



# TEXAS TIDBITS

TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION, INC

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## Upcoming Events

### STATE:

- **02/01/20** MEETING, 1 pm  
VFW Post 10460, Lake Dallas
- **09/11-09/13/20** State Rally

### ARLINGTON:

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 12 noon**  
VFW Post 6111  
1200 W Harris Street  
Arlington 76018
- **02/09/20** [Febuary Meeting](#)
- **02/16/20** [Motorcycle Swapmeet](#)
- **03/12-03/15/20** Be Happy  
Chili Cookoff
- **03/28/20** [Bikers Ball](#)
- **04/18/20** [Bluebonnet Run](#)

### DENTON:

- **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 2:00 pm**  
Mr. Porky's  
8430 W University Drive  
Denton 76207
- **01/26/20** [Chili Cookoff](#)

### LAKE CITIES:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1:00 pm**  
VFW Post 10460  
501 Thompson Drive  
Lake Dallas 75065

### TEXOMA:

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 1:00 pm**  
American Legion Post 62  
419 Crawford Street  
Denison 75020
- **02/29/20** [Chili Cookoff](#)
- **05/15-05/17/20** Old  
Fashion Rally

*current topics >>>*

## MEMBERSHIP

### 2019 NEW ABATE MEMBERS

Total Number of New Members by Chapter & Independents

CHAPTER	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
ARLINGTON	2	1	2	1
DENTON	0	0	0	2
LAKE CITIES	2	0	1	0
TEXOMA	7	7	7	0
INDEPENDENTS	1	1	2	0

### Want to start an ABATE Chapter?

If you would like to start an ABATE Chapter there are a few requirements that will have to be met.

1. You must have and maintain a minimum of fifteen (15) current paid members. Should a Chapter's membership fall below fifteen (15) members, the Board may grant the Chapter up to (180) days to meet requirements.
2. You must have no less than three (3) current members holding four (4) pro tem officer positions - a Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator, Secretary/Treasurer and a Chapter Representative. The Secretary/Treasurer may be one (1) individual or two (2) individuals holding the position of Secretary and of Treasurer separately. The Coordinator may hold any other position with the Chapter except the Chapter Representative and vice versa.
3. You must have a mailing address, a checking account that requires two (2) signatures, regular meetings and regular representation at the Corporation Board meetings.
4. The prospective Chapter will be required to pay an initial charter fee; to be set by the Board. After a period of six (6) months, a start-up Chapter may request recognition as a full Chapter, provided they have demonstrated growth, continuity, and have paid their initial charter fee. The Board may accept this petition by a simple majority.
5. The Corporation Treasurer shall be on the signature card of all Chapter bank account(s). A copy of all monthly bank statement(s) and all monthly financial report(s) shall be forwarded to the Corporation Treasurer no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.
6. Each Chapter is required to pay an annual charter fee, amount to be set by the Board. Charter fees are based on the number of current members as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. Charter fees are billed on January 1<sup>st</sup> and payable by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. All Chapter assets are the property of The Texas ABATE Confederation, Inc.
8. Each Chapter is required to meet on a regularly scheduled basis, not to be less than nine (9) meetings per year.
9. Chapters are to elect officers on an annual basis and to notify the Corporation of the Chapter Officers' names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, if available.

Of course, if you have any questions, you can contact Texas ABATE's Membership Officer at [membership@texasabate.com](mailto:membership@texasabate.com).



# Legislative Report Skee Dodson, State Legislative Officer, Texas Abate Confederation, Inc.

Texas is still #2 in the nation for reported motorcycle profiling (2018 MPP survey). “Many legislators tend to agree that profiling is going on in our State, and many legislators will even agree that profiling is unconstitutional; however, many more lawmakers are concerned that bringing awareness to motorcycle profiling would take away some of the “tools” that law enforcement has available to them” (Rep. Phillips – Biker Legislative Day, 85<sup>th</sup> session).

