



TEXAS TIDBITS

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SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES



Lake Cities ABATE would like to give a special thank you to Lake Cities Community Food Pantry for requesting assistance in picking up and delivery food and non-food donations from Target in Denton, TX. Their regular volunteers were on vacation during the month of April 2022, which left the Food Pantry short on help. Rhea Phelan contacted Rober, Lake Cities Coordinator, and asked if this would be something Lake Cities ABATE could handle for the food pantry. Of course, we said yes, so starting March 31st through April 28th, every Thursday morning, members picked up at 8:00 a.m. from Target in Denton, TX, and delivered to Lake Cities Community Food Pantry in Lake Dallas, TX. Members arrived at the food pantry about 8:45 a.m. to unload and weigh the donations and were done by 9:00 a.m. In all, we ended up delivering a total of 2,329 lbs. (1,939 lbs. in food and 390 lbs. in non-food items). Photo above of members early one Thursday morning.

WHERE THE JOURNEY TAKES US

It was a beautiful day for Arlington members when they traveled to Panama City Beach for the Thunder Beach Rally. One of the things that make these events so much more enjoyable is running into great



folks like Bill Gormley, from Bill's Trailer Sales. A great supporter of motorcyclists' rights and also a fellow rider. You are always in for good conversation and a great laugh when you spend time visiting with Bill. See you soon!

State and Chapter Meeting Details

(Click underlined text for links)

STATE:

www.texasabate.com

www.facebook.com/groups/texasabate

08/06/22 at 1:00 pm

Lakewood Estates Clubhouse

3939 Teasley Lane, Denton 76201

Follow SHARE THE ROAD SIGNS to rear

entrance & the clubhouse –

BYOEverything & a swimsuit

ARLINGTON:

www.arlingtonabate.com

www.facebook.com/ArlingtonABATE

3rd Sunday at 12 noon

VFW Post 6111

1200 W Harris Street

Arlington, TX 76001

DENTON:

www.facebook.com/DentonChapter

ABATE

4th Sunday at 2:00 pm

VFW Post 2205

909 Sunset Street

Denton, TX 76201

HEART OF TEXAS (HOT):

1st Thursday at 7:00 pm

American Legion Post 55

101 W Avenue A

Belton, TX 76513

LAKE CITIES:

www.facebook.com/Lake-Cities-ABATE-2021-454543498728107

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

Sherman Elks Lodge #2280

1313 FM1417

Sherman, TX 75090

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MEMBERSHIP

NEW ABATE MEMBERS

Total by Chapter

Chapter	APRIL 2022	MAY 2022
Arlington	0	0
Denton	1	1
Heart of Texas	0	11
Lake Cities	2	3
Texoma	3	1
Independents	2	0

INDEPENDENT CORNER

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.

LAKE CITIES ABATE

Sponsored By: 510 Poker Club

\$1,000 Payout!
\$500 for every 25 players

\$40 Donation

HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

WHEN: SATURDAY AUG 06TH, 4PM

WHERE:
VFW POST 10460
501 THOMPSON DR
LAKE DALLAS, TX 75065

COMPETITION PELLET SMOKER DRAWING
50/50 - AUCTION ITEMS - 1ST PLACE TROPHY - FOOD & FUN

PRE-REGISTER: - [HTTPS://510POKERCLUB.GODADDYSITES.COM](https://510POKERCLUB.GODADDYSITES.COM)

Legislative Report

Motorcycle legislation in Texas is about to get real! We are optimistic that Texas will pass at least a couple of motorcycle bills next session, which may be the first significant common-sense motorcycle bills passed since 2015. But first, before we get too giddy about the Texas 88th legislative session, we have to take care of unfinished business – on a federal level. We cannot ignore the fact that the 2nd half of the 2nd session of the 117th (US) Congress will be over in less than 6 months - and we still have a considerable amount of business that needs to be taken care of!

Specifically in reference to (US) H.Res. 366: *“Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling”*. A similar house profiling resolution introduced last Congress, (116th) H. Res. 255, garnered 139 co-sponsors. This session, as of June 8th, 2022, H. Res. 366 only has 98 co-sponsors - 41 fewer sponsors than last session!

Why would Texas have 25% fewer co-sponsors (only 3) this Congress, than our Federal profiling resolution had last session? What happened to Rep. Kevin Brady from HD 8? Did Rep. Brady change his mind (does he now believe profiling is lawful)? Perhaps no one from his district (Woodland area) asked him to co-sponsor the resolution?

