



# Get your motor runnin'

## Rallies, runs and bike events coming up around the state

### October 2011

- ▶ 20-23 - Sparks Halloween Biker Bash, Sparks America
- ▶ 21-23 - Mid-South M.I.L.E., Holiday Inn, Joplin, Mo.
- ▶ 29 - Lakes Area Halloween Party, Southard Style, Pryor, OK

### November 2011

- ▶ 4-6 - Seasons End Rally, sponsored by Viet Nam Vets/Legacy Vets MC. Rally held at Clyde Burk Arena in Comanche. Rally will include bike games, dirt drags, music and more. For more info call 580-704-6356.
- ▶ 5 - The Autumn Gathering, will be held Nov. 5, \$20 starting hand, \$10 extra hand. ABATE Members have four chances to win \$1000. See page 10 for more information.
- ▶ 6 - Claremore Elks Lodge, Tulsa Area Hog Groups 11th Annual Toy Run, ride begins at Reasor's Parking lot on Hwy. 66 in Catoosa. Reg. at 10 a.m. Toys collected on the ride will benefit Rogers County DHS. For more info call 918-266-3915.
- ▶ 11 - COD Veterans Day Parade, to the capital.
- ▶ 12 - ABATE of Oklahoma State Board

- Meeting, meets at 10:30 a.m. at Hometown Buffet, 3900 NW 63rd Street (corner of NW 63rd and NW Expressway) Oklahoma City
- ▶ 12 - Three Sands Veteran's Day Parade, Ponca City, Okla.
- ▶ 12 - 6th Annual E.S.C.A.P.E. Ministries Bike Car Toy Run, sponsored by Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Ride starts at Wal-Mart parking lot at 772 N. Airport Road in Cleveland. For more info call 918-906-8633.
- ▶ 12 - Blanchard Veterans Day Celebration & Chili Cook Off Toy Run, ride fee is new unwrapped toy. Ride begins with parade on Main Street. For more info call 405-431-0670.
- ▶ 13 - Good Wheel Riders 10th Annual Toy Run, toy run starts at Rogers Point Park on Hwy. 66 in Catoosa. Ride fee is new unwrapped toy for the Catoosa Angel Tree. For more info call 918-282-3417.
- ▶ 18-20 - NCOM Region Meeting, Wyndham Hotel in Tulsa, OK.

For more Oklahoma motorcycle events, check out [www.lets-ride.com/event/oklahoma.htm](http://www.lets-ride.com/event/oklahoma.htm). To submit events to the Biker Journal, e-mail [okabatenevents@yahoo.com](mailto:okabatenevents@yahoo.com). Deadline for December issue is November 1.

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# A spirit of familiarity and trust existing between friends

By **SHAWN SCOTT - CMEJAM**  
Contributing Writer

Throughout my love affair with motorcycles, I've been a biker chick, a motorcycle enthusiast, and now I'm simply a rider.

If labels are important, feel free to use that last one for me. I've lived the life from a 1%er's "ol' lady" to a suburban "Wingnut's" housewife.

Being now responsible for myself and myself alone, being called a rider suits me fine. I'm happy with whatever you choose to call yourselves, as long as your attitude is respectful to other's point of view.

You may not choose to have me over for Thanksgiving Dinner and invite me into your life if I don't fit your point of view, but truthfully, the majority of you that I know wouldn't ever hold it against me and would still putt around with me any day of the week. Just another link in the chain of fellowship.

Oklahoma law allowed me to get my permit to ride a motorcycle at age 14 (sigh, I miss the 70s).

When I was kicked off the school bus and had to walk to school through a bad neighborhood, my dad thought it was a better idea to have a ride to school and not cut through the steel mill, walk the tracks, and sashay around the duplexes where the transients slept it off.

He bought me a 250 Suzuki with a windshield and a milk crate bolted to the back. Three kids rode a motorcycle to Hamilton Jr. High in the class of 1976, and two of them were girls. Go North Side!

We had to park our bikes at the bike rack along with all the 10-speeds and Stingrays with banana seats.

Even back then it was easy to notice how we were different than everyone else. I was the main editor of the school newspaper-bookish with glasses and a big mouth; Bobbie was a cheerleader-tall, tanned and graceful; and Roy was a metal shop gear head; sporting white t-shirt and jeans like a kinderbiker.

Three cliques brought together by showing up for school on two wheels. Three

people who moved effortlessly through the social circles, unaffected by the social stigma of being an Outsider. We were as Outsider as they come; we were cool.

Roy was the coolest, hands down. He rode a Harley-Davidson. I can't remember to this day if it was an H6 AMF 250 or an SX 250. Did it matter? No, really, no. He even sported the leather jacket, handed down to him by his father. If James Dean had unruly hair and a birthmark on his cheek, you would have sworn he was reincarnated and going to Jr. High in north Tulsa.

That experience growing up proved to me that fellowship isn't a one size fits all. I share my passion for motorcycles with quite a few circles. Church groups. Patch holders. MRO supporters.

New riders simply falling in love with the experience. Like throwing a handful of pebbles into a pond, those rings that emerge from each pebble breaking the surface of the water stretch out and invariably overlap. The commonalities become the most basic of things and those few common threads weave a strong line that binds. The common thread of being in the wind. Exposed to the elements.

Feeling the road move beneath our wheels. The shift of the gear and the twist of the throttle. You get the idea. Matter of fact, I'm not saying anything you don't already know.

Election time is upon us again. I urge you to give some thought to your brothers, sisters and friends that share your common bond. As you look at who and what you vote for, remember that in order to have that fellowship, that camaraderie that is as valuable a part of the experience as riding the machine, we all need to stick together to defend our rights, and to make our voices heard about our safety on the road.

Democrat or Republican, shy or outspoken, military or clergy, blue collar or executive, leather or lace... remember to vote for camaraderie. Sticking together to protect what we hold dear so that we can continue to ripple out and overlap each other in the wind.

# COMPLIMENTARY COPY

You may have received this complimentary issue of the ABATE of Oklahoma Biker Journal via your local motorcycle shop or favorite stomping ground. If so, we are pleased to offer this free issue to you in the hopes of spreading awareness of what our organization has done and will continue to do for the motorcycling community.

ABATE (A Brotherhood Aiming Toward Education) is a nonprofit independent group of motorcycle enthusiasts who ride different types of motorcycles, but we share a common interest in keeping motorcycling a safe, pleasant sport.

We participate in legislative activities, which promote the sport of motorcycling.

While one of our goals is to keep helmet use a freedom of choice for the motorcyclist, we are not against helmets and many of our members wear them. Again, we feel it should be freedom of choice.

We continue to strive towards motorcycle safety awareness and implementation of antidiscrimination laws in the State of Oklahoma (and nationwide). In addition, ABATE members continue to support local communities throughout the State of Oklahoma through toy runs and other events which benefit local charities.

