



TEXAS TIDBITS

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WELCOME, HOT!

Heart of Texas (HOT) ABATE was officially installed as the newest Chapter of (The) Texas ABATE Confederation, Inc. at the State Board Meeting on December 3, 2022.

The "HOT" Chapter meets at the American Legion Post 55 in Belton, TX, on the third Thursday of each month, at 7:00 pm.



HOT Members pictured above (left to right): Hank Bettis, Pops Lawrence, Laverne Crowley, Robert "Snake" Bergman, Lea Ann Bettis, Jason Oller, and Sid Gregory

FUTURE ISSUES – EMAIL ONLY

As mentioned above, this will be the final printed copy of your Texas Tidbits. All future material will be sent via email. Please reach out to your chapter rep/membership officers to be sure the email address on file is correct. If you are unable to receive electronic communications, please discuss this matter with your chapter for a possible resolution.

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FINAL PAPER ISSUE

FUTURE ISSUES WILL BE EMAIL ONLY – CONTACT YOUR CHAPTER REP FOR MORE INFORMATION

State and Chapter Meeting Details

(Click underlined text for links)

STATE:

www.texasabate.com

www.facebook.com/groups/texasabate

02/04/23 at 1:00 pm

VFW Post 6111

1200 W Harris Road

Arlington, TX 76001

ARLINGTON:

www.arlingtonabate.com

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3rd Sunday at 12 noon

VFW Post 6111

1200 W Harris Road

Arlington, TX 76001

DENTON:

www.facebook.com/DentonChapterABATE

4th Sunday at 4:00 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

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MEMBERSHIP

NEW ABATE MEMBERS

Total by Chapter

Chapter	OCT 2022	NOV 2022
Arlington	0	1
Denton	0	0
Heart of Texas	1	2
Lake Cities	0	1
Texoma	10	0
Independents	0	1

Remember ... "Support Your ABATE Organization"

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.

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION

The MRF attended a panel by the European Association of Motorcycle Manufacturers where the discussion centered on "The Motorcycle Industry's Vision for Decarbonization." Like the U.S., there is a growing movement to shift away from carbon-based fuel, toward decarbonization and elimination of emissions.

There is little doubt motorcycles will come under the microscope of regulators soon. Two camps have formed within Europe on the topic, one focused on strict regulations including the banning of combustion engines and picking winners/losers for which technologies will replace what is on the road today. The second is focused on market-based solutions, allowing all technologies to compete, that in theory will lead to the most efficient and cost-effective technologies winning out. Some of the new technology being discussed includes electric bikes, swappable batteries, synthetic fuels, hydrogen fuel cells and hybrid powertrains.

Europe is concerned that other regions of the world

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Texas ABATE 88th Legislative Session Agenda

Texas is actively seeking a *Champion for Motorcycle Rights* who will sponsor a companion Senate bill **to the pre-filed (88th) House Bill 258** – relating to **Motorcycle Profiling by Peace Officers**.

Last session, an identical bill (HB 1837) made it out of the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee and had advanced to the Calendars Committee – only to run out of time. This session, HB 258 will “sail” through the House, and a companion Senate bill would promptly send this bill to the Governor's desk!

Texas ABATE is asking for a **Malfunctioning Red Light Bill**

The Texas Transportation Code states that a vehicle stopped at a steady red light must wait until it gets a signal to go. When a traffic signal does not recognize a motorcycle there are not many legal alternatives; our survey revealed that approximately 33% are forced to break the law – which would not be necessary if there were a safe alternative.

Texas ABATE is asking for a **Definition of a Motorcycle Bill**.

Last session, Senator Drew Springer authored SB 1736 – an Autocycle bill. Autocycles have steering wheels, floor pedals, and bench seating. Autocycles should not be classified and registered as motorcycles in Texas, but they are. Autocycle crash statistics contribute to motorcycle statistics, and no motorcycle endorsement is required to operate one. The definition of a motorcycle in the Texas Transportation Code has not changed in over 67 years; if we can define what a motorcycle is, we will know that they don't include autocycles.

Texas ABATE is asking for a **Lane-Filtering Bill**

NHTSA had published crash data in 2011 (latest data) that concluded “lane sharing has the potential to be an effective safety practice for motorcycle riders in the United States”. NHTSA concluded, “it is highly unlikely that a motorcycle rider would be able to avoid a pending contact to the rear of their motorcycle” (stopped at a traffic signal). The problem is that we don't perceive the possibility of a rear-end collision, until the vehicle is within 100 feet behind us; it takes us 4.25 seconds to move out of the way of a vehicle that is approaching 2 seconds behind us. At 35 mph a vehicle travels 102 ft. in 2 seconds! This lane-filtering bill alone could save over 25 lives per year on Texas roads.

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have taken a lead in this technology and Europe is playing catch up. Brands like Tesla in the U.S. have Europeans concerned. European motorcycle firms want to be the leaders in the future of motorcycle technology. European advances in fueling and battery projects could help solve the problem of range and lack of charging infrastructure that is the Achilles heel of electric transportation.

Why does this matter to bikers in America? Europe has over 40 manufacturing facilities and 35 R&D sites across the continent. They are taking a forward leaning approach and have stated their goal to be industry leaders. If Europe chooses a market-based approach, allowing development of a wide variety of technologies American manufacturers may be the ones playing catch up.

While Europe and the U.S. have different views on many topics, it was great to hear the closing message from the panel in Europe. “Motorcycles are not part of the problem; they are part of the solution.” We at the Motorcycle Riders Foundation couldn't agree more.

