

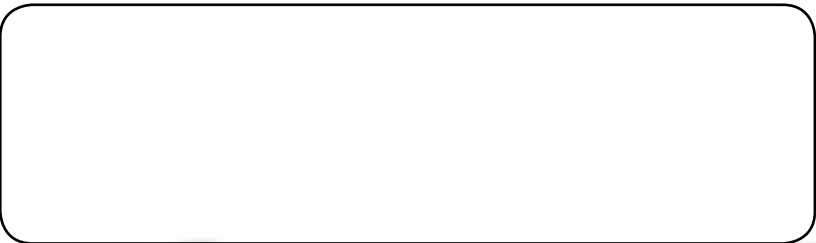
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State Meeting

December State Meeting 12/13/14
Called to Order @ 12:07 pm at the Eagles Lodge in Overland Park,Kansas
Pledge of Allegiance Moment of SilenceRoll Call- All present except Dist 10,Dist 13, Dist 15 & Ed M. Adam H in for Dist 4, Sis in for Dist 8Ringo stated that at all future meetings Dist Reps must be recognized by the board before speaking. All other members must have their Dist Rep recognize them before speaking to help keep the meetings on track.

Secretary Report- Read by Amber S. Approved by the board.

Financial Report- Read by Richard B.
Lobbyist Report- Read by Brian. Brian gave the # to report any road issues/ concerns & asked that the KDOT Toll-free # be printed every month in the newsletter. That number is 1-877-550-5368. Please see Lobbyist Report in your newsletter for more information.

MRF- Ed M absent.Motorcycle Awareness Report-Paul S reported that we now have BE Aware signs.
Public Relations- Sis reported that Kansas Days will be Jan 30th & 31st at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. Washington Days will be held March 6th & 7th at the downtown Ramada in Topeka.MidSouth Mile-Sis stated that we have until March to come up with next years theme for the basket. The Mile will be in Texas. A motion was made by Richard P (2nd by Adam H) to reimburse Tammy W for expenses from the Mile. 3 yes, 10 no,2 abstain. Motion denied.

Corporate Secretary Report- Rocky asked that he be allowed to stand in for Dist 15 rep. Sis(2nd by Bill S)made motion to approve Rocky as Dist 15 representative for the December State meeting, Approved by show of hands. Rocky presented proposed changes to Policies & Procedures. Discussion was had & Doyle (2nd by Bill S) made a motion to accept changes with the exception that the words "one way" be added to section 1. 14

yes,1 no,1 abstain. Motion passed.
Newsletter & Website Report- Tammy W absent, Lea read letter from Tammy to the board. Doyle made a motion (2nd by Ron V) to change the newsletter name back to ABATE of Kansas Inc Official Newsletter. 16 yes. Motion approved.
Products Report- Bill C is taken orders on long sleeve mechanic shirts. Contact him if you'd like to place an order. Also have Lucky Bass & Crazy Eddie memorial patches.

Old Business- Tabled issues from the October meeting concerning Labor Day. Discussion was had about vendor concerns. Motion was made by Ron V(2nd by Bill S) to increase admission for vendors to the Rally. 14 yes, 2 abstain. Motion passed. Please contact your Dist rep for more information. Sis suggested that we get ideas from our Dists for day time entertainment at the Rally. Sis made a suggestion concerning how to pay the website bill. Ron V made a motion(2nd by Richard P) to have a professional check out the computers at the State office. Passed by a show of hands.

Lunch 2pm-250pm. Thank you Dist 5 & the Eagles Lodge for the great lunch.
New Business- Ringo presented Richard M with the Presidential award this year. Congrats & thank you for all of your hard work. Ron V made a motion (2nd by Bill) to accept contract with Strobe & Associates, Inc as is. 13 yes, 3 no. Motion passed. Adam H made a motion (2nd by Bill S) to reimburse Sis for the food at Kansas Days & Washington Days. 13 yes, 3 abstain. Motion passed. Richard B stated that a bad check was received at LDR. Motion was made by Rocky (2nd by Bill) to accept in state checks only. 6 yes,9 no, 1 abstain. Motion Denied. Reminder for All Dist Reps to get Dist financials up to date & closed for the 2014 year. Richard B will be contacting Dist Reps.
Meeting Adjourned.

Corporate Sectary Report

I am posting the policy change that will be voted on at the January meeting. The wording is as approved in December.

I. Reimbursement of the Board of Directors for Travel

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No, ABATE is an advocate for the rights of all motorcyclists, regardless of what or where they ride.

