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CMT/ABATE, Inc.

LIBERTY RALLY XI

 **May 12th – 14th 2017** 



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Charter	Contacts	Meeting Times
Caney Fork	Terry Presley 615-642-8025 presley7290@yahoo.com	Last Sunday of the month @ 5 pm, Caney Fork Motors, 378 Cookeville Hwy, Carthage
Dickson/Humphreys/Hickman	Mark Proctor 615-477-0171	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Dickson
French Broad	Scott Smith (423)571-6608 wt1011@icloud.com	1st Wednesday of the month @ Sagebrush Steak house, Newport, 7pm
Montgomery County	Jesse Henne 931-980-7548 crazyboy135@gmail.com	1st Monday @ 7, Sunshine Restaurant, 3195 Fort Campbell, Clarksville
Music City	Wendell Baldwin 615-838-1490 deadeyewb@aol.com	1st Sunday @ 2, Skully's Old Hickory
Nashville	Jack Jones 615-579-4112 jdj32K@yahoo.com	3rd Tuesday @ 7, Bikini Beach Bar Antioch
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Robertson County	Roland Verchota 615-533-6368 Verchotaw@bellsouth.net	1st Tuesday @ 7, Piggy Pit Springfield
Smith-Wilson-Stones River	Jerry King 615-364-1378	1st Sunday @ 2, Smitty's Lebanon
Smoky Mountain	Kevin Haley 931-307-4031 kjhaley2012@gmail.com	1st Monday @ 6:30, Irish pub and sports grill in Maryville
Sumner County	Jeff Hollins 615-452-0409	3rd Thursday @ 7, VFW Hendersonville
Tennessee Valley	Mark Moore 423-570-0250 Yog1958@yahoo.com	3rd Sunday @ 2, Call for location Chattanooga Area
Upper Cumberland	Ron Erwin 931-879-3899	1st Sunday * Call for location
Wheels of Thunder	Bob Celmer 901-465-7381	1st Thursday @ 7, Panchos 717 N. White Station Rd., Memphis

Director's Column

Many moons ago I bought a 1946 G model, a servicar, for those not familiar with the G. Other than the engine, it was far from stock. The previous owner worked with my mama, so I took his word on its reliability. This is contrary to the way I normally trade for anything. First thing for me is usually an engine and tranny rebuild before I ever try to ride a bike. First time out Murphy kicked my ass big time. Switch off, fuel on, choke pulled, kick it through, switch on and a backfire through the linkert followed by a fire ball out the breather and up the rubber fuel lines. It didn't take long, while I was sitting there with flaming tanks between my legs to decide I best grab a fire extinguisher. About an hour later I had the powder covered engine torn down wishing I had checked the valves. Funny how something being a tad too tight can turn into a real hog roast right before your eyes. Not to mention between your legs.

Reverting back to my old ways, I started looking for problems that could be remedied with this organization before the first road trip. Johann and I actually started this a few months ago and have been able to take care of some minor tuning issues that have smoothed out the idle. Now we just need to make it more reliable, and for those that know my back ground with scooters, more power. I have asked the charter directors to poll their members on the direction this ride is to take and for board members to fill me in on what would make their job easier and more efficient. Another issue is a better line of communication with the 21st century. We will be dealing with the website and other media at the June BOD. In the mean time, members need not be worried. We will be holding a couple of general membership meetings this summer so that you can voice your opinion and offer any ideas you might have that will benefit CMT/ABATE as a whole.

Seeing members step up for board positions and actually want to do the job is a good sign. Just maybe this will help draw some new blood in. Bringing in new and younger members is very important, but never forget what the older ones have done in the past. Balance is a good thing to maintain and definitely makes an engine run smoother and last longer. There are so many things we could do, but it is up to you what we do. The changes we have talked about are really nothing more than getting back to doing what we were founded to do according to the bylaws. We are pretty damn good at what we do, but my goal is to make us better. Perfection is always the ultimate goal, but the ride to get there is what is really important.



Tony M. Dabbs
CMT/ABATE State Director

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



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YOUR RIGHTS YOUR RIDE



Legislative Director's Ramblings

Howdy everyone – this is my first column as your Legislative Director and I need your prayers...I have a tough act to follow and at least Tony is gracious and working with me to provide excellent guidance. We, CMT/ABATE, Incorporated, are an advocacy group for Tennessee motorbike riders since our initial founding, and our mission remains that we work as a team for the rights, safety, and freedom of Tennessee motorbike riders. Faces and names may have changed – the core mission remains the same.

