



TEXAS TIDBITS

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CONGRATS!!!

Lake Cities ABATE had another successful Texas Hold'em Tournament and drawing, sponsored by the 510 Poker Club, on August 6th. The drawing was for a brand-new Pit Boss Pellet Smoker Competition Series 1250CS. The proud winner was Mackenzie Ebeler. Doesn't she look like she is ready to BBQ wearing her chef hat?

(Submitted by: Rober Crowdis, Lake Cities ABATE)



Will Motorbikes be banned 2035?



State and Chapter Meeting Details

(Click underlined text for links)

STATE:

www.texasabate.com

www.facebook.com/groups/texasabate

12/03/22 at 1:00 pm

American Legion Post 55

101 W Avenue A

Belton, TX 76513

ARLINGTON:

www.arlingtonabate.com

www.facebook.com/ArlingtonABATE

3rd Sunday at 12 noon

VFW Post 6111

1200 W Harris Street

Arlington, TX 76001

DENTON:

www.facebook.com/DentonChapter

ABATE

4th Sunday at 4:00 pm NEW TIME

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-](https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Cities-ABATE-2021-454543498728107)

[ABATE-2021-454543498728107](https://www.facebook.com/Lake-Cities-ABATE-2021-454543498728107)

2nd Sunday at 1:00 pm

VFW Post 10460

501 Thompson Drive

Lake Dallas, TX 75065

TEXOMA:

www.facebook.com/texomaabate

▪ Chapter Meeting

3rd Sunday at 1:00 pm

Sherman Elks Lodge #2280

1313 FM1417

Sherman, TX 75090

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MEMBERSHIP

NEW ABATE MEMBERS

Total by Chapter

Chapter	AUG 2022	SEP 2022
Arlington	1	0
Denton	0	0
Heart of Texas	0	5
Lake Cities	2	0
Texoma	3	9
Independents	0	0

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.

ARLINGTON ABATE PRESENTS

OLD FASHIONED

DECEMBER
17



STARTS
AT
7PM

GUN DRAWINGS

TAURUS GX4 MICROCOMPACT PISTOL

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
VFW POST 6111 &
ARLINGTON ABATE

TICKETS \$10 • ONLY 300 TICKETS TO BE SOLD
• NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN •

DRAWING AT CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY



VFW POST 6111
1200 W. HARRIS RD
ARLINGTON 76001
www.arlingtonabate.com



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Texas motorcycle enthusiasts everywhere, take note: The Texas 88th Legislative Session starts in only 3 months – January 2023! We will pass some common-sense motorcycle bills, but we cannot do it without your help! Rumor has it that the last TCOC&I, Region 2, meeting was “standing room only”. Awesome! Please make plans now to participate next session! Here are the three (3) most important dates of interest for the Texas 88th Regular Legislature:

Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 – 88th Legislature convenes at noon.

Friday, March 10th, 2023 - 60-day deadline for bill filing

Monday, May 29th, 2023 – Sine-die

Get ready! Please make plans now to participate - our rights come with responsibilities!

Ride safe – Ride free! *Skeedaddy*



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/19/22 [Freedom Run - Texoma](#)
- 11/20/22 [Bikers Giving Back - Arlington](#)
- 12/03/22 [State Meeting – HOT \(Heart of Texas\)](#)
- 12/10/22 [30th Annual Christmas Party – Denton/Lake Cities & Texoma](#)
- 12/17/22 [Christmas Party & Gun Drawing – Arlington](#)

38th Annual Meeting of the Minds An MRF Report

Thank you, Texas ABATE - for allowing several of us to attend the Motorcycle Riders Foundation’s 38th Annual “Meeting of the Minds” in Des Moines, Iowa. From the opening remarks, the general session, the legislative update, to the MRF Champions and Membership awards - this *Meeting of The Minds* did not disappoint!