While ABATE has been dubbed a "Harley Davidson" organization in the past, we invite and encourage you to become a member of our organization regardless of the type of motorcycle you ride. In fact, you can become a member even if you do

not ride a motorcycle. Please help the growth of the sport by becoming a member today.

Not only will you make a difference in your community, but also you will have a great time doing so. You will find a membership form in this newspaper.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Chapters listed. If you are currently a member of ABATE, Thank You!



**Rally grows ten-fold in ten years**  
A Brotherhood Aiming Toward Education

**Biker Journal debuts**  
The cover of the magazine features a photo of a rally.



**Louisiana considers scrapping helmet law**  
A Louisiana legislator is pushing for a bill to repeal the state's helmet law.



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# NCOM Biker Newsbytes



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## Pennsylvania measure would limit learner permits

ABATE of Pennsylvania is supporting legislation to limit the number of motorcycle learner's permits allowed before a rider must get a license. "All too often those involved in serious accidents have no motorcycle endorsement on their license," lobbyist Charles Umbenhauer of BikePAC told the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), adding that "In most cases this also means they have had no formal motorcycle rider training."

State Representative Seth Grove (R-Dover Township) has introduced legislation aimed at increasing motorcycle safety by requiring riders to get a motorcycle license rather than continuously reapplying for a motorcycle learner's permit.

Currently, an aspiring rider can get a permit after passing a written test, which is good for a year to allow motorcyclists to legally ride and gain experience until they get their motorcycle license. However, some riders reapply to renew the permit year after year rather than getting a full license, Rep. Grove said.

Under Grove's proposal, a rider would

only be allowed to reapply for a learner's permit three times in 10 years.

"The purpose is to make people get the license," stated Grove, adding that more motorcyclists taking the skills tests or enrolling in the state's rider training program would mean more trained riders on the road.

If a rider doesn't get a license within 10 years of receiving the first permit, he or she wouldn't be able to get another permit for seven years. The bill was referred to the transportation committee earlier this year and is expected to be addressed this fall.

## Illinois Gov. seeks changes to Red Light Bill

Illinois motorcyclists who get stuck at red lights will remain stuck a while longer, as Governor Pat Quinn has vetoed legislation that would have made it legal to proceed through a red light that does not detect motorcycles.

However, the bill may yet become law if legislators agree to make some changes. Illinois has what is called an Amendatory Veto, wherein the governor can reject a bill as presented for signing, but with changes requested that, if met, will win his signature.

As written, House Bill 2860 sponsored by Senator Gary Forby (D-Benton) and Representative Daniel Beiser (D-Alton), specifies that motorcyclists could run red lights "after a reasonable period of time."

Quinn objected that such wording is too subjective and "its interpretation could vary from individual to individual and county to county." He asked that the bill be changed to specify that the motorcyclist must wait two minutes. Quinn also asked for clarification that motorcyclists would still have to obey signs prohibiting right or left turns on red and would still have to yield to oncoming traffic.

ABATE of Illinois supported the measure when it passed the legislature in May, which is similar to laws enacted in 11 other states. "I was kind of disappointed with what the governor done," said Sen. Forby. "ABATE's going to have to make a decision on whether they want to negotiate with the governor's office or try to override his veto."

The Illinois Legislature has placed the amendatory veto on its calendar for action on October 19.

## Motorcycle-only checkpoints challenged in New York

On Monday, August 29, 2011, Robert "Prospector" Boellner, State Legislative Coordinator for ABATE of New York, Inc., and NCOM Region VIII Director, met with a representative from the New York State Attorney General's office to discuss the ongoing motorcycle-only vehicle checkpoints.

Since May 2008, ABATE has publicly expressed its opposition to New York State's tactic of conducting highway roadblocks

which divert only motorcyclists from the state's roadways for the purpose of conducting "safety checks".

Because motorcycles operated in New York State are already required to pass annual safety inspections, the ongoing New York State Police initiative serves only to harass, intimidate and inconvenience motorcyclists traveling upon the state's roadways.

Further, motorcycle-only roadblocks conducted in the name of "safety checks" are a discriminatory and unconstitutional infringement upon an individual's right to travel without interference, and an abuse of discretionary power as acknowledged by the New York State Court of Appeals.

The Office of the Attorney General was reportedly receptive to Prospector's request of an investigation into the actions of the New York State Police, and a reporting mechanism has now been implemented for direct complaints of motorcyclist profiling.

If you, or anyone you know, has been a victim of motorcyclist profiling, Prospector encourages you to call him at (518) 239-4560 for assistance in filing a complaint.

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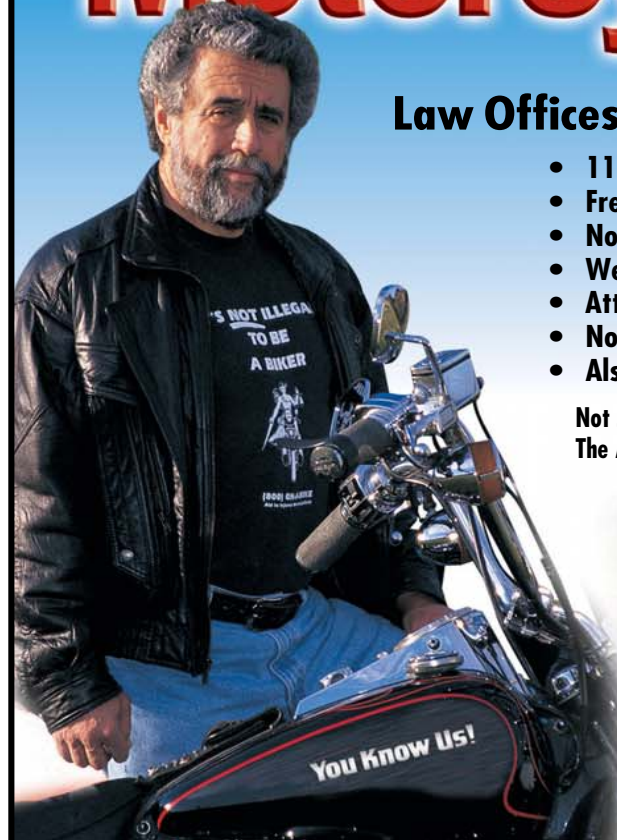
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# Highlights of State Board Meeting, September 10

STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Hometown Buffet, 3900 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street,  
OKC

Prayer Requests and Moment of Remembrance:

Lead by Stick: Thoughts and prayers of strength and healing for Booger John (Stroke). He is doing well but needs prayer. Please pray for healing for Shrimpi's grandmother. Remember the Justice family (David and Tina) recovering from a bike wreck, Heartland member went down and is recovering. Peace for the family of "Shotgun Alman" who passed away suddenly. Pray for peace for the families affected by 9-11 and for our soldiers across the world, and for safety and guidance for those Riders on the road.