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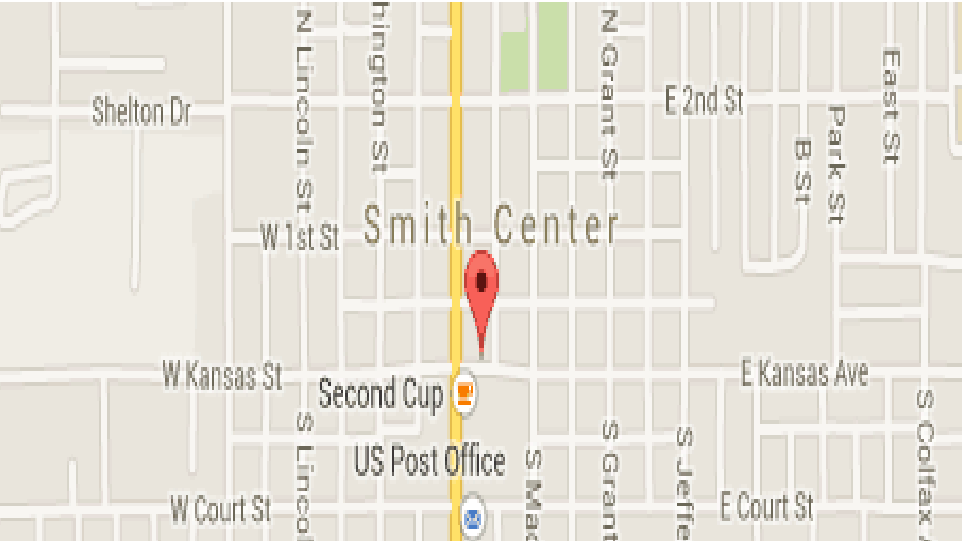
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REPORT; OLD BUSINESS; NEW
BUSINESS; UPCOMING EVENTS

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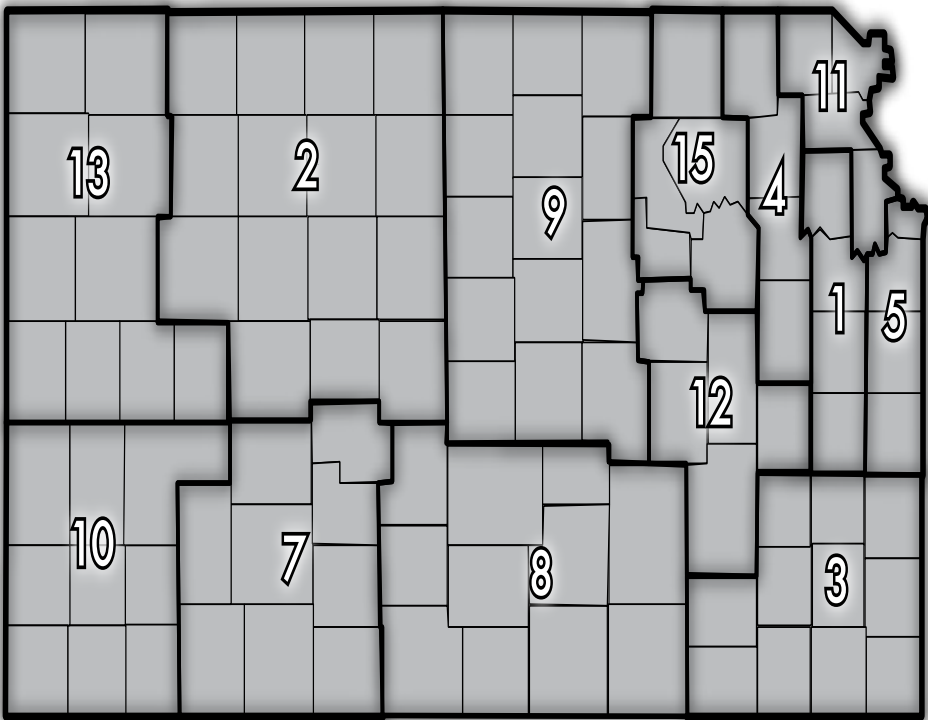
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ELECTION DATE: JAN. 4, 2015

REMINDER: WRITE "BALLOT" ON OUTSIDE OF ENVELOPE.

Our District meeting was held December 7 at the Fredonia VFW with 18 members present. Coop started the meeting with a moment of silence for brothers and sisters lost and the Pledge of Allegiance. Coop gave the state report and stressed the importance of staying informed by reading the newsletter and keeping up with the MRF at the federal level. Coop will be setting up meetings for 2015. Since our Bike Show is the third weekend in May, there was a motion by Dave W. to keep the District meeting the first Sunday in May at the Neodesha Eagles. Troll seconded and all approved.

Bev gave the treasurer report. All approved. Bev said we could not have had a successful Toy Run without all the help and donations. Besides all the toys, we were able to donate to the SEK food bank. A special thank you goes out to Half Pints for the biscuits and gravy, the American Legion Post 139 for the pulled pork and baked beans after the run, Mike H. for the buns, and Tim V. for the BBQ sauce. Door prizes were won by Chris R., Darrel R., Mark S. and Mike B. Mike donated his back. Thanks Mike!

The Secretary report was waived. Please read the newsletter.

Flyers are ready for Neodesha. Our contacts will be Bill Cooper 620-764-3734, Danny 620-330-6861, and Joe Tatum 620-378-2859.

Old business included what to do with the old tables that Coop has been storing.

All agreed to get rid of them, they are falling apart. Our old bike show signs are being redone by Gary K. Thanks Gary! After donations, we will purchase what we need for the bike games. Anyone with contacts or donations, please let us know. Sue and Dave donated their leather jackets and chaps to help the district. Thanks Sue and Dave!