In the last Tidbit Edition, we shared the latest 2018 motorcycle statistics – as reported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Governor’s Safety Association (GHSA). On average, in 2018, there was a 4.7% reduction in total motorcycle fatalities (nationally), which is the best record we’ve achieved in many years! However, check this out – **Texas enjoyed a 15% reduction in motorcycle fatalities in 2018!** 416 motorcycle fatalities in 2018 was the smallest number, and the largest percentage drop - in over a decade; 74 fewer fatalities - 15% less than the previous year! We need to get the word out to our friends and neighbors, and we need to broadcast these statistics at the upcoming city council meetings this spring. 416 motorcycle fatalities are still too many, but I believe Texas is on the right track. Texas is doing something right, and I’m willing to bet that education has something to do with it!

Motorcyclist Fatalities	Total (C-7)	429	420	478	454	493	451	452	495	490	416
	Helmeted	147	171	213	181	188	201	205	216	235	205
	Unhelmeted (C-8)	278	246	255	264	280	234	236	267	242	194
	Unknown	4	3	10	9	25	16	11	12	13	17

On February 19<sup>th</sup>, Texas ABATE had the opportunity to attend the Council of Clubs and Independents (COC&I) Region 2 Safety Meeting in Arlington; and there were nine (9) members present at the meeting, which was a great turnout! The Reg. 2 meeting consisted primarily of discussion of our expectations for the next legislative session. It was a very informative meeting, and it was great to see old friends again. ABATE had the opportunity to share our legislative goals for the 87<sup>th</sup> legislative session, and everyone in attendance appeared to be really enthusiastic. A special menu put on by the Moose Lodge #1932 topped off a great meeting.



makes it easy to take action - with a link on their website, and it only takes a minute: <https://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/>. Take action now, before you forget.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is presently busy planning the 12th Annual *Michael “Boz” Kerr Bikers Inside the Beltway*, which is the ONLY National Motorcycle Lobby Day held in our nation’s Capitol. Motorcyclists from around the country ride to D.C. to help educate Members of Congress about the issues facing motorcyclists today. This event will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Monday & Tuesday). Texas has attended this event for the past four years – representing bikers. Make plans to attend (ride or drive), and get registered soon. Every year we are challenged to bring more Freedom Fighters to the Capitol – let’s make 2020 the best year yet! If you are not yet an MRF member, you can join online at <https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf/>. Remember, our rights come with responsibilities!

Don’t forget to check your tire pressure more often in colder weather! Ride safe, ride free. *Skeedaddy*

On a federal level, 2020 marks the beginning of the end for our 116<sup>th</sup> legislative session. Presently, we have a bipartisan house resolution, H.Res. 255, which addresses motorcycle profiling (nation-wide). This resolution, at the time of this writing, has over 120 co-sponsors; however only 3 are from Texas (Cuellar, Brady, and Burgess). The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF)



**Saturday February 29, 2020**

American Legion Post 62

419 W Crawford, Denison TX

**\$5** chili entry fee



Register Chili (cooked off-site) by 1pm

Judging at 2pm

\$5.00 bowl of Chili & fixins at 3pm

Baked Goods Silent Auction

50/50 Drawings

**EVERONE WELCOME**

**Cash Prize  
and Trophy  
for Best Chili**



For more information call Larry at 580-768-1211 or Dad at 903-513-6528



**LAW TIGERS**  
MOTORCYCLE LAWYERS

**Sunday February 16th**

**PRESENTS**  
*Texas Scooter Times*

12TH ANNUAL  
**Fort Worth Motorcycle Expo & Swap Meet**

FORT WORTH  
WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL CENTER  
In the NEW  
**EXHIBITS BUILDING**

Bargains Galore on used Motorcycles  
New & Used Parts & Accessories  
Leather & Jewelry Vendors,  
Knives & Knife Sharpening  
Lady Rider Vendors,  
Garage Items &  
All Sorts of Stuff for  
Motorcycles &  
Motorcyclists,  
Close Outs,  
Out of Season Deals,  
Garage Clean outs,  
Manufacturer Over Runs  
All Bargains

**PREMIER GUN SHOWS**  
Across the Street  
In the AMON CARTER EXHIBITS HALL  
DFW's Original Gun Show  
"the Biggest Gun Show in Texas"  
1200 Tables of Bargains  
Hours:  
Sat. Feb. 15: 9am-5pm  
Sun. Feb. 16: 10am-4pm

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**SAVE THE DATE**

# STATEWIDE Motorcycle Safety Forum

The Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Texas Motorcycle Safety Coalition, and Texas Department of Transportation will be holding its annual Motorcycle Safety Forum.

