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BE SAFE!

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Some of A.B.A.T.E.'s accomplishments over the years:

- Successfully lobbied for legislation that created the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GMSP), our state's rider education program that is available to all.
- Lobbied to have legislation passed to modify the existing mandatory helmet law to allow adults age 21 and older freedom of choice as to the wearing of a helmet.
- Successfully lobbied for legislation leading to the repeal of the Georgia law prohibiting use of speakers or headphones while riding a motorcycle.
- Fought and stopped legislation introduced in the 1992 Session of the Georgia General Assembly that would have made it illegal for kids age 10 and under to ride as passengers on motorcycles.
- Established May as "Motorcycle Awareness and You" month through a proclamation signed by the Governor and through resolutions passed by the Senate and House each year. This is an annual effort that raises public awareness of motorcycles.
- Successfully lobbied legislators to approve increased funding for the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program, in the amount of \$170,000 after the license tag rate was raised on all vehicles to \$20.
- Successfully stopped proposed legislation that would have increased the size of motorcycle tags.
- Successfully lobbied for handicapped tags for motorcycles without further enabling legislation, by bringing it to the attention of the Department of Revenue that the code section was written in such a way that it was already authorized.
- Successfully lobbied for antique tags for motorcycles in the 1998 legislative session.
- Established a 15 District organization that has led to more participation locally, while raising our membership statewide. The more members we have, means the more clout we have at the State Capitol.
- Sponsor and promote the largest Swap Meet/Bike Show in Georgia, 5 times a year.
- Successfully forced prosecution of a trucker who, while making an illegal turn, killed fellow motorcyclist Mark Bonner.
- Successfully lobbied to pass the "Frank-Lee" (ROW) bill to enhance penalties to those who cause death or serious injury to a motorcyclists by failing to yield the right of way.
- Successfully lobbied to pass the "Tag/Title" bill SB-437 that allows for registration of kit/assembled bikes. Signed by Governor Purdue May 14, 2008.

Your benefits as a member of A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia:

Organized lobbying of State and Federal legislators to make your views on motorcyclist rights known to your Representatives.

Current information on all motorcycle related legislation and where your legislators stand on the issues that affect your motorcycling rights and freedoms.

Monthly newsletter with legislative updates, event dates and places, and information

Membership card, patch, and one year pin for new members. Yearly pin for renewals.

Admission discounts at most A.B.A.T.E. events around the state, including ALL State Swap Meets.

Discounts at many motorcycle shops and dealers around the state

Personal satisfaction of joining your brothers and sisters in promoting the great sport of motorcycling while supporting your right to ride by participation at State and District meetings, toy runs, blood drives, camp-outs, bike shows, swap meets, etc.

Spiritual consultation with the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) for ride prayers, weddings, and visitation.

A.B.A.T.E. OF GEORGIA, Inc. IS A TEAM EFFORT
WE WELCOME ALL RIDERS, ALL BRANDS

WHAT IS A.B.A.T.E. OF GEORGIA, Inc.?

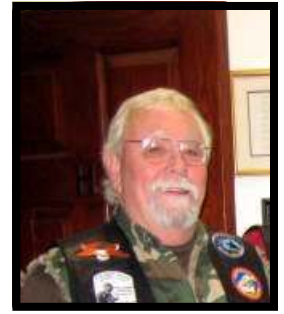
The letters "A.B.A.T.E." stand for **American Bikers Active Toward Education**. A.B.A.T.E. is composed of motorcyclists from all areas of the state, from all walks of life, and who ride all makes of bikes. A.B.A.T.E. is not a club, it is a non-partisan politically active organization working on motorcyclist's rights. We are affiliated with national rights groups like the **American Motorcyclist Association (AMA)**, the **Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF)** and the **National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)**.

Our main focus is to keep motorcycle legislation in its proper perspective. Many restrictive laws are enacted by uninformed legislators. A.B.A.T.E.'s goal is to keep our lawmakers informed of our members collective position on Motorcycle related legislation. Preventing unfair legislation from becoming law is easier than fighting to get the law repealed.

Rider education and public awareness of motorcyclists are goals of A.B.A.T.E.. We are **not** against the wearing of helmets, and we encourage all riders to ride safely. An informed and educated rider is a safer rider. Helmet laws do nothing to prevent an accident, and a helmet only provides the illusion of safety, while **rider education** is proven to prevent accidents and save lives.



Dan Forrest, State Director



The last published figures I saw indicated that we had 191,000 registered motorcycles in Georgia and that was published a couple of years ago. With the upsurge in motorcycling I would guess that we are around 200,000 by now.

ABATE of Georgia has approx 1700 members or something less than 1%. We can change this one member at a time.

Let's do the math and work this out together,

Each month for the next 12 month each member recruits 1 member.

January 2012 - 1700 members recruit 1700 members.

February 2012 - 3400 members recruit 3400 members.

March 2012 - 6800 members recruit 6800 members.

April 2012 - 13,600 members

I think you can see where this is going, and the answer is that by the end of August we have exhausted our source of bikers and are working on other people of interest.

That is 8 months of each member getting a member. For those who are the original 1700 we only need to bring in 8 new members each to make it work. Easy and simple so now let's get started.

Every one of us rides with or knows 8 people who ride and are not members of ABATE. This is our source of new members. They are the people we see and talk to on a regular basis. We have a lot to offer every motorcyclist in the state and as a member I would hope that you are proud enough to belong to ABATE and you would want your friends to be members also.

As the Voice of motorcyclists we need a loud strong voice that can be heard above the roar of the uninformed and uneducated. We need to be heard by those who are attempting to pass legislation that is anti-Biker and we must be even louder when it comes to getting legislation passed. We have done a great job in getting the number moving in the right direction and this is not the time to slow down.

I have talked to a couple of District Coordinators that use local motorcycle events to set up a booth to promote ABATE and seek new members. This seems to be a great avenue to get the word out and the members coming in. District 9 has even gone so far as to purchase a Snow Cone Machine to help draw people to the booth and make a little money in the process. D-11 attended a large biker event and handed out over 500 applications and 50 newsletters. D-9-2 has attended over 15 events in the past 18 months and yes we do get members from this effort and we are putting the ABATE name out there.

The state office has available for your district extra membership application cards to pass out at events and I encourage each member to keep some in their bikes so we can hand them out when we find an interested person.

Remember 1 new member per member each month. We can do it.



Do you know of a traffic signal that does not see your bike when you pull up? Is there a pothole that no one will fix? Is there some form of road hazard that public works **NEEDS** to repair? Are there roads that have more than a few isolated accidents, with or without fatalities?

If so, **TELL US!** Go to www.abatega.org/hazard.htm

<http://www.abatega.org/roadhazard.htm>

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A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia District Boundaries

1W: The Fourth Saturday of each month at the Dari Dip on Villanow St. Lafayette. Meeting starts at 11:00am

1:1st Tuesday of the month at the Sports Zone 3359 HWY 411 Elton GA 10% given to A.B.A.T.E. MEMBERS call

2: 1st Sunday of the month at El Jinete Mexican Restaurant 345 W. Louise Street (Historic Hwy 441) Clarkesville, GA 30523

3 The Watering hole ,Tri County Plaza 451 W Bankhead HWY Villa Rica 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm

4W :2nd Wednesday of the month at Reids Deli on Veterans Memorial Highway in Austell, 8PM.

6/2: the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM @Jekyll and Hyde's, HWY 29 North, Newnan

6 :1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at The Grove Bar and Grill, 4681 Bill Gardner Pkwy.,

9: 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at Player's on 54th St. Columbus.

9/2: 3rd Monday of the Month at 6 pm Red Rooster Restaurant West Point Rd Lagrange GA.

