

#### Charter Meeting Details

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LAST SUNDAY MONTH 4 PM

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#### **Dekalb Meeting Minutes**

Date: 11/2024

Meetings brought too order we welcome two new members. Lisa Ogle (Former Nash Charter Member she will also now be acting as our Secretary; Member Ronnie Ogle

DeKalb continues to stock the food box in DeKalb

County on a regular monthly basis.

Charter gathered supplies together to provide toiletries, Sox and small personnel items as gifts for Veterans home.

Discussed two activities currently planning Tanked at the Bell Witch in Adams TN (ride down the river in big round Tanks), Also, Tentative Date in October for Fall Festival Run to Grandville, TN:

DeKalb's Fall Festival Run for Fun (enjoy the festivities, music and marina) For Friendship and Camaraderie

Tanked at the Bell Witch

More to come on these and we will be adding a couple of more to our event list.

We will also be doing membership tables at different venues as well

Currently our meetings are 3rd Sunday at 2PM Watertown Community park, Watertown TN. These are subject to change with notification!

We will also be adding the option to attend our meetings via TEAMs Shortly as well Be sure we have your current email address for this option!

Sincerely, Lisa Ogle

**DeKalb Charter Secretary** 



# Fall Celebration October 4, 2025

Fall is a great time to visit Historic Granville. As we wrap up the season for 2024, we hope you will make plans to visit us next year. Our Fall Festival for 2025 will include:

- · Quilt Show
- · Jazz on the Cumberland
- Cornbread & Tennessee Spirits Event

Join us for a day of fun, craft vendors, music, great food and a new event for 2025, as we will host the Cornbread & Tennessee Spirits Festival.





#### Look for more interesting facts on CMT/ABATE in upcoming issues!!

Legend has it that the origin of the term "hog," when referring to a Harley-Davidson motorcycle, was from the early part of the 1900s Harley's racing team, the Wrecking Crew. They had a small pig as a mascot, and one of the riders would do victory laps with the pig sitting on the bike's gas tank. In later years, HOG became the official acronym of the Harley Owners Group and is the trading symbol of Harley-Davidson on the New York Stock Exchange.



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## **CARB**

#### Withdraws Electric Motorcycle Plan

#### December 6, 2024 - Washington DC

Friday, in a dramatic move, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced they would not be proceeding with proposed standards requiring half of all new motorcycles sold in the state be electric within the next decade. In a statement, CARB said, "The proposed amendments to on-road motorcycles (ONMC) emission standards and test procedures and adoption of new provisions relating to ONMCs have been withdrawn."

This is a major victory for those who believe consumers should be free to choose whatever engine type they want. This move to withdraw the proposed plan comes after two hearings, one in January and one in October on this topic were canceled.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is pleased by CARB's decision to withdraw its plan to mandate the sale of electric motorcycles. MRF President, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard stated, "It's nice to see policymakers admit a mistake and withdraw a plan that was flawed from the outset." He also added a note of caution, "Let's remember CARB reserves the right to adjust, amend and resubmit similar plans like this in the future. We won a battle, but the war rages on. We must stay vigilant, in defense of the internal combustion engine."



Wilson County Veterans Day Parade







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- ✓ Protect the internal combustion engine
- ✓ Maintain the availability of fuels not harmful to motorcycle engines
- √ Fight End of Life Directives