New business was about Coop taking the leathers to the state meetings to get a head start. The Hawg Waddle will be the first Saturday in March. Our district meeting will be held that day at 1pm and the registration for the run will be from 2 to 4pm. Please come out and support this successful event. Carolyn R. and Ellie W. will be designated drivers. Election results were tallied and Bev H. was elected Treasurer and Dan H. was elected Vice Rep..

Joe T. won the door prize. The year-end door prize was won by Coop and he donated half back to the district and half to the SEK food bank. Thanks Coop! Motions were made to close the meeting and all approved. Our next meeting will be January 4, 2015 at the American Legion in Girard. Hope to see you there. Kumbaya



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The meeting was called to order on December 14, 2014 at Papan's Landing . The Pledge of Allegiance was said followed by a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters .

Secretary Report: Read by Sandi and approved by the District .

Treasurer Report: Read by Whitey and approved by the District.

State Report: Adam H reported that we had 9,500 motorcycle awareness signs. Not sure if and when we will receive more. Sis needs ideas for the Mid South Mile Basket by March. The name of our newsletter will change to ABATE of Kansas Incorporated. Ideas needed for daytime entertainment during next years Labor Day Rally. Vendor rates at Labor Day Rally are increasing next year. We will have Hospitality rooms during the Republican Convention at the Capital Plaza on January 30 -31, 2015 and the Democratic Convention at the Ramada on March 6 -7, 2015.

MRF Report: Paul S reported that there is nothing new to report at this time.

KDOT Report: Paul S reported that all registered motorcyclist will be receiving a letter re: an "M" endorsement on your Drivers License. Roadway repair issues can be reported to KDOT at 1-877-550-5368 or *582. Richard M was presented with the Presidential Award. Congratulations Richard! KDOT looking into placing extra warning signs for Motorcyclist in construction areas .SMART Report : No report at this time . Products Report : No report at this time.

Old Business: Toys for Tots was held on November 23rd. We had 140 motorcycles and 240 participants. Thank you to everyone who participated. A big thank you goes to Big Andy and the Ladies at Baby Dolls for their donations!

New Business: We welcomed a new member Kelly M to our meeting. Adam H resigned as Assistant Representative due to new employment after graduating from Washburn Tech. Congratulations Adam and lots of luck in your new career! Don K will be filling in until elections in June. Bowl-a-thon will be January 18, 2015 at Westridge Lanes. Sign up at 12:00 PM. Bowling from 1-4 PM.

Bike Show T-Shirt design voted on and the winning design was submitted by Jack F. Teddy Bear made a motion to sell drawing tickets during the Boat and RV show on February 6-8, 2015 and seconded by Cindy Z. Motion passed. We have adopted two Christmas Families again this year. Will wrap presents on December 19th, 5 PM at Don and Whiteys. Will meet at Kickstart December 21st at 1 PM to make deliveries to the Families. Nominations for Assistant Representative, Treasurer and Historian will begin in January and run through March. Door Prize: Won by Don K Motion to adjourn made by Teddy Bear and seconded by Roxie H. Meeting adjourned. Next District Meeting will be January 11, 2015 at Papan's Landing.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from ABATE District 4 !

the December State officers meeting and End of the Year party. All set up and ready to go ahead of time. Food was good with plenty left over. End of Year party was good, thanks to all that came.

January District meeting to be held January 3rd at the Eagles Lodge, 4726 Merriam Drive, Overland Park, KS starting at Noon that will include breakfast items available (did I hear Chicken and

Waffles?), and it is "BRING A FRIEND" day. Motorcyclist, family, interested people, drag them along, maybe they will like us once they learn what we are about. During the February meeting we will have our Chili Contest. No big prize, but good food to be had.

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Distret Rep. Tony Railsback 620-204-8018



Tony called the meeting to order at 1:45 on 11/09/14 with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers, sisters.

Roll call was taken, District 8 rep, alternate rep, secretary, Treasurer, District 8 county reps for Sedgwick county, Cowley county, Butler county, 29 members and guests.

Treasure report, read and approved by members.

Secretary report read and approved by members. Changed date of RCBO meeting, Jan 26 , Newton American Legion 7pm

State report: See State report this newsletter.

Products: getting ready to order products for The Chill and other up coming events in 2015. Motion was mad and seconded, Tammy has a budget to purchase flag, t-shirts, headbands, etc. motion passed.

Web site-Continue to work on. Suggest sending updates and info to Dist 8 FaceBook.

COC report: Dave talked on various subjects.

Old business: Elections, Tony Railsback elected Dist 8 Rep, Alan Van Dyke elected Dist 8 Member at Large, Sam McKinney as Treasure.

SunFlower Swap Meet Feb 6 & 7. Booth space paid.

River City Blowout, donation tickets for the AR-15 will be available. Committee meeting, Newton Jan 26.

Reno County Toy Run was a success. Over 600 bikes. Thanks to everyone. Special thanks to Angie for the Queen Event.

Cowley County had 160 Motorcycle. Good turn out.

New Business:

The Chill Feb 27-March 1. Brad Offered to place motorcycle in booth.

Dist 8 Chili January 11th meeting. Winner of cook off will have Chili entered in Alefs Chili Cook Off February 14. If your chili is not entered, \$2 fee to taste chili. Entrees will be Best of Show, Hottest, and Best Named.