4E : 1st Wednesday of the Month 7PM, Con-fetti's Bar and Grill, 6470 Spalding Dr. Norcross, GA 30092-4656

5N: third Tuesday of the month 7PM at Cycle World 4225 Atlanta Highway

5 : 7:00PM 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 5 O'Clock Somewhere 7189 Turner Lake Rd Covington Ga

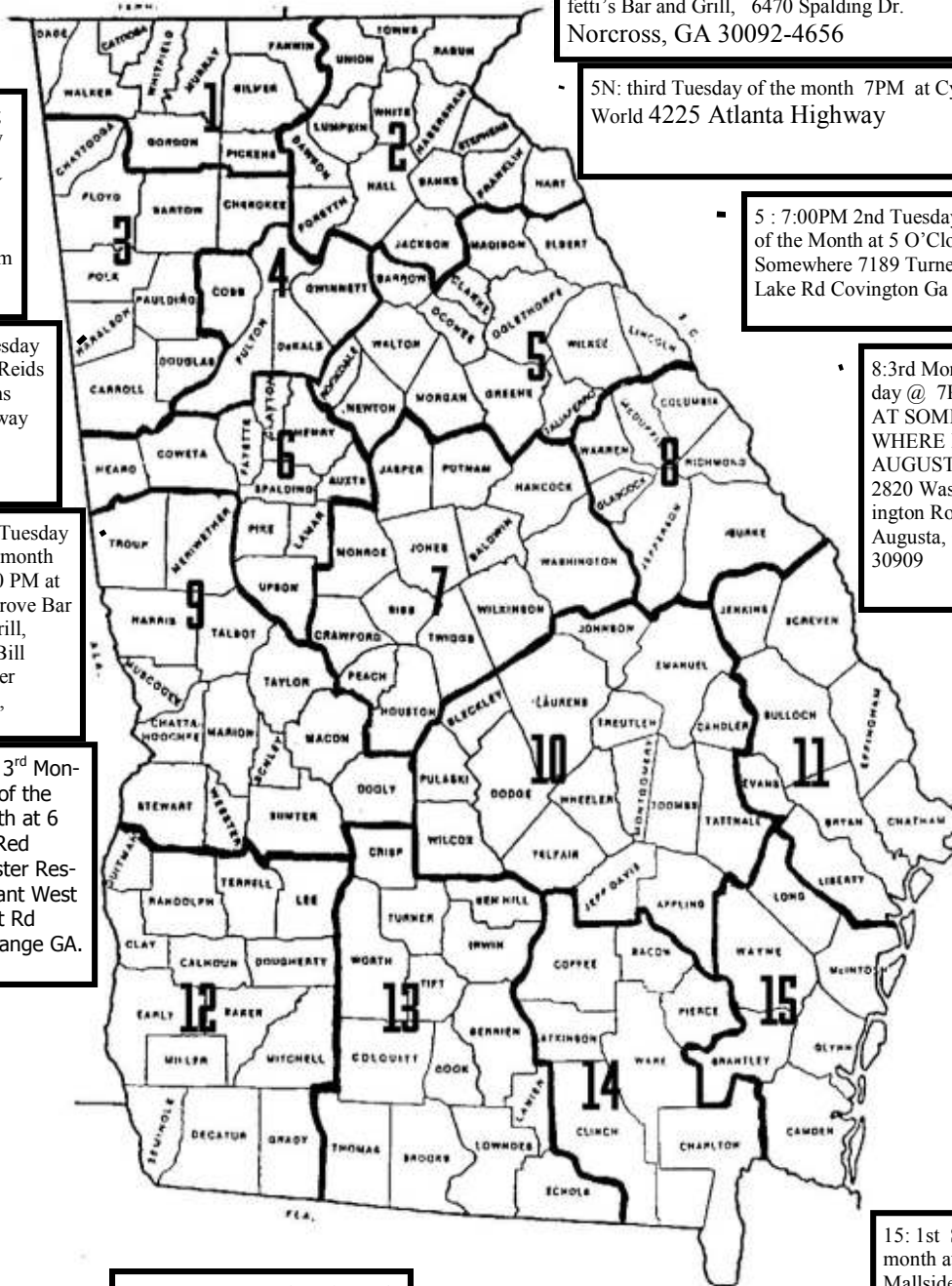
8:3rd Monday @ 7PM AT SOMEWHERE IN AUGUSTA 2820 Washington Road Augusta, GA 30909

7: 1st Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM at AP's Hidden Hideaway on Broadway in Macon

11: 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:00 PM at The Redleg Saloon Savannah, GA

13: Meets 1st Sunday of Month @2PM in Tifton at El Chile Verde

15: 1st Sunday of every month at 3PM at Spanky's Mallside in Brunswick





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ALL proceeds go to promoting our Legislative agenda and electing "pro-motorcycle" candidates.

Drawing New Years Day at:

"CHAZ AND DIANN'S New Years Day Cookout & Bike Party"

5976 Wrightsboro Rd. Harlem, Ga. 30814

For further info or tickets contact your local ABATE District or
MotoPac of Ga. c/o Joey Brush 5063 Reynolds Way, Grovetown Ga. 30813
joeybrush@att.net www.abatega.org/districtmap.htm

You do NOT have to be present to win!



Justice Riders

Riding for Justice is a cause that I feel strongly about and I believe that we can make a difference in the outcome of arraignments of those who have taken the life of a motorcycle rider.

When the family of a victim requests us to be at the court for a hearing or a trial I would like to believe that we can pull together a solid group to honor their requests. They do not have to be ABATE members.

This would have to be done **ONLY** at the request of the family and would need to be coordinated at each district level. This could fall under the legislative director's duties.

This is not a mandate but rather a suggestion for us to do in order to show our commitment to the victim's families and to let the Judicial system know we are fed up with the hand slap penalties that have been handed out.

Recently the final chapter in the death of Keith Etheridge played out in the Meriwether County GA courts. We first rode to the courthouse months ago at the request of the Etheridge family to show our support for a strong penalty against the driver that caused Keith's death. We found that the driver had not even been arrested and may not have been had it not been for the 25 or so bikes that showed up that day. We were denied access to the court house as was every one else that day that did not have official business.

THEY KNEW WE WERE THERE AND WHY WE WERE THERE!

Just the other day a request came in to provide support at the court house again for the Etheridge family and even with very short notice a few came together just to find out that the arraignment was postponed until, the next day.

In the words of Keith's brother "The court System was a failure to the family" as the Judge imposed a 12 month suspended sentence, one year probation, a \$1000.00 fine but did not revoke driving privileges. Clay felt that the judge did not really even want to be that harsh.

Clay believes that had we not been there the first time to show support and unity that even this small sentence may not have even happened.

Riding for Justice can make a difference.

-Dan

Final Results of Georgia Department of Transportation Road Safety Audit on State Route 190 in Meriwether County, Georgia

By Sue Duggan

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Dan Forrest, ABATE State Coordinator
Sue Duggan, ABATE Education Director
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Jeff Swiderski - Design Engineer II, GDOT
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Patrick Allen - Traffic Design Supervisor, GDOT
Scott Parker - District 3 Traffic Operations Manager, GDOT
Scott Zehngraft - General Operations Manager, GDOT
Sgt. Lawrence Harrell, GSP

The Road Safety Audit (RSA) was conducted between August 10-11, 2011, along a 3.6 mile segment of SR 190 in Meriwether County, Pine Mountain, Georgia. For this route segment, both the crash and severity rates exceed the statewide average. Over 80% of the crashes that occurred from 2005-2011 have been single vehicle crashes and many of those crashes involved motorcyclists.

The original meeting took place in Thomaston, Georgia. After a lengthy discussion and multiple views via Google Earth, it was decided to personally visit this stretch of SR 190. Several members of the above team walked the area of mile marker 2. Multiple motorcycle parts and downed highway poles were found along the path. There were signs of tire marks and painted remnants of recent accidents at several points along this stretch of the highway. Concerned, the Audit Team traveled a four mile stretch via GDOT van and discussed multiple issues. Here are the results of this audit.

First, the RSA team recommended signing individual curves with appropriate warning signs and advisory speed plaques near the curves. They also recommended a maintenance resurfacing project to adjust the super elevation rates of mile marker 2 in the upcoming years.

Second, chevron arrow markers should be installed around the curves, being placed farther away from the edge of the pavement as possible.

Third, the team recommended adding a message in paint on the pavement in advance of the sharp curves such as "SLOW CURVE AHEAD".

