



TEXAS TIDBITS

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TEXOMA TREATS

Greetings from Texoma, it's been a minute since I went to a Chapter meeting, and I've been to 2 of them in the past 3 months, and it looks like I'll be going to a lot more of them. I've accepted the nomination for Texoma ABATE Chapter Rep for the 2022 term. Texoma's goal has always been to educate our family, friends and members on the legislative process, and the importance of staying involved in our freedom. We will continue to work toward Freedom of Choice for all Texas Bikers. We have a few things planned for the rest of the year and would love to have you join us.

November 20th is Texoma's Freedom Run, it will start at 11 am at Sherman VFW Post 2772, we will ride to a few other Veteran Organizations and back to the VFW Post 2772 in Sherman for some food, 50/50 drawings, maybe some auction items and Poker Run winner announcements. The proceeds of the Freedom Run go toward our Legislative Fund and our quest for "Freedom of Choice".

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LAKE CITIES ABATE

Rober Crowdus, State
Membership Officer



Lake Cities ABATE delivers their Memorial Donation, in honor of John Garza (LKC member who passed November 2020), to Habitat for Humanity of Denton County. (Left to right, Rober Crowdus (LKC Coordinator), Nick Epperson (Habitat for Humanity), Donny Muse (LKC member), Jameson Scott (LKC member), guest and Stewart Humphreys (LKC member))

State and Chapter Info

(Click underlined text for links)

STATE:

www.texasabate.com

www.facebook.com/groups/texasabate

▪ State Meeting

12/4/21 at 1:00 pm

VFW Post 2205

909 Sunset Street

Denton, TX 76201

ARLINGTON:

www.arlingtonabate.com

www.facebook.com/ArlingtonABATE

▪ Chapter Meeting

3rd Sunday at 12 noon

VFW Post 6111

1200 W Harris Street

Arlington, TX 76001

DENTON:

www.facebook.com/DentonChapter

ABATE

▪ Chapter Meeting

4th Sunday at 2:00 pm

VFW Post 2205

909 Sunset Street

Denton, TX 76201

LAKE CITIES:

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▪ Chapter Meeting

2nd Sunday at 1:00 pm

VFW Post 10460

501 Thompson Drive

Lake Dallas, TX 75065

TEXOMA:

www.facebook.com/texomaabate

▪ Chapter Meeting

3rd Sunday at 1:00 pm

American Legion Post 62

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INDEPENDENT CORNER

The Texas ABATE information booth at the 22 KILL event at Maverick Harley-Davidson went well. We had one person join and several take trifolds. We were able to collect a \$100 in donations for the water ABATE supplied that was donated to 22 KILL. We actually ran out of water and Stewart Humphries donated more.

Special THANKS to those who came out to help support the ABATE booth: Lake Cities – Mandy, Rober, Sara, Jameson, Stewart & “Trucker” Donny; Arlington – Zack & Bearpup; Independents – Kirsten & Steve.

Remember to check your junk mail & look for communications from mimashivers2002@yahoo.com. Shoot me an email to let me know if you are not receiving anything. Be sure to email info about upcoming events you would like to see ABATE involved in, as well.



Legislative Report



ABATE is dedicated to preserving the rights of all motorcyclists, regardless of what you ride. This 87th legislative session has been tough; however - that didn't stop Texas bikers from lobbying, in unity, to protect our freedom to ride.

This has been an historic session for Texas in more ways than one. Texas had several motorcycle bills (6 plus a resolution), which included HB 1837 and HB 1838 - a House motorcycle profiling bill, and a gang database reform bill. HB 1838 was only a couple days short of making it to the floor for a full House vote;

HB 1838 passed the House and was received by the Senate. The other bills all died a slow death in their respective committees. Overall, I would say that this 87th legislative session has been mostly successful for motorcyclists; however, it is vital that we take what we learned this session and prepare our strategy for the next session - which begins in January 2023. Mark your calendars for January 22, 2022 – for the Texas ABATE 88th Legislative Session Preparation Seminar (location TBA). Everyone is encouraged to attend – more information will follow. We need to work smarter - not harder!

