifty (50) miles.
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.

Both the Senate and House bill sponsors expressed similar elation upon the passage of this legislation:

Rep. Tilman Goins: "I am thrilled that riders in TN will be able to show some respect when riding in a funeral detail," said Tilman Goins, "This bill is a small, but important, step in what I hope will ultimately lead to true liberty for all riders in TN."

Senator Mike Bell: "While nowhere near a full helmet repeal, this new law at least allows veterans and veterans groups to show the proper respect to their fellow warriors who are being laid to rest."

CMT/ABATE Legislative Director, Tony M Dabbs, offered these comments at the culmination of this successful effort: "Passing the respect bill was the right thing to do, but the fact we had to pass a law to permit a traditional show of respect turns my stomach."

The CMT/ABATE, Inc. organization is proud and appreciative of the efforts of many freedom fighting motorcyclists who donated time and effort to bring this legislation to become law in Tennessee. Annette Roelbeck of the Patriot Guard is particularly recognized for her testimony in the House Transportation Sub Committee.

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The objects and purposes of the Corporation shall be to form a united motorcyclist's organization both at the individual local level and at the State level. The Members of the Corporation shall be dedicated to promoting fair motorcycle legislation and shall ensure their freedom by working to prevent enactment of, or to repeal/modify existing unfair motorcycle legislation. The Corporation's Members shall promote and maintain motorcycling safety and awareness programs in the community.

| Charter                   | Contacts  | Meeting Times  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
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## Director's Column

I just got back from the Smith/Wilson/Stones River State points field meet. That was one fine day. I left out early because I wanted to get on over and see if I could help with anything. It was cool enough for a light jacket, and it felt great. Things quickly warmed up as the sun got higher. Thank goodness there was a light breeze to keep things comfortable out in the field working the games.

You should be able to read the latest field meet results in this paper. A couple of people have really jumped right out there in points. They'll be the ones to beat. Unfortunately, it looks like we are not going to have a Southern Thunder Rally this year. Everybody liked Red River Canoe, but they kept raising the rent until we couldn't afford it. This will leave us short one field meet. I hope one of the charters can throw one together. Maybe somewhere west of Nashville?

On a positive note, the memberships have really been rolling in. TeVa got one on their fun run, SWSR picked up four at their events, CaFo took in ten at their swap meet, and DHH loaded up with twenty two at their bike show and tattoo contest. That's 37 new members just since the last board meeting. It's keeping me busy processing all this paperwork, but that's a good thing. I can't wait to see our totals at the end of the year. We're growing by leaps and bounds.

Well, we've got a lot of good times ahead of us this year. Now that it's warm, I need to start working on my State Wide Poker Run book.

See you on the road.

**Dean Lucas**  
CMT/ABATE  
State Director



Note: State Board Meetings are the second Sunday of March, June, September, and December



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State, which will add greatly to the tourism dollars for local businesses. This has already been happening in all 31 states that have changed their helmet laws. Contrary to the anti-motorcycle propa-

This does not permit high speed passing between lanes of traffic on the interstate or any place else.

The above information is for each of us to spread to other motorcycle groups and clubs across the State. We will be sending out more information throughout the year and will also be hosting meetings on these two issues at different locations. If you know of any group that would like for CMT/ABATE to come and speak on these bills, just let us know when and where. This is the biggest PR operation this organization has ever attempted, but that is what it will take to pass these bills into law. There are two rules I would like everyone to adhere to.

I want to keep things simple this month. On July 1, 2015, in Tennessee adults over 21 will be able to ride without a helmet in a memorial ride, body escort detail or funeral, provided there is a police escort at 30mph and the route is no more than 50 mile long. Now you can show proper respect. It truly is pathetic that we had to pass a law to be able to show simple respect.

ganda being spread around the country, motorcycle related deaths and insurance rates have not gone up in these 31 states.