Fourth, trees located within the curves should be removed to allow increased sight distance.

Fifth, rumble strips should be added to the shoulders or on the edge lines in the short term and there should be consideration for widening and improving the shoulder material in the future.

Sixth, restriping the study area and using reduced RPM spacing (dumb dots) in the curves was recommended.

Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

Take Action!

Urge your Representative to support today!



On October 14, 2011, Representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduced H.R. 3199. This bill would require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to seek independent scientific analysis on the effects of 15 percent ethanol blend (E15) gasoline. "The EPA's decision to allow E15 into the marketplace will impact every American who owns a car, lawnmower or boat," Sensenbrenner said. Automakers insist that using E15 will void warranties, lower fuel efficiency and cause premature engine failure. In off-road engines, the effects can even be dangerous for users. "There are serious concerns that the EPA used only one Department of Energy test and rushed E15's introduction into the marketplace," Sensenbrenner said. "This test was limited in scope and ignored a plethora of evidence – albeit inconvenient evidence for the EPA – that shows E15 gasoline has a negative effect on engines."

The Energy and Environment Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, chaired by Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD), held a hearing entitled "Hitting the Ethanol Blend Wall: Examining the Science on E15" on July 7. To watch an archived webcast of the hearing, [click here](#).

The new E15 gasoline formulation may appear at a fueling station near you and you need to be careful where you use this new fuel blend. That is because the EPA, in October 2010, approved E15 for use in model year 2007 and newer light duty vehicles (cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles). In January 2011, it added model year 2001-2006 light duty vehicles to the approved list.

Riders should pay attention to this list because no motorcycles or ATVs are currently listed.

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is concerned about E15 because it burns hotter than gasoline that contains a lesser amount of ethanol. In engines not designed to dissipate that extra heat, damage in the form of premature wear can result. Although this is a concern in all motorcycles, it's particularly problematic for air-cooled engines found in many bikes. Moreover, use of E15 may even void the manufacturer warranty.

Since the approved list includes many light-duty vehicles in use today, refineries, distributors, and fueling stations may choose to offer primarily E15 gasoline because of this action by the EPA. This should concern all motorcyclists and off-highway enthusiasts since this may affect the availability of gasoline with less or no ethanol (E10 or E0).

We need your help to pass H.R. 3199. You can find contact information for your Representative at [AmericanMotorcyclist.com > Rights > Issues & Legislation](#), then enter your zip code in the "Find your Officials" box. A prewritten e-mail is available for you to send to your federal elected official immediately by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information.

For more information on this issue, read the August issue of American Motorcyclist magazine, which includes a column entitled "Alcohol and Motorcycles Don't Mix." To view the column, [click here](#).

In a previous AMA alert, Representative Sensenbrenner also introduced H.R. 748. This bill would prohibit the Administrator of the EPA from authorizing the use of gasoline containing greater than 10 percent ethanol in certain vehicles. For more information on H.R. 748, [click here](#).

Again, the AMA urges you to write your Representative today and ask them to support H.R. 748 and H.R. 3199.

MRF Beast of the East

ABATE of Georgia is hosting the 2012 MRF Beast of the East Conference April, 13-15 in Atlanta Georgia.

The Beast of the East is an excellent training ground to better prepare us in being more effective in our efforts to protect our rights as an MRO. We are very fortunate to have this conference in our state and we need to support this conference both with volunteers as well as delegates.

MRF conferences are widely recognized as the premier training programs for motorcyclist rights activist and people from all over the Eastern US will attend this conference. The instructors are well recognized in their various fields.

Every Officer should plan on attending and any other member that wants to be better prepared to fight the fight should be there as well.

We will be in contact with your district looking for Volunteers and Donations to help defray our costs involved with hosting this event. It is not a huge expense and an event that raises a hundred dollars per district would help. Motorcycle dealers, Clubs, Attorneys, retail shops etc should be willing to donate \$50 to \$100 to help sponsor a break or provide a gift item for the Silent Auction and door prizes.

Start looking for donations now as April is not as far off as you think. Remember we are a 501c 3 and donations are NOT tax deductible.

The hotel is still being decided upon so room rates are not yet known but should be in the \$80.00 to \$90.00 range per night. Registration cost run \$70.00 to \$80.00 normally and include the Saturday night banquet.

Volunteers will be allowed to attend the conference at no registration cost however the Saturday night Banquet will be extra. We are currently working on reduced costs for District Group participation and will let you know as soon as the details are worked out.

Mark you calendars and hold the date.

**IMPORTANT:
ABATE of Georgia:
PEACHPASS INFO FOR MOTORCYCLES**

The new "HOT" Lanes (most of the current HOV Lanes are being converted to HOT Lanes) will require a "PeachPass" to use the Lane, this cost money, \$20.00 minimum, plus the cost of the Georgia Legislature realized the motorcycles will still need to be exempt from the "PeachPass" and still be able to use either the "HOV" or "HOT" Lanes.

What do you need to do? To use the new "HOT" Lanes will require that you register your motorcycle with the "PeachPass" people and there is NO CHARGE for this. All you will need is your motorcycle license tag and drivers license numbers. You CANNOT NOT USE THE WEB to register but must call the following number: (855) PCH-PASS (724-7277). If you use the online form then you will end up paying for the privilege to use the "HOT" Lanes.



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MUST LIKE TO SEEK OUT INFORMATION.

GOOD COMPUTER SKILLS.

SPARE TIME TO SPEND ON PROJECTS.

GOOD VERBAL AND WRITING SKILLS.

SLIGHTLY AGGRESSIVE, POSITIVE PERSONALITY

SHOULD LIVE CLOSE TO ATLANTA.

POSITION MAY OR MAY NOT BECOME LOBBYIST

REWARD

STATE EMPLOYEES COULD PAY MORE FOR THEIR INSURANCE IF THEY RIDE A MOTORCYCLE!

The Associated press reported October 6, 2011:

The chairman of a House study committee looking at Georgia's health benefit plan said that the state might require employees to disclose dangerous activities like skydiving and *RIDING MOTORCYCLES*.

State Rep. Carl Rogers*, a Gainesville Republican, said Thursday that the panel is looking to bring down skyrocketing costs in the states health plan..... etc.

The article states that that experts in preventative care said that programs which help employees get healthy can save \$3 for ever \$1 spent by the state. What does riding motorcycles have to do with programs to get employees healthy?

Ok here is where the real issue starts. We must FIGHT the notion that operating a motorcycle is a DANGEROUS activity. It is not an "activity" such as sky diving. It is a mode of transportation that is only "dangerous" when distracted drivers chatting on cell phones and texting [illegal in Georgia] slam their damn vehicles into us.

Contact Representative Rogers and let him know you are offended that anyone would single out the legal operation of a motor vehicle [motorcycle] as a way to decrease insurance costs.

Pedestrians and pedal powered vehicle operators are as prone to fatalities and injuries as motorcyclists as shown in various reports from the GOHS. In the vast majority [near 70%] of cases, the accidents involving motorcyclists are NOT the fault of the motorcyclist.

Walking, riding bicycles and operating motorcycles have the same degree of "danger". Do NOT single us out. Do not discriminate against motorcyclists.

If we do not stop this now then this will filter down to everyone's health benefits.

We invite you to reach out to Mr Rogers and express your thoughts on the matter, he is an Insurance Agent.

He can be reached at 770-535-0994 tel or 770-535-0996 fax or by email at carl.rogers@house.ga.gov



The ABATE back patches are available in large for men \$30.00 and medium for women \$25.00, Contact your District coordinator to get yours now!

A.B.A.T.E. Of Georgia Club Recognition page

Bomber Girls LRC D-11

The Bomber Girls, LRC is an organization of female motorcycle riders, formed in 2007 and based in Savannah, GA. This group of independent women promotes strength and courage in themselves and others, as well as motorcycle safety and awareness. This sisterhood proudly supports our military personnel and their families. They choose to publicly voice this support by raising money to send care packages to troops overseas, and supporting other military and veterans causes. For more information on events call Cin at 912-247-8878 or www.bombergirlslrc.com.