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STOP THE TEXTS
STOP THE WRECKS

What legislator would argue that a peace officer has the right to pull you over only because of what you ride, or because of your apparel? What legislator would argue that a motorcycle has to wait at a malfunctioning red light – until it gets a signal to go; and what motorcycle has a steering wheel, or bench seating? And finally, what legislator would argue that saving 25 lives per year is not worth pursuing a lane-filtering bill? Idaho, and most recently Arizona, has both passed lane-filtering bills with positive results.

Will these proposed bills require a lot of work in the next few months? Absolutely! The 88th Legislative Session convenes (starts) on January 10th. This will be an open house (pardon the pun), and everyone is welcome! Each one of these common-sense motorcycle bills will require a motorcycle champion - it is our job to “educate” our legislators on these bills and ask for their support! We need sponsors, we need companion bills; and most off all, we need you - to participate! In unity, we can do this! I believe Texas is going to be the 6th State in the Nation to pass a (anti) motorcycle profiling law...with your participation. Our rights come with responsibilities!

2023 Texas Biker Legislative Day - January 23, 2023



From left to right - Lake Cities ABATE Rober Crowdis, Terri Davison, VFW Post 10460 Vice (Jason) & Allison, Lake Cities ABATE Robert Hoistad and Lake Cities Community representative.

Once again, the Lake Cities Chapter of Texas ABATE was honored to be able to assist the Lake Cities Community Food Pantry. On November 17, 2022, these awesome folks presented the food pantry with a donation check, in the amount of \$750.00, to help support Lake Cities families in need (including the cities of Corinth and Lake Dallas, and the towns of Hickory Creek and Shady Shores) during the holiday season.

Reach out to your local Chapter to find out what you can do to support your community. Find the closest chapter to you by visiting our state website: <http://texasabate.com/chapters.html>

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M			\$15.00	
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2X			\$17.00	
3X			\$17.00	



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Size	Qty	Color	Price	TOTAL
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M			\$17.00	
L			\$17.00	
XL			\$17.00	
2X			\$20.00	
3X			\$20.00	



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WHERE THE JOURNEY TAKES US...

A little on the chilly side, dressed in everything from under-roos to full leathers, and warm clothes in between, the bikes are loaded down with gear and goodies for the road... time to begin this adventure! Galveston, here we come!

Traffic was light, weather was nice, about 150 miles down and it was time to find a spot to stop for lunch. [Woody's Smokehouse](#), in Centerville, was a fabulous choice. Nothing fancy, just a good old-fashioned burger and fries, but tasty enough to make my list of "nice little putt and good eats." Will definitely be back!

Fat and happy, it was time to peel a layer and continue south. As always, Conroe and Houston's road surfaces and traffic are NOT biker-friendly, but, alas, the things we endure to make our way to visit with brothers and sisters 😊 We were set to witness the antics of Mr. Bill (and David) and the misadventures of the Lone Star Rally attendees.

The beautiful souls from Barbarian Motorcycle Ministry and their wonderful breakfast tacos made for a great start to our first full day on the island. These folks are nothing short of incredible blessings to everyone they encounter. My heart is warmed by the simple smiles and their genuine love.



Oh wait... I must not forget to mention sweet Diana Lorditch, the "crazy" blonde bombshell from Outer Banks, NC. She flew in just to, ummm, well, errrr - maybe she came to help the amazing Mr. Bill ([Bill's Trailer Sales](#)). But she was super happy to meet me!



Oh, wait... the journey is never complete, for me, without some sort of mishap, right?! I do believe when all is said and done, this mama will know every VW shop across the lower 48! This time my sweet JoyBoy blew an oil cooler – you can see his trail from the Hotel Galvez to just south of 19th Street, on the Sea Wall, where he left a rather large blemish (those of you old enough, just think "Herbie, the Love Bug").

Remember, it's not about the destination...

Ride Easy & Ride Free ~Bearpup



Then there are those who traveled hundreds of miles just to hug my neck (hey, this is my article – y'all can write your own)... Anyway, special props to Dustin and Skittles who rode in from Ponder (look it up – a little one-horse town in N. TX); Bruce and

Cupcake came in from Maypearl (Google [Big B's Leather](#) to find them); Pancho made the putt from Arlington (Bikers for Christ); and ABATE of Indiana brothers came, too.

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 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 BEATS RECORD...

Another great turnout for Arlington's annual event, ***Bikers Giving Back to the Arlington Fire Department***. This event began five (5) years ago, donating just 30 Community Unity Bears (CUBs). Thanks to riders and other sponsors, coming in from as far away as Maryland, we delivered **300** CUBs this year – the most so far to date.

These CUBs are packaged and sealed for storage on fire trucks and provided to children for comfort while first responders focus on the task at hand. Soon, Arlington chapter members will begin soliciting sponsors for the 2023 event. Watch for flyers to find out how you can participate and help grow this event. The ultimate goal is to supply ALL seventeen (17) Arlington fire stations with CUBs and then begin supporting the surrounding areas.



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.

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LEGISLATIVE DAY EVENT

Texas ABATE is offering FREE transportation and lodging for Texas ABATE members. Van will leave the Sherman Elks Lodge on 1/22/23, at 8:00 am, making stops in Denton, Arlington & Belton, before continuing to the COC&I Orientation Meeting at 1:00 pm, in Round Rock. Burger plates will be available for purchase.

Lodging at a B&B will only accommodate 16 guests, but ABATE will reimburse a portion of hotel if rooms are no longer available. For more information, reach out to TinaDodson@tinadodson.com.

Sunday evening, we will meet at the B&B for pizza, discuss "Talking Points" and go over logistics for the following day at the Capitol.

Paid/partial reimbursed participation will require you to schedule a meeting with your respective State Rep for Monday, 1/23/23, 9am-3:30pm, attend meetings in support of OTHER Texas ABATE Chapters, and attendance at the COC&I Orientation Meeting.

Text Skee for further assistance (903)815-0272