Legislative Reports:

Oklahoma:

Discussion held about the number of "handlebar height incidents" now vs the benefits of striking the law. Discussion of the law's vague wording and ability to fight the law in court. General Consensus to let it be and just be watchful for incidents. Suzette will email a copy of the Statute to the Yahoo group.

Suzette reported that Legal Advisory Holly Hefton is checking into discriminatory language.

-Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee: Next Meeting is Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office. Contact JP for further details if you can attend.

MRF (Federal Legislation) :

- As of last report that Cornflake has received, Oklahoma has 58 active MRF members.

- Jeff Hinnie (MRF political director) will now have a monthly column in American Iron.

- Chapter Challenge to become \$100 Sustaining Members of the MRF met by Chisholm

Trail 412, Great Plains, Three Sands, Lakes Area, and COD.

- Meeting of the Minds Challenge: All the Executive Board Members have donated \$50, as well as CT412 and Great Plains; Three Sands renewed their Sustaining Membership and donated \$200. With the Executive Board donations and at least \$50 from each Chapter, we can make a \$1,000 donation to the MRF.

COC/NCOM (Judicial Issues) : Discrimination Incidents are being compiled. Send an email of Where, When, the Officer's name or badge # if possible and a brief report of the incident to: WhatAboutBob@malvados.com.

The NCOM Region #2 Conference will be Nov 18-20, 2011 at Wyndam Hotel, 10918 East 41st Street Tulsa OK 74146 (918) 627-5000 [www.WyndhamTulsa.com](http://www.WyndhamTulsa.com) Use Group Code 11176798NA to get the \$72 group rate. Seminars will all be on Saturday.

For a tentative schedule go to [www.aimNCOM.com](http://www.aimNCOM.com)

Safety Report: Given by guest Hoobee of Great Plains Chapter.

Practice your Counter-steering. It can ease the "cupping" of tires. It can be used to negotiate a tight (or tighter than you expected) turn. It can be used as an emergency evasion maneuver to avoid object(s) in the road. [Hoobee44@Gmail.com]

Discussion of Military policies regarding and availability of On Base MSF classes

Membership Report: Please email new member names/info ASAP to harleyRose56@sbcglobal.net and then mail the form and money to: ABATE Members, Elly Criner, 302 East College, Blackwell, OK 74631

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Share The Road Program: In-School Presentation Program to middle school and HS

- Sharon Stone-Hussman of Iowa will be conducting a Presentation Training at the "Party on the Plains" for interested individuals. Trained Presenters will be needed as we grow.

- Open the lines of communication with schools through any contacts you have (teachers, principals, superintendents, driver's ED instructors, School Board Members, etc) about having a Presentation at their school.

- Get with JP or Staz (Three Sands) if interested in being a Share The Road presenter.

## Mid-South M.I.L.E. Basket (Denise Titus, Chairperson) :

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be Oct 21-23<sup>rd</sup> in Joplin, MO at Holiday Inn.

Book rooms A.S.A.P the number is (417)782-1000. The hotel is filling up fast.

For more information visit [www.midsouthmile.org](http://www.midsouthmile.org).

Rogers County presented 6 different Made-in-Oklahoma items for the Basket.

## Oklahoma S.M.I.L.E. January 6-8<sup>th</sup>

- Quartz Mountain: \$65 Rooms Room Rate (4 occupancy). Deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>

- \$100 Chapter Registration (unlimited members) OR \$20 a person per Registration.

- Banquet Tickets are \$20 and include 2 meat BBQ, 2 sides, dessert, and drinks.

## OLD BUSINESS:

A: Nominations Remain Open for State

Sergeant At Arms, State Secretary, and **State Treasurer (completion of 2012 Term). Elections held at Nov 12 meeting.**

**C: Discussion of sponsoring State Board Members to events 200+ miles away**

Discussion of 2Rs being our voice and our representation at the Meeting of the Minds and that the State should be paying his way. Discussion of all the time and money 2Rs donates to get ABATE at various events. Supportive comments from COD, NW69, Lakes Area, and Great Plains. Motion by Tulsa Chapter for the State Treasury to pay Garry's expenses to/from the Meeting of the Mind in Romulus, MI (registration, travel expenses, hotel, and meal allowance), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Great Plains. Motion carried unanimously.

## D: Nominations for Lifetime Membership #003

Nominations now open. All nominations must be made in writing with Chapter President's signature. Nomination Form is available by emailing Xman at [BrookBullock3@gmail.com](mailto:BrookBullock3@gmail.com) Tiger Mike and Xman will be Co-Chairs. Discussion that the nominating Chapter provide a Bio and a picture of their Nominee to possibly run the Bio's in the AOBJ. General Consensus that this was a good idea. Xman and Tiger will get a Bio Form created.

## PRIORITY BUSINESS:

1. HAVE FUN! Get your Chapter People to attend the following events:

a.) Attend the Mid-South MILE: Oct 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. Let's Re-claim the Attendance Award!!! (Cuz we all know that TX cheated last year!)

b.) Make Plans for the OKLA S.M.I.L.E. Jan 6-8 at Quartz Mountain

## 2. SUPPORT YOUR MEMBERS

a.) Send \$100 Chapter Registration to Mid-South MILE for unlimited number of Chapter members can attend. Accept the Chapter Challenge to provide 2 hotel rooms for up to 8 members for \$150

b.) Send \$100 Chapter Registration for the Oklahoma SMILE for unlimited Chapter member attendance.

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting LOCATION: 10:30am at Hometown Buffet, 3900 NW 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, (corner of NW 63<sup>rd</sup> and NW Expressway), Oklahoma City, OK 403



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Hello from the Heartland!

My name is Trykemike, and I am the state rep for the newest chapter of ABATE of Oklahoma, the Heartland Chapter. I am proud to be a member of ABATE. I wish someone would have told me sooner about the mission of ABATE. Feel free to ask me, or add me to your lists. I am also on Facebook under "Mike Erwin (Trykemike)" ... I will work as hard as anyone to complete any tasks asked of me for ABATE and my chapter. I try to give 100% to any and all I do.

I'm married to Carolyn (ABATE member) for almost 20 years, and we have a

15 year old daughter in 9th grade. I am a retired locksmith, due to muscular dystrophy, and recovering from a badly broken leg, but that's history now, LOL, thanks to the Lord and great docs. We live in Midwest City and have for 14 years. I ride a VW trike and have been riding since I was 15 or so, licensed. I am a very spiritual person. Anyway, those are just a few words about us.

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed us. God bless you and yours!