BLACK PISTONS MOTORCYCLE CLUB D-11

Black Pistons MC, Savannah chapter, is a Georgia non-profit organization. It exists as a supporter club of the Outlaws MC and to support all areas of biking and brotherhood which extends to various biking interests on both the state and local level. We promote biker safety and education. At present time we share the clubhouse with Savannah AOA's on Wright Street. Contact us at 912-656-6821, Brian.

BLUE KNIGHTS D-11

Blue Knights Motorcycle Club – Members of this organization are police officers who enjoy motorcycling. This group annually raises money for local charities. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month in Statesboro or Pooler, GA. For more info call Tom Plumbley at 912-897-4712- or 912-650-4150

BROTHERS OF THE THIRD WHEEL D-11

Brothers of the Third Wheel, Low Country Trikers are an International organization for trikers, but 2-wheelers are welcome. We are a family oriented group and promote safety and community service. We meet at Lovezolla's Pizza in Pooler, Ga on the 1st Sunday of the month at 2pm. For more info call Pappy at 912-313-1203

BUFFALO SOLDIERS & TROOPERS M/C D-11

The Savannah Chapter of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers M/C is one of 77 chapters that are located throughout the United States and Canada. We have been established for the purpose of fostering unity and pride among brother and sister members. We are committed to projecting a positive image of ourselves, by always showing respect for each other and the community at a large. The immediate goals of this club is to foster a sense of community involvement with a strong belief of giving back to the community and our long range goals are to teach and educate our community of our forefathers deep and enriched history of the Buffalo Soldiers, and to be leaders in our communities. For more info go to www.savannahbuffalosoldiers-mc.com

CMA D-11

Christian Motorcycle Association – Glory Riders chapter 493 – The purpose of this group is to share the love of Jesus Christ with motorcyclists, one heart at a time. CMA hosts one run a year, being the Run for the Son. The money raised on this run is used to support the Jesus Film Project, Open Doors Ministries, and Missionary Ventures. Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm at Lovezolla's Pizza in Pooler, Ga. For more info call Elton Stafford 912-308-8869, Bobby Tebeau 912-754-6511.

GWRRA D-11

Gold Wing Road Riders Association members usually own Honda Gold Wing motorcycles, Members participate in group rides and activities for enjoyment of the open road. Meetings are held the 4th Saturday of each month at 5pm at Lovezolla's Pizza in Pooler, GA. For more info contact Julian Osborne at julianred1500@uno.com.

HOG D-11

Harley Owners Group – Chapter 818, Savannah GA – HOG works to promote responsible motorcycling activities for Harley Owners Group members by conducting chapter activities and encouraging participation in other HOG events. This chapter is family-oriented, and operates with a non-political philosophy. The monthly HOG meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum in Pooler, Ga. For more info contact Savannah Harley-Davidson at 912-925-0005.

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IN COUNTRY VETS MOTORCYCLE CLUB D-11

In Country Vets Motorcycle Club – This group provides a club for Vietnam veterans who served the United States Military within the borders of the country of Vietnam during the conflict. Members are offered brotherhood and the opportunity to establish relationships with other veterans who experienced the same era as themselves. For more info call Ronnie Colson at 912-398-8214, Randy Crank at 912-754-4613. <http://ICVMC.com>

OUTLAWS MOTORCYCLE CLUB D-11

AOA Savannah, Inc. Your local Outlaws MC is a Georgia non-profit corporation. It exists to promote biking and brotherhood and to support the various biking interests of the local community including biker education and safety, programs to assist bikers in the need, and community benefit projects and programs. The clubhouse is located on Wright Street. Our members are close supporters of ABATE and participate in local and state ABATE events. For more info contact Brian 912-656-6821.

SONS OF LIBERTY RIDERS D-11

<http://www.sonsoflibertyriders.com>

The Sons of Liberty is dedicated to educational and political activity for the preservation of the Constitution of the United States of America, the Bill of Rights, free market and the rule of law. With legitimate and lawful authority, based on conservative values, Sons of Liberty supports peaceful and non-threatening efforts to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States from all enemies, foreign and domestic, in order to preserve our uniquely American way of life.

SOUTHERN CRUISERS RIDING CLUB – CHAPTER 3 D-11

Southern Cruisers are a group of motorcycle enthusiasts who meet in Pooler, GA at the Might Eighth Air Force Museum at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month to share their interest. For more info contact Phil Ward or go to www.scrca.com.

U.S. MILITARY VETS MOTORCYCLE CLUB D-11

U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club – This group provides a club for qualified military veterans which offers brotherhood and an opportunity to establish relationships with other military veterans who have served in the defense of the United States of America; to establish and support a strong defense of pride in having service in the active military; and to improve the image of military veterans and bikers to the general public. For more info contact Restart at 912-398-1992 or visit www.usmvmcgach4.com. Clubhouse – 4873 Old Louisville, Rd., Garden City, GA

WINGMEN MOTORCYCLE CLUB D-11

Wingmen Motorcycle Club – Members of this club create a close brotherhood of motorcyclists. This group is strongly involved in annual fund raising events such as the Savannah Toy run. Chapter Clubhouses are located locally in Savannah, Long County and Effingham County. For more info call the Savannah clubhouse at 912-233-3535, Long County clubhouse at 912-545-3304, Beaufort, SC at 910-813-3144, or Effingham clubhouse at 912-728-3993.

XXX RIDERS D-11

XXX Riders are a Sport Bike Riding Club. For more info contact Moe Man at 912-441-9909

Does your district have a riding or social club that supports ABATE of Georgia?

If so let us know and we will list them on this page.

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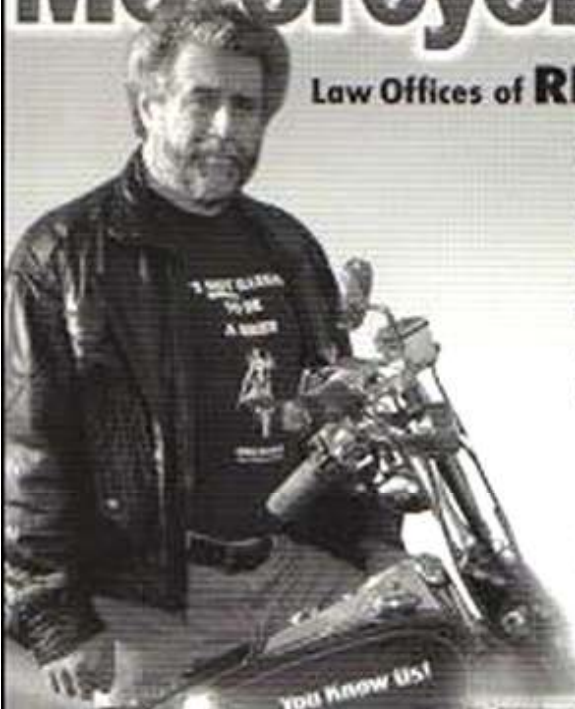
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October 12, 2011

Senator Josh McKoon
District 29
P.O. Box 2565
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Sample letter. Create your own to **your Senator**

Senator McKoon,

As a voter, a citizen of Georgia and a motorcycle rider I would like to express my opposition to S.B.275 by Senator Rogers of the 21st

This bill would make it mandatory for a person between the ages of 17 and 26 to receive a motorcycle operator's license unless they completed an approved motorcycle operator safety training class.

This bill would also allow an individual from another state who currently has a class M endorsement to receive a Georgia license without taking the course. This is punitive to Georgia residents.

This bill would also allow for an individual 17 and older to receive a permit to operate a motorcycle on the highways of Georgia, without benefit of an approved training course, for a period of 6 months.

I feel that this bill is discriminatory as it imposes age limitations. I believe it also unfairly discriminates against motorcycle operators and places an additional requirement on us to operate a legal pleasure vehicle on the highways of this state. I furthermore feel that this is financially discriminatory as it requires us to pay for an expensive specialty course not taken by any other pleasure vehicle operator.