Tony and I have visited some of the Local Charters and plan to visit a few more through the month of April and perhaps May. We now have Scott Smith as the Corporate Assistant Director and we plan to work with him in order to cover the eastern part of our vast State and keep our message synchronized while listening to input from members of the Local Charters.

I'm sure many people see me as an older part-time motorbike rider and full-time hard-core advocate of the 2nd Amendment. Well, they are pretty close with that assessment and I will never make apologies to anyone about it. Yet, if you know me well, you will know that the other nine (09) declarations inside the Bill of Rights are just as dear to me. I am super touchy about the 4th Amendment and the 5th Amendment. The 10th Amendment gives me the authority to be this way and the 1st Amendment guarantees my right to ask for a redress of grievances. And if it all goes to Hell, the 2nd Amendment guarantees that I have a fighting chance against tyranny.

If you're around me sometimes and we are listening to ideas espoused by others, and suddenly these ideas drift towards some action to restrict my well-being and happiness, you will see me raise my finger and state, "do not step on the snake, and do not step on me". I am very serious when I say these words and ready to

fight, and when I say "fight" I mean to lay blows.

How about the post-war (as I often call it) Constitution of the State of Tennessee? A read through Article I of our State Constitution follows the Bill of Rights closely, and expounds a bit further in some cases. What are we allowed to do if our State government decides to apply heavy-handedness to the citizens of our State? "Article I, Section 23. That the citizens have a right, in a peaceable manner, to assemble together for their common good, to instruct their representatives, and to apply to those invested with the powers of government for redress of grievances, or other proper purposes, by address of remonstrance."

In other words; as long as we are civil in our behavior and presentation, we are allowed to criticize any and all things our State government wants to change that will negatively impact our well-being and happiness, as well as those things which changed in the past. I'll take it a step further and say that since we are an advocacy group that we are expected to instruct our representatives on as frequent a basis as necessary. You'll hold me to this expectation and I will happily hold all of you to it as well.

So, what has your lobby team accomplished this half of the session? I think we made some new friends, as the freshman Republican representatives agree with us that adult choice should be a right. That's really good folks – Tony and I wanted to meet these people before our opposition did and we accomplished that. Notice I wrote "Republican" and I'll tell you why – nearly all the new people are representing that party. Tennessee is ranked as the "Reddest of the Red" in regards to a large Republican majority in the House, Senate, and Governor's office. That means all legislation meant to restore rights should be a slam-dunk, right? Well, it should, but we and others find the opposite to be true.

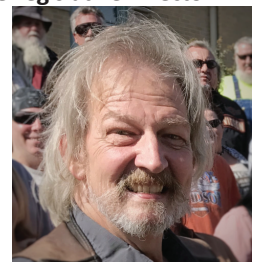
The years of the Obama administration allowed a lot of progressive liberals to successfully seek office while disguised as Republicans and become elected to these offices. We already had a few embedded progressive liberals disguised as Republicans, and once these new ones were elected they have become difficult to un-elect. In general; the ones who oppose us regarding adult freedom-of-choice oppose any restoration of rights.

Now, don't count out legislators who are members of the Democrat party. One of the most stalwart proponents of our motorcycle rights was the late Senator Douglas Henry and another courageous man certainly worth mentioning is our long-time but retired champion John Tidwell. And, we have a few other friends that hail from that political party, so don't allow someone's party affiliation to make your decision for you – talk to your representatives about the matters that are important to you and find out where they stand regardless of their party affiliation.

What about our "freedom-of-choice" Bill? We have it written and it is simple and clear, but we see it as impossible to move through the Senate unless we build a successful alliance with members of other motorcycle groups and ask them to instruct their legislators. A mere two (02) votes would make the difference – that's right – that is how small (or how large) the challenge is. Tony and I are working on a strategy to reach out to the people of these other groups and add to our effectiveness. We have been instrumental working on other Bills that help us build some cohesion with legislators – the Bills are related to motorcycling directly and indirectly.

