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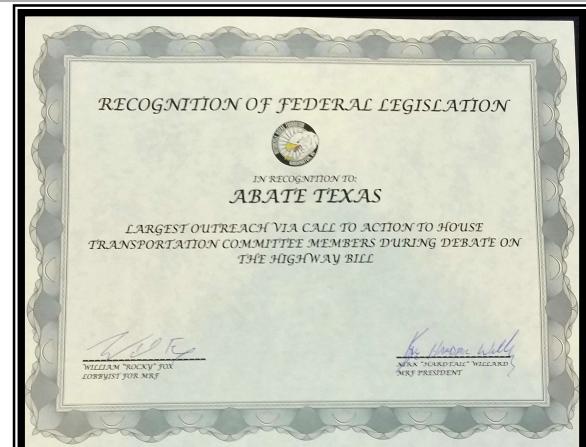
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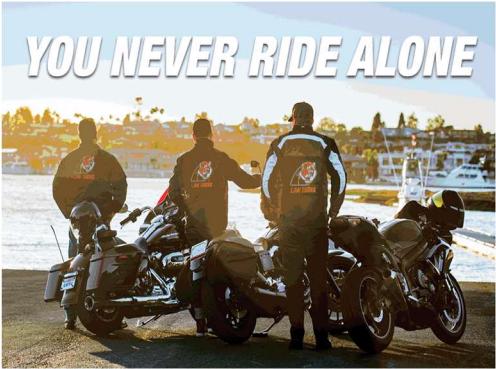
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he suspects a crime is afoot, a traffic stop may last only long enough to check the driver's paperwork and write a ticket or warning.

Most recent national analyses of traffic stops have focused on the disproportionate rate of police searches of Black and Hispanic motorists, though a federal measure currently under consideration in Congress could add motorcycle riders to that profiling study group.

And so, this biker was relieved to finally be allowed on his way with just a ticket, but knew it wasn't right and figured his motorcycle club vest must have raised the officer's suspicions.

Innocent people rarely protest meritless searches, so finding an attorney to take his case was difficult. The overwhelming number of legal challenges occur in suppression hearings, when an officer's suspicions were correct; contraband was discovered, and the defendant seeks to have the evidence tossed on procedural grounds.

With the help of an Austin attorney who represents motorcyclists, the angry biker filed a lawsuit against the Texas trooper in early 2019. Soon after reviewing the dashcam video, lawyers for the Texas attorney general's office said they were ready to settle.

According to the story posted in Insane Throttle (www.HarleyLiberty.com), the two sides agreed on \$11,000 to compensate wronged rider Thomas Kost for the unjustified intrusion, and he used the settlement money to buy a new Harley.



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Statistically, police are terrible at determining which motorists are worthy of being detained and searched, often relying on signs of a driver's deception such as twitching, fidgeting or lack of eye-contact, all of which research long has debunked as signals of lying.

"There are no nonverbal and verbal cues uniquely related to deceit," a 2011 review of deception research concluded, while a 2005 study of Texas police found officers performed barely above random chance in being able to discern a person telling the truth from a liar.

Texas police performed just under a million searches during traffic stops last year, according to figures reported to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, and though "hit rates" vary by department, only about 1 in 5 resulted in contraband being found. Yet Texas law enforcement agencies seized about \$50 million in forfeited funds in each of the past five years; with proceeds split between police and prosecutors and used to fund more searches.

Police once needed probable cause that a crime was occurring to investigate motorists during a stop. But in 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed brief stops based on a lower standard of "reasonable suspicion" of wrongdoing. A later decision clarified that if the officer can't specify why

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DID SOMEONE SAY "PARADE"



Medicine Park, OK

It was an awesome, disciplined, parade ride! 400 miles, peg-to-peg, 0.5 seconds apart. Great way to break-in two of our newest Denton ABATE members!

Submitted by David Dennis,
Denton Chapter



2020 NEW ABATE MEMBERS

Total Number of New Members by Chapter & Independents

CHAPTER	JUL	AUG	SEPT
ARLINGTON	0	1	3
DENTON	0	1	2
LAKE CITIES	2	0	1
TEXOMA	1	2	2
INDEPENDENTS	1	3	3

"Thank You and Welcome to ABATE"

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Benefiting the Arlington Fire Dept.

Sunday, November 15th, 1:30 pm
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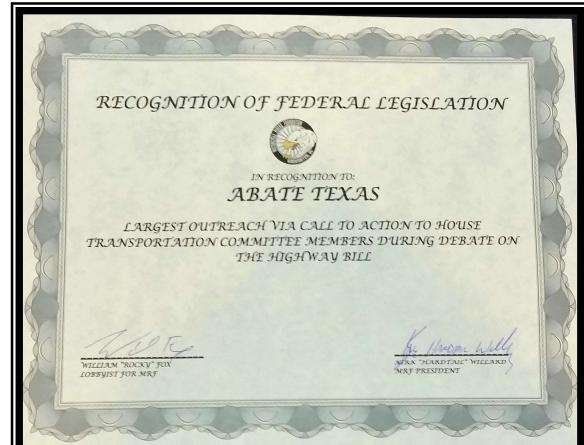
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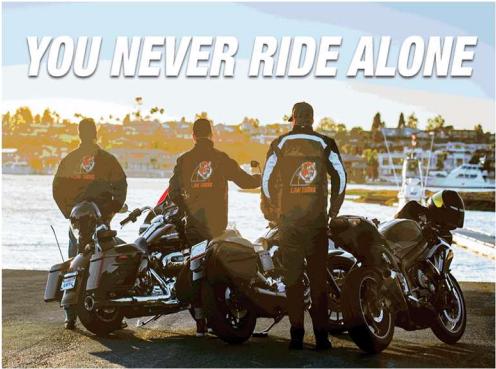
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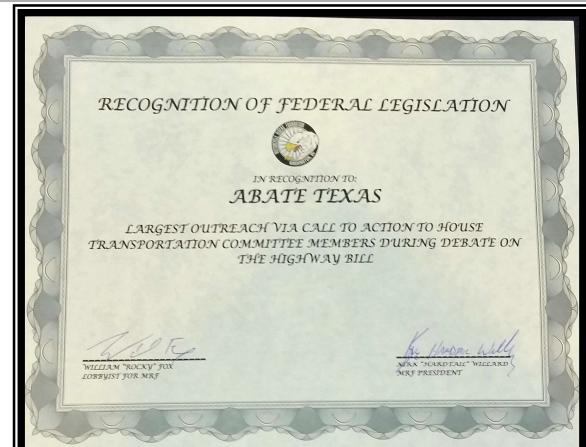
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- **12/5/20 State Meeting**, 1 pm,
VFW Post 7227, 1707 Baker Road
Sherman, TX 75090