Operating a motorcycle is no more dangerous than being a pedestrian or a bicycle rider as can be attested to by the fatality rates of motorcycle operators vs. the combined total of pedestrian/pedal power operators. *This group is not required to take any specialized training yet their fatalities are in line with motorcyclists.*

This bill also appears to be directed at minority motorcycle operators as the age range fits the primary age of sport bike riders in Georgia.

This bill, although presented as an educational bill to provide training, does not address the real issues with the safety of the motorcycle operators. The statistics available from The Governors Office on Highway Safety clearly shows that a majority of all fatalities are caused by the motor vehicle operator and NOT the motorcyclist. Why then penalize the motorcyclist when we are truly the victims?

I am not against rider education. I am against mandatory and discriminatory legislation that unfairly targets a specific group of citizens.

Please vote NO to S.B. 275.

Sincerely,

Dan Forrest
State Director ABATE of Georgia {American Bikers Active Toward
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Mike Cook

Ga. CMA State Coordinator



We are already in November and if you have not made it up to the mountains you probably have missed the colors of fall. This is the time of year that the air condition on the bike begins to work like a charm if you know what I mean. I ride year round and when it is 28 degrees I think about those nice warm summer months and of course when it is a hundred degree day my mind wonders to those nice cool days riding in the fall. Just do not seem to be satisfied always looking for better riding weather. If it would stay in the 60 to 70 degree that would make riding year round very nice! Well, all we can do is make the best of each day and dress as the weather permits. I live in South Georgia so with the exception of the days that rain I can ride without a problem if nothing else just to work and home again. I know some of you live in north Georgia so you may have ice on the roads in the mornings and ice roads and bikes do not mix very well. I met a couple guys from Minnesota that were on their way to Jacksonville, Fl. to put their bikes in storage. I asked them why so early and they told me that they had already had some freezing days at home. This was early fall for us and I did not realize that they had some low temperatures already. They told me that their ride thru Georgia had been the best part of the ride and the day was a comfortable one. They only needed long sleeve shirts for the rest of the ride into Jacksonville. They would be storing their bikes with their sister when they arrived and flying back home then would return in the spring to pick up the bikes. They seem to weather in Florida better than up north were they are from. Sounded like a good road trip to finish off the year and also one to start the new riding season.

Planning ahead is something we should all do whether we like it or not. We have all thought about our retirement or the lack thereof. It is getting to be more on my mind than I would like for it to be but I am getting to the age and realization that I should have been thinking about it a long time ago. I thought that social security would be there when I retired but the more I learn about the government the more I am disappointed with what has taken place over the last 30 years. That is all the more reason that we need to be politically active so that we can try and correct the wrong that is being done to us as bikers and as citizens of the US. There are bills that are being presented and going thru that most of us do not know what the impact it will have on us as citizens. But in order to be advised we need people that are monitoring our officials and let us know whether it needs to be handled now or not. The only problem with this is that we do not have enough people in place to monitor nor do I think that we could get enough in place to do the job that we need here in Georgia little alone in Washington. So what do we do? We can become active and work with the guys and gals that are monitoring our government and help when they need us. That is why we need to be part of ABATE here in Georgia. There is one thing that I can say for sure is that our Heavenly Father will never miss lead us, he has been the same in the past as well as in the present and will be in the future. His word has been proven time and time again and it will be proven when I am not of this world. God has a retirement plan for you also but it is up to you to accept it or not. You are the controlling member of your life you just need to make that decision. If you have any questions seek out a member of CMA and talk with them about it. They can assist you with how you need to proceed.

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After Action Report for MRF Meeting of the Minds

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Having fought for bikers' rights since 1979, I thought that I had seen it all. But not until I went to Meeting of the Minds in Detroit did I really wake up and realize why most of the ABATEs and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation are not as effective as it can be. I attended several breakout sessions and one of them proved to me that, as a political movement, some of our members are creating problems. We talk about recruiting, retention and memberships. We seem baffled at our low numbers at events, declining membership rates, lack of participation from non-Harley riders, lack of younger riders joining our movement, and concern about our survival as a movement and as bikers. As perplexed as we are, we fail to notice how some of our members alienate people from our movement. We fail to notice biases or attitudes and the negative impressions that are projected on the very people we try to recruit even as they are further pushed away. Do we really wonder why our youth activist scholars never seem to stick around for a few years? Do we ever notice the lack of ethnic and racial diversity in our movement? Do we ever notice the roles we delegate to the women of our movement? Do we ever wonder why volunteers simply fade slowly away from the movement until one day we look and find they have disappeared? Of course we do. Yet, surprisingly, we continue to pour out copious amounts of energy trying to recruit and retain the same people who simply are not interested.

Issues within the riders' rights movement include continued sexism, racism, and reverse age discrimination. I implore us all to look at the essential bikers' rights activist and ponder the lack of diversity. I implore us to self-regulate around others who may not necessarily enjoy or support our personal beliefs. As in a professional environment (i.e., at our regular jobs), we should approach bikers' rights in much the same way as we treat work regulations. We all know, as we so actively study the Constitution, Amendments and American ethics, what discrimination is in relation to gender, race, age and religious beliefs. Many bikers actively self-regulate and behave in paid work environments. Yet, why do they lose such sensibilities the minute they put on their cuts? We understand and heavily promote the ideal that we have the right to say and feel exactly whatever we want because we have freedom of speech. Yet, in some riders' monologues or diatribes they fail to recognize others' rights. And, why do they not recognize that though we have the right to do something, it does not necessarily make it "right." It seems as though clinging to imagined notions of their right to do or say what ever they imagine, they stay in a perpetual state of teenage rebellion. Open mouth, insert foot. Yet, as I pointed out to my son when he was a teenager, part of evolving into adulthood is the recognition of knowing when greater good or benefit can arise from not invoking our rights.

A great example is feeling free to make sexist jokes around a group of riders. Ultimately, one's right to joke around and find humor in ignorant sexist jokes can leave a totally different perspective on others. Imagine a joke overhead by a female biker at an event, testing the waters for her tolerance for the general misogyny that may exist in the organization. She will report back to her friends that the attitude and atmosphere of this rights group is not one she wants to be around. So, there will be 20 or 30 fewer potential volunteers for your organization (because the word gets around). MROs wonder why they have problems recruiting and retaining. Well, I guess it goes back to the fact that we all have the right to say whatever we feel or believe and people can just deal with it.

MOTM was in Detroit. But there was not even one black biker at our event. You cannot tell me that there are no black riders interested in bikers' rights in Detroit. After attending one breakout session where the speaker compared bikers' rights organizations to the civil rights movement and encouraged riders to let their "black representatives" know how bikers' issues are the same as the suffering of African Americans and advised them to quote Martin Luther King, I was grateful that there was apparently no ethnic or racial diversity in the room. I was equally appalled when one member of the audience referred to "colored Democrats" in her state. Seriously, was he that insensitive or ignorant? Clearly, in 2011 our cause is no longer similar to the civil rights movements of the 1960s and '70s. Yes, in the 1970's most bikers were very marginalized and violated and I remember how we fought back. We have since then fixed those problems in the 1980s and '90s and can let them go now. He stood in that breakout session and, after starting out by saying, "I can see there are no constitutional scholars in this room" (an assumption based on biker stereotypes), he then bashed the Democrats for the rest of the session as he selectively reified certain parts of the Constitution while dismissing or ignoring other parts. Not all bikers are Republican racists, regardless of what he himself is or what he imagines. I thought we were trying to unite people, not divide. If some bikers in our movement can get past their personal ideals, ideas and beliefs and focus on the true issue, bikers' rights, then we will have a huge force.

I have witnessed so-called "old school" bikers tear apart our Young Activist Scholarship people. In this day and age, there is no need for hazing or for trial by fire. In fact, with so many organizations out there trying to get volunteers, why would someone choose this movement if they are treated poorly due to age discrimination? Most people would tend to gravitate towards a group of people with whom they feel valued and respected and can thrive. Not many people want to wage two battles to be active, i.e., against those opposing bikers' rights and against those within the organization who feel the need to make volunteers prove something. It is a bit masochistic for someone to desire to spend that much energy for a cause.