-Trykemike, State Rep  
Heartland Chapter, ABATE

# Tiger Tales

**BY TIGER MIKE REVERE**

*President COD Chapter, ABATE of Oklahoma*

Hello, Riding Friends! As I write this, I'm enjoying the cooler fall weather, but saddened at the news that another member of our Riding Family has been violently taken from us. Terri "Butterfly" Thomas, along with her partner Wolfman, both ABATE Lakes Area Chapter members, were victimized last month in a motorcycle wreck caused by a right-of-way violator. Wolfman was severely injured and hospitalized, and Terri was tragically killed.

Even though our state continues to enjoy reduced death and injury rates, we continue to be reminded about how frustrating it is that our Brothers and Sisters continue to die for America's right to drive stupidly!

As of this writing, the perpetrator has not been caught. Please remember the families, friends and ABATE's membership in this time of grief — Ride Free Forever, Butterfly!

Over four hundred motorcyclists and trikers packed the VFW Post in McAlester on Sept. 11 for the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs meeting which, as I mentioned last month, featured elections for the First Chair Position.

Before nominations were closed, the name of AVMC Lucky was included for the office. AVMC Lucky, like all the nominees I mentioned last month, is a dedicated, experienced rider and Freedom-lover as well. Again, many thanks to all these distinguished leaders of the Riding Community for stepping forward.

When the ballots were counted, Bandido Steve-O 1%er was elected to the position. Heartfelt congratulations, Bandido Steve-O! ABATE very much looks forward to working closely with you in fighting for the defense and enhancement of Motorcycling Liberty, in our state and Nationwide.

I was very glad to hear that so many of my ABATE compatriots had a terrific time at this year's Party on the Plains in Lahoma Sept. 30-Oct. 2, which was one of our best-attended and most successful State-level events to-date.

As Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs

Liaison, I attended organizational meetings that weekend to represent ABATE's interests.

Our new Confederation First Chair, Bandido Steve-O 1%er, officially began his tenure with a Christian Unity Conference and Presidents' Meeting on Saturday, followed by a U.S. Defenders Meeting on



Sunday. Under Steve-O's leadership, the OKCOC is committed to improving its organizational effectiveness and accountability to the member groups it serves. Our Spiritual Riding Family intends to expand its Christian Witness, and its meeting provided an excellent forum in which to discuss these issues.

We're going to hold more regular meetings of Oklahoma leadership as well as the rank-and-file so everyone will interact more closely for the betterment of all. Holly Hefton, one of ABATE's legal advisors who's an experienced civil rights attorney, plans to work with the OKCOC on judicial issues.

Whatever changes transpire will be designed to make a productive organization even better — I'm confident in a bright future!

John Pierce, our Legislative Coordinator, gave an educational presentation at the Defenders' Meeting on ABATE's Legislative Goals and Strategy, and I was asked to

speak on our close relationship with the National Coalition of Motorcyclists.

Malvado Bob has been appointed the new U.S. Defenders Commander for Oklahoma, and he'll be succeeding Mark "Bus" Buskirk, who will be the OKCOC Logistics Coordinator.

Congratulations to both of you, and I'm

Annual Board Meeting in Memphis that weekend, after which I'll be returning for our NCOM Region 2 Conference at the Wyndham Hotel in Tulsa Nov. 18-19.

This regional meeting will be enlightening and fun, so I hope lots of Oklahomans will participate.

Check out [www.aimncom.com](http://www.aimncom.com) for an event flyer and a meeting agenda, which will feature South Dakota State Senator Jim Putnam discussing Freedom of the Road issues; TMRA-II Chairman Paul Landers addressing the Fusion Center Threat; AIM Attorney Bill Smith updating on the Trademark Seizure challenge; a multi-state Legislative/Legal Forum, Confederation Meeting and Christian Unity get-together.

I look forward to seeing you there!

## Tiger's Tip O' the Month:

Riders should always expect the unexpected, and November motorcycling can drive the point home.

We can quickly descend into unseasonably cold weather, freezing rain, ice and snow this month as easily as we baked in extreme heat this July and August.

Make sure your bike elements most easily threatened by cold, such as your battery, are attended to or replaced, check your tire pressure more regularly, and guard against hypothermia and wind-chill, which can cause damage before you know it!

We'll close out this month planning another Thanksgiving Day celebration with family, friends and loved ones. As we do this, I want to once again express my deep thanks for what I'm blessed with and sometimes take for granted.

Those blessings include the love and support of my fellow riders who cherish Liberty in Oklahoma, the greatest state in which to ride!

I'll continue to show thanks by giving back with renewed effort to defend that Riding Freedom. Keep riding Safely, Sober and Aware, and I'll touch base with you again as winter draws closer and we get ready for Christmas!

Keep It On The Black Strip Between The Trees, Tiger Mike

enthused to work together with you and our Riding Community in our continued defense of the U.S. Constitution.

Remember: "If you don't realize that you have Rights, then YOU DON'T!"

Here's one last reminder for two significant events I hope you'll be attending. Our Veterans' Day Bike Parade to the Oklahoma Memorial Park at the State Capitol kicks off on Friday, Nov. 11. Please join your fellow riders in tribute to our honored Military!

As usual, we assemble in the Skyline Restaurant parking lot on S.E. 15th Street, ¼ mile east of I-35 in Oklahoma City, and the Parade will depart promptly at 10:20 a.m. Join us in the Parade or meet us at the State House.

Afterwards, the American Legion Post 73 in Del City has invited all participants to join them for a free hot dog cookout! Last year, we had close to 500 attendees, even though it was a workday.

Unfortunately, I'm at the NCOM Semi-



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# 1st annual Bull Run beats the heat

By GARRY "2R" CANADAY

State Coordinator, ABATE of Oklahoma

Whoever would have thought that starting a poker run in the middle of the afternoon at the end of August in Oklahoma would be a good idea? Three Sands ABATE, that's who.

The Bull Run was the brain child of members Roy and Danny as a way to help a Brother after he's gone. Ya see, Bull left behind a daughter and, well, she has a lot of Uncles helping to look out for her.

It would seem that Danny and Bull would throw a little birthday bash every year at the end of August. So it just didn't seem right to not throw one this year just because "Another Biker Has Gone Down" as the poem that was in Bull's funeral program says.

Danny asked Roy if he thought the good folks at the local ABATE chapter would be willing to help him raise a few bucks to help a fallen Brother? And when it was posed to the chapter, it was all hands on deck!

It was decided to make the route short, due to the heat, and to hit some of Bull's favorite dives. We started off at Indigenous Cycles where PJ and John had everything

ready to go.