Texas presently ranks #4 in the Nation - for taking action on Federal motorcycle profiling resolutions; 3 years ago, Texas was ranked #1 in the same (MRF) survey - what happened? We all know that passing a Federal motorcycle profiling resolution would support our Texas profiling bill next session. At the last Texoma ABATE chapter meeting we asked everyone to take out their cell phones, and as a group, we “took action” contacting our legislators. It would be safe to say

that many of us were taking action for the 1st time. Let's do this. Go to the MRF website, navigate to Federal Legislative issues (<https://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/>) – and take action on this very important Federal resolution.

The Texas Council of Clubs & Independents (TCOC&I), DFW Reg. 2, held their meeting on May 22nd – in Royse City, TX. We enjoy the legislative updates that we receive during these meetings, and this gathering was no different. It was a privilege to be invited as a speaker, and most of my discussion was about preparation for the upcoming 88th Legislative Session.

ABATE is very excited, as most of us are, that Texas may pass legislation next session that will bring awareness to unlawful motorcycle profiling; however, it will require all of us to participate! We also discussed several motorcycle bills that Texas ABATE will run with next session – including a bill for a new definition of a motorcycle. The Texas Transportation Code definition (Sec. 541.201) of a motorcycle is extremely vague and decades old. Many of us are familiar with autocycles being classified and registered as motorcycles in Texas; and for the past 3 sessions, Texas ABATE has

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2022 STATE OFFICE OPENINGS

In accordance with Article IV – Corporate Elections, section A of the bylaws of (The) Texas ABATE Confederation, the following State positions will be open for nominations, July - September 2022:

- Assistant Coordinator (Executive Office)
- Treasurer (Executive Office)
- Membership (Administrative Office)
- Newsletter (Administrative Office)

Remember, State positions are 2-year terms. For more detailed information regarding the duties of these offices see [pages 12-14 of \(The\) Texas ABATE Confederation Bylaws](#).



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

been unsuccessful in getting a bill passed to re-classify autocycles. This year, ABATE is going to try something different; maybe we can convince legislators that motorcycles do NOT have a steering wheel!

Also, at the TCOC&I Reg. 2 meeting, ABATE put out a survey. After discussion, we asked, "Who would support a lane-filtering bill"? We discussed that lane-filtering would be on a two (or more adjacent) lane road, with 45 mph (or less) speed limit, with traffic stopped at a red light. Lane filtering is proven to be safe. Rear-end collisions are the 2nd leading cause for multi-vehicle motorcycle fatalities – and lane filtering would reduce those. We asked this same lane-filtering question at three (3) other motorcycle functions, and every time only about 25% - 30% favored this maneuver. At the COC&I meeting, however, it was different - over 80% favored the lane-filtering maneuver! This survey was discussed at our last ABATE State meeting – and we agree that lane filtering, when performed properly, can save lives; therefore, Texas ABATE will (again) advocate for a lane-filtering bill next session! After-all, Arizona just passed an identical law this session.

And finally, speaking of other States passing laws, **New Hampshire becomes the 5th State to pass a motorcycle profiling law!** Congratulations New Hampshire - on passing HB 1000! This "Prohibiting Motorcycle Profiling" bill was sponsored by 10 House members, passed both chambers, and was signed by the Governor! Thank you NHMRO, New Hampshire Motorcycle Task Force, and everyone involved – awesome job!

Ride safe – Ride free! *Skeedaddy*



CITY OF KRUM (4/4/22) (Above)
Robber Crowdis, Mayor Ronald G. Harris, Jr., Mandy Trapp



CITY OF RICHARDSON (4/25/22) (Above)
Gene Crowdis, Mayor Paul Voelker, Robber Crowdis



TOWN OF LITTLE ELM (5/3/22) (Above)
Robber Crowdis, Laura Park, Andrew Robinson, Mayor Curtis J. Cornelious

As the month of May is all about spreading awareness about motorcycle safety, during the period of 4/4/22 through 5/9/22, Lake Cities ABATE (LC) completed seven (7) Proclamations (a public or official announcement, especially one dealing with a matter of great importance) in the following cities and/or towns:

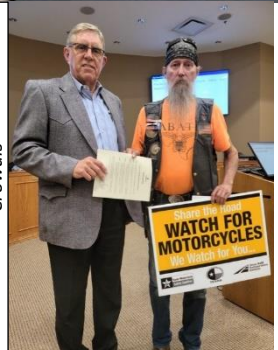
TOWN OF HICKORY CREEK (4/25/22) (Right) Donna Aguilar, Mayor Lynn Clark, Terri Davison