On the Federal level, we need to continue "Taking Action" on several issues – not including the highway bill, which is a congressional mess; the existing federal highway bill is extended a month, and we will see what happens then. Bills that we can take action on immediately are: S.2736 (Re-introduction of the RPM Act); S.1853 (Motorcycle Advisory Council Act of 2021); HR 2141 (House version of the Motorcycle Advisory Council Re-authorization Act); and H.Res. 366 - Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling, along with encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling. Go to your elected representative's website and ask them to co-sponsor these bills.

Personally, I think this summer went by way too fast! In August, a

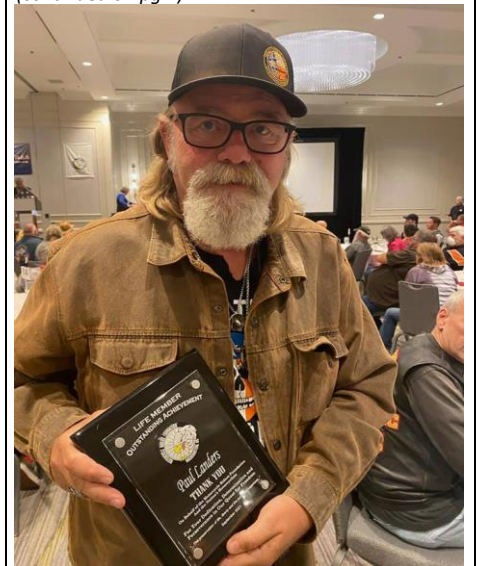
few of us rode to the 81st Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, and we had a blast! On August 10th we attended the 34th Annual A.B.A.T.E. Social Hour – hosted by A.B.A.T.E. of South Dakota. Only 7 miles west of Sturgis, this park is the perfect place to meet with like-minded friends to relax and discuss motorcycle legislation! Hardtail, from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), discussed the mc language differences in the House and Senate versions of the Transportation Bills. Thank you, A.B.A.T.E. of SD, for your hospitality, food, and drinks. It was a great turnout! And speaking of Sturgis, congratulations to Deborah Butitta (MRF A&E) who received the "Freedom Fighter Award" and was inducted into the Sturgis Hall of Fame! Deb is definitely deserving of this award!

September 23rd - 26th we attended the 37th Annual MRF "Meeting of the Minds" (MOTM), which was hosted by ABATE of Georgia; I gave the Texas State update, and discussed several of our bills. This event is always motivating, and the amount of knowledge that you gain from this event is amazing. At the MOTM the State representatives vote on the MRF strategy for the next year –High, Medium, and Low Priority objectives. I highlighted many statements and interesting facts in my notes. Gary Goracke is our new Rep's Rep, replacing Doc D'Errico. The bell-ringing ceremony was definitely a tear-jerker this year. Several awards were given to deserving members, and Mr. Paul

Landers received one very special award – the "Life Member Achievement Award". Paul has worked tirelessly on several of our Texas motorcycle bills and can be found involved in most Texas COC&I events. I can't think of a more deserving Texas Freedom-Fighter to receive this award - congratulations Paul! I received an award for the 2nd year in a row for making the "Top-10 Membership Recruiter" list for 2021 (actually, we had 11 members receive a recruiter award because of a tie). There were amazing numbers that these members generated! I like what Mark Buckner said at the MOTM, "Find people who make good leaders...challenge them...help them be successful...and move out of the way!"

Something very alarming that I learned at the MOTM is that Europe is planning on eliminating combustion engines by 2050!