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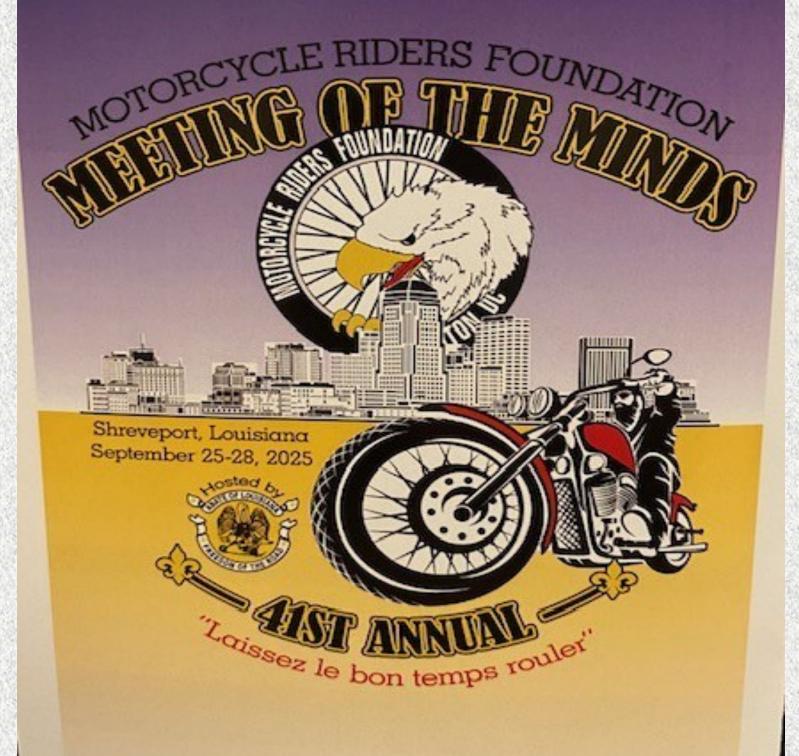


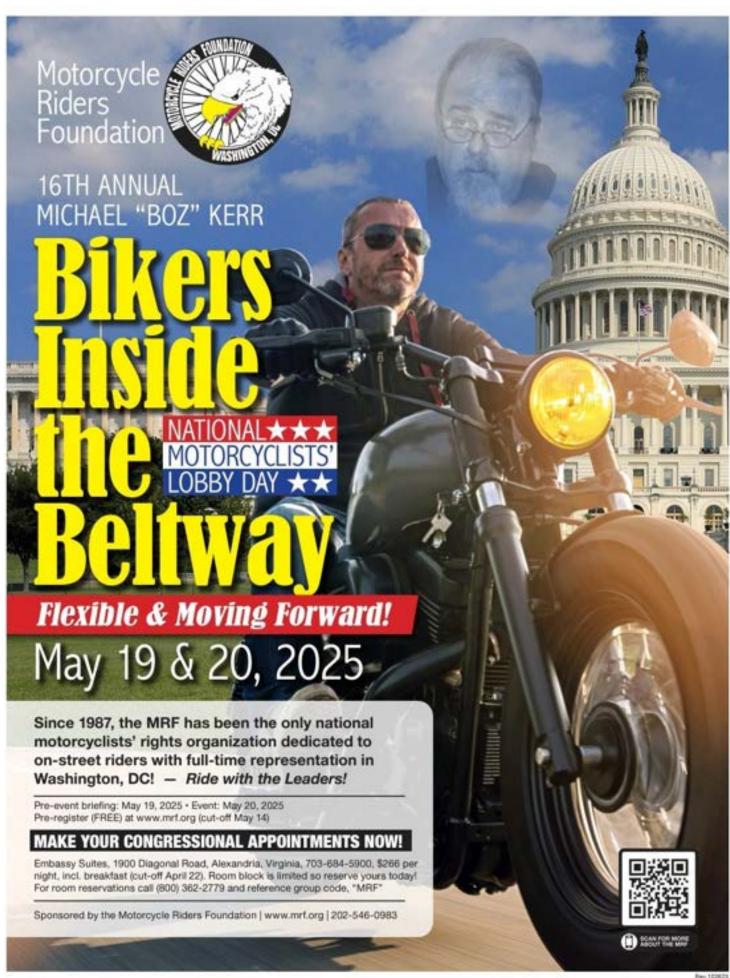


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# Join us in Shreveport!





# 13 Points of Riding

#### **Understanding That "Caution" Isn't a Dirty Word**

In the motorcycling world, caution can seem uncool-until it saves your life. Motorcycle training reinforces that being careful doesn't make you a scared cat; it makes you smart. Cautious riders avoid situations that lead to accidents, and as a result, they ride another day.