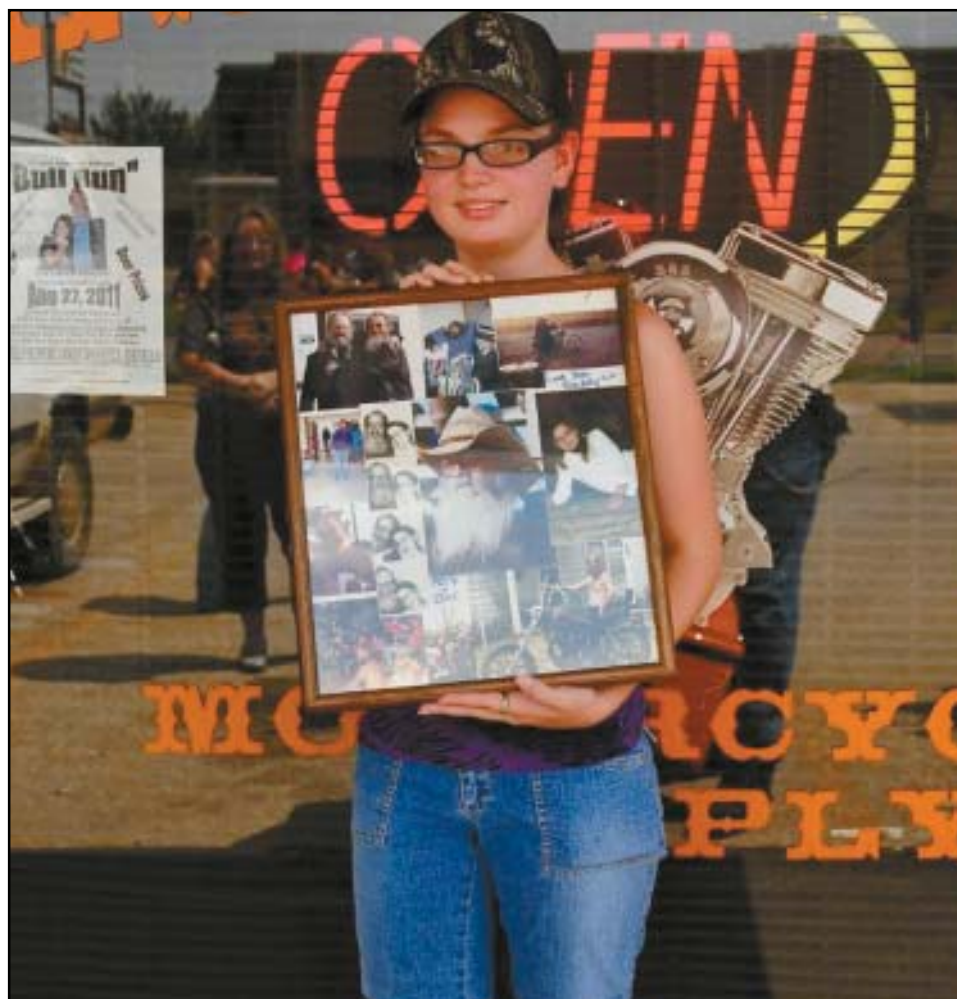
Thanks so much for the water on such a hot day, I should mention that it was provided by Osage Trading Co.

The gals that were working the registration had an extra duty added at the last minute, that I must say they performed above and beyond any expectation I may have had.

They sold bug dots for just \$5 each. And whoever got the bug closest to the center of the dot was the winner, congrats to Ray.

The 1st stop was the Red Barn and then Webb's. The country Bar is where our group caught up with most of the 110 others that registered for this run. Then we headed to Birdlegs in Tonkawa to draw the last card, and to do the 50/50 and find our winners. PJ won the 50/50 and Jeremy won the high hand.

After all the fun of the run we all made our way to the Birthday Party that was included in the price of the \$20 poker hand. We had smoked pork loin and drinks, and even had one of the best local bands I've ever heard. "5 Shades of Gray!" All in all it was a great day, we had a ton of fun and we even signed up a few more ABATE members.



Bull's daughter Chevella at the Bull Run.



Pictured above is ICE at the 1st Annual Bull Run.

Pictured below, Chaz and ICE help Billy draw a card at the Bull Run.



## 'Another Biker Has Gone Down'

I'm sorry friends that I can't be with you to celebrate today but if I were there I'd tell you not to shed a tear or a frown. I'd tell you just simply say, another biker has gone down.

If I were there I'd tell you that I had a wonderful life, that I loved my kids and family and especially my bike.

I loved all my drinking buddies and all my life long friends, I'd raise a toast to all of you, "may your party never end."

If I were there I'd tell you how I loved the small blue highways, how I loved it "in the wind," loved to ride the back road byways.

And loved it when that engine rumbled, and the biker friends who rode with me that would help me when I stumbled.

If I could be there, we'd laugh and share the memories from our past, and this gathering would be just one more tale, another story, not our last.

But today I can't be with you, except in your hearts and memory stories. So you'll have to laugh, lift a glass to me, and then let your engines roar.

Please smile and do not shed a tear, wipe away that silly frown. I'm off upon that final ride, another biker who's gone down.

Author Unknown

# Meeting of the Minds, Part 1

By GARRY "2R" CANADAY

State Coordinator, ABATE of Oklahoma



The day finally arrived that we had been waiting for: a 1000 mile ride to Romulus, Mich. for the national MRF Meeting of the Minds. Skip Moon, our assistant MRF rep, met up with us in Tonkawa and we headed to Collinsville to join the rest of our riding party at John Pierce's house. John, our Legislative Coordinator, and Franklin Kastl, our state treasurer, were there waiting when we pulled in.

It was as near perfect a day as it could be. The wind was in our faces and home was at our backs. We were on a little adventure to see if we could find a way to make Oklahoma a better and safer place to ride. With that idea always running over and over in my mind, we rolled past the miles. It really did seem like in no time at all we had rolled right through Springfield, Mo.

At our dinner stop for the first day the question was asked if we all had seen the Arch? It would be a shame to pass up such a great opportunity if someone hadn't – and as luck would have it, one of us had not!

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to tell ya what a great traveling buddy Skip is. My front tire likes to just randomly go flat. So here we are just below the Arch with four bikes from Oklahoma stopped beneath a no-parking sign and I have a flat. Skip saved the day with an air pump that



Cindy Hodges receiving the Thomas Payne award.

he won at the Sturgis Tune-Up. It truly was a great end to an awesome day. And my front tire is still holding that same air today.

Day 2 and we were in a free state once again. Illinois for a little while until we hit my second favorite state of Indiana. Over lunch we decide the best route to take through Indianapolis. It was decided that John and Franklin would go east through Indy and head straight to Romulus, while Skip, Shannon and I would go north and enjoy a beautiful ride in the north central Indiana country side.

I had only one request that my traveling companions were happy to help with, a quick stop at the University of Notre Dame. I have long wanted a pic of me and Sheryl in front of Touchdown Jesus. Thanks for affording me the opportunity.