Also on the 2016 agenda is the lane splitting and filtering bill, HB1102/SB1281. We have to educate elected officials and the general public as to what lane splitting and filtering actually is. Many do not know that riding between lanes of traffic moving in the same direction in congested situations is the safest place for a motorcycle to be. Europe and Asia have been permitting this as long as there have been motorcycles in that part of the world. California permits it and did have established guidelines on how to safely use this procedure. This will alleviate some of the traffic congestion in cities by allowing two wheeled vehicles to use space between two lanes as a third. This is a very simple method of moving more traffic in the same amount of space.

In January 2016, HB700/SB925 (the helmet law modification bill), will be heard in finance committees of both houses. Between now and then it is our responsibility to contact our legislators and encourage them to support this bill. According to the positive fiscal note, passage of this bill will add to State revenues from increased motorcycle sales and registrations as well as new motorcycle operators licenses. There will also be many more riders visiting the

1. Pass on only information that comes from the legislative team.
2. Do not do any interviews or publish any articles with the media unless approved by the legislative team.

If we stick to these rules and information, there will be no fault with our actions. Let's face facts, we have been our own worst enemy and the media lives to see us screw up. I've heard a lot of talk over the years, now it's time to step up and show some integrity. Thanks for everything you have done up to now.

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Did we miss something or make an error? It was not intentional. Please keep us informed. Send event dates, articles, minutes, **pictures** etc. to [keeblergs@yahoo.com](mailto:keeblergs@yahoo.com). That being said, I am **BIG** on photos, I want more photos not only from events but of our members out there riding!

**CMT/ABATE, Inc.** is not a "Biker Club", but a non-profit, political organization that was formed to preserve freedom and safety for all Tennesseans who enjoy motorcycling. Our major goals are to modify existing laws that are detrimental to motorcycle safety and enjoyment, and to enact new legislation in support of all motorcyclists who ride in Tennessee. If you are concerned about preserving personal freedom and motorcycle safety, please join us.



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# Washington Weekly Updates

May 29, 2015

From Jeff Hennie

Motorcycle Rider Foundation, Vice President Government Relations and Public Affairs

A quick, short recess week saw little congressional or regulatory action. On Friday, Obama's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) dealt what could be the beginning of the end for ethanol fuel growth. The EPA has been sitting on a proposal for a year and, half to lower ethanol requirements for oil refineries. The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is a law passed by Congress that mandates the amount of ethanol to be included in the nations fuel supply. Each year the RFS ticks up a little bit, until now.

The EPA has proposed that levels be slashed in 2015 and 2016 to the tune of about four and five million gallons, respectively. The drop in production requirements has angered those in the ethanol production world, and delighted those who do not want more ethanol in the fuel stream. As for motorcyclists, the news is encouraging; the less ethanol being required will mean that the smaller amounts of ethanol will have to be spread thinner. This in theory, removes the need to increase the blend

to E15 levels. The EPA knows that ethanol is unpopular and cites this as the main reason to lower production requirements. The market has spoken, and it is not in favor of ethanol.

Starting this Monday the short-term highway bill countdown begins. The new extension expires July 31. Look for another extension this summer, unless someone finds \$550 billion dollars lying around in the next 60 days.

## Lane splitting will change your life, not end it

It makes traffic tolerable, it's fun, and it's safer than the alternative.

By Chris Cantle

Allow me to talk you into a thing: I think it's a great idea to ride a motorcycle between moving cars on a highway.

Should you live east of California, this will sound nuts, but it only feels that way the first couple times you try it. Then you become an addict. On a good track day I might pass a couple guys and be damned proud I did. Lane-splitting at rush hour, I might pass 10,000 cars. Maybe more. I have no idea, and I'm not going to slow down to count.

Shall I continue to the part where it seems reasonable, and I convince you it's legal? Because it is.

Get past the thrill of watching rearview mirrors blur past the ends of your bars and lane splitting is a startlingly good traffic solution. Fundamentally, motorcyclists maintain a reasonable speed in congestion by sharing a lane with slowed traffic. Typically, the motorcyclist slots into the right side of the fast lane. On surface streets, motorcyclists are allowed to filter through traffic to the front when there's a stoplight.

It's good for everyone: For those comfortable in their cars, the lane-splitting motorcycle cruising past is one less vehicle between their front bumper and their destination. You can fit two motorcycles in the footprint of one small car. It's easy math. For the rider, the reward is being nearly impervious to congestion. My fellow lane-splitting riders in Los Angeles

and San Francisco will back this up, as they regularly and safely trim hours off of long-distance commutes.