#### Group Riding: It's Fun if You Know What You're Doing

Riding with your buddies is fun until one person misjudges a turn and disaster befalls the group. A training course teaches you how to ride in formation, maintain safe distances, and communicate with signals, so your group rides are more "easy cruising" and less "group disaster waiting to happen."

#### Recognizing When You're Just Not That Good

Motorcycle training courses have an excellent way of reminding you that there's always something to learn. Maybe you don't know everything about riding, and that's okay. It is better to be humbled in a controlled environment than to find out the hard way with a paramedic telling you what you did wrong.

#### Balancing the Ego and the Throttle

We all like to think we're invincible but twisting that throttle too hard out of ego or impatience can end in disaster. Training teaches restraint, reminding you that the road doesn't care how good you think you are. It's a hard lesson that might save your skin literally.

#### Surviving the "Helmet Hair" Dilemma

Yes, helmets mess up your hair, but they also keep your brain where it belongs in your skull. Motorcycle training drives home the importance of protective gear. It may not look cool, but wearing that helmet ensures you'll be around to complain about helmet hair rather than becoming a tragic fashion statement.

#### Pre-Ride Rituals are a Form of Life Insurance

Riding without checking your bike's condition is like walking a tightrope with blindfolds on. A motorcycle course drills the habit of pre-ride checks-tires, brakes, lights-so you're not halfway down the road when your brake lever decides to take a vacation, leaving you hurtling toward an early retirement.

#### Don't Let Lane Splitting Turn into Life Splitting

Lane splitting may shorten your commute to your destination, but it may also shorten your lifespan by sandwiching you between two cars. Training courses teach you the correct and safest way to navigate between vehicles, reducing your chances of becoming the filling in a metal pancake.

#### **Know When to Slow Your Roll**

That adrenaline rush is addictive, but speeding through heavy traffic is a fast track to disaster. Motorcycle training helps you understand when it's safe to go fast and when to slow down, balancing thrill and caution. After all, enjoying the wind in your hair is hard when sailing through the ER.

#### Avoiding the "Invisible Bike" Syndrome

Even the loudest bikes seem to disappear from drivers' awareness. Courses like these teach you to maximize visibility through intelligent positioning and defensive riding tactics. They ensure you're seen before a distracted driver changes lanes without checking their blind spot, saving you from becoming a highway ghost story.

#### Understanding the Weather's Intentions for You

Rain, fog, and wind can make your ride go from smooth to terrifying in seconds. A good motorcycle course covers how to safely ride through the elements-whether learning to maintain traction in the rain or avoid getting blown off course in high winds-but Mother Nature doesn't stand a chance

#### The Art of Reading Other Drivers' Minds

Some motorists often act like they're the only ones on the road, oblivious to motorcycles. Training teaches you to anticipate their unpredictable behavior, whether a sudden lane change or an unsignaled turn, so you can avoid becoming another hood ornament on their car-or worse, the latest tragic news headline.

#### Know How Not to Ride Like You're in a Video Game

If you think weaving through traffic at high speeds is like playing "Need for Speed," think again. Unlike in video games, there are no saving points in real life. Motorcycle training shows you how to safely navigate congested streets instead of treating them like a racecourse-without losing your life.

#### **Braking: More Than Just a Panic Move**

Grabbing the brakes too hard can send you skidding or flipping, making for a very short and painful ride. You will learn how to brake smoothly and efficiently without losing control in these courses, turning what could've been a crash into a well-executed stop and sparing you from taking flight.

NONE OF THE MOTORCYCLES IN THIS PICTURE CAN BE SEEN IN THE TRUCKER'S MIRROR'S OR OTHER BLIND SPOTS. Take a moment and "SHARE this on your Facebook Page. IT COULD SAVE THE LIFE OF A SOMEONE YOU LOVE.