Your lobby team can speak with these legislators and provide a bit of education if they are willing to listen and learn, but that is all we can do. You have the right, and authority to instruct them, and you must instruct them. The fight is a just one and a good one, and belongs to all of us. I will close with a quote from a friend who can often be seen wandering the halls and visiting the offices of Legislative Plaza "legislators don't do what you expect; they do what you inspect".

J. Robert Forbus
Corporate Legislative Director





The Senate's First-ever Bipartisan Motorcycle Caucus

April 11, 2017

The Motorcycle Rider's Foundation (MRF) is extremely pleased to announce the formation of the Senate's first-ever bipartisan motorcycle caucus. Led by Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA) and Senator Gary Peters (D-MI), the caucus will focus on issues that impact both riders and industry manufacturers.

Sen. Peters, a friend of the MRF, said of the launch, "Motorcyclists come from all walks of life, and I can't think of a better way to bring together a diverse and dedicated group of advocates to discuss everything from safety concerns to manufacturing. I'm looking forward to working with Senator Ernst as co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Motorcycle Caucus to foster these important discussions and find common ground with motorcycle lovers across the country."

Once up and running, the Senate motorcycle caucus will work in partnership with the bipartisan Congressional Motorcycle Caucus (CMC) in the House of Representatives, chaired by Reps. Tim Walberg (R-MI) and Michael Burgess (R-TX).

It is safe to assume that the mission

of the Senate motorcycle caucus will be very similar to that of the CMC - to support riders through education and awareness in order to encourage responsible motorcycling. In addition, the CMC also serves to ensure that the motorcycling community is treated equitably by Congress as it considers infrastructure and environmental policies, safety and education programs. It serves to promote the safety of motorcyclists through the recognition of Motorcycle Awareness Month, hosting and participating in industry fly-ins, drawing attention to the national "Ride to Work Day", promoting rider awareness and safety at national events, and ensuring motorcycle safety is remembered in the transportation reauthorization process, and it works to remind vehicle operators to be aware of motorcycles with whom they share the roads and highways.

The MRF applauds the efforts of Senators Ernst and Peters and stands ready to work with both their newly-formed caucus and the CMC in regards to our 2017 legislative agenda.

About Motorcycle Riders Foundation
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rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.

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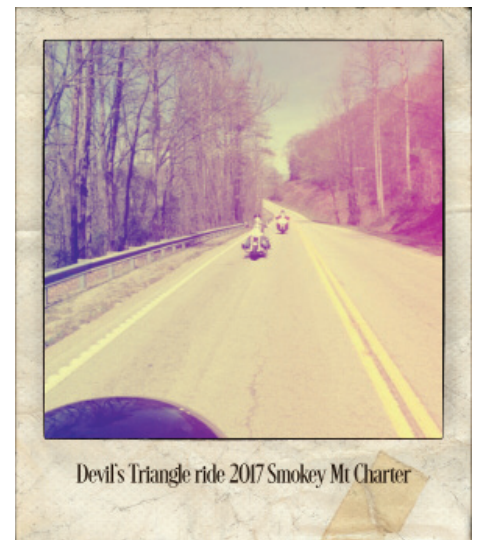
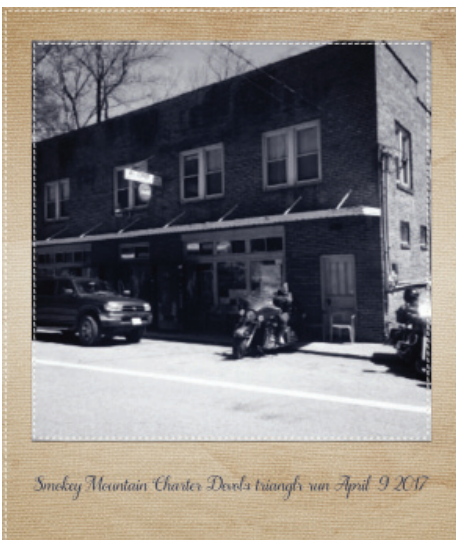
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- Ed



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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.