**SATURDAY FEB 22 2020** Y.O. Ranch Hotel & Conference Center  
2033 Sidney Baker  
Kerrville, Texas 78028  
Find out more at [looklearnlive.org](http://looklearnlive.org)






Motorcycle Riders Foundation

12TH ANNUAL  
MICHAEL "BOZ" KERR

# Bikers Inside the Beltway

**NATIONAL MOTORCYCLISTS' LOBBY DAY**

May 19, 2020

Join fellow riders from across the country to help educate lawmakers on the issues that impact your right to ride!

Pre-event briefing May 18, 2020  
Event May 19, 2020

Governor House Inn, 6650 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 703-532-8900, room rate \$89 (cut-off date April 27)  
Clarion Hotel, 6633 Falls Church, Arlington, VA 703-532-9000, room rate \$125 (cut-off date April 27)

Pre-register at [www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) (by April 27)

Sponsored by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation  
[www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org) | 202-546-0983

**NEW SHIRTS!**



Short Sleeve and Long Sleeve available

Pre-register and order your shirt TODAY and it'll be available when you get to Washington. (Multi-sizes available) Short Sleeve \$20.00, Long Sleeve \$25.00

# 2020 TEXAS COC&I STATE RALLY

April 17-19, 2020

**Neumann's**  
9600 Watercress  
Lake Worth, TX 76135  
Admission \$10.00 at the gate

Primitive Camping Available  
Live Music  
Food Trucks  
Vendors

**Friday**  
Meet & Greet

**Saturday**  
11:00 am Chairperson's Meeting  
1:00 pm Texas Defenders Meeting  
2:00 pm General Meeting

**Sunday**  
House of Nam Bikers Church

**Additional Information**  
Wolverines MC "Iron Mike"  
mdrutter@earthlink.net  
214-649-3290  
Hosted by Region 2 - DFW  
Texas Council of Clubs & Independents



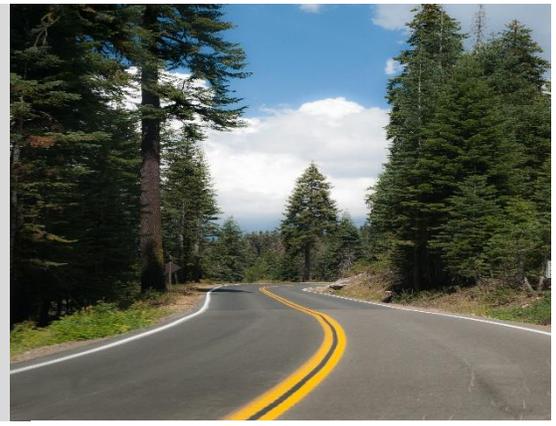

## INDEPENDENT CORNER

**ARE YOU AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF TEXAS ABATE?** Did you know you have a new State Representative? Please contact Kirsten Scheideman ([independent@texasabate.com](mailto:independent@texasabate.com)) to be sure she has your current email, snail-mail & phone number to keep you well informed.

# *final*thoughts...

Do you know what is going on in your community? How do you find out? Volunteer. Talk to leaders in your community. What are the “hot” topics of conversation? Do your leaders roll up their sleeves and get in the trenches? Or do they like their “suit and tie” along with their corner office? Ask questions! Give them your input. Let them know where you stand on certain agendas. Will they support what you believe is important? They represent YOU! **Find out who they are...**

<https://fyi.capitol.texas.gov/Home.aspx>



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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.***