Our last day on the journey up was just as beautiful as the others, with the trees just starting to change, except for those darned helmet laws. It is a shame that Michigan has not as of yet gotten their helmet law repealed. It's ok, because even wearing a helmet could not dampen my spirits.

It was just a short ride in to the hotel that morning. Once settled we headed out to the nearest Harley shop, only to find that they were closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. We all thought that to be just a touch odd.

Back to the hotel and one of my favorite parts of the whole event, catching up with friends from all over the nation and making new ones along the way – all of whom are there to help you be better at fighting for your freedom. To be continued ...

Pictured above are members of ABATE of Oklahoma on their way to the Meeting of the Minds stopping at the St. Louis Arch. At left is the 2nd Place Membership Award that was given to ABATE of Oklahoma for the largest percentage of MRF Membership growth. Below, John Pierce awards Carol King and Skip Moon with the 2nd place award.

Photos/Garry "2R" Canaday



# Chapter Meetings Adjourned



## C.O.D. Chapter

President Tiger Mike called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on Sept. 11, 2011.

New member Johnny Lee at meeting tonight and guest was TrykeMike, chapter rep for Heartland Chapter. Moment of silence and prayer. Motion to waive and approve minutes of last meeting by Stick, second by Don, carried unanimously.

Treasurer report given by Jon, motion to approve by Ripper, second by DeRail, passed unanimously.

State Rep Report: Still looking for instructors for Share the Road Program in schools and for a State Safety Officer to replace Paul Brinker. Legislative ideas for next session are trying to eliminate any handlebar height restrictions, anti-profiling laws and to eliminate the need for fusion centers.

ABATE is not having a booth at the State Fair. If your membership cards are not correct contact Elly Criner at 302 E. College, Blackwell, OK 74631 or 580-363-0321. The State had to oversee the dissolution of the Kiamichi Chapter but we may have another chapter in the making in the McAlester-Ada area.

To be a member of the ABATE members yahoo group go to [abate\\_members@yahoo.com](http://abate_members@yahoo.com). The moderator is Carol King at [tulsavicrider@aol.com](mailto:tulsavicrider@aol.com).

Old Business: Rose gave updates on the

chapter merchandise, temporary membership cards, and Facebook page update and the chapter decided to go with the 6X2 banner. Jon gave the COD website update. COD is helping with Horse Feathers equine rescue on their poker run Oct. 29; info at 214-206-7949. Heartland Chapter wants to do a joint fund raiser with COD; the vote will be next month. Jon is updating the membership tri-fold and sending postcards to expiring members.

Chapter nominations are: Freedom Fighter Spur-Stick, and Lifetime Member-Ripper.

Mid-South Mile is Oct. 22-23.

New Business: Party on the Plains is Sept. 30-Oct. 2

NCOM Reg. 2 conference is Nov. 18-19 in Tulsa. OK Smile on Jan. 6-8 at Quartz Mountain.

MRF Meeting of the Minds is Sept. 23-25.

50/50 won by Tall Bear.

Next chapter meeting Oct. 13, 7:00 pm at Skyline. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Carmaletta Lara – Secretary

## Heartland Chapter

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m., Sept. 11, 2011, by IR. Special Guest 2R State Coordinator. Soon follows the Pledge of Allegiance, Flag Salute, and prayer requests. TrykeMike requested we pray for

all of the troops and all safe return of members to their homes.

Resignation of Tina Hughes was accepted by JD. Treasurer position was accepted by Jewel with stipulation that an audit is done by Frank. Bylaws approved to be amended so Secretary and Treasurer position "can be" held by same person. Secretary Report was given by Jewel, emphasis on needing communication by members in response to outgoing messages. Wonderful idea by Mike to be presented to State Board at October meeting.

Resignation of current VP received and accepted by JD. Elections for vacant position to be held in November. Communication has greatly improved since appointing Christa as Communication Director. Meeting notes from the August meeting were approved and reading was waived.

State Board meeting Report was given by TrykeMike. As of this meeting we have 38 members. Several ideas for fundraising discussed including Halloween event for Bethel Schools spearheaded by Whitney Gonzales, future member. Adjourned by 1R at 10:10 p.m.

~ Elizabeth Graham, Secretary/Treasurer

## Northwest 69 Chapter

Our September meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance led by

Jaime Green, followed by:

Financial report by Kim Beaner.

Membership report by Debbi Green showing us with 210 active members, and 31 attended our September meeting.

State Report by AJ White and Shooter showing us with 1,176 active members within the State ABATE Chapters. The issue of handle bar height has been dropped due to the fact that it hasn't been found as a real issue to be pursued. But the profiling issues are alive and well with actions being taken to address this in the next legislative session by starting the actions that lead to writing what is necessary to reform this type of action legally.

Our resident Safety Advisor would like to remind everyone to watch tire pressures due to the rapid weather changes we have

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this time of year.

We donated \$200 to Dan Johnston, our DJ that backs us faithfully at Q102 and its sister stations. We all know him as Grendyl or Eric Daniels. He was faced with surgery to remove an aneurism that was causing severe head trauma and needed to be removed before it caused further problems. He has recently had his surgery and is back on the air and doing well.

The final results of the Foss Lake Weekend were discussed and the upcoming White Trash Party at the Stewarts. Which by the way, a big high five should go out to everyone involved in helping make this a success for Debbie and Steve, they worked hard all year to make it happen, everyone that attended made it a success. This little idea looks to turn into something big someday.

Your news lady, Tammy

## Rogers County

Sept 16, 2011 at Claremore VFW

Board members present:

President: Scott Williams

V-President: Eddie Wood

Secretary: Marie Barton

Treasurer: Sherry LaRue

Sgt. of Arms: Artie Clarke

State Rep: Scott Barton

List of all members present will be kept on file with Meeting minutes.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35

pm

Pledge of Allegiance and A Moment of Silence

Scott mentioned Oct. is the beginning of nomination for E-board. If you would like to nominate someone, please make sure that he/she is there to accept the nomination.

II. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer report given by Sherry Larue. Motion was made by Randall and seconded by John and accepted by a vote of the members.

III. Secretary Report: Minutes of last meeting. Motion was made to accept report by Chris Second by Tony . Accepted by a vote of the members.

IV. State Rep Report Motion was made to accept report by Randall Seconded by Tim. Accepted by vote of the members.

Committee Reports:

Car Show: Tim Clarke - We are set up for a good spot Sat 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 set up in the morning. We will set up the ABATE booth, and pass out Biker Journals, attempt to sign up new members and sell our left over T-shirts and our Diffusers.

Randall: Plaque for James is ordered and it will be ready by next meeting.

Toy Run: Scott W. has sent the Letter to the Casino and went missing, so he hand delivered the letters to the Casino. We've asked for two Kegs of beer in addition to what we had last year. Karen did talk with Allie at the casino and they are waiting on the casino's approval and then will let us know in a week or so.

