

ABATE State Board Meeting  
March 7, 2015  
Arlington, Texas

The meeting opened at 1:20pm with David Dobyngs presiding .

Pledge and moment of silence was observed.

All chapter reps were present.

Commended those who went to Austin in January.

David (Trainwreck) Bryant talked about how people want to change the world but don't know what to do. People are trying to learn how to fix things.

Keep working on Houston for a chapter.

Secretary report read and approved as printed in newsletter.

Treasurer's report read and approved.

The membership report was read and approved.

About the FREE one year membership, a motion was made to add three tasks in the Freedom Fighters Pass Port to the list if they would rather do that than attend meetings. Would need proof of such participation. 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, passed.

Products office still open.

Security was not present..

Newsletter was not discussed.

Legislative report is as follows: Discussion on where the money goes for the M endorsement on our driver's license goes. Talked about the new bill, SB754 that will add another \$3 to the endorsement but that money to go only to safety training and education. Other bills to follow are HB864 and SB334 about the Dead Red bill. And HB813 and SB442 on Lane Splitting are in committee. And a SB215.

Chapter reports as follows:

Arlington reports they are having their Biker's Ball tonight at Diamond Jim's. April 19 will be our next meeting at the VFW in Arlington after which we will have a blessing of the bikes. Coming up will be our Scorchers in July or August.

Denton reports that they will have a Freeze Your Ass Off party at Scruffy's Place in Decatur March 27-29. It is FREE. Bring everything you need as nothing will be provided except the usual outhouses. Biker Appreciation will be April 25<sup>th</sup>. NOT ROT will be June 5-7 at Scruffy's. July 18 at Corinth Harley Davidson we are supplying food and will get half the profit. July 26 is Whirly Ball chapter challenge in Plano. There will be a Boot Campaign at the Gas Monkey. Denton was invited to a Dallas 911 Stair Climb Sept. 5. Chapter Getaway is Aug. 14-16 with Texoma. Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month at Mr. Porky's at 2PM. Officers' meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 6PM. Golden Triangle reports that they support Federal bills HB121 to study further the effects of e-15 fuel and SB127 which will stop funding motorcycle only checkpoints. David Bryant is know Ass. Co. Will try something new with meetings. There will be a church service on Sunday and then the ABATE meeting. Will have a blessing of the bikes on April 7.

Lake Cities reports The Sweetheart Dance was a success. Fat Tuesday was not. March 21 will have a Legislative Workshop at 2pm at the Legion. March 28<sup>th</sup> will have a 1 Yr. Anniversary Run. Rescheduled our Meet and Greet to June 26-28 at Lake Grove Park. Free lunch will be provided on Sat. Dec. 12 will be our Christmas Party.

NET chapter reports events as follows: Tomorrow meeting then a ride to Westminster. March 15 in East TX. March 21 to Butch and Lori's. April 19 chapter and COC meetings. Nov. will host the State Meeting.

Texoma chapter would like to recognize all who went to Austin. March 7 is the Biker's Ball. March 21 in Lake Cities is the Legislative workshop. May 2 will host the State Meeting at the Elks Lodge in Sherman. Coming up are NOT ROT, Teddy Bear Run and real Fun Poker Run.

Old Business:

Legislative Day went well.

Mid-South MILE will be Oct. 16-18 in Dallas at the MGM Elegant Hotel at Northwest Hwy and 35E. Lake Cities to do the basket. Texoma will take care of the Hospitality Suite. Denton will provide lunch on Saturday. Each chapter should make 4 centerpieces.

Free membership was discussed and decided to see where we were after a year. Table until next meeting.

State Rally was discussed. We lost a lot of money last year. Motion was made to not have a State Rally this year. 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion, passed, 1 opposed.

Skee discussed national motorcycle fatality rate drop by 6.4% in 2012-2013 is more than any other vehicle. Alcohol related fatality in mc drop 8.3% vs car drop of 1.6%.

New Business:

Lone Star Freedom Fighter patches earned by LKC members Barbra "Flipper" and Jesse Woodmansee.

Larry, LKC discussed ways to help other chapters increase their memberships and to retain members.

Trainwreck GOL, discussed student government clubs and visiting them with a Q and A session on motorcycle safety to try to draw young members and discuss ABATE legislation ... Discussed putting up booths.

Remember, ABATE is PRO-choice NOT anti-helmet, need more interaction with sportbikers. To bring them in we need to find their pressure points.

Discussed a gun raffle for 2015 fundraiser. Lake Cities motion to investigate raffle for state fundraiser, DNT 2nd, motion passed.

Discussed proclamations and meetings, be sure to get your appts, pictures and stories to Connie for posting on the official site.

Open Floor: we scheduled the meetings May 2 - 1pm at Sherman ELks Lodge, hosted by Texoma,

Pot Cook Off - July hosted by GOL, date to be determined - September

Motion to adjourn, passed, closed 4:15PM,

Respectfully yours, Robin Butts and Queen Vicius