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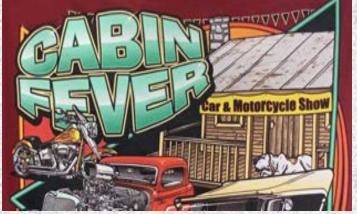
# Upcoming EVENTS

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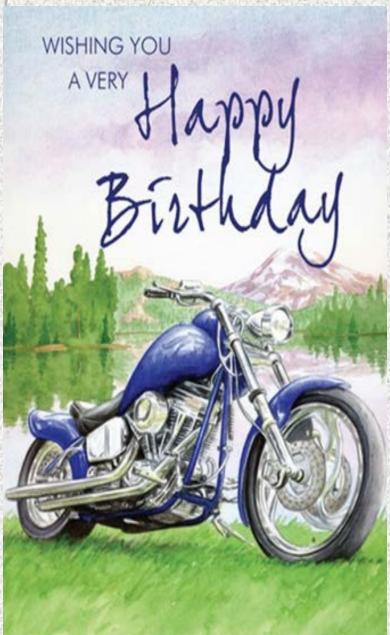


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#### Twelve Motorcyclist New Year Resolutions to Consider

It's early January and not many motorcyclists in Tennessee are riding these days, especially those living in the Northern States. Maybe some of those riders engage in snow-related activities like snowmobiling, downhill or cross country skiing, or snow-boarding. Most are just dreaming of days with clear roads, mild temperatures, no rain, light winds, and a few hours to exercise their right wrist.

So, if you're home-bound due to the season and can't even get out to the garage to just sit on your ride and dream of warmer days ahead, what can you do?

How about making (and keeping) one or more New Year resolutions related to motorcycling?

Of course, browsing paper or online catalogs of motorcycle accessories is a favorite time-killer for many, but just adding more chrome or more lights doesn't really improve the quality of your ride, does it?

And watching an endless stream of YouTube video clips or streaming channels about motorcycling doesn't necessarily make you a better rider, does it?

So perhaps it comes down to this – what can you do in the dead of winter to improve the riding season ahead? Glad you asked; here are a few suggestions.

Resolution #1: Training. Perhaps the single most important resolution you can make to improve your riding season is to complete some form of two- or three-wheeled training. We are fortunate to have several excellent training courses available in Tennessee from the Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles Motorcycle Rider Training (MRT) Three hands-on courses, such as the Basic RiderCourse (BRC), Intermediate RiderCourse (IRC), and Experienced RiderCourse (ERC), offer motorcyclists of all skill levels opportunities to learn more and ride better under the watchful guidance of seasoned Rider Coaches.

Resolution #2: Coaching. Speaking of Rider Coaches, the MRT Program is always in need of more experienced motorcyclists willing to share their knowledge and expertise as Rider Coaches in the three courses.

Resolution #3: Supporting others. Consider taking rider education to another level by offering to cover the BRC, IRC, or ERC course tuition for a relative or a friend. Especially for young novices, the BRC is an excellent introduction to two-wheeling. Early training helps guide riders to more enjoyable motorcycling adventures.

Resolution #4: Your riding gear. Get your riding gear ready for the new year. Face it, gear in your closet, garage, or saddlebag could use some attention and perhaps replacement. With so many sources for quality riding gear out there, getting a jump on a clean it/fix it/replace it routine now leaves more time for riding come spring.

Resolution #5: Your ride. Get the bike ready for the 2025 riding season while the weather and roads prevent you from enjoying any saddle time. While mental and physical skills improvement is vital to reducing stress while riding, so is a properly maintained motorcycle. The winter months provide ample time to review what needs attention before the new riding season begins. It's not just oil, filter, and tires – how about the chain/belt/shaft drive, steering head bearings, lights, fuses, cables, and anything else that might wear out as your ride ages?

Resolution #6: Another or new ride. Is there another bike or a replacement ride in your future? If you're considering a new ride, now might be a good time to visit the dealer(s) you trust to determine availability, cost, and delivery. Planning modifications now to improve what you already have makes sense when the weather keeps you inside.