V. Old business

A. Several months ago we discussed getting Ten year pin. Sherry Booger Charlie and Randall. Have our state Rep pick up

the round pins at state meeting.

B. Booger asked if we have heard any information about the State Fair having a no colors policy. Scott mentioned that we have no additional information and if you want to wear your patch please take an AIM card with you.

C. Mid South mile basket information was given to state.

VI. New Business

A. Starting up the bug run for Toys For Tots. First one is going to Twin Peaks on the Sept. 30, \$5 a plate. Cars and bikes are both welcome. Nov. 20 is Buckets' Toys for Tots Toy Run. For more information please contact Karen Butler or Buckets.

B. Charlie is going to the Toys for Tots meeting and they are asking if ABATE is onboard with them this year. Scott wants to know if ABATE wants to do like we did last year and raise money for toys or just do the toy run and donations? Nov. 5 is Rogers County Toy Run Toys for Tots.

C. Booth Set up at the beginning of the toy run could we get someone to set up the booth at the Expo where the line up begins. Tim Clarke, Chris Ritter and Leslie Clarke volunteered to do the booth.

D. Scott B. would like to ask for Rogers County Abate to support creating and selling an ABATE ring as a fund raiser for our Chapter to sell to all Oklahoma Abate members. Richard makes a motion to have this investigated further, Seconded by Chris, Accepted by a vote of the members.

E. Discussed the COC patch and that we can wear it but if you separate yourself from ABATE you will be required to give back the COC patch.

VIII. Adjourn. Next meeting is Oct. 21, 2011.

Pot luck \$40 no winner. Rolls over to next meeting.

## South Central Chapter

We had our September meeting in our new meeting venue on Sept. 20, 2011. The people at Casa Romo's Mexican Restaurant were very glad to see us. The food was great and the service was just as good. We hope to continue this relationship.

President called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance

Prayer by David Englehardt

All officers present; 25 people present at meeting; two guests present.

Reading of previous meeting minutes was waived.

Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Guest speaker Bill Jones informed the chapter members of the upcoming tax for the Ardmore area and urged them to vote for this tax because it will help the local SOAS keep ambulance coverage for the entire county.

Nominations for new executive board officers was opened with nominations for all positions.

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General discussion contained thoughts on membership. How can we keep our membership and how can we get more members interested in renewing their memberships. We also discussed membership drives and revenue venues.

All members were invited to attend the Nuptial Renewal of Mike and Christy Dove on Oct. 15. After the vow renewal, we will be riding to Mena, Ark. and will return the next day.

The 50/50 was won by Phillip Rose.

### Three Rivers Chapter

The general membership meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. on Sept. 20, 2011, by Troy Underwood. We gave the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer was given. The presiding officer, Interim President Jake Kennedy, welcomed everyone who attended the meeting.

Callie Catcher read the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Charolette Underwood to approve the report as read. The motion was seconded by Jim Rigler and passed.

Jake Kennedy gave the MRF report. He reported that the NHTSA has backed off the national helmet law and is instead promoting education. He also presented an article titled Obama Administration wants Per-Mile Tax and Freeway Tolls. There was discussion about how this could affect motorcycle riders and citizens in general. Membership was asked to contact their Legislature against this proposal.

Jim McKinney gave the State Rep report and a summary of action required by the chapter.

Chrissy Kennedy gave the Membership Report. There are currently 76 active members. Ten members were contacted about memberships expiring 8/31/11 and 42 expired members were emailed inviting them back and requesting why they let their memberships to expire. Only two past members replied.

There was no merchandise report. Charolette was asked to provide a detailed report of remaining merchandise and its dollar value, a report of total merchandise sold in the last year and its dollar value for the October meeting. This report was part of the requirement the Chapter asked for when purchasing the merchandise.

#### Unfinished Business

Bandido Steve-O was elected as the 1st Chair of the COC.

Callie presented the new quote for the Chapter patches. USA Industries will charge \$1.50 for a 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" patch and \$2.02 for a 4 1/4" x 3" patch with a minimum of 100 patches ordered. Justin Hall moved to order 100 4 1/4" x 3" silk screened patches. It was seconded by Jim Rigler and passed.

A draft of the Chapter By-Laws was presented. A motion was made by Callie Catcher to table the review of the By-laws to the November meeting and to appoint Justin Hall as the pointman for the Bylaws with Callie Catcher and Chrissy Kennedy as advisors for IRS requirements for incorporation. The motion was seconded by Jim Rigler and passed.

The bank account name still has not been changed. We need to send a signed copy of the minutes with the information to be changed.

Continuation of nominations for Officers

2012-2014 term:

President: James McKinney

Vice President: Justin Hall

Secretary: Jennifer Pofahl

Treasurer: Louise King, Jennifer Hall

Sergeant at Arms: Troy Underwood

There were no new nominations made.

Nominations were officially closed.

The membership discussed what the options were for filling the vacant position created by Tim Catcher's resignation.

The Chapter voted in a previous meeting to sponsor Justin and Jennifer Hall going to the Mid-South MILE. Chrissy Kennedy was asked to follow-up with the Holiday Inn - Joplin inquiring if reservations were ever made for them.

#### New Business

Jennifer Pofahl would like to see the Facebook Page profile picture changed. Callie Catcher will send the JPEG for the new patch to Chrissy Kennedy to change the picture.

Membership was asked if they wanted separate emails set up for our annual events. A motion was made by Jim McKinney that we do not make event emails. The motion was seconded by Jim Rigler and passed.

The ABATE Chaplain information was passed to the membership.

The new ABATE chapter Southeastern OK ABATE near McAlester was announced.

The Defender Alert was announced to the membership informing them of the NO COLORS policy of the OKC State Fair. No action is required of this Defender Alert. The COC suggests getting film of your group attending the State Fair when they ask you to remove your Colors and send it to Malvado What About Bob.

#### Committees

Jake Kennedy gave the run down on the preparations of the Toy Run. It is Nov. 20, line up at Curts Mall at 12pm, kick stands up at 1pm. The final route is to be determined. We will be at Creek Nation Casino Muscogee again.

Jennifer Pofahl asked for a date for the Swap Meet. The membership agreed to do the Swap Meet the same weekend as the Chili Cook-off.

Callie Catcher gave two proposed dates for the Gunners Run, May 12 or May 19.

Chrissy "Duchess" Kennedy, Secretary/Membership Coordinator

### Three Sands Chapter

Called to order by Chaz at 2 p.m., Sept. 11, 2011, with 48 in attendance.

Meeting started with a moment of silence in remembrance of the 9/11 attack. Invocation was given by Roy with prayer requests sent for Dawn's Grandmother, Tinkle's aunt, Shawna having trouble with seizure medication, Tenpoint and his family in the loss of his grandpa, and all armed service men and women.