When I first started dating my girlfriend, she lived in LA and I lived 50 miles away near our old office in Newport Beach. It's a drive that should take an hour, and it does—if you're on the road around 4:00 AM. Just about any other time, you'll have traffic to contend with; attempt it at rush hour and you'll be staring at taillights for more than two hours. Would I have stuck it out with Hayley despite the traffic? Absolutely. Would I have been happy? Probably not. It doesn't matter how nice your car is, traffic sucks and you'll never get those hours back. That's ten percent of your day, gone.

Cutting an hour each way off my daily grind was enough to make me an evangelist, but I wouldn't be here preaching if improving my commute was the only benefit to sharing lanes.

By the numbers, lane splitting is both practical and sensible. And it's also intense. It uses your mind and your body and doesn't leave much space for anything else. You connect your eyes to your hands, you look ahead a thousand yards for threats to your delicate spine. It is active riding; heads-up, engaged, and with literally make-or-break decision-making. It's your ass if your mind wanders.

When was the last time you were aware of your mortality on your commute? When was the last time you were con-

scious of your delicate existence for an hour? Lane splitting can make you think in a way that you've only ever thought on the racetrack, or at un-sensible and probably illegal speeds on the street. It's not especially difficult, but it is completely engaging. It isn't for everyone. For those with the inclination though, it'll tune you up something fierce.

I hear a lot of talk about Kommiefornia, our nanny state, our restrictive laws and taxes. We'd be the greatest state in the Union, if only for that. Yet somehow California has managed to keep lane splitting legal. Most of Europe, too, has given lane splitting the thumbs-up. Other states are abandoning helmet laws that unquestionably improve rider safety; yet somehow California is the only state where you and I can ride and drive alongside each other. That's a damned shame.

Their report for the California Office of Traffic Safety concludes that the practice isn't just sensible for escaping traffic, it also found that lane splitters are "notably less likely to suffer head injury (9.1% vs 16.5%), torso injury (18.6% vs 27.3%), or fatal injury (1.4% vs 3.1%) than other motorcyclists." In addition, when lane splitters did not greatly exceed the speed of surrounding traffic, they had the lowest proportion of injuries. Perhaps surprisingly, the research shows that lane splitting—when executed at a reasonable speed with the proper gear—actually makes riding safer. **Continued page 7...**

# 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

## CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

July 2015

- 7/11 SWSR Robin Long  
Memorial Poker Run
- 7/25 UpCu Memorial Ride
- 7/26 TeVa Parade Ride
- 8/15 CaFo Canoe Run
- 8/21-23 Southern Thunder Rally
- 9/12 CaFo Memorial Run
- 9/13 UpCu Wine Run
- 9/19 NoEa Fall Colors Ride
- 9/25-27 Points Field Meet Finals
- 9/26 WoT Bash
- 9/26 UpCu Ride to Cycle Mo's
- 10/3 RoCo Memory Ride
- 10/10 Nash Swap Meet
- 10/31 DHH 28th Annual Toy Run  
& Food Drive
- 11/8 SWSR Toy Run & Chili  
Cook Off
- 12/19 SWSR Labeling Party
- 12/20 SWSR Christmas for the  
Vets

| Sunday              | Monday       | Tuesday      | Wednesday | Thursday    | Friday | Saturday         |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------|------------------|
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|                     |              |              |           | WOT         |        |                  |
| 5                   | 6            | 7            | 8         | 9           | 10     | 11               |
| MoCo/UpCu<br>SWSR   | MoCo<br>NoEa | CaFo<br>RoCo |           |             |        | SWSR Mem<br>Ride |
| 12                  | 13           | 14           | 15        | 16          | 17     | 18               |
|                     |              |              |           | DHH<br>SuCo |        |                  |
| 19                  | 20           | 21           | 22        | 23          | 24     | 25               |
| TeVa                |              | Nash         |           |             |        | UpCu Mem<br>Ride |
| 26                  | 27           | 28           | 29        | 30          | 31     |                  |
| Knox<br>TeVa Parade |              |              |           |             |        |                  |

**Continued...**

Just about every motorcyclist in California already knew that, and we love having the numbers to back it up. We've long suspected that riding between cars was safer than rolling along in a column at the mercy of the fickle attention span of commuter traffic. I'd rather take my chances clipping a rearview mirror because of my lack of skill over being rear-ended because of someone else's lack of caffeine.