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

May 2017

MAY

7 FrBr Legislative Ride
13 DHH Bike & Tattoo Show
12-14 Liberty Rally
20 SWSR Swap Meet
27 CaFo Family Day at Agree Park

JUNE

3 Nashville Canoe Run
9-11 SWSR State Points Rodeo
11 BOD
24-25 FrBo State Points Rodeo

JULY

4 Smoky Mountain Charter Parade Gatlinburg
15 SWSR Robin Long Memorial Poker run
22 Up Cu Memorial Ride
22 CaFo Scavenger Hunt & Poker run
30 TeVa Awareness Ride

AUGUST

12 CaFo Canoe Run
19 CaFo Relay for Life
25-27 STR
26 CaFo Bike Show

SEPTEMBER

09 CaFo Poker Run
10 BOD
16 FrBr 2nd Annual Moonshine Poker Run
23 NoEa Fall Ride

OCTOBER

15 Smoky Mountain Toy Run
13-15 SwSr State Points rodeo Finals
21 Nash Fall Pumpkin Fest & Swap meet
28 DHH Toy Run

NOVEMBER

4 SwSr Toy Run and Chili Cook Off
18 CaFo Turkey

DECEMBER

1 Smoky Mountain Christmas parade Gatlinburg
2 CaFo Toy Drive
10 BOD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	SMT 1 NoEa MoCo	2 RoCo	3 FrBr	4 WOT	5	6
FrBr Ride 7 MoCo/UpCu SWSR	8	9	10	11	12 Liberty	13 DHH Bike show Bike
14 Rally	15	16 Nash	17	18 SuCo DHH	19	20 SWSR Swap meet
21 TeVa	22	23	24	25	26	27 CaFo Family Day
28 CaFo	29	30	31			



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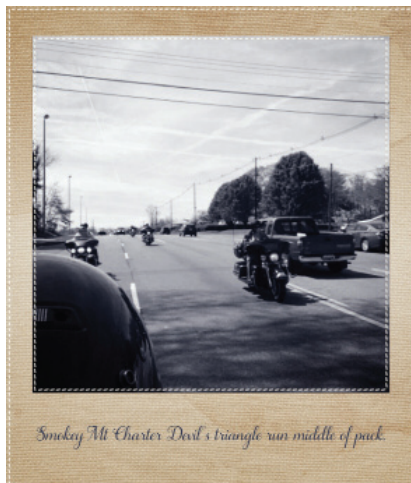


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NEWS & EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS)

CANEY FORK

DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN

Back in March 8 or 10 souls said the Pledge to our flag to kick start our monthly meeting. Plenty of chairs, no standing or waiting for somewhere to sit. So all you fine, proud members of this charter can join us for 30-45 minutes. You might learn something or have some words of wisdom, or laugh, and have a good time. But, if you don't show up you ain't never gonna know man!

We talked about people who are having health problems and people we have lost. Barry Hage-wood's step dad, Wayne O. passed away April 7th. He rode with us every chance he got. We all liked Wayne and we will miss him.

Yardman Steve said on April 5th we gonna meet the traveling Vietnam Vets Wall in West Nashville and escort it to the V.F.W. in Dickson and help assemble the wall for viewing. We also voted to give \$250.00 to the V.F.W. to help support the wall. On the 8th we gonna ride from Burns gas station to the V.F.W. with police escort to put a Red, White and Blue wreath at the wall with colors presented by Creek Wood R.O.T.C.

This years Bike and Tattoo Show is May 13. Tell a buddy, brang a friend. Support this BIG FUN FAR OUT EVENT! What is your membership expire date? Check and make sure you're still with us. Re-up man~ don't x-pire!

We got a B.O.D. update from Cycledellic Mark and not much to tell from the suites up on the Big Hill. My brother from another momma got hit by a car while waiting for the red light, by a female ON THE PHONE, who admitted, just took a picture of him at the previous light, Kevo only got a scratch on his arm and sore for a few days, but his bike may be totaled! Don't be a dumbass like this female. Don't use your phone whiling motoring! Look at us on that Facebutt thang, or get a life! Come hang out with us, the 3rd Thursday every month. We got you a seat! If you don't -- you must be playing with your own Ding-A-Ling! R.I.P. Chuck Berry
Nuff said, We scattered. Beefy #757