State Meeting Feb 14th, Dist 8 to host in Newton. We will be serving Mexican.

Meeting adjourned.

Sandra, Sis and Tammy won door prizes.

Next meeting January 11, 2015 at 1:30, 7507 S Broadway Haysville, KS. We will be having a CHILI COOK OFF!!! Bring chili to enter or \$2 to taste.

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Distret Rep. Tony Rawls-Riley 913-706-8449



December 6th, 2014 District 5 monthly meeting started at 12:10 with 14 members present.

Secretary's report from November meeting accepted as read.

Treasure report presented and accepted without any questions.

District membership report given and reported last roster showed we were down a couple of members from previous month, but know that at least 7 memberships new and renewed have come in since then. Three new members signed up at this meeting. Welcome to Rob Mave, Terry McDonald, Diane McDonald, glad to have you join us.

Product line reported that District 5 koozies would be available for sale at the end of the year party. Need written quotes from vendors for T-shirt printing. Membership present expressed the desire for zip up hoodies, long sleeve t-shirts, and regular t-shirts. If you know a vendor that would be interested in quoting these items let us know. Kristy (products chair person) will get with them and discuss/supply requirements.

Tony gave state/district representatives/ legislative report/ on November state meeting and the effect of this meeting and information supplied on District 5 and our membership. This discussion included the motion and approval to make cash donation for the hospitality rooms at both political party conventions this year as nobody is yet ready to commit to being able to attend on the Friday sessions.

Discussed newsletter distribution and seeing if we can get area businesses to advertise in our newsletter. Need to grab on to more extra papers for distribution and

examples for businesses. Leave anywhere we can for people to pick up and read while waiting. Get the name ABATE out in the public eye any way we can.

Motorcycle awareness month promotions discussed along with ABATE promotions and partnerships with dealers and repair shops in District 5 to get the word out. Discussed available promotional items and awareness items that we may be able to come up with. Eyeball awareness signs should be available again soon, will try and get some for distributing where we can. Need to see what we can get from the state of Kansas by contacting the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office at www.kstro.org, including motorcyclist specific items.

Old business centered on December State meeting and End of Year Party preparations and needs remaining. Looks like we have it pretty well all figured out, thanks to all for being involved.

New business was centered on district membership growth and the things we could and need to do to grow our numbers. Several good ideas brought up by returning members who had dropped out for awhile, things that worked for them back when district 5 had many more members. These ideas included having ride-ins to vendors, bike shows, and teaming with Freedom of the Road Riders on some event again plus some other simple easy ideas that may help.

Election results announced With Tony continuing as District Rep., Debbie Harden elected as Secretary and Bobby Smith serving as Sgt. at Arms. Welcome to the board. Thanks to those who have been serving the district and all your efforts.

Thanks to all that helped get ready for

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Distret Rep. Jon Puckett 785-427-2494



The District 9 meeting was called to order at 1:15 pm on Dec 14 2014 with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.The secretary's and treasure's report were given and approved.

State News: See state news in the newsletter. Awareness Report: Discussion on placement of highway signs and a report was given on yard signs.

Products Report: Still have stuff, lots of it. Report given on new items available.

Website Report: All updated.

Old business: Reports given on Marion County and McPherson County Toy Runs.

New Business: Election results; No change in board members. Set meeting dates, locations and events as follows: Jan11th-Meeting at Russ in Galva Jan 17th-Russ B-Day Party Feb 8th-Meeting at Deb and Jr's in Galva Feb 27-March 1st- The Chill Wichita March 8th-Meeting Marion County Lake April 12th-Meeting Glasco Senior Center May 10th- Meeting Tony and Janet's TBA May 17th- Run for the Wall Salina May 22nd-25th River City Blowout Valley

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June 14th-Meeting Bob and Juanita's in Delphos

June 17th- Ride for AJ TBA

July 12th- Meeting Somewhere Bar and Grill in Tescott

July 18th-Bike Show Somewhere Bar and Grill Tescott

Aug 9th-Meeting Old Mill Park in Lindsborg Aug 15th Work Weekend Lake Perry

Sept 4th-7th-Labor Day Rally Lake Perry Sept 13th- Meeting TPJ in Salina

Oct 3rd-Cloud County Toy Run

Oct 10th-Casino Night VFW in McPherson Oct 11th-Meeting VFW in McPherson

Oct 16th-18th Mid South Mile Texas TBA Nov 7th-Marion County Toy Run Marion

Nov 8th Meeting Miltonvale

Nov 28th McPherson County Toy Run

Dec 13-Meeting Dry Dock Kanopolis

Jan 10th 2016-Meeting Russ and Myrna's Stoker Award-Dave Z Drawing won by Dave Z, Tony M and Myrna W

Next Meeting Jan 11th at Russ and Myrna's in Galva

Thanks to the Dry Dock for hosting the meeting





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Finney,Grant,Hamilton,Haskell,Kearney
Morton,Seward,Stanton,Stevens

District Rep. John Mowery 620-640-8471



Minutes not arrived by deadline

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Atchinson,Brown,Doniphan,Leavenworth

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District Rep. Mike Snavelly 785-851-0885



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District Rep. Richard Prock 620-342-8129



The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and sisters followed by the pledge of allegiance. Connie gave the treasurer's report, Richard read the state report, and Deb C. read the previous monthly minutes. All reports were approved as read.