My career is taking me overseas for three years where I will fight for freedom. I will then return. Then I will see if the bikers' rights movement in America was able to rise to the challenge of smashing the sexism, racism, and reverse age discrimination within its ranks before 2015 so that it survives for the future of bikers' rights.

District News

DISTRICT 1

The D1 meeting was held at the Sports Zone in Eton, GA on October 4, 2011. District Coordinator Heidi Stockwell called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 6 officers, 10 members, and 2 guests present. Prayer concerns were addressed and Jackie Poag followed with prayer. Some of those addressed were: Rosie & Mickey, Boyd Family, Andy's mother-in-law, Karen's dad, and Chandler.

The September minutes were read and accepted.

Dennis reported D1 to be financially stable at this time. Fundraisers have not provided the income necessary to continue to cover the state insurance expense. The John Crum fund has made a donation to District One to assist with these expenses.

Dennis is selling tickets for a 6 X 12 ARIZING trailer to support the legislative agenda

The State ABATE board meeting is scheduled for November 5 10:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

The following activities were announced:

October 8, 2011 American Legion Post #305 is sponsoring a benefit ride for a local resident in need of a liver transplant. FBO at noon; last bike in at 5 p.m.

November 12, 2011 Shriner's Toy Run. This ride leaves at 1 p.m. from the HMC Club House. An ABATE group ride will be announced at the November meeting.

November 19, 2011 5th

Annual Santa's Turkey Run. This ride leaves and returns to American Legion Post #167. FBO 10:00 a.m.; LBO 11:00 a.m.; LBI 3:00. Three poker hands and meal ticket \$20.00.

Upcoming events are: The Cherokee Girl's Estate dinner – December 15
The ABATE Christmas dinner – December 18

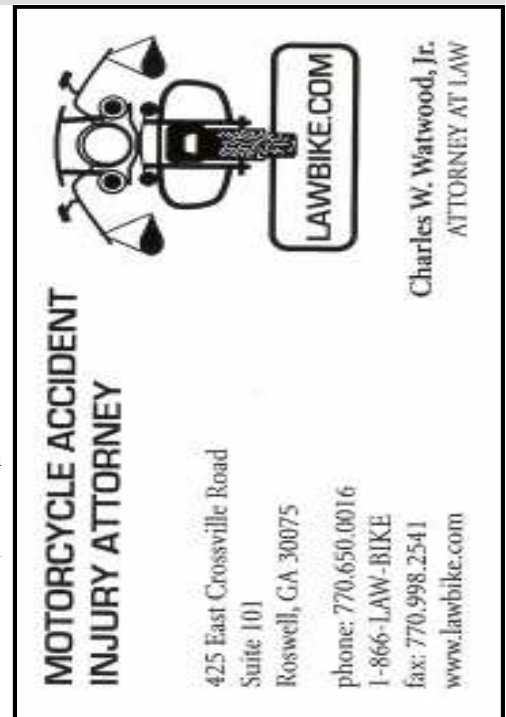
Kenton was not present for the legislative report. In his place Tami reported that the ABATE website has lots of information available. She recommended reviewing the site for legislative information.

Jackie P. reminded everyone to use the ABATE website to report bad roads.

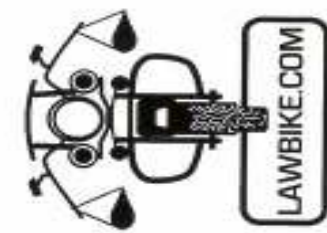
Old business: There will be no Cruise-In this month as the City of Eton has scheduled Halloween activities every Saturday during the month of October. Jackie reported that the City of Eton is still supportive of the Cruise-In and suggested cutting back to every other month for consideration.

Tami reported a great route was planned for the John Crum ride and the weather was perfect. There were 57 bikes and 79 people in attendance. A generous amount was raised for the fund. The ending site at the Malone's was an excellent location for the events.

Dennis reported that the Children's Christmas Emergency Fund helped 18-19 children in 2010. The turnout this year wasn't as numerous as the previous year therefore the fund

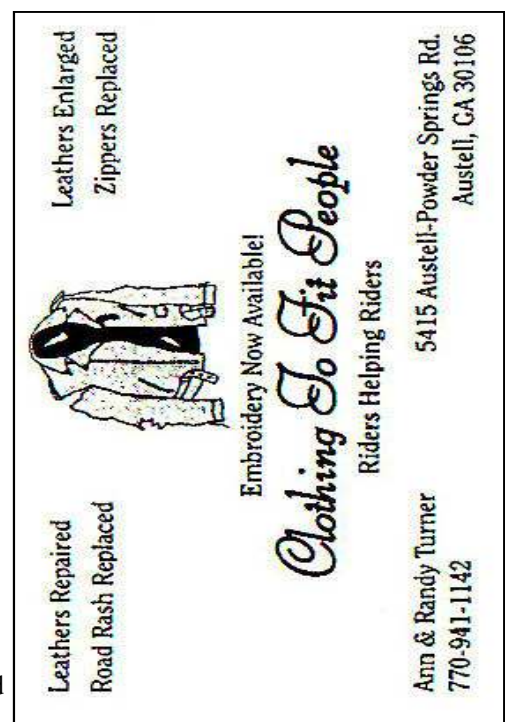


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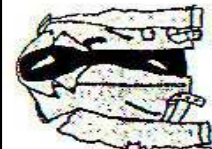


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The shirts for the Froze Nose to Toes will be offered by pre-order. See Dennis to submit order. This ride will be scheduled at a later date.

Open Forum; The D1 Website has not been updated as information is not passed along to webmaster. A call for a volunteer was made, who is involved with D1, to manage the website and keep it current.

Dennis announced that he needed help placing a wrecked motorcycle on a trailer with the sign "Look Twice, Save A Life" to place around town.

Whiskers sent word that trash pickup needs to be scheduled. This is currently scheduled for Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 2 p.m. This will be confirmed at the November meeting.

Door prize winners were: Jackie P., Tami, Roxanne, A.J., Heidi, Rosie, Jennifer and Jackie H.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

October 2 2011

District 2

At 2:16PM Brother John led us in the pledge and prayer and also reminded us all that if we were ever in need of him, never hesitate to call him.

We then asked for a motion to waive the reading of the previous meeting's minutes and received it and a second to the motion.

Anthony then told us that we signed up one new member at Chattahoochee Biker Gear the previous weekend. He then took a show of hands to see who was interested in purchasing the new ABATE of Georgia back patches.

We then offered a Treasury Report, and reminded the officers present that there will be an officer meeting before the end of December to finalize our 2012 events schedule. This will enable us to send this complete calendar to our local publications and biker magazines.

Nathan having worked the previous weekend at Chattahoochee Biker Gear on our behalf was not present, but he was busy working on the schedule with his assistant Activities Director from home.

Anthony then announced that we collected 136 signed letters to the Governor addressing the M.O.R. issue from our last presence in Helen GA. We then had a discussion about local road hazards that the membership has noticed, and urged those members to fill out the online reporting form at abatega.org

I then addressed Linda Allen's resignation, gave a September Newsletter overview, talked about the Road Studies that ABATE and the GDOT are participating in and read the letter from Congressman Westmoreland.

Anthony then announced a new D2 T-shirt design that I will be "tweaking". He also told us that our annual Christmas Party will be on our regular meeting Sunday in December with more details to follow.

We then held our door prize drawing, and afterwards asked for a motion to close at 2:57PM

Our November 6 meeting (one day after the state B.O.D. meeting in Austell) will be back at the El Jinete! These meetings after the B.O.D. meeting are always very informative! Anthony and I will be riding to the state B.O.D. meeting in Austell on 11/05...contact Anthony for our "blast off" point for the ride and join us!

District News

District 4 East

10/5/11

The October meeting took place on Wednesday, 10/5/11 at Confetti's in Norcross GA.

7pm - Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Prayer

13 Attendees

Discussion began with a recap of the State Reunion Party at Lake Tobesofkee. The turnout was less than expected but a good time was had by those that attended. The music was good and the gun seminar was worth the price of admission. District 4 East ran the bike show. Trophies were awarded to the winners.