Resolution #7: Insurance. Could changes you made during the last riding season impact your insurance rate during the coming riding season? If you modified your existing bike, you may have to increase your insurance coverage to protect your investment in case you experience a loss. And some insurance companies offer a discount for motorcyclists who have completed a rider education course. Check your policy and call your agent or company if you have questions.

Resolution #8: Trip planning. Maybe a friend, magazine, or online video suggested a multi-day journey that caught your attention. Well, it's never too early to start planning, especially if the ride is to a popular event or destination that fills up quickly when warm weather arrives and other riders catch the fever.

Resolution #9: CMT/ABATE membership. If you're reading this article, there's a good chance you're already a member of the CMT/ABATE). If so, thank you. If you aren't, why not join with fellow riders who care about motorcycling and its future? Not only will you help the organization grow, but you'll be adding your voice to those representing motorcyclists on legislative and regulatory issues in the capital. There is strength in numbers and many voices make for more influence.

Resolution #10: CMT/ABATE gift membership. OK, you're already a member and wondering what else you can do to grow the CMT – how about a gift membership? If you ask around, you're sure to find riders that aren't members or that have never even heard of the CMT/ABATE. Invite them to a meeting, give them our web address, or put a membership application in their hand. Don't have a spare application? Grab a few at the next meeting and put them in your saddlebag.

Resolution #11: MRF membership. As important as membership in the CMT/ABATE is to protecting your right to ride, renewing or joining in the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation; <a href="www.mrf.org">www.mrf.org</a>) is just as critical to ensuring you, your children and grand-children, and the entire riding community have a strong voice in Washington, DC. MRF events such as Bikers Inside the Beltway provide motorcycling activists a chance to lobby face-to-face with their US senators and representatives (and just as importantly, their staff) to make sure they know your position on topics of national and international interest, such as autonomous vehicles, ethanol-ladened fuels, highway infrastructure, and dozens of other topics that directly impact your safety and future. If you can't join with fellow riders in Washington, DC in May, simply joining and supporting the MRF helps others lobby in your place.

Resolution #12: Rolling up your sleeves. Among the many competing activities for your riding time, one that could pay back dividends to you, your organization, and the entire riding community is investing some of your time and talents in assisting the CMT/ABATE during events and other motorcycle-related events. No matter how much time and talent you can spare, there is always room in the CMT tent for more hands to lighten the load for all. And if you find yourself wondering how you can support the CMT at a higher level, consider running for an elected position or joining the Board of Directors. Any currently-serving officer or Board member can provide information to assist you in making an informed choice to step up.

Tired yet? Maybe, but you have several months of non-riding time to think and act on any number of the potential resolutions offered here. After all, not all can do everything, but all can do something to make things better for themselves, others, and the riding community in the year ahead.

Happy Holidays!



- 1)... To initiate, endorse and sponsor educational programs such as rider safety, public awareness, legislative and affirmative action and, individual freedoms and rights.
- 2)... To create and promote a positive public image of motorcyclists and motorcycle groups and to dispel and disprove media hype, unfounded propaganda and the "Hollywood" image.
- 3)... To encourage goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel and the general public.
- 4)... To serve as an information source on matters pertaining to current laws, pending legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials and their constituents, and voter awareness.
- 5)... To act as a central responsive agency to devise and coordinate recreational, legislative, educational, and charitable activities