The following contact information is for any problems you encounter with the road you are driving on please contact KDOT at 877-550-5368 or for the turnpike *82.

Richard advised that the State wants ideas for music, bands, entertainment, vendors, ect for our annual Labor Day Rally at Perry Lake. They would like to add more things to do during day, also.

Ed made a motion that was seconded by Rob to give a donation to the State to help with costs for our booth at Kansas State fair. The motion was carried.

The toys delivered to SOS and Shiloh House was a big success and they were very overwhelmed with tears of joy! We helped to provide toys for 260+ children in the surrounding area. A big THANK YOU to all involved, especially Linda B., as without her this wouldn't have been possible!

Old business was discussion about our annual Bike Show on April 11, 2015 that will be held at Clint Boyer building this year. Tish made a motion seconded by Rob for a "Spring Fling Old School Ride in Bike Show" with vendors. Additionally a

party and entertainment will be held at the Boyer building after clean up. The motion was carried.

Contact information for the bike show is as follows:

Vendors – Tish & Ed – Ed 620-220-0181 / Tish 620-220-0180

Sponsors – Sheila M. 620-342-8799
Advertising/Public Relations – Deb F. 620-340-7526

Kitchen – Deb C. 620-794-7865

Entertainment – Richard P. 620-757-0808

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time please contact them, any and all help is be greatly appreciated!

New business was a motion made by Richard P. that was seconded by Sheila to give a monetary donation to Brian Turpin as he was in a life- threatening accident a couple of months ago. The motion carried.

Our annual Chili Feed will follow next month's meeting @ the American Legion in Emporia on January 11, 2015 @ noon.

There will be trophies for the best tasting, hottest, and best named chili. If your not bringing chili there will be a small charge for eating that will be donated back to the American Legion for letting us host this event. Hope you can make it!

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was carried.

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Jim Lange 620-397-8262

Meeting was called to order by Rep at 2:20. A moment of silence was given for all the fallen brothers/sisters lost, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given. Roll call was taken and 13 members were present.

Secretary's Report was read by Katy L on last months minutes taken, and there were no questions, Tom N motioned to accept report as read and seconded by Don W, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by Steve K on last months statement. There were no questions on financials...Tom N motioned to accept report as read and seconded by Steve H, motion carried.

Rep Report: Rep did make the State Meeting in Perry on November 8, 2014 at Noon. Jim went over the many topics that were covered at the State Meeting and answered any questions and many had their own opinions as well. Jim relayed who the winners of the State Board Positions were. There were no more questions, Tom N motioned to accept Rep Report as read and seconded by Kim W, motion carried.

Old Business: Still finding errors on the rosters and getting members information right, whether their name or address.

Jim appointed Ray W as Chaplain and gave him a chaplain pin and necklace.

Still in discussion on the location of the Buffalo Run Rally. No other old business at this time.

New Business: Kim W made the motion to do Christmas Baskets for Christmas and seconded by Don W, motion carried.

Tom N made motion to donate cash to Scott County Bread Basket and Lane County Health Department, and seconded by Kim W, motion carried.

Jim asked the members present if the District would like to have a Christmas party this year? Everyone that was present wanted to have a Christmas party and it will be a Meeting and Party in one at the Rec in Scott City at 2:00 on December 21, 2014. Everyone bring a present. Hope to see everyone there!!

Tom motioned to adjourn at 4:00 and seconded by Steve H, All in favor!

Tom had chili for everyone and invited them into his for it. Thank You Tom for having the meeting at your house and your hospitality! Thank you to everyone to coming out on this beautiful chili day!! We Ride...We Decide...Ride Safe Katy

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Geary,Marshall,Pottawatomie,Riley,Wabaunsee

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Paul Woodward 785-313-2130

On November 9, 2014, Paul Woodyard called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at Cock n' Bull, 2413 Stagg Hill Road, Manhattan. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was offered for lost brothers and sisters and the troops serving our Nation today.

Mark K. read the minutes for the October Business Meeting. Carl H. made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Mark K. Having no discussion, the motion passed.

Cathy H. gave the October Treasurer report. There were no outstanding bills. A motion was made by Teresa V. to accept the report, seconded by Herbie M. Having no discussion, the report was approved. Cathy welcomed any member to view the district's itemized financial statement after the meeting.

Paul W. gave the District Rep State Meeting Report. Paul asked members to take time and refer to the State Report in the Newsletter for additional details.

Old Business: Update on Toys for Manhattan, Christmas Family, Biker Ball, District 15 Bash Site, Veterans' Christmas Gift Bags, and Review the Calendar of Events.

Judy P,Director of Toys for Manhattan, suggested the ride stop at the old Waters True Value on Highway 24 to see the toys that have been donated so far for this year. The group will stop there on their way to R.C. McGraw's.

Cathy H. stated the Christmas Bureau was having their meeting today. She will have complete information at the next meeting.

Deb W. has been able to locate some decorations for the ball. Cathy H. and she will make a decision on these decorations and make a report at the next meeting. A photo op for the 2015 Biker Ball flyer was taken before the meeting. Rusty and David Allison featured their two classic cars for the image and the members served as a backdrop.