Data is just the thing to ball up in your fist and shake at your local politician. Which is exactly what you should do if you're a rider. Or you can save yourself a headache and do the easy thing by going straight to the top and petition President Obama to take action.

I hope you do, and I hope it works, because I'd love to share a lane with you.

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(MARK YOUR CALENDARS)



**CANEY FORK** - Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 7, 7:00, Golden Nugget, Carthage

**DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN-**  
Next Meeting: Thursday, Junly 16, 7:00,  
VFW, Dickson, TN

The Thursday before Memorial Day weekend, the D/H/H charter held their monthly get together meeting at the V.F.W. in Dickson. 15 souls said the Pledge to our Flag to start things off. Director Cycledelic Mark welcomed us all then took off on who was sick or we had lost. He said Allen Burrows brother Roy from Idaho is down with cancer, Jess Capps mom has a tumor but doing ok. Traci Rich's mom is not doing good. Steve Teston's mom is home now. Tony Porter is getting gooder - slowly.

If you rode on the Poker Run for Tripp's grandson in May, the man doing the cards at Buffalo Roadhouse was Jeff "Sprocket" Scott. Sprocket hit a tree in his truck and was killed. He was a good friend. Butch Grammer was killed in a head on in Nashville. He used to work for Hatchet-head. And sadly the day of our meeting was the funeral for Mrs. Vicky Lynn Bellar Lynch. Vicky was a tough woman who always made us smile. A wife, mother, aunt, daughter, sister, and friend to everyone she met. Our hearts, prayers, and help go out to Fred Zeppelin her husband, her children, and entire family. She will be missed.

We went over the newbeez we got at the gate of the Bike & Tat show. We got 25 new peoples and Sherry Dunn re-uped. Ya'll see when your membership x-pires re-up man! Went over the money thang & we got \$\$\$\$ in the bank. While on the subject of coin, it was brought up that Kim Martin of S/W charter is needing help with her medical bills & such. We voted to give Kim a \$50.00 check from the Freak Show. It ain't much but hope it helps.

The activities man, Steve Yardman, told us alot of stuff. The ride for Caleb is May 30<sup>th</sup>. The 1st time Celebration of Life Ride is June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Feed Store in White Bluff. We done got 84 names for the t-shirts. Freak Show update: We had a Very Groovy Time on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Made lots of money, had a good poker run, music from Big R neighbor Raw Country and Southern Steel Band.

Thanks to the V.F.W. Honor Gaurd for all they did. Thank you to every business that put up with us, the people who made or donated things, All Around Performance Feed, and anybody I forgot.

Now we take a great big ole drank to all you D/H/H members for your dedication to

YOUR Charter. Coz of you we had another far out and fun and safe event! Turn um up!! As for the complete surprize I received at this event... well ya'll did rite good! I thank you with my serious face. And I will find the one of you that unmasked ME. You can check out what this event looked like by looking at our facebutt thang on the minner net dot com. Tony Porter has a Poker Run Benefit on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the world famous Piccadilly.

50/50 done & won by Dwayne - he gave it back. Thanx man. As always, for more than 18 years -off & on- this report wrote by hand on back of a Flyer with my new ink pen.

Nuff said we scattered! That's all from me, Beefy #757

**KNOXVILLE** - Next Meeting: Sunday, July 26, 1:00, Clinton Hwy Harley Davidson, Knoxville

**MONTGOMERY** - Next Meeting: Monday, July 6, 7:00, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville

MoCo held our monthly meeting at 7pm 1 June 2015, Sunshine Restaurant, Clarksville, TN. There were 12 members in attendance and Six guests. We discussed and finalized the charities that we are supporting this year with our Poker Run profits.

