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TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION, INC

OFFICER OPENINGS

Did You Know...?

The following State positions will be open for nominations

July - September 2018:

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

For more detailed information regarding the duties of these offices see pages 17-19 of the Texas Abate Confederation Guidebook for Successful Motorcycle Leadership (http://www.texasabate.com/guide_book_2014.pdf)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Congress Returns to Session

ABATE is dedicated to preserving the rights of all motorcyclists, regardless of what you ride. We encourage everyone to become involved in the legislative and political processes to protect our freedom to ride. Get involved by joining ABATE, register to vote, contact your legislators, and stay informed of legislative issues concerning your motorcycle rights.

MRF has purchased CQ engage software, this software helps "robo call" for our call to actions to our specific reps/senators. They can also help us on a state level with specific issues directly related to Texas. Please visit the MRF web site (MRF.org) & complete the "Call to Actions" they have listed if you have not already done so.

We need to be aggressive with federal bills. Contact your reps/senators.

Anti-profiling and Autocycle bills are needed! Bills must be pre-filed in 10 months. It is vital to contact our representatives to make them aware of Bikers Inside the Beltway on May 15th, help set an appointment to visit with them on May 15th...

Continue monitoring SB754 spending. Work hard on federal bills, especially H Res. 318 and S Resolution 154--both anti-profiling resolutions (resolutions, not bills). We will be busy on State legislation in 6 months; we only have 5 state meetings before Legislative Day '19 in Austin!

2018 State ABATE goals:

- 1) Stay aggressive with anti-profiling legislation in Texas;
- 2) Stay aggressive with monitoring the 0501 Safety Fund account (84th) SB-754 & accountability for Gov. Veto (SB 1);
- 3) Increase membership. A percentage of our memberships expire every month. We need to take that into account.

Get to know your Reps/Senators at the state and federal level.

UPCOMING EVENTS

STATE:

-3/24/18

State Meeting hosted by Arlington Chapter
Location/Time TBD

ARLINGTON:

-3rd Sunday at 12 noon

Monthly Chapter Meeting
VFW Post 6111
1200 W Harris Street
Arlington 76018

-2/17/18

Harleys Hugging Homeless
for Arlington Life Shelter

-3/24/18

26th Annual Bikers Ball

DENTON:

-4th Sunday at 2:00 pm

Monthly Chapter Meeting
Mr. Porky's
8430 W University Drive
Denton 76207

LAKE CITIES:

-3rd Sunday at 2:00 pm

Monthly Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 88
105 Gotcher Avenue
Lake Dallas 75065

-5/12/18

Wild Willow Weekend

TEXOMA:

-3rd Sunday at 1:00 pm

Monthly Chapter Meeting
American Legion Post 62
419 W Crawford Street
Denison 75020

INDEPENDENTS INFO

Outreach Activities – Summary (past/future)

- Harvest Classic European & Vintage Motorcycle Rally, Oct 21-22, 2017, Luckenbach, TX. Independents secured a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to collaborate with Harvest Classic 501©3 non-profit org. Independents received free admission & exhibitor booth to participate; registration topped at 2,200 people to expose & educate folks about Texas ABATE. This year the event raised \$90,000 dollars for Any Baby Can, non-profit, recipient of funds to aid children & families of children stricken with cancer.

- Texas Motorcycle Safety Coalition – awaiting 2018 calendar of events
- Identifying 2018 calendar events to participate; recommendations are encouraged and welcomed. Email eer17tx@gmail.com

Independents operate on donations & more importantly In-Kind services from sister Texas ABATE Chapters, Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT), Look Learn Live & other government & non-profit organizations.

Many thanks to everyone that made this all possible, especially: Lake Cities Chapter for outreach materials; Terri Davison, Rober Crowdis, Steve Scheideman, & Jude Schexnyder.



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you all for a great start to the new year! I look forward to providing you with a newsletter full of interesting information and helpful links in a format pleasing to all.

Do not hesitate to contact me at news@texasabate.com regarding upcoming events, legislative concerns, or other information you wish to share. Keep in mind, space is limited & therefore not all submissions can/will be included, but I will do my very best to provide links to help spread the message. (Most photos & underlined text contain links. Press 'control & click" to follow.)

Ride Easy & Ride Free! Bearpup

DO YOU KNOW...

Who Represents You???

It is important to know who your local, state, and federal representatives are, and where they stand on important issues. Follow this link <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx> to find out the names and contact information for your representatives. Reach out and make known what issues are important to you. After all, they are your voice!

Which States Require Helmets???

If you enjoy traveling it is vital that you are aware of any helmet requirement in the state in which you are riding. Use this link <http://www.iihs.org/iihs/topics/laws/helmetuse/mapmotorcyclehelmets> to help plan your trip.

Where to find Texas Abate Confederation State Meeting Minutes???

As required, we must provide you an opportunity to review the minutes from our state meetings. Although some information from these meetings can be found in the newsletter, you are welcome to read the official minutes by clicking http://texasabate.com/newsletters/newsletter_archives.html. Scroll down to "State Meeting Minutes" and click on the date you wish to review. Should you have any questions please contact your chapter or independent representative at the link provided on the [Texas Chapters](#) page of our state website (<http://texasabate.com/>)

Texas Abate Confederation, Inc. is a motorcycle rights organization that is dedicated to freedom of the road for all motorcyclists, promotes rider education for all motorcycle riders, motorcycle awareness for all automobile drivers, and fights discriminatory legislation aimed towards the motorcycling community.

Dedicated to Freedom of the Road

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