Paul W. reported he has been trying to contact Val for more specifics at the Bash site. To date, he has been unable to make the connection. Pat R. said she has made inquires about Val.

Bonnie L. thanked Pat R. for bringing what was needed to complete the gift bags. She also reported that Alma's third grade teacher had retired, but the fourth grade teacher said her class was excited about keeping up the tradition of making the Christmas greetings for the veterans.

The Calendar of Events is now complete as stands. Bonnie will call the businesses and see if they are willing to commit to the date. All members will have the completed calendar at the December meeting.

New Business: Total Pounds for Food Drive, and District 15 Election Results for Asst. District Rep and Secretary.

Bill L and Deb W. weighed the collected food items. The total weight was 709 pounds. District 15 members exceeded their goal of 500 pounds. Bill L. and Bonnie L. thanked everyone present for the amount of food collected for Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee County Food Pantry. Bill L. asked the group for a monetary donation. Mark made a motion to add a monetary donations for the Community Health Ministry which distributes the food for the two food pantries, seconded by Teresa V. The motion was approved. Marshall County will be the recipients of next year's annual food drive. Bill L. offered to take care of the 2015 drive. He was thanked by the members for his offer.

The election results for District 15 were as follows: Carl Hodges was elected for the position as Asst. District Rep. and Mark Krause was elected for the position as Secretary.

Members Additional Comments: Benefit Ride for Carol Maurich, Two Yearly Memberships, and Jane and Mike Total Count on the Amount Raised for Bikers for Babies.

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Cathy H. gave a positive review on the benefit ride for Carol Maurich. She mentioned the number of bikes involved, the great food, and the activities which followed. Cathy was able to answer all questions the members asked regarding Carol's health issues.

Tony R. gave information about the bike accident of Bob and Rhonda McFall who are from Clatonia, NB. Bob was seriously injured. Both of them have planned to be members of ABATE District 15. He felt District 15 should do something for them; since they worked so many hours helping us out at the gate during the rally. Many ideas were suggested. A motion was made by Pat R. and seconded by Tony R. to pay for two yearly memberships. With no further discussion the motion passed.

Jane P-F and Mike F. thanked District 15 for their donation in helping them reach their goal for the "Biker for Babies" cause. She reported that 5300 bikers took part in the event. This group of bikers raised an impressive amount of money for "Bikers for Babies.", March of Dimes. The members were impressed with the amount raised for this cause.

Deb W. won the door prize.

A motion was made by Carl H., seconded by Mark K. to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be on December 14th at 2:00 p.m. at Devil's Tail, 213 East Eight, Junction City.

Following are the events for the rest of 2014:

Saturday, November 22nd - ANNUAL TOY RIDE - Registration begins at 10:30 AM at The Little Grill, 6625 Dyer Road and Kick Stands up at Noon. Ending at R.C. McGraw's, 2317 Tuttle Creek Boulevard, Manhattan, with a Chili Feed

From November through December, the deadline dates for publication of the newsletter is before our meetings. Please refer to District 15 website: www.abateks15.com for our most recent meeting minutes and events.

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NHTSA Chief confirmed by U.S. Senate

December 19, 2014

For Immediate Release

The United States Senate has confirmed President Barack Obama’s nominee to head the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In a late night Senate session, the confirmation was part of a large package of other non-controversial nominees. Mark Rosekind was nominated nearly a year after former NHTSA boss, David Strickland, stepped down. Rosekind was a National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) board member.

Rosekind, sleep scientist by training, has been on the NTSB's board since 2010. Before that, he spent 13 years as the president of Alertness Solutions and also worked for NASA for several years. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx called Rosekind a "leader ready-made for this critical responsibility," adding it would be his job not only to hold automakers accountable, but "raise the bar on safety." According to the NTSB website, Rosekind is a leading expert in human fatigue.

Rosekind has his work cut out for him; NHTSA has suffered amid harsh criticism that the agency has sat on the sidelines concerning recent auto part failure recall, such as the GM ignition switch and the Takata Corp airbag recall. A troubled website and a botched attempt to alert the public about the potentially fatal airbags have left NHTSA reeling. To put things in perspective, Joan Claybrook, a former NHTSA administrator, and hater of all things motorcycle, called the current state of affairs at the safety administration “a total meltdown, a royal embarrassment and calls into question the trustworthiness of the agency.” These are harsh words from a longtime and very loyal supporter of NHTSA.

Still pending is the Senate confirmation of Presidents Obama’s pick to head the National Transportation Safety Board, Christopher Hart.