We will be delivering checks to the following; Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Bikers Who Care, & Manna Café. May everyone Ride Safe & Keep the Rubber Side Down...

John Ahlers  
MoCo Director

**MUSIC CITY** - Next meeting: Sunday, July 5, 2:00, Skully's, Old Hickory

Hello! First of all, I would Thank you, J-Bird for stepping up and taking the minutes and getting them to me. Even if I had to drive through a monsoon to get them. LOL...

There were 18 members and three guests in attendance. Liberty Rally was really a great time. There were some profits made as well as some great winners in the games. Glenn did a great job as the DJ (of course I may be slightly prejudice here).

Here is the finale decision on the STR. IT HAS BEEN **CANCELLED**. ALTHOUGH we are having a party at Tall Pines, a super great guy at his place in the Robertson County Charter. I will try to get the address for everyone and post it on the ABATE website, so keep checking back.

July 18<sup>th</sup>, we have a Christmas in July

Ride. Meet at Skullys KSU noon. Come on; let's get a great ride going, good fun, Great friends. Haven't got the stops yet, but again, keep checking the Abate website, and we will try to get the info for ya'll.

Here's another great ride/ Poker Run for everyone. September 12<sup>th</sup>. Intervention Ride. This ride is for those who are, and overcoming drug addiction, abuse, basically for teenage and adults (for those who need a helping hand in life) and it proceeds are going to Doc's and Ms. Lynn project. Several stops are planned. America's Motorsports on 8th avenue, Hwy 12 Motorsports, Gordon Jewish Community Center, Belle Meade. This ride will start at and ending at Oak Hills Assembly of God.

Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, an event in Nashville called Nashville Salutes, was brought up by Shorty, asking bikers to come together. This is a tour of the Soldiers still alive that have received the Medal of Honor.

Shayne and Tonya Ferryman have volunteered to hold and sell our CMT/Abate.

Meeting adjourned...50/50 won and donated back by Tony-Boy.

Ride safe, PEACE from Crash-n Music City.

**NASHVILLE**- Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 7:00, Bikini Beach Bar, Antioch

Meeting was called to order opened with the pledge approximately 7:10. Meeting was conducted by Jack.

Old minutes were reviewed and accepted.

**Director Report:** No location for STR will does not look like this will be held this year. There is a defunct charter that has monies in the account this money needs to be distributed. Jack took ideas from the Charter on how we would like this to be done. He will voice our ideas at the Board Meeting.

**Treasurer Report:** Nashville Charter Account is in the Black. So that's good.

**Legislative Report:** Discussed Rider Ed Program how they are structured and where different sites are that now have them. Helmet Modification Bill closer than we have ever been: Tony Dabbs is having a Summit on May 31<sup>st</sup> which is a Sunday at Henry Horton State Park meeting is 11 am. Need Volunteers to show up at the meeting to help throw out ideas for ways to assist with this effort. Update on Munroe Lawsuit CMT/ABATE as an organization has been removed from liability.

Membership table was set up at Titan Tattoo. We gave out a lot of information. Joseph McKinney our new Nashville Charter member won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Bike Show



\$100 Gift Certificate for use at Titan.

We discussed up and coming Events Duck River Canoe Trip, Pumpkin Fest in October Flyers were available. We had a Raffle at Bikini Beach the winner Easy donated his winnings back to Nashville Charter CMT it was motioned that part of that will go to the Legislative fund. Lots of events planned this month. Boone Bike Rally and Buffalo River Hill Climb. Bike Nights are now thriving we hope to have more Membership tables set up with CMT/ABATE information at these events so that we may attract new Members. Smith Wilson Points Rally June 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. September 19<sup>th</sup> a BBQ planned for Nashville Charter hosted at my house Lisa Ogle - More information to come just mark the date.

Some Discussion regarding the CMT/ABATE trailers. Perhaps raffling off the open one not the enclosed trailer. Welcome to two new members this meeting Greg H and a couple Hardy and his wife. Welcome to Nashville Charter. We're growing that's four members in two months! Motion to adjourn accepted. See ya June 16<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at Bikini Beach.