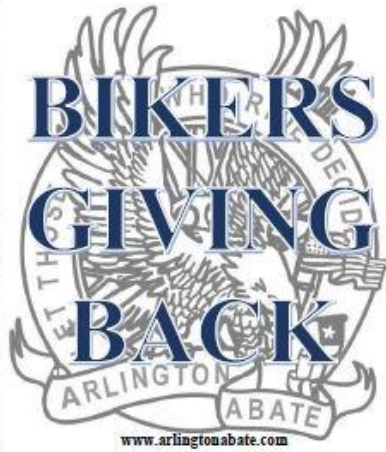
CITY OF LAKE DALLAS (4/28/22) (Below)
Terri Davison, Robber Crowdis, Mayor Andi Nolan



CITY OF CORINTH (5/5/22) (Right)
Mayor Bill Heidemann & Robber Crowdis



More about Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month on pages 5 & 7



Benefiting the Arlington Fire Dept.

Sunday, November 20th, 1:00 pm

Community Unity Bears (CUBs) need sponsors. CUBs (pictured above) are packaged/sealed for storage on fire trucks to comfort children when the need arises. Only \$10 to sponsor a CUB, including t-shirt & packaging

SPONSOR A CUB FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN...

Every CUB sponsored will receive an entry for a chance to win a basket filled with gift cards to local shops and restaurants, along with various other "goodies"

VFW Post 6111 – Arlington
Harvey J Pirie Memorial Post

1200 W. Harris Road, Arlington 76001

For more information call Bearpup (817)819-7146



PELLET SMOKER

COMPETITION SERIES 1250CS

*Benefiting Lake Cities
ABATE*



*Sponsored By:
510 Poker Club*

VFW POST 10460

501 Thompson Dr. Lake Cities, TX 75065

Donation: 1 ticket for \$5
5 tickets for \$20



Saturday
Aug 06th. 2022
Drawing at 7pm

For more info call Rober (214) 862-4291

DID I HEAR, "NEW CHAPTER"?

Please welcome the Heart of Texas (HOT), our new start up chapter in central Texas. They currently have 16 members with the following Chapter officers:

- Coordinator: Robert "Snake" Bergman
- Asst Coordinator: Ron Kearney
- Secretary/Treasurer: Lea Ann Bettis
- Membership: Lea Ann Bettis
- Chapter Rep: John Fennessy
- Legislative Officer: Jason Oller
- Security: Rick Fitzgerald

Heart of Texas monthly meetings will be the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 55, 101 West Avenue "A", Belton, TX 76513

Join me in giving them a warm welcome into our Texas ABATE family!

Rober Crowdis, State Membership Officer



(Pictured left to right – Rick Brock, Laverne Crowley, "Snake" Bergman, Ron Kearney, Lea Ann Bettis, Jason Oller and Melody Ward)

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

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BIG SHOUT OUT to Lake Cities ABATE (LC), the town of Hickory Creek & Jason Pullman, from 99.5 FM, The Wolf, for your amazing efforts in promoting Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. LC contacted Hickory Creek & they ran a great article in their [April-June Newsletter](#) (www.hickorycreek-tx.gov/community/page/lakeside-news). LC also reached out to the radio station for a PSA (Public Service Announcement), Jason took it a step further & called it an MSA (Motorcycle Safety Announcement), which aired on April 25th.

Texas ABATE T-shirt

Support Your Local ABATE (back)

Size	Qty	Color	Price	Total
Small			\$ 15.00	\$ -
Medium			\$ 15.00	\$ -
Large			\$ 15.00	\$ -
X-Large			\$ 15.00	\$ -
2-XL			\$ 17.00	\$ -
3-XL			\$ 17.00	\$ -

ITEM	Qty	Color	Price	Total
Beanie			\$ 20.00	\$ -
Drink Bottle		N/A	\$ 15.00	\$ -
Member Patch		N/A	\$ 8.00	\$ -
Magnet		N/A	\$ 2.00	\$ -
TUIT (1)		N/A	\$ 1.00	\$ -
TUIT (6)		N/A	\$ 5.00	\$ -
Sticker		N/A	\$ 2.00	\$ -

Limited Quantities Available

25th Rally Patch		N/A	\$ 10.00	\$ -
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Grand Total \$ -

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 Call Tina Dodson, Products Officer (903)815-0299
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Please mail to address below (include \$5/shirt)

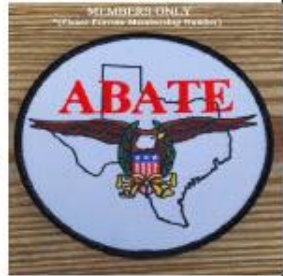
Name: _____
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 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip _____
 Phone: () _____
 Email: _____