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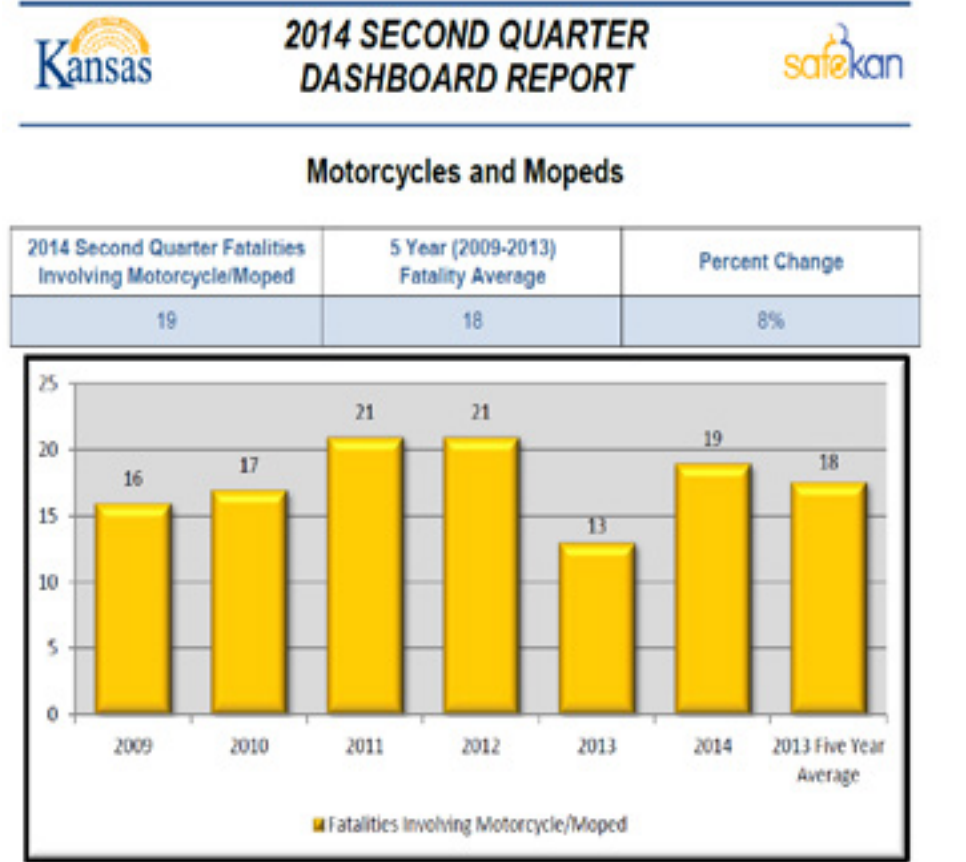
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Lobbyist Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR
To all my friends in ABATE

Well another year has come and gone. I feel it was one of my BEST ever as well as for ABATE
So what have I been up to.
On November 17 we met with KTA to discuss Toll reduction as well as swapping KTAG's from one vehicle to another
Toll reduction fairness is moving forward and at this time you may move your KTAG back and forth.
On December 5th the KDOT Committee met and consolidated items down to three as we move forward
Guard fence on curves
Painted signs on pavement
Advance warning signs at construction sites
The final item is the creation of what I call the RED PHONE
If you come upon a serious problem during your travels whether on KDOT or KTA Routes please do the following
contact KDOT @ 1-877-550-5368 OR KTA @ * 582
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1)The problem

2)The route
3)The milepost or your location
Your fellow Motorcyclist will be appreciative.
On January 12th the 2015 session begins
The following 3 bills are being drafted
A) The ROW Bill
B) The KDOT Resolution
C) The Safety Corridor
Kansas Day celebration with the Republican Party will be in Topeka
January 30 and 31 at the Capital Plaza hotel
Washington Day celebration with the Democratic Party will also be in Topeka
March 6 and 7 at the Ramada Inn
These are both informative and fun events please put them on your radar would love to see you all there.
We at STROPE wish you all a Happy Safe and Prosperous New Year as we are looking forward to 2015
GOD BLESS YOU ALL

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Kansas COC Report

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas! Wishing you a Happy New Year!
Ride Safe
David Fields

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District1 (unless noted, all meetings start at 6:30 pm)

District 2- (unless noted, meetings start at 5:00 pm)
11/01- Dist Mtg, 712 N Grant

District 3- (unless noted, all meetings start at 1:00 pm)
11/02- Dist Mtg- American Legion, Hwys 75 & 166, Caney,Ks
11/29- 33rd ANNUAL TOY RUN, Independence
Lone Chief Cabin- 12 NOON
12/07- VFW, 10283 Harper Rd, Freedonia

District 4(unless noted, meetings start at 1:00 pm)
11/09- Dist Mtg- Papan's Landing
11/30- Toys For Tots, Orschelan Parking Lot
12/13- Christmas party- TBD
12/14- Dist Mtg- Papan's Landing

District 5- (unless noted, meetings begin ay NOON)
11/01- Dist Mtg- Eagle Lodge,O.P.,Ks
12/06- Dist Mtg - Eagle Lodge, O.P.
12/13- STATE MTG HOSTS- Eagle Lodge, 12 NOON
12/13- END OF YEAR PARTY,
Band –Stoned Ground Rock- 7:00 PM

District 7- (unless noted, meetings start at 7:30 pm)
11/14- Dist Mtg- 104 Cottonwood, Dodge City

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11/09- Dist Mtg, VFW, 7504 S. Broadway, Haysville
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11/01- MARION CO. TOY RUN-
Willy's J's, 131 S. Thorpe St, Marion- 12 NOON
11/09- Dist Mtg- Miltonvale
11/29- MCPHERSON CO, TOY RUN-
12/14- Dist Mtg- TBD

District 10
11/02- Dist Mtg- John's- 2:00 PM
12/07- Dist Mtg- John's- 2:00 PM

District 11
11/02- Dist Mtg & Annual Planning Mtg-
VFW, Wathena- 12 NOON
11/11- VETERAN'S DAY PARADE- 10:00AM
12/07- ANNUAL TOY RUN-
Wildwoods, 4th & Delaware, Leavenworth- 12 NOON
12/07- Dist Mtg- TBD (follows toy run) 2:00PM
12/14- V. A. Chili Feed– 10:30 A.M.