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LEGISLATIVE

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Many “end-of-life” theories for the combustion engine exist, and if that happens in Europe, I'm sure the rest of the world will follow. Look how fast electric vehicles are becoming popular, even electric motorcycles. How fair is a “by-the-mile” road tax for motorcycles? We discussed many areas of concern for the motorcycling community; and if you are not a member of a motorcycle rights organization like ABATE, the MRF, or another organization, you need to ask yourself - why not? Let's preserve the same rights we enjoy for our kids and grandkids; remember, our rights come with responsibilities! Ride safe – Ride free!

Skeedaddy

ORGANIZING A RUN... FUN OR FAIL?!

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9. RUN DAY: There is a yard/parking lot full of bikes, ready to go, with the exception of a few:
 - c. There is one bro who is ALWAYS late and today is no different.
LEAVE – he knows where you are going and when you are going to stop
 - d. There is one bro who “just needs to do one little thing on his bike and it won't take 10 minutes”.
LEAVE – he has had plenty of time to make sure everything is right
 - e. So-and-so needs to stop for fuel, another's ol' lady needs to pee, and a couple just want to finish their smoke.
LEAVE – So-and-so should have gotten gas, while he's doing that, the others can smoke all they want and the ol' lady can pee
These folks will either catch up with you or slow you down.
10. On-the-Road
 - a. The front bike on the left will control speed, lane changes, stops and signals. This bike MUST have a good speedo, use turn signals, hand signals, and a horn.
 - b. Rigid frames on left, others on the right. Side cars and/or trikes in the back. The edge of the road is usually roughest and makes for a harder ride on a rigid.
 - c. Riders must stay about ten feet behind the bike in front but do not crowd. If a car can get in between the bikes, it will. If it does, be safe but pass as soon as possible.
Do NOT wave a car into the line of bikes.
 - d. Everyone passes, signals, and points out obstacles in the road. Point out the dead skunk you go around, too.
 - e. Try and stay in the fast lanes on the highway. Usually less traffic in the fast lane.
 - f. No smoking, spitting, or drinking while riding in a pack.
Do you want chewing tobacco in your face?
 - g. If riders near you screw around – raise hell! Pay attention!



MEMBERSHIP

2021 Texas ABATE

Total Number of New Members

Chapter	Aug	Sept
Arlington	2	1
Denton	0	0
Lake Cities	4	5
Texoma	0	0
Independents	0	0

Well, that's about it. I hope some of these ideas will help make for a safer and more enjoyable run for y'all. If you have some ideas or good suggestions about runs and riding, I would be glad to hear from ya. Ride Safe & Remember: the more the merrier.

Roadmap Butch, Arlington ABATE

STOP THE TEXTS
STOP THE WRECKS

TEXOMA TREATS

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December 5th is the "For the Kids" Toy Run. As you may know, Bruce was our local Toy Run "Bad" Santa for the past 2 decades. This year our Chapter made a \$500 T-shirt sponsorship donation from Texoma ABATE in Dad's honor, AND we will be donating ALL of the profit from the sale of the Dad's Party Memorial T-Shirts, as an additional donation from Texoma ABATE. <https://fb.me/e/2BHBjXf4y>

December 11th will be our Chapter Christmas Party, this year we are working to have this at the farm (if we can locate a large tent in time). Texoma will be providing the meat, and a few adult beverages 😊 and as always Jeff will be making his famous Apple Pie. The Biker Gift Exchange is always so much fun and hilarious, we keep it to a \$20 limit. How ugly is your Christmas Sweater?? We have had some doozies, so come on with yours. We will have prizes and/or trophies for the winners of our games, if you've not seen the Lemon Roll or the Trojan Banana you have got to come and participate, you won't be disappointed.

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Love and Respect to you all 😊 Robin, Texoma ABATE
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MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION

30-day Highway Bill Extension Passes

With the failure of Congress to pass a new highway bill, by the September 30th deadline, nearly 3,700 United States Department of Transportation staffers were furloughed on Friday. Most of these workers belong to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Without dedicated funding to operate, those agency workers were forbidden from coming into work on October 1st. Operations in these agencies, related to safety and construction projects, were halted as a result.