FRENCH BROAD

CHARTER MEETING April 5, 2017
CALL TO ORDER (7:00 pm) by Director Scott Smith
PLEDGE; Lead by Scott Smith
PRAYER; Lead by Dave Mills
CALL ROLL; 6 Members
SECRETARY REPORT; Charters payment for event insurance (\$50.00) is required. Approved
Motioned by David, 2nd by Dave Mills Vote: unanimous. Will Hamel voted in as Srgt of Arms
TREASURY REPORT; David Turner has resigned as Treasury Effective March 15th, 2017. Excepted by Charter. Mary Shepherd has requested for the position. Motion for Mary Shepherd as Treasure, 1st Dave Mills, 2nd by Will. Vote; unanimous. David donated \$63.00 to charter.
APPROVED MINUTES; For March 7th , 2017 meeting
(Vote count) Motioned by 1st Davis, 2nd by Dave. Vote unanimous.
OLD BUSINESS; May 7th Legislative ride is set.

Seeking donations for door prizes.
NEW BUSINESS; States point rodeo for June 24th, 25th. Waiting for more information from State on status.
OPEN FORUM; Discuss the future of Cmt/Abate and its new direction. Discussed new avenues for revenue. Stickers, donations from sources, such as supporters. Limit rides to just two and start setting up at other events with sources items and brochures. To many other rides out there to compete with. More volunteers to start helping out. Top priority is memberships and supporters. Several ideas floating on the table.
NEXT MEETING;
May 3, 2017
ADJOURN; motioned by; 1st Will, 2nd by Dana

MONTGOMERY

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NASHVILLE

NORTHEAST

ROBERTSON COUNTY

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm at The Pit in Springfield. Jeff lead off with the Pledge and Johann lead us in prayer. Roland started off with thanking everybody there. We had 24 at meeting. Treva went over the treasury report and Samantha went over events. We had a special guest speaker Tony Dabbs he went over the helmet law and Legislation. Dead Eye got contact for STR in Hickman County for this year. We took up donations for the Intervention Ride this Saturday April 8th. We had taken up donations for Corrinne Taylor, Jeff's mother that passed away recently and money donated was donated to our Down Biker Fund in memory. The Liberty Rally will be May 12th thru the 14th. There will also be a Poker Run at Centerville Park on May 6th. Spring is here and a lot of things going on now. Hope everyone can attend as many events as they can. Samantha won the 50/50 and donated money to our Down Biker fund. Thanks Samantha. Thanks to The Pit for our pizza for supper.
Connie Jones

SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER

SMOKY MOUNTAIN

April 2017 Minutes
Meeting opened
No Old Business was carried over
Treasury report was reviewed and monies gained thru donations and last March Bike ride
New Business : our website and bumper stickers were discussed as well as the BAND app for communication for those members not on FB There was a mention of 50/50 as "gambling" and use of "sponsor " on stickers from CMT/ABATE Slo Rol was voted in as Tailgunner and Large back patch will be need to be contacted about from Dean.
Fund raising for Motorcycle awareness. Funds raised so far and location of the candles discussed.
Vote to pass the hat for monthly dues for the

charter to the state. Hat was passed.
Trail of tears was mentioned to work with Ga and NC charters since we will be doing the ride regardless of other states joining.
Rider education will be attempted to be utilized for awareness and education

Events:

4th of July

Ice bears Play off: We would like to be part of the event if possible

May 28th /ride to Clinch Mt

May 20th Goodfellows 4th annual childrens ride

May 5th Cinco De Mayo will be at the Irish Pub with discounted beverages and meal specials

May 1st Next meeting

Open forum:

COC Meeting involvement

Public Service Announcements

St. Patty's day ride review for those not present

SUMNER COUNTY

TENNESSEE VALLEY

WHEELS OF THUNDER

UPPER CUMBERLAND

Howdy...below are the meetings minutes and attached is a copy of the Liberty Rally flyer.

Ron opened the meeting and Mike led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dean provided the Treasurers report.

Legislative: Dean gave the report. Also gave the report on BOD.

Activities: Summer Fun Run sponsors are due next meeting. Go on sale in June.

Liberty Rally has 3 sponsors: Junebug Boogie, Hawg Barn & Highway Hogs. Boswells for door prizes.

Old Business: None

New Business: Memorial Day Get Together @ Highway Hogs May 29 at 2 pm. Yard signs are available.

Funny Business: Was a suggestion to play a version of "Slug Bug" with your kids and grandkids except looking for motorcycles instead of VW bugs. Will help make them more aware as they get older and learn to drive to "SEE Motorcycles".