District 12- TBD

District 13-

District 15
11/22- TOYS FOR MANHATTEN,
Little Grill, 6625 Dyer Rd, Manhattan- 12 NOON
11/09- Dist Mtg / ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE-
Cock 'n Bull, 2413 Stagg Hill Rd, Manhattan- 2:00 PM
12/14- Dist Mtg- Devils Tail,
213 e 8th, Junction City- 2:00pm

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11/08- Meeting & Elections-
Amer Legion, 12 NOON Perry
12/13-Meeting-Eagles,
12 NOON- 4726 Merriam, O.P.





DISTRICT 4 TOY FOR TOTS TOY RUN



SANTA LEADS THE WAY — Santa Claus leads over 150 motorcycles up from Area 4 to the Kansas Food Bank to deliver toys for needy families during the 33rd annual Kansas ABATE District 3 Toy Run Saturday afternoon in Topeka. (Photo by Rob Morgan)

Bikers spread holiday spirit on toy run

By David Lowitz
Staff Writer

Santa's reindeer can't keep up with these real ones and their hoys.
The 33rd annual Kansas ABATE District 3 Toy Run brought hundreds of toys to help families with children in need Saturday.
"It's good for the kids," says Zamboni, of Independence, who was his fourth time and the first time he has participated in all 33 years since 1999.
Although organized by the group A Housenood Agustin Polakianus (Housenood), the ride brought together riders from several areas, including the American Legion and Christian Motorcycle Riders.
"This is the first time where all of our districts get together," ABATE District 3 representative Bill Cooper of Mulvane said.
"I don't know if it's a South Side thing," he said.

The district covers 11 counties in southeast Kansas.
"That's a big area," Cooper said.
The weather was perfect for the ride, with temperatures in the 40s and 50s. The ride started at 8 a.m. and ended at 12 p.m. The ride was a success, with over 150 motorcycles participating and over 1,000 toys collected.
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The ride will go to the annual Adopt-A-Family program and last year benefited more than 200 children, organizer Jim Kelly said.
Last year's campaign had 64 volunteers and 150 bikes, with an average of three children each. Kelly said. The toys also went to children in low-income areas and others in need.
Last year's toy run netted 149 motorcycles and 16 cars. Another estimate put the number of riders at 106.
"That's a record, I think," Kelly said.
Donations for this year's Adopt-A-Family campaign are still down, and this holiday season is short on toys, said a local Christmas party, said a total of 150 families have asked to be adopted, and each donation is up to \$1,000.
"We're lagging behind," he said. "Last year, we used probably triple that."
After the run, the riders returned to Lone Chief Cabin for an evening of food.

DISTRICT 3 TOY RUN INDEPENDENCE

Greetings for the holidays.

Our Toy Runs for our districts are about all over. The riding weather was so beautiful! We are all in the wind. Our thoughts are about our loved ones all our happiness and all our freedoms. To be able to put a toy into the hands of a little one in need or a food basket on the table for a single parent trying to feed their children on a minimum wage job. Doesn't this make you feel good inside?

Our 33rd annual Toy Run in Independence netted 6 pallets of toys for the children and a decent donation to the Southeast Food Bank. It was a beautiful day with over 150 bikes in the parade to the food bank. The flags all were flying in the wind as the bikes rumbled off from the Oval at Riverside Park. The feed afterwards at Lone Chief Cabin and thanking all of our brothers and sisters for their support.

On the way home Ellie and I talked about how perfect everything had been.

Later that evening, Ellie called me saying Bill turn on the T.V. A Chanute man was killed on his 2014 Harley on 39 Highway when a S.U.V. failed to see him. I don't know where he had been going or where that he had been but I know that it was a beautiful day and he was on his Harley and He was in The Wind and he was doing what he wanted to do.

I know also that the hearts of all of us brothers and sisters go out to his family and he will always be in the Wind.

Ride Safe ABATE Needs You
Happy Holidays

-Bill Cooper, District 3.





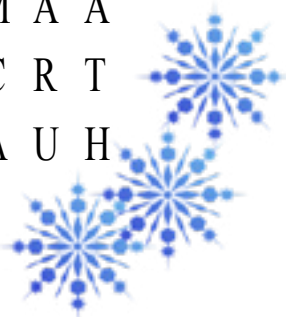
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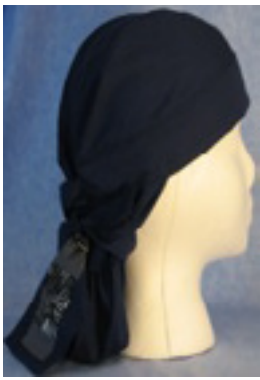
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