Unisex Texas ABATE T-shirt

White logo on front/White lettering on back



Stickers



TUITS
 \$1 each
 6 for \$5

Drink Bottle



Beanies

- (B) Black
- (G) Grey
- (BR) Brown



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 Make check payable to: **Texas Abate Confederation**
Mail WITH THIS FORM to: Tina Dodson
P.O. Box 2182
Pottsboro, TX 75076

Texas ABATE Membership Application

Name (1): _____

Name (2): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

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 1922 W. Pioneer Parkway, Suite C, Pantego, TX 76013
 817-264-6658 twwonetx@gmail.com

CITY OF SHADY SHORES (5/9/22)
 (Right) Andrew Robinson, Laura Park, Mayor Cindy Aughinbaugh, Terri Davison, Rober Crowdis



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 07/04/22 Parade – Lake Cities
- 08/06/22 State Meeting – Independents
- 08/06/22 Poker Tournament & Smoker Raffle – Denton
- 9/9-9/11 State Rally – Bells
- 10/01/22 State Meeting – Denton
- 10/7-10/9 MidSouth M.I.L.E – KS
- 11/19/22 Freedom Run - Texoma
- 11/20/22 Bikers Giving Back to AFD Arlington
- 12/03/22 State Meeting – HOT (Heart of Texas)
- 12/04/22 30th Annual Christmas Party – Texoma

SUNDAY FUNDAY
 HAPPY HOUR
 OPEN TO CLOSE
 \$4 CROWN & DOWN

MANIC MONDAY
 \$2.50 DOMESTICS
 \$3 WELLS

TUESDAY BOOZEDAY
 \$3 MEXICAN IMPORTS
 \$3 JOSE & ESPOLON
 TEQUILA

HUMPDAY WEDNESDAY
 \$3.50 DEEP EDDY
 VODKAS
 \$4 CRAFT BEERS

THIRSTY THURSDAY
 \$3 WHITE CLAWS
 \$3 CHEAP F*CKS

FREAKY FRIDAY
 \$3 FIREBALL
 \$3 DRAFTS

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SEXY SATURDAY
 \$4 JAMESON
 \$4 BOMBS

TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION, INC.

900 Fish Creek Drive
Arlington, Texas 76018

Texas Abate Confederation, Inc, is a not-for-profit, motorcycle rights organization. An alliance dedicated to the protection of the individual rights of motorcyclists through political change and awareness, charitable works, public education, and the promotion of motorcycling.

Dedicated to Freedom of the Road

In Hope of Promoting a Better Relationship with the Public for Motorcycle Awareness.

**30TH ANNUAL
MID-SOUTH
M.I.L.E.
CONFERENCE**

**MOTORCYCLISTS
IMPROVING
LEGISLATIVE
EFFECTIVENESS**




6-STATES WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE MOTORCYCLE LEGISLATION

SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE WORKSHOPS WITH INFORMATION GEARED TOWARD PROTECTING MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL RIDERS.

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY
OCTOBER 7-9, 2022
REGISTRATION BEGINS
FRIDAY @ 4:00 P.M.**

FOR MORE INFO AND EARLY REGISTRATION VISIT:
WWW.MIDSOUTHMILE.ORG

RAMADA BY WYNDHAM CONVENTION CENTER 420 SOUTHEAST 6TH TOPEKA, KS 66607	HOTEL RESERVATIONS: (785)380-8042	SEMINARS ONLY- \$20 BANQUET - \$35 PRE-REGISTRATION PRICE REGISTER EARLY TO SAVE
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Southern Style Dinner - Raffles 50/50 - Live and Silent Auctions
- MSM Products - Hospitality room - Cash Bar during banquet

**TEXAS ABATE 25TH ANNUAL
STATE RALLY**

September 9-11, 2022

100 Kerfoot Ln. Dad's Dads Farm
Bells, TX

Gate opens at 3pm Friday
\$15 per person
Free Camping
Vendors \$35

Poker Run
Field Games
Bike Show
50/50 Drawing
Cool Down Contest
Loudest Bike Contest
Best Campsite Contest

J&S Allstars Karaoke - Friday
Jarrett James and The Revolvers - Saturday

ABATE
Chapter Tug-0-War Challenge
Annual Membership Meeting Saturday 4pm

WWW.TEXASABATE.COM

For more info call Rick 940-210-1857 or George 903-820-2803