Treasury report – We have some money in the bank and insurance payments are up to date.

Saturday, 10/15/11 Stone Mountain Harley Davidson will host the ABATE Swap Meet from 9am – 5pm. All are asked to attend to support ABATE of GA. They'll be vendors and bands to provide entertainment.

Garage71 has purchased Biker101 and is hosting the Hell on Wheels event on Saturday 10/29/11 in Buford GA. ABATE District 4 East has been asked to host a table to help spread the ABATE word and help increase membership. District 4 East members are asked to volunteer their time.

District 4 East is planning a ride to Dahlonega on Sunday 10/23/11. Gil had graciously offered his cabin on the mountain as a place for us to ride to and enjoy some burgers dogs etc. We'll be meeting at QT on Peachtree Industrial Blvd in Doraville at 11am with kickstands up at 11:30am for the ride to Dahlonega.

MotoPac raffle tickets are due at the December District 4 East meeting Wednesday 12/7/11. Don't forget!

Wayne mentioned that he's headed to California and while there he plans to meet some of the members of ABATE of California. Share experiences. What works for them and what's going on in ABATE of GA.

Discussion also revolved around additional rides that would involve some of the various "Gentlemen's Club's" in and around GA. We'll review and discuss this at future meetings.

Saturday 11/5/11 is the next ABATE Board of Directors meeting at the new location off Thorton Road. You are welcomed to attend.

Ian McClain was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm. Next District 4 East meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11/2/11 at Confetti's in Norcross GA.

District 5 Meeting

October 11, 2011

At 5 O Clock Somewhere in Covington, Ga.

Meeting called to order by DC Michael Mustain at 7:05PM

Pledge and Prayer lead by Michael

Reading of the minutes from Sept. Colleen motion not to read Kelli 2nd

Treasurer's Report - \$279.00 in bank from Sept. \$25.00 to be deposited. All agree

Membership- over 50 members as of Sept. added 2 new members 10-11-11 / in need of new addresses and emails from members.

Activities- Steph was on the road working, Michael stepped in, our activities for the month,

Oct. 13th Newton Co Safety event at Wal-Mart in Conyers

Oct. 15th abate swap meet at SMHD

Oct. 29th CASA ride at 5 O Clock

Nov. 5th SMHD 13th anniversary party

District News

The Officers met prior the meeting to talk about what we can do to help our district grow. One of the things we can do for the coming up months Holiday Bake Sales. Join in on some of the other events, help with children's groups.

We all voted to support one or two of children's non profit groups in our community with toy & food rides as long it is in our tax laws and we can set up a abate table . Our first one will be Oct. 29th at 5 O Clock for CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates in Rockdale, Newton and Walton counties.

Ricky Jordan spoke about the Oct.15th abate swap meet at SMHD vendor fee's, how we need to help each other work the table.

Explain 501 {c} {4} on supporting events and not being a sponsor.

New Business- We have new abate patches for sale

Tee shirts that we want made for D5, we can buy our own shirts the have it embroidery for \$20.00, Sandee Clark offered her discount on buying t-shirts through www.socialaxe.com, Michael invited a alteration business to join us for patch sewing at the meeting and other events.

Secondary officers – asst. officers are DC Michael Cushing, LD Michelle Mustain, asst treasure Chip Anderson.

New website designer for our district Scott Bloomberg.

Opinion on bill 275 all agree on if you take your test on 3 wheels you should only be able to ride a 3 wheel not 2.

Volunteers for Baking – Kelli, Tami, Colleen, Sherri, Christine.

New Members for 10-11-11 Steve Barrett and Christine Fuffe.

50/50 total \$179.00 / 89.50 to the winner Mike Cushing won and donation it back.

Door prizes.

3 guest and 14 members in attendance

Next meeting Nov. 8-2011

Motion Made to Adjourned the meeting at 7:45 all agree

District 6

10/04/2011

This was my first meeting as DC @ the six. The meeting was called to order and Paul Kerr lead in prayer. several officers were absent for one reason or another. A Motion was made not to read last month's minutes and was seconded. Paul Kerr covered activities for Marc and I Don Whitlow covered legislation for Lisa, the subject was the peach pass lanes and how to register. Old business was our September elections and the state party @ Lake Tobesofkee.. New business was Linda Allen's resignation, member status and the 30 percent that needs to be sent to the [state. In](#) open forum lisa plunk talked to us about a motor cycle accident scene management class that's going to be held in Covington and Steve of WindWalkers MC announced the WWMC oct 22 party all are invited wear costumes and he also told us about Doc, one of their members who was in an accident September 30th. He injured pretty bad but it is looking as if he will be ok, we had \$80 in our 50/50 the winner was Wendall Rushing and he donated his part back to D6 their was 22 members present and 2 guest.

District 9

October 4th Monthly meeting held at Players on 54th street.

Officers Present: Ronald Foxworth- District 9 Coordinator, Wayne Hubbard- Membership Director, Cyndi Griffith- Activities Director, Cindy Foxworth- Treasurer, Sherry Hubbard- Secretary, Felon Hamer Legislative Director, Larry Eggie Christian Motorcyclist D9 Coordinator. Meeting started at 7:30 pm-Prayer was led by Larry Eggie; Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Ohrt Ronald open the meeting by making motion to accept and dispense of reading last month's minutes, motion was 2nd and carried.

Discussed:

D9 has more Tee- shirts on order; yard signs and new A.B.A.T.E. patches for sale

Success of the Tab run D9 hosted

Made a motion that D9 purchased \$100.00 worth of tickets for the Moto Pac Raffle Trailer to be drawn on New Year's Day. Felon 2nd motion and body voted in favor to pass motion

Advertised \$5.00 tickets that Blue Knights are selling – giveaway at Bikes and Badges event on Oct 9

Officer's reports:

Treasurer- reported we were in the black after the Tab Event expenses have been paid out.

Membership Director- We had 5 new members sign up during Bikes on Broadway.

Encouraged those that are not currently members to sign up; introduced visitors

District News

Legislative Director-

Spoke about the State Legislative director resignation;

The road safety audit of state rd 190 with the GDOT in August. Ask if anyone knew of other road hazards he could report back to state.

Reminded anyone traveling to make sure your motorcycle paper work is in order and you have the appropriate gear on.

Shared information on motorcyclist getting your Peach Pass for the "HOV" lanes in Atlanta.

Activities Director- provided us with an sept/oct event list- Spoke on upcoming events that D9 would be supporting.

News from others:

Southern Cruiser- presented a plaque to D9 from "Our House" & Southern Cruiser Columbus Ga chapter for D9 support at the Bikes and Broadway event.

Heaven Saints- Nov 5th Blanket run, Oct 22 house of hero's event

ICMC- Toys for Tots on December 4th

Knights of Solomon – Swap meet on Nov 12- \$20 a table/space or \$30 for 2 tables/spaces, held at Columbus Shrine Club 3202 Edgewood dr Columbus ga. For more information call ron 706 681 1694 am

Hog Group- Oct 8 Hospice benefit at the hooch, Oct 11 Block Party at the Hooch instead of the Fop Lodge, Oct 18 Ladies of Harley meeting at the Chattahoochee Harley Davidson store, savannah trip in November

Sud3rn Conn3ctions – Boss Lady (lawonna parks) took the opportunity to thank everyone who called, texted, said a prayer or spoke a kind word during the Sud3rn Conn3ctions most difficult time. The lost of a founding member Big Poppa (Ricky Moses) and for us having presents at his Memorial.

Shedding tears while talking Boss Lady shared the story and talked about the accident that took the life of Ricky Moses or "Big Popp". Alonzo Williams who was also involved in the accident has now been moved to a nursing home and is doing well, and making improvement as time goes forward.

In closing we would like to shout out to those that provided Door prizes



District 13

Oct.2, 2011

Johnny Mann (alt. Sgt. At arms) called the meeting to order about 2:30

We opened with the Pledge and a prayer from Earl "the pearl".

A heartfelt "Welcome back" to Roger Musselwhite and Earl "the pearl" was appreciated.

Minutes from Sept. meeting were read and accepted.