ARLINGTON:

- **3rd Sunday at 12 noon**
VFW Post 6111
1200 W Harris Street
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- **11/15/20 Bikers Giving Back
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DENTON:

- **4th Sunday at 2:00 pm**
****NEW MEETING LOCATION****
Horny Toad Café & Bar
5812 Interstate 35
Denton, TX 76207

LAKE CITIES:

- **2nd Sunday at 1:00 pm**
VFW Post 10460
501 Thompson Drive
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- **3rd Sunday at 1:00 pm**
American Legion Post 62
419 Crawford Street
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- **11/28/20 Freedom Run**
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A GREAT BIG **THANK YOU** to all those who served Texas ABATE for the 2019-2020 term! The 2021-2022 State position nominations are closed. **Congratulations** to the Texas ABATE Officers nominated for the upcoming term, and Independent Board Member for 2021, who were elected, by acclamation, at the October 2020 State meeting.

For more detailed information regarding the duties of these offices see pages 12-15 of the [Texas Abate Confederation Bylaws](#)

ROBIN'S RESEARCH

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INDEPENDENT CORNER

As the Independent Board Member for 2021 was elected by acclamation at the October 2020 State meeting, no ballots will be mailed. The Independent Representative is to keep the line of communication open between the ABATE Board and our Independent Members, to bring the Independent Members all information regarding Legislative issues and actions, and to bring to the Board your concerns, suggestions, ideas and such.

However, if you've moved, changed your phone number or email address, and think that we may not have current contact information for you, let us know at either method below and we will be sure to update our records. It's hard to keep you informed about motorcycle related issues if we cannot get in touch with you.

Until December 31st, our Assistant State Coordinator, Dino Viles, is your point of contact:

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Legislative Report

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

Thank you, Texas ABATE, for sending me to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the 36th Annual Motorcycle Riders Foundation' (MRF) Meeting of the Minds - Hoosier style! What an exhaustive & productive weekend it was; from the opening remarks, the general session, the legislative update, and the MRF Champions and Membership awards - this 36th annual Meeting of the Minds, hosted by ABATE of Indiana, was awesome! Good job volunteers, and congrats to all award recipients! Texas ABATE received a recognition award for the "Largest Outreach Via Call to



Action to House Transportation Committee

Members During Debate on the Highway Bill

; long title, but a very meaningful accomplishment by everyone who took action! Texas ABATE would not have had the "largest outreach" if it were not for the advocacy of all Freedom Fighters in Texas, including ABATE! The MRF managed to get 4 (4.5) motorcycle amendments included in this bill (HR 2). Since this Transportation Bill passed the House, it will not have to be re-introduced in this chamber again next session – and that is going to make the MRF legislatively stronger to get the Senate to follow suit.



The "Federal Legislative Strategy Session" on Saturday afternoon established our 2021 high and medium priority objectives – as well as the objectives the MRF is monitoring. If you are interested in the MRF 2021 federal priority objectives, or any other legislative information, please email me at Skee.Dodson@texasabate.com.



2021 is going to be a good year for federal freedom fighters – with "unity in our community". MRF President, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard said it best at the conference: "We are as strong as ever"! At the 36th Annual Meeting of The Minds, as part of the "Roll-Call of States", I had the opportunity to present our Texas accomplishments. Texas brought a half a dozen advocates to this conference in Indy, and hopefully, next year we will bring even more; I look forward to doing it all again in Atlanta, Georgia – in 2021!

The discussion slide that I presented for Texas at the 36th annual Meeting of the Minds – Roll Call of States included the following:

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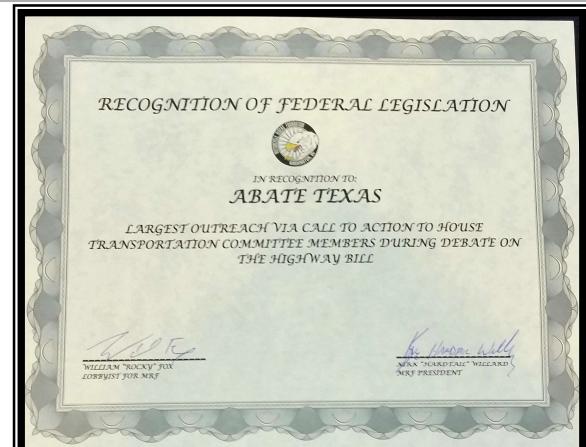
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