**NORTHEAST**- *Next Meeting: Monday, July 6, 7:00, Call for location*

**ROBERTSON COUNTY**- *Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 7, 7:00, Piggy Pit, Springfield*

**SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER**  
- *Next Meeting: Sunday, July 5, 2:00, The Roost, Lebanon*

Smith Wilson Stones River CMT/Abate meeting of June 7, 2015 called to order @ 10:15 by Kim. The pledge was led by Tommy. All officers present except assistant director. There were 24 members in attendance. Kim thanked everyone for helping

with the rodeo and also thanked everyone for her support of being Director for the last 5 years.

**Secretary report:** Motion made and carried to accept minutes as printed in newsletter.

**Treasury report:** Given and approved. Legislative report: quiet, Senate out of session. Still need to correspond with Senate reps.

**Membership:** New members Danny Youngs, Ryan Sullivan, Chapel Reese, John Reese and Casey Wright. June birthdays are Jeanette, Cody and Skeeter.

**Activities:** Tommy covered building progress, as well as upcoming events. 4<sup>th</sup> of July campout/cookout, Robin's memorial poker run July 11<sup>th</sup>, and Joseph's Storehouse July 25<sup>th</sup>. He thanked all for the help with the building site clean up and rodeo as well. Tommy also said we need to better advertise the events to get a better turn out.

**Products:** Resa said the new charter flags were more than expected and that she can be reimbursed once we have more money in the general fund. Sold some products at the rodeo but our swap meet was a wash.

**Safety and Education:** David said to not drink and drive.

**Old business:** Rain date for swap meet is tabled until next month.

**New business:** Next meeting JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> @ THE ROOST unless weekend is rained out and then meeting at Smitty's @ 2pm normal meeting time. Election results:

Director: Mike Hoyte  
Assistant Director: Jerry King  
Secretary: Ruth Patrick  
Treasury: Kay Hatfield  
Legislative: Brian Patrick  
Membership/PR: Mary Hale  
Products: Resa Cooper

Activity: Tommy Jones  
Sargent At Arms: Cody Toungett w/ assistant Brian Kent  
Safety and Education: Ernest Adams  
Photography: Tabitha Sevier  
Welcome to new and renewed officers!  
Thank you to all past officers. Your service was appreciated. Enjoy retirement ;) You'll be missed.

Ernest handed out sheets for hand signals during group rides.

Motion made and carried to not spend the \$50 on birthdays every month.

Motion to adjourn 10:45  
Later, Ruth

**SUMMER COUNTY** - *Next Meeting: Thursday, July 16, 7:00, VFW Hall, Hendersonville or TBA*

**TENNESSEE VALLEY** - *Next Meeting: Sunday, July 19, 2:00, Call for Location Mark (Yog) 423-570-0250 5/17/15*

Meeting was combined with our annual Fun Run. The meeting was rolling with CMT business discussed at the various stops. Meeting adjourned at "Clyde's on Main"

**Events report:** Motorcycle Awareness Ride July 26th, Wine Run with Upper Cumberland in September ?

**Next Meeting:** June 21st at Slick's Burgers 2:00p.m.

Remember life is a journey so take the long way home.

Yog

**UPPER CUMBERLAND** - *Next Meeting: Sunday, June 7, 12:00. Call for Details, Ron 931-879-3899*

**WHEELS OF THUNDER** - *Next Meeting: Thursday, July 2, 7:00, Pancho's, Memphis*

14, June 2015

Hello members of CMT/ABATE, Incorporated. Over the many years of my membership I know that I have met many of you at different functions and events and of course there are some folks who I have yet to meet. I decided to offer myself for nomination as a candidate for the open (prior to 14, June 2015) position of Assistant Corporate Director – CMT/ABATE, Incorporated and I genuinely appreciate confirmation to the position by the State Board members present at the June 2015 meeting.

It is my immediate goal to complete the remainder of the position's two-year

term. As I move into this position something I must consider is whether I should keep my current non-voting position of State Board Parliamentarian. I have been able to work in this position with absolute clarity since I held no other position that could cause a suspected bias if I was asked to offer a judgment for a certain type of parliamentary matter, but I strongly feel that because of my new position the State Board must have a vote for this matter.