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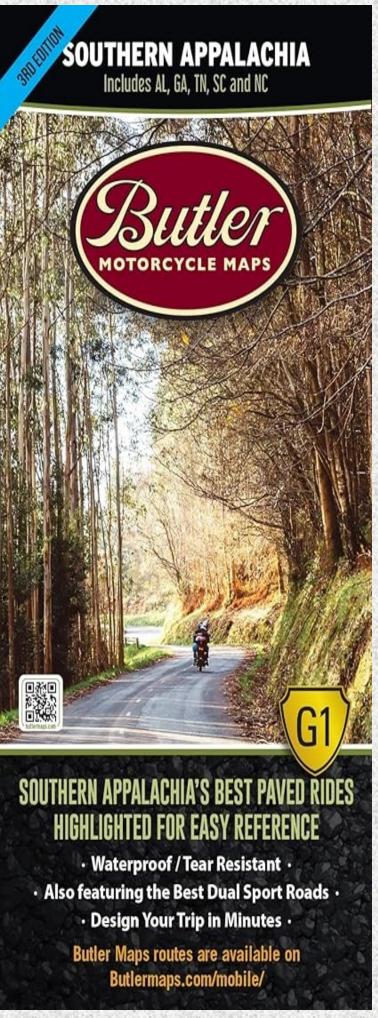












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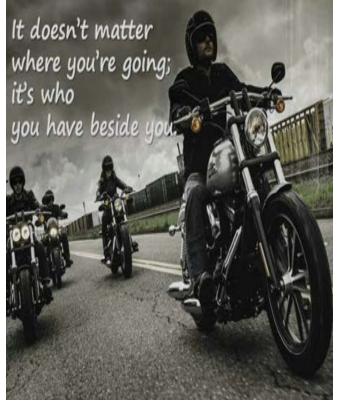
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- Monitoring and influencing federal legislation for any impact on the motorcycling community at large
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- · Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American roads



#### WHO WE ARE

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is the Nation's premiere motorcyclists' rights organization that is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. We are also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state and local levels. The MRF works together with street motorcyclists, State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), the motorcycle industry, the media and other organizations, assisting them with state and local agendas as well as working with them to influence action and policy in Washington, DC - from the Congress to government departments and agencies to the Office of the President of the United States. We also work with allies in Canada, Europe and Asia to influence talks on vehicle globalizationand harmonization that are proceeding under the United Nations and the World Health Organization.



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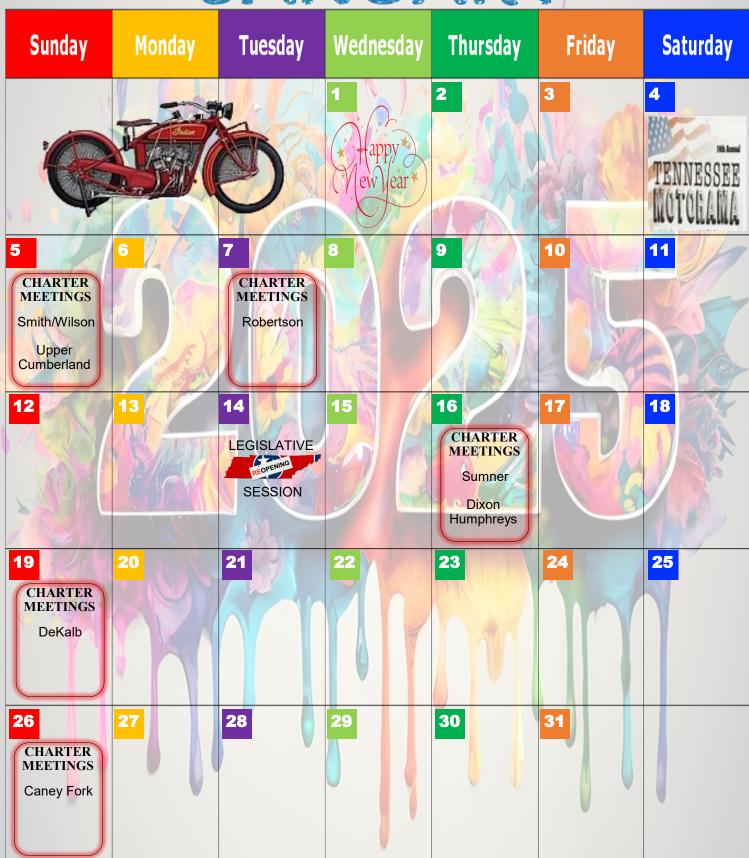


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