Nominations for the Charter:

Director: Ron

Assistant Director: Lynn

Secretary: Sandi

Treasurer: Dean

Activities: open

Sgt at Arms: open

Next Meetings: May 7 at Boone's Saloon (Monroe) ; June 4 at Trina's home (Pall Mall) ; July 2 at Dean's house.

Meeting Adjourned and Thank You Whistle Stop for having us!

Safe Riding o~o`

I am truly sorry this first report from me is late.

Worked all weekend and woke up to no phone services on Monday morning so was not able to send this yesterday. Another all dayer! Waited on a pending sponsor that didn't work out.

Sandi

SOAP BOX

This is a new page I am including to give everyone a voice in our paper! As long as it is kept fair and clean... by that I mean no calling out people or calling them names... Cages are acceptable for cars and trucks. They will be edited for grammar, punctuation, content and clarity.

Please submit your comments and thoughts about whatever...

Thank you

The editor

Commentary



I would like to take this time first and foremost to thank all the Board of Directors members for electing myself as the new Assistant State Director. I'm confident that this Organization is moving in a forward and positive direction. There are a lot of big shoes before me that will be hard to fill, but knowing their close I'm open to any of their advices, suggestion and expertise's. That also applies to any member of this great Organization, or in fact even non-members should express their opinions so we can help all fellow motorcyclist. March 22nd was Legislative day in Nashville. This was a first for me to actually be with all Representatives and Senators from this great State. Never did I realize there were 130 different offices to go to. We passed out our trifold with Johann's card and a Tennessee State pin with CMT/ABATE

on it; they were put together as a one item gift to them. I was able to meet my Representatives and Senators from my neck of the woods, pretty cool I thought to actually see the face behind the man. Outside in the main Plaza the Don't Ride Fried Carnival was set up for everyone to give it a shot. It was great to see the folks come out and give it a shot. Even some of the lobbyists gave it a try. I'm looking forward to later this year to set the carnival up at the French Broad Charter so folks here in East Tennessee can give it a try. For those who haven't tried it yet, I'm not going to tell you what's all in the carnival, you'll just have to come and try it (it's a blast). We will have more on the time and location latter. Stay in touch with the Legislative column along with MRF reports to keep up to date with what's happening. Riding season has already started so be safe & ride free and look forward to seeing everyone on the road.

CMT/ABATE, INC. MEMBERS INFORMATION March 16, 2017

The CMT/ABATE, Inc. Board of Directors meeting started at approximately 1:00 on March 12.

The room was packed and only a couple of board members were absent and excused for health or job related reasons. Soon, the entire minutes of the meeting will be posted on the www.cmtabate.com website. For now, here are a few of the highlights.

Ed Domine, the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) State Rep for Tennessee, presented a Legislative Award to Tony Dabbs, the CMT/ABATE, Inc. Legislative Director. This award was announced at the 2016 MRF Meeting of the Minds. Due to health and other reasons, 2016 was the first year in many that no CMT/ABATE members were able to attend. AND WE WERE GIVEN A LEGISLATIVE AWARD!! The award acknowledged our excellent work in affecting the passage of the RESPECT BILL in 2015 which allows motorcyclists to choose to ride in memorial rides, funeral processions, and body escort details without a helmet, as a show of respect. Many thanks to the MRF officers for recognizing our accomplishment. See HAPPY photo attached.

A vote was taken early in the meeting to give Dean Lucas a vote at board meetings, as he serves as Office Manager for no salary or monetary stipend. The organization is pleased to have our past director on the

board, helping with his excellent advisory assistance as well as taking care of the database and other office tasks.

After the reports and discussions of business by each of the board meetings, the election of the officer positions up for election and for open positions was conducted by Interim Director Johann Robert Forbus.

Bette Stewart remains as Treasurer, voted so unanimously.

Also unanimously, Tony Dabbs was elected State Director and Johann Robert Forbus was elected Legislative Director. A long time vacant position, Membership Director, has been filled by a unanimous vote for Kim Marlin of the Smith Wilson/Stones River Charter. Kim Marlin has shared several ideas with MANY board officers and fellow motorcyclists for increasing membership, promoting Membership and Information tables at LOTS of events. She has created a new email address for her position. cmtabatemembership@gmail.com.