On Friday evening, 10/1/21, in an effort to end the closure of these agencies, Congress passed an extension of the recently expired FAST Act. The 30-day extension releases federal funds so workers at the FHWA and FTA can return to work for the month of October.

An interparty fight between progressive and moderate Democrats created a stalemate on infrastructure legislation and produced the need for an extension.

This is the second time the FAST Act has been extended in just over a year. The original 2015 bill, expired on September 30, 2020, but was given a full 1-year extension, creating the recently passed September 30, 2021, deadline.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) remains engaged with lawmakers on this important bill. The MRF continues to stress the need for action on the transportation policy

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UPCOMING EVENTS

11/20/21 [Freedom Run](#) (Texoma)
11/21/21 [Bikers Giving Back](#) (Arlington)
12/05/21 [For the Kids Toy Run](#) (Texoma)
12/11/21 [Texoma Christmas Party](#)
01/22/22 [Texas ABATE Legislative Seminar](#)

priorities of the nearly 10 million bikers across the country. We will keep you updated as events warrant.

Chainsaws, Golf Carts, Lawn Mowers???

California (CA) Governor Gavin Newsom signed a bill into law banning the sale of all off-road, gas-powered engines, including generators, lawn equipment, pressure washers, chainsaws, weed trimmers, and even golf carts. Under the new law, these machines must be zero-emissions, meaning they will have to be either battery-powered or plug-in.

This law is particularly concerning because of the status CA holds within the national economy. The population and market size that CA commands often forces manufacturers to react by changing products nationwide, to conform to CA standards. Additionally, states with like-minded legislatures often follow with similar laws and regulations of their own.

The MRF is concerned that this action by CA, will begin a cascading effect that will eventually result in the demise of the internal combustion engine and the fuel supply tied to it. During the legislative agenda setting meeting, held at the 2021 Meeting of the Minds, in Atlanta, Georgia this very issue was debated. Working with our state partners, the MRF is currently evaluating how best to address these concerns. The final 2022 MRF Legislative Agenda will be made public in an upcoming American Biker Journal.

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DENTON RIDE???

Denton Chapter ride to the meeting was a great ride up to St. Jo with "2 Wheel Family", a strong Denton based RC with over 500 members. Roy Ridge is President and a leader in the local motorcycle community.

Roy had acknowledged the need for Texas ABATE. He and his members will become more active going forward.



Texas ABATE Membership Application

Name (1): _____

Name (2): _____

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TX State District #'s: SEN _____ REP _____

Please circle one: Are you a registered Texas voter? Yes No

Is this a new membership? Yes No

Sponsor's Name: _____ (optional)

Sponsor's member number: _____

Do you prefer to be a chapter member? Yes No

Which chapter? _____

No I would like to be an independent member.

Type of Membership: Single-\$20.00 _____ Couple-\$30.00 _____

Life-\$200.00 (per person) _____

Make your check or money order (do not send cash through the mail) payable to Texas ABATE Confederation, Inc. and mail to: Texas ABATE Membership Office P. O. Box 416 Lake Dallas, TX 75065

ARLINGTON SHENANIGANS

It was a B-E-A-U-T-I-F-U-L day for a putt! Our new Assistant Coordinator sure does know how to pick some great stops! Started out with breakfast tacos at the Plaza Pub and off to see MadDog at SkootDog's Motorcycle Leather & Gear. Then we shimmied over to Daesy's Tropical Sno for some of the best snow cones EVER!!! Next stop, the HWY BAR before they kicked off their evening with some badass tunes fromith Lamun's Terms. And last, but certainly NOT least, Rob treated us to his amazing chicken nachos at the Old Cocktail Lounge (OCL). Thanks to all our local hangouts for EVERYTHING you do to support us and our cause.




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