A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa hosted the weekend – and they did an awesome job! It was definitely an exhaustive, yet productive weekend. The “Federal Legislative Strategy Session” on Saturday afternoon established our 2023 high and medium priority objectives – as well as the objectives the MRF is monitoring. If you are interested in the MRF 2023 federal priority objectives, or any other legislative information, please email Skee Dodson, Skee.Dodson@texasabate.com.

As part of the “Roll-Call of States,” Texas had the opportunity to present our recent ABATE Legislative Prep Seminar that we held in January of this year. We also had the opportunity to explain our proposed lane-filtering bill; and finally, stated that Texas would be the 6th State to pass a motorcycle-profiling bill! We can do it if we all participate!

Texas brought a dozen advocates to this conference in Des Moines, and next year in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, we hope to bring even more! If you are not a member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation... you should be! Contact Skee Dodson, or any active MRF member – and consider joining the MRF! MRF President, Kirk “Hardtail” Willard said it best at the conference: “We are as strong as ever!”



**STOP THE TEXTS
STOP THE WRECKS**



38th Annual Meeting of the Minds



DENTON HOSTS OCTOBER MEETING

Many months ago, a motion was made to adjust the order of events for state meetings. Although the board members agreed that the chapter hosting a state meeting would no longer be required to provide lunch, Denton stepped up and did the unexpected. What a treat!

Many of us bring our own snacks, or sometimes order a little something to eat, if the hosting facility has any offerings. But today was definitely a welcome surprise!

HATS OFF to Denton ABATE for your hospitality and kindness! Thank you!

25th Annual State Rally T-Shirt

Size	Qty	Color	Price	TOTAL
S			\$15.00	
M			\$15.00	
L			\$15.00	
XL			\$15.00	
2X			\$17.00	
3X			\$17.00	



Support Your Local ABATE T-Shirt

Size	Qty	Color	Price	TOTAL
S			\$15.00	
M			\$15.00	
L			\$15.00	
XL			\$15.00	
2X			\$17.00	
3X			\$17.00	



Support Your Local ABATE Tye-Dye Shirt

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



TX ABATE Embroidered Caps

Style	Qty	Color	Price	TOTAL
			\$25.00	
			\$25.00	



STYLE: Plain / Distressed

COLORS: Red/Pink/Gray/Blue/Black/Maroon

*(Not all colors available in all styles)

ITEM	Qty	Color	Price	TOTAL
Beanie			\$20.00	
Mug			\$5.00	
Magnet			\$2.00	
Sticker			\$2.00	



5" MEMBERS ONLY Patch

Member ID#: _____

25th Rally 3" Black Patch \$10.00

*Add \$5 Shipping for Shirts/Caps:

Grand Total:

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COULD E15 BE THE DEATH OF YOUR MOTORCYCLE?

Seven years ago, Mark Green authored an article for the American Petroleum Institute regarding potential problems with the use of E15 fuel and the Renewable Fuel Standards (RFS). In his article, entitled “E15 + Your Motorcycle = ‘Chopper Clunker’”, Green mentioned the American Motorcycle Association’s (AMA) warning that E15 use would void motorcycle warranties due to [“inadvertent misfuelling.”](#)

Reference to this article resurfaced a few years later with additional warnings for boat and ATV owners, along with “millions of Americans who own cars and trucks that were not designed” to operate on E15. As Mark reiterated, this is [“No Laughing Matter”](#) as the push for E15 is now present at the pumps.

E15 is not intended for use in any vehicle manufactured prior to 2007, nor is it approved for use by any boat manufacturer. According to [GreenBuildingElements.com](#), “One of the major complaints by E15 opponents is that **ethanol can corrode many of the plastics, metals, and rubber components used in internal-combustion engines and their fuel systems.** Hence, using fuel with a higher concentration of ethanol than the manufacturer recommends may damage your vehicle.”