After some discussion with Corporate Director Dean Lucas; for the time being I have agreed to continue in the non-voting position of State Board Parliamentarian as I operate within the job description

and guidelines as Assistant Corporate Director. I have also agreed that during the September State Board meeting that I will make or encourage a motion for the State Board to decide whether I should continue to hold the position of State Board Parliamentarian, or resign from the position and ask someone else to announce their candidacy. I am certainly okay with whatever outcome the State Board decides.

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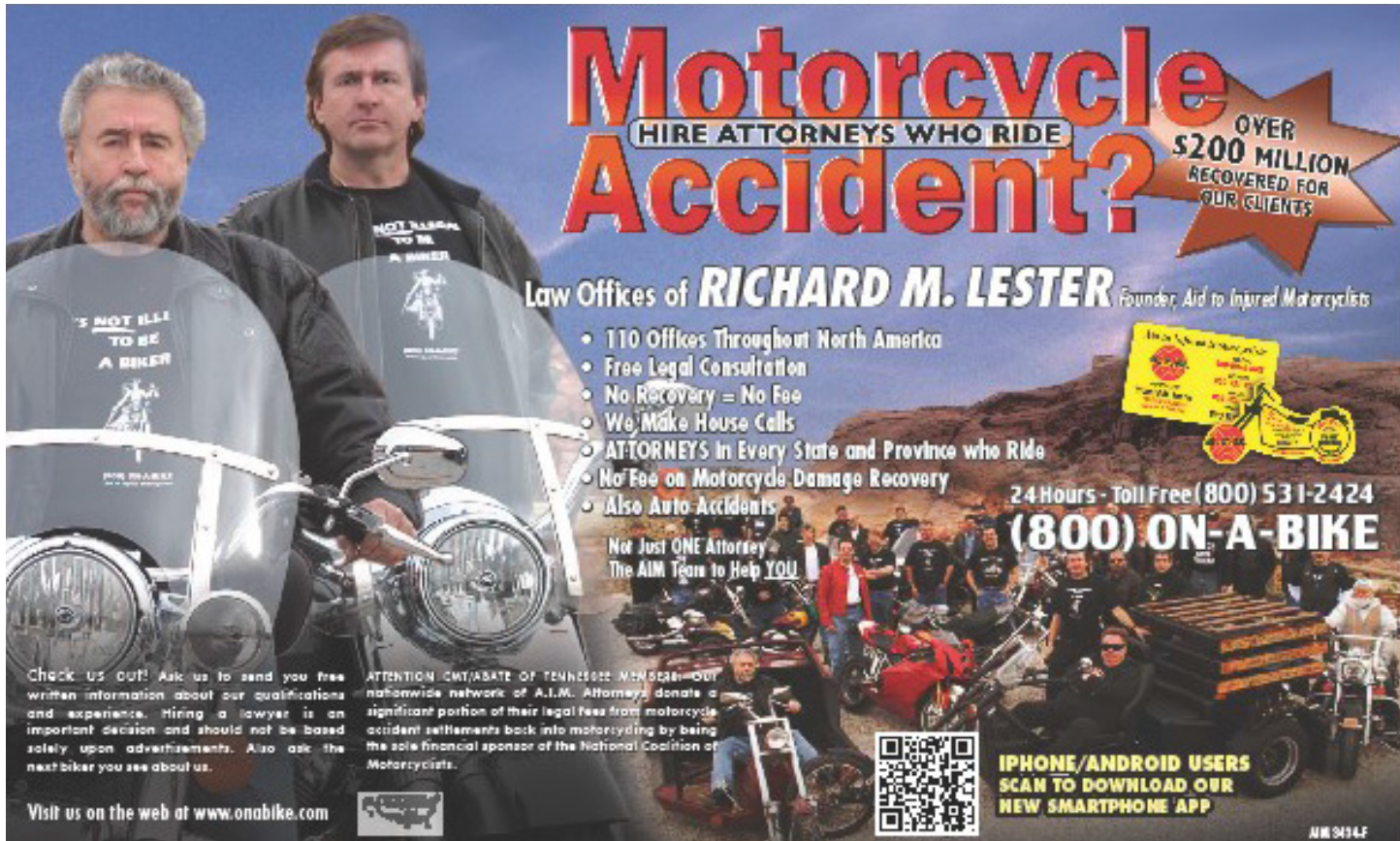
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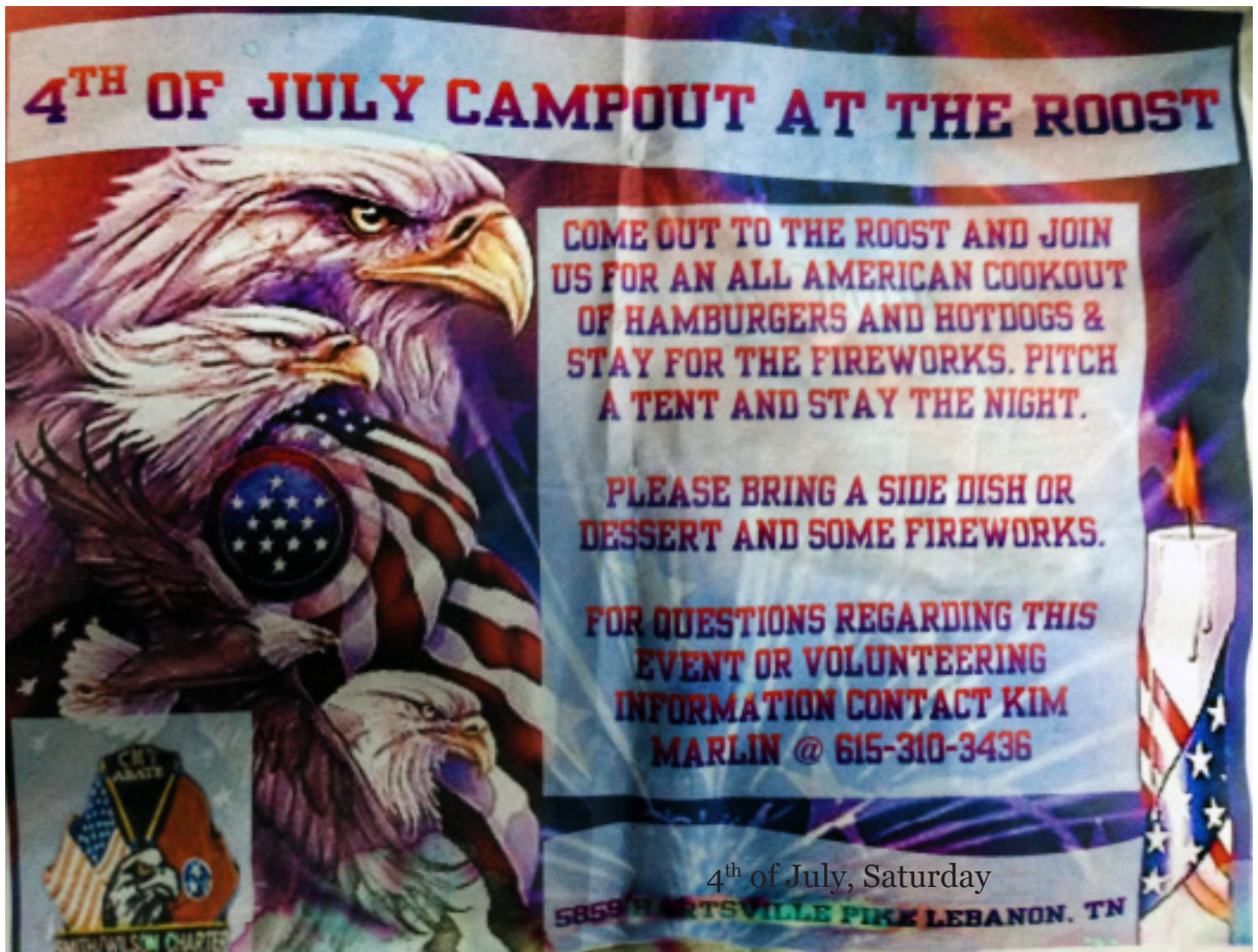
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