Please contact her soon to congratulate her,



encourage her in her efforts, volunteer to help at membership tables, and create new ideas to grow our organization.

A letter of resignation from the PR/Communications position, due to the added responsibilities currently in her life, was sent to Interim State Director by Rhonda Williams. The letter of resignation was accepted by the Board of Directors. A vote of affirmation was taken to have Carol Simpson fill in as PR/Communications director until the position comes up for election in September.

The meeting went a little long, but everyone was either content or enthusiastic to cover so much work in one afternoon.

Congratulations to the nearly "full boat" of officers, and the added acknowledgement of JOB WELL DONE by the MRF.

Tony Dabbs, CMT/ABATE State Director can be reached at his email themotorsick-ledoc@yahoo.com

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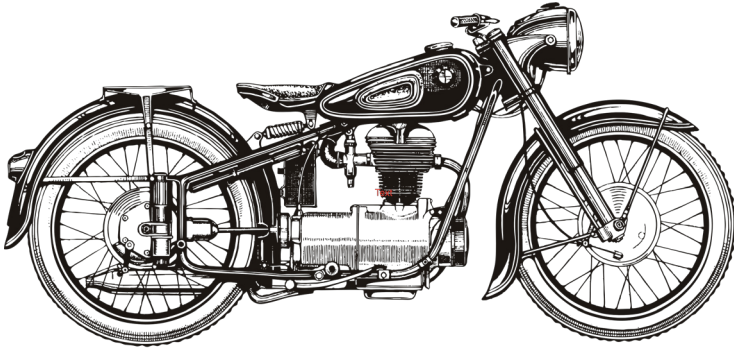
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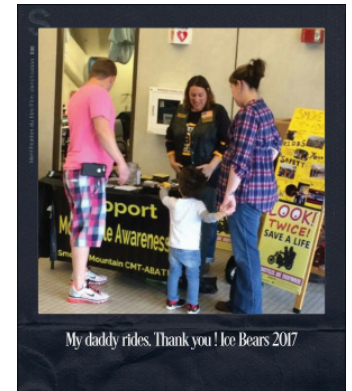
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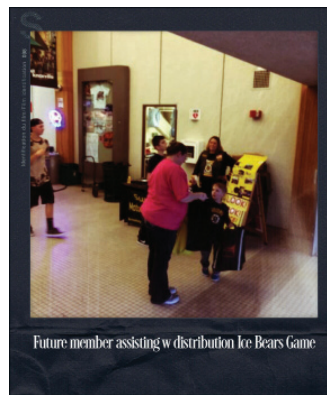
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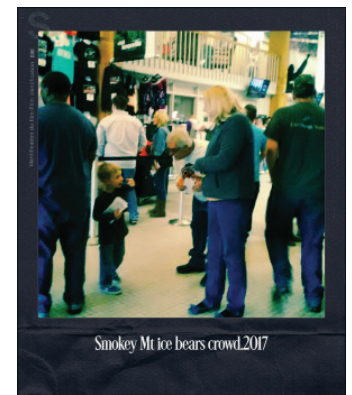
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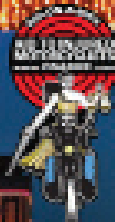
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The biggest surprise of the grant was that we were directed in the contract to produce the Don't Ride Fried Carnival at Legislative Plaza, which we did on March 22, 2017. CMT/ABATE members from seven charters volunteered to help with the Carnival. Kelly Appleton, who had added a generous financial gift to Safety and Awareness fund, also set up a table and banners promoting motorcycle rider education. She is the owner of Mid TN Rider Education School.

Many, many legislators "took the tour" of the Carnival, and dozens of staff, lobbyists, and Legislative Plaza visitors also participated. During the festivities, State Representative (and also Republican Caucus Leader) Glen Casada was presented with one of our rare Champions Awards, accompanied by a custom made trophy.

His stalwart support of motorcyclists' legislative concerns has not diminished in over a decade. Inside the building, State Director Tony Dabbs organized CMT/ABATE members and volunteers to deliver unique Tennessee pins to EVERY ONE of the 132 elected legislators along with a CMT/ABATE, Inc. Brochure.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE MARCH 22 A VERY SUCCESSFUL DAY!





Mavis and JR presenting a thank you plaque to patrons of Double E bar and grill for generous support of the 2016 Music City toy run







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