Do yourselves, your motorcycles, and your cages a favor... PAY ATTENTION when pumping fuel. Many stations have an E15 only dispenser which is clearly labeled, but there is no requirement for a separate dispenser for E15. It is important that you look for signs which indicate the type of fuel available through the nozzle that you are about to use.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Take on Renewable Fuels

One of the “2022 High Priority Objectives” for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is Renewable Fuels. Below is an excerpt from their website (<https://mrf.org/legislative-agenda-2/>):

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) including the following actions:

- Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.
- Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.
- Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e., no multi-dispensing) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.
- Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2019 (H.R. 1024) or similar legislation which requires information be provided to the public about the risks associated with the improper use of E15 fuel in certain vehicles, engines, and equipment. This legislation:
 - Revises current EPA rule to include warning labeling requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15.
 - Requires the EPA to create a public education campaign about the risks of unauthorized use of E15 as well as the vehicles, engines and equipment prohibited from using E15.
 - Defines multi-dispensing nozzle and requires an additional warning label on multi-dispensing nozzles to warn consumers of the residual fuel left in gasoline pump hoses from the previous individual dispensing.



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

WHERE THE JOURNEY TAKES US...

Bells, Texas... That is where Texas ABATE Confederation State Rally was held again this year. What a beautiful ride out there! We could not have asked for more perfect weather. Special thanks to all the volunteers and our gracious hosts, George and Bailey Guffee, for making this 25th Annual Rally possible. Although it is not about the destination, having a safe place to gather is ALWAYS a blessing! THANK YOU, ALL! Ride Easy & Ride Free ~Bzarpup

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 817-264-6658 twwonetx@gmail.com*

Motorcycle profiling



Arrested and put in jail for not using turn signals

MOTORCYCLE PROFILING

House Resolution 366 (H Res 366) is a resolution concerning the profiling of bikers which will require public support from all Members of Congress.

Only 70 Representatives have cosponsored the resolution to date. It is important that politicians in Washington, D.C. hear from bikers and act.

Please follow the links below to (1) complete the National Motorcycle Profiling Survey, and (2) contact your Representatives and request their support on HRes 366:

(1) 2022 National Motorcycle Profiling Survey (<https://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com/2021-national-motorcycle-profiling-survey/>)

(2) Antiprofiling House Resolution 366 Call-to-Action (<https://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/>)

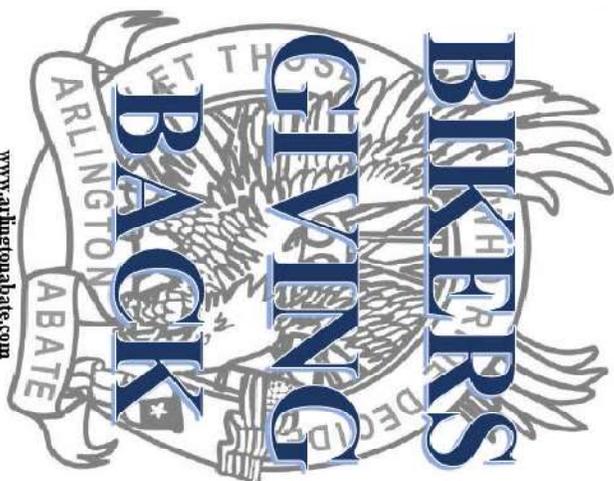
TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION, INC.

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.

Dedicated to Freedom of the Road

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



**Benefiting the Arlington Fire Dept.
Sunday, November 20th, 1:00 pm**

Community Unity Bears (CUBs) need sponsors. CUBs (pictured above) are packaged/sealed for storage on fire trucks to comfort children when the need arises. Only \$10 to sponsor a CUB, including t-shirt & packaging

SPONSOR A CUB FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN...

Every CUB sponsored will receive an entry for a chance to win a basket filled with gift cards to local shops and restaurants, along with various other "goodies"

VFW Post 6111 – Arlington

Harvey J Pirie Memorial Post

1200 W. Harris Road, Arlington 76001

For more information call Beaupyr (817)819-7146



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