Officer Reports included;

Treasurers report from Danny, in Kristi's absence, stated there is an ample amount of operating funds available for our upcoming Boston Butt Sale fundraiser, Nov. 17&18.

Activities from Earl "the pearl" stated that we were busy in the months he was out of commission after his accident. Much upcoming also.

Roger Musselwhite gave his report on legislative developments.

Ann Crenshaw gave a membership report and thanked everyone involved.

She also commented on the saying ~ "2% do 98% of the work" in any organization ~ this is usually the case and percentage. Be in the 2%!!!

Communications report by Gene Currin indicated that we now have a District 13 website through ABATEGA.org. Along with a facebook page to use and inform and get informed. ~ Check these at your convenience and come to Nov. meeting informed!

D.C. report, Danny had a few words about our Bike Show judging and our cooperation with Angel City at the rallies over the years

District News

Old Business;

Our fundraiser, Nov. 18 Butt Sale tickets and volunteers were discussed. There will plenty of work involved in this endeavor. Your volunteerism is needed and appreciated.

We need to get our picnic tables from Tifton to Ashburn for the Butt Sale.
We need to start cutting Red Oak & Hickory firewood also. We need YOU!!!

New Business;

An invite from Wayne at Angel City as a venue for D-13 fundraising was discussed.

We had to turn down the Halloween party suggestion on account of such short notice.

Jerry McDaniel, our Regional coordinator, was on hand at our meeting and was able to discuss ABATE of GA Unity and his new position as regional coordinator.

We elected Thunder Roads as our supporter of the month.

A motion to adjourn came and we did.

Respectively,

Dennis Crenshaw

50/50 won by Ann Crenshaw ~ \$26 rent for our NEW Meeting place was paid.

District 11

Hey member's of District 11, Yes the rumor's are true. I came out of retirement and will be your D C for this next year. Your officer's for this next year will be as follow's.

St Louis; Activities

A J: Secretary

Darlene Thorton: Treasurer

Betsy Haddock: Membership

Kathy Green: Legislative

Reaper: Sgt at arms

Chaplin: John CMA

Thank you all for hanging in there and helping this district grow. Also a Big Thanks to Norm

For your dedication and all you did even with your health as it is. We had our meeting

yesterday and would like to thank all that attended and hope to more of you at our

November meeting. Our meeting's are held the second Sunday of every month at 3pm

at the Redleg Saloon on State Road 204 about 7 mile's past the Interstate 95 and Savannah Harley Davidson. We had our first Toy

Run Meeting with the Wingmen Savannah.

Yea folks it's that time of the year again. Please make note. THE TOY RUN WILL BEGIN

AT SAVANNAH MALL this year due to policy changes. Sign will begin at 9am pull out at

11 sharp. Rain or shine we roll. December 3rd. also our district Holiday Party will be on

December 17th from 8pm to 11pm at the Red Legged Saloon. Everyone come out and have

a goodtime and groceries. We will have Roadkill BBQ with all the side dishes to go with it.

Ohhh and the almost world famous brownies. Anybody that would like to sponsor the event's calender with a advertisement or a spot on the memorial page contact any ABATE

officer here in District 11. Follow District 11 and ABATE of Georiga on Facebook for

legislative updates and event's. Well folk's that's for now. Ya'll stay safe out there and

HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Event Calendar dates for News Letter

November 13, 2011 ABATE district meeting 3pm Red Legged Saloon

December 3rd SAVANNAH TOY RUN.....sign in 9 to 11 am Savannah Mall

December 17th....ABATE district 11 Holiday Party....8pm to 11pm...Red Legged Saloon

January 29th.....Frosty Ball's Poker Run and Bomber Girl's Cookie Drive for the troops.

Sign start's at 9 am John's V-Twin Fairmont Ave Savannah Ga

District News

District 9-2

October 17, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 7:01 p.m. at the Red Rooster in LaGrange, Georgia. David Crowe gave the invocation and Derrick led us in the pledge.

Sue read the September minutes and they were approved as read. Bridget reported we have \$705 in our account. Michelle stated we currently have 77 members. Susan, our activities director, reported there were 4 Operation Sandboxes left to be delivered. She told us about possible future rides including Providence Canyon and Rock City. Rock City has a light show November 18-20th for a cost of \$21.95. November 12th is our Foster's Children Poker Run and details are still being worked out. Future information will come via email. Al Harper, our Legislative Director, discussed alcohol impairment issues with all vehicles. He also stated the state of Michigan is fighting legislation banning helmet choice. Al also mentioned for us to visit www.dds.ga.gov to find information regarding motorcycle license testing dates. Go to the bottom of the website and Click on Motorcycle Mondays and No Appointment Saturdays for more information.

Old Business included Operation Sandbox and how we need to make sure the boxes are delivered and checked on. Raffle tickets for the Motopac trailer are due at the December meeting. Please bring the collected money and any leftover tickets to the December meeting.

New Business included the newsletters were here for pickup. Get your copy before you leave. Next on the agenda included the idea of riding in the Christmas Parade on December 1st. Anyone interested should contact Derrick. Can we make ABATE banners for the front of our motorcycles? It was mentioned we should have a Christmas party as our December meeting on the 19th. Everyone was in concurrence and the place needs to be determined.

Dan discussed a health benefit plan that might require Georgia state employees who ride motorcycles to have an increase in their insurance premiums. Representative Carl Rogers is stating motorcycle riding is a dangerous activity. He urged us to contact Representative Rogers and let him know we are offended to think motorcycle riding is a dangerous sport and we should not be singled out to be the reason for an insurance increase!

Senator Josh McKoon (District 29) and John Stacy from WSN & Associates were our visitors this evening. Senator McKoon stated it doesn't make sense that motorcycle riding could be considered dangerous. He also stated he would not support Senate Bill 275. Senate Bill 275 would require a motorcycle safety course for every new motorcycle rider between the ages of 17-26. It's discriminatory because it places age parameters and it is considered a racial bias because this is the age of our urban riders. We also consider this to be a financial discrimination due to the cost of the mandatory safety course, which could be as high as \$250 per course per rider. David Crowe added the reason for the \$250 fee stems from the DDS not receiving any tax revenue for funding the classes. The charged fee covers cost of the instructor, materials, and operating costs and right now the DDS is operating with older model motorcycles. Next on discussion was House Bill 161, a.k.a. Red Light Bill. Several members expressed their reason for wanting this bill to go through both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The last discussion dealt with the use of our overhead digital highway signs. Joel Roper told Senator McKoon we weren't able to get motorcycle awareness messages onto the overhead signs. Sue mentioned meeting with the GDOT about this issue and we were happy to see the "Txting while driving is against the law in Georgia" message, but it needed to also include messages specific to motorcycles. Senator McKoon and Mr. Stacy thanked us for being allowed to be here and hear our concerns.

Ray made a motion for a change of venue for our monthly meetings. It was stated that we didn't need to be moving our meeting place to a different location every month and Derrick asked the members to be thinking about this and to come up with a few choices. This will be discussed at our November meeting.

There were 28 members in attendance and 8 guests for a total of 36 in attendance. Tim Turner won the 50/50, Terry won the hat, Carol won a shirt, and Joel won the Hog Heaven Gift Certificate. Special thanks for the door prize donations.

Future rides include:

October 20 – Bike Night at Juanitos 7:00 p.m.

October 22 – Pink Ladies for Breast Cancer Poker Run at Chattahoochee HD in Columbus

October 22 – Ride to Chattanooga – Contact Derrick for more info

October 22 – Grace Baptist Church – KSU at 10:00 a.m.

October 22 – Shriners Car/Bike Show

October 29 – Iron Cross Halloween Party at the Clubhouse

November 4th – First Friday Ride at Untamed Cycles. This will be the last one till spring.

November 4-6 – Rollin Rumble Motorcycle Rally for Wounded Warriors at Pine Mountain RVC in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Piker Run on Saturday at 9 a.m. Bands both nights. For more info visit www.rvecoutdoors.com

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District 4 East's own Wayne Davis sent these photos of motorcycle only parking in to us from the San Francisco, will we see this in Georgia soon?



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