Flag salute lead by Sarge.

50/50 by Dipper.

Introduction of Guest: Todd S. of Ponca City, Brian Wilson 412 member, and Amanda S. of Tonkawa.

State Rep report by Animal. Motorcycle Safety Council meeting Sept 13 at 1 p.m. in OKC. Booth at Pawhuska, state donated \$250 to help Osage Biker days reopen. 5 Shades of Grey will DJ Friday night of State

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Party. Handle Bar height issue will be dropped. \$100 to SMILE needs to be paid. State Coordinator will receive funds to travel to out of state events. Motion to pay \$100 to SMILE made by Sarge, 2nd by Staz, motion carried. Motion to accept report by Sarge, 2nd Shrimpi.

Treasurer report by Tenpoint, accept report Sarge, 2nd Girlfriend.

Membership report ICE: 188 members, 5 new, 8 renew. Accept report Sarge, 2nd Girlfriend

Merchandise Report Cactus: no full inventory. Two large patches and a bunch of small. Report at the October meeting of full inventory. Accept report Staz, 2nd Dipper

New Business:

Nominations for 2012 officers has started. Email nominations to Secretary until Nov. meeting. All voting will be at the meeting in November; no email or phone voting.

Halloween party Oct 29 if Legion's

schedule permits. Deb Spalding chairperson. Tinkle 1<sup>st</sup>, Danny 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Toy Run: Dawn chair, ending at Peachtree landing, will need Parade permit for Nov. 26.

Rooms at SMILE: Deb and Tinkles, Kat and Soxks, Chaz and Elly

AML: raffle for \$500, \$2.00 a chance or 3 for \$5.00; drawing after Veterans Day parade need not be present to win. Burger nights 5-8, 1st and 3rd Friday \$5.00

Shrimpi announced Bandido Stevo 1st Chair of COC.

Up-coming events:

Oct. 22 Vietnam Vet of America poker run Ponca City

Oct 20-23 Sparks

Oct 29 Lakes Area Halloween party

Nov. 26 Toy Run

50/50: \$136.00 total winner of \$68 Wanda Dewell

Motion to adjourn Cactus, 2nd Sarge

Next meeting Sunday, Oct. 9, 2:00pm at American Legion Ponca City.

# ABATE of Oklahoma, Inc

## Application for Membership

Prior Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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NEW

RENEWAL

Cash

Check

Money Order

Full Membership \$25/year

3 Year Membership \$70/3 Year

5 Year Membership \$120/5 Year

Card Laminating \$1/per card

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STATE PATCH (7x7) \$25/EACH

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## Help us to help Oklahoma's Motorcycling Community Become a Sustaining Member



Application for Sustaining Membership in ABATE of Oklahoma

Individual Name or Company you want listed in the Biker Journal:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Which level of membership do you wish?

- Bronze \$100 per year
- Silver \$250 per year
- Gold \$500 per year
- Diamond \$1,000 per year

You will have your name listed in the newsletter as a sustaining member of ABATE of Oklahoma, receive a certificate suitable for framing and also know that we will continue to be here in the fight for your riding freedoms.

Please make checks payable to:  
ABATE of Oklahoma and mail to:  
c/o Franklin L. Kastl, III  
11109 S. Hudson Ave.  
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By signing this application, I agree to waive any and all claims against ABATE of Oklahoma, Inc., its officers, board members and general members for any personal or property loss or damage which may occur as a result of my participation in ABATE functions. I understand that ABATE cannot and will not assume responsibility for my safety, and that if I participate in any ABATE sponsored activity, ride or event, I do so voluntarily, assuming all risks and I release and hold ABATE harmless for any personal injury or property loss which may result there from.

Member's Signatures:

FULL: \_\_\_\_\_

FULL: \_\_\_\_\_

# Riding Oklahoma!

## October brings Bike, Blues, and BBQ and Party on the Plains

By **JIM MCKINNEY**

3 Rivers ABATE State Representative

It is not often that I run into a situation where I have to choose between two events on a single weekend. However, the first weekend in October provided this challenge ride to one of the largest events in this area (Bike Blues, and BBQ) in Fayetteville or attend an event with ABATE of Oklahoma (Party on the Plains) in Lahoma.

So using my best analytical skills I decided to review the positive and negative aspects of both.

Fayetteville has become one of the largest biker events in this area yielding an estimated 250,000 riders from Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, and Missouri. Since I hadn't made prior plans it appeared I would be camping out if I went to Fayetteville and Lahoma offered similar accommodations.

So accommodations did not play a major role in my decision. Then I thought about the distance to either and both were close to the same distance from my location so that was a wash.

Finally, I thought about cause and effect. Was I meeting anyone there and what would I do once I got there? Fayetteville had lots of vendors where you can spend money- there were events but they seem to have been badly arranged and none were to my liking over the weekend.

The Party on the Plains also had vendors and a bike show, motorcycle games, a tattoo contest and other rider oriented events. I guess the biggest factor was that the Party on the Plains usually has 500-1000 riders over the weekend where Fayetteville projected 250,000 riders. I decided to load up the sleeping bag, tent and some provisions and head out to Party on the Plains.

The ride was phenomenal traveling north on US 75 and then west across the Cimarron Turnpike to Hwy 412. A few months ago I found this ride hot and desolate but with cooling weather most of the ride was beautiful.

Except for one section of highway repair the road was great. I just about wore out my left arm waving at riders headed eastbound to the event I decided not to attend. Upon arriving I paid a \$10 access fee to the Westlake Resort and drove around to find friends I knew would be there.

Since the venue is small and the park is well laid out I found my friends in record time. Last year I went to



Fayetteville and spent the whole weekend looking for friends that were supposed to be meeting me.

I set up camp and decided to go for a walk and see the vendors. I carried my chaps with me since there was a patch and leather vendor. It was amazing it only took 10 minutes to get a repair completed and no long wait. I visited the ABATE of Oklahoma booth and picked up some shirts for my son and daughter in law and walked over to enjoy some live music, tasty pulled pork, and a glass of sweet tea.

While I was there I saw a number of my friends from ABATE and we had lots of great conversations about ABATE, the upcoming elections in the chapters, and the State executive officer elections. Needless to say I heard

lots of great ideas for the growing membership rolls, generating revenue, and promoting Biker Safety and Awareness.

As the night cooled the campfires were lit and everyone shared stories, joked, and occasionally pulled a prank or two on someone or the other. It was a great night and I finally retreated to my tent around 2 am for some much needed rest. Around 6 am I could hear coffee pots boiling and the aroma of breakfast was everywhere. I finally got up to enjoy some of the fine camp brewed coffee.

I rode home collecting my thoughts and thinking about how fortunate I was to attend an event where the purpose was to have fun, and enjoy other bikers rather than line some vendor's pockets.

