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ORGANIZING A RUN... FUN OR FAIL?!

ROADMAP'S RUN RULES

Has it happened to you? Go ahead and admit it — when it takes eight hours to get 10 people two hundred miles — Something is wrong! Well, I'm here to tell you it's happened to me, too. But, NEVER AGAIN!

And yes, I still get elected to lead runs and we do that 200 miles in four hours now! Unfortunately, a lot of riders have never been on an organized run, or they are new riders and just don't know. Then there's the "experts" who cannot be told anything. So, an open mind to start off with helps quite a bit. We already know that when you are jamming somewhere by yourself that you travel at the speed of light, never have breakdowns, and the police look the other way. But when you got others??? That's when everything goes wrong. Rights?!

Some bros have been riding together for so long they don't even think about it. They just get on and go. Sometimes you got time to be prepared. With a large group, time to prepare is key. So, let me pass on a few simple ideas that have been a tremendous help:

1. Meeting:

Find a place that is as close as possible to the road or highway that you are going on and get everyone to meet at a set time. A good place is a gas station or restaurant, NOT a bar.

2. Planning

Say you know a month in advance that ten bros are gonna ride two hundred fifty miles and need to be at the run site by twelve on a certain day.

- a. Try to get everyone together before the run to layout routes, times, and get to know each other. Any differences should be dealt with at this time, NOT on the road.
- b. Check out each other's bikes. Does one bro have a nasty rat, a stretched chopper, a show bike? Which one would you want to ride beside? More importantly, is it safe? Is stuff secured properly?
- c. Prepare your bike. Most runs are slowed down because of mechanical failure that could have been dealt with at home. Do you want to be the one holding back the pack?
- d. Make sure everyone knows the route, time to leave, where to stop and for how long, and what is expected of them during the run. (cont. on pg 5)

State and Chapter Info

(Click underlined text for links)

STATE:

www.texasabate.com

www.facebook.com/groups/texasabate

State Meeting

8/7/21 at 1:00 pm

VFW Post 6111

1200 W Harris Street

Arlington, TX 76001

ARLINGTON:

www.arlingtonabate.com

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Chapter Meeting

3rd Sunday at 12 noon

VFW Post 6111

1200 W Harris Street

Arlington, TX 76001

DENTON:

www.facebook.com/DentonChapterABATE

Chapter Meeting

4th Sunday at 2:00 pm (correction)

July-Horny Toad Café & Bar

5812 Interstate 35

Denton, TX 76207

August-Mr. Porky's

8430 W University Dr

Denton, TX 76207

LAKE CITIES:

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Chapter Meeting

2nd Sunday at 1:00 pm

VFW Post 10460

501 Thompson Drive

Lake Dallas, TX 75065

TEXOMA:

www.facebook.com/texomaabate

Chapter Meeting

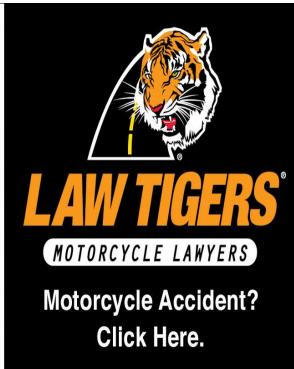
3rd Sunday at 1:00 pm

American Legion Post 62

419 Crawford Street

Denison, TX 75020





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MAINTENANCE MATTERS

A SLIPPERY SITUATION

Like tires a discussion of oil is sure to generate lots of opinions. To paraphrase an article, I read in preparation for writing this: "Put 10 guys in a room to discuss oil and you will get 12 different opinions". Like some of those guys, I have several opinions about oil. I will try to channel my inner Joe Friday and confine myself to "Just the facts". For the purposes of our discussion we will only be talking about the oils we use in the engine, transmission, and primary on our motorcycles. As you can guess there are entire shelves full of books on lubricants.

First, let's talk about why we use lubricants in and on our motorcycles. In short lubricants are used to extend the life of our parts. Nearly all of the places we use lubricants have two

components operating together to perform some sort of work. The combustion chamber uses the potential energy of the fuel to create mechanical energy. That mechanical energy is then transmitted to the drive wheels. At every step in the process our lubricants help to reduce friction, cool the parts, and clear away contaminants and particles so the oil filter can remove them.

There are lots of fluids in and around our motorcycles. Getting into the scientific weeds a little you will remember that a fluid can be either a gas or a liquid. The air (a gas) we breathe and the oil (a liquid) we use in our engines both have measurable viscosity. The thickness of a fluid is called viscosity. More correctly it is the measure of the fluid's resistance to flow. Things like honey or 50 weight oil have a high viscosity. Water or 5

oil has a much lower viscosity.

Often the layer of lubricant between the parts is no more than the width of a human hair. The viscosity of the oil plays a big part of the thickness of this layer. When the engine is hot it needs high weight oil. Conversely when it is cold it needs a lower weight oil to ensure lubricant gets to all the moving parts quickly. This is why we have multigrade oils.

Temp Chart

Mineral oil, semi-synthetic, and synthetic are the three general types of engine oil we use. Each of these have the same purpose, to lubricate, but are made up of different ingredients. Mineral oil is the produce from crude oil during the refining process. Synthetic oils are produced from various man-made chemicals. Semi-synthetic oils are a combination of

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Legislative Report

"Sine Die" for the Texas 87th Legislative Session was May 28, 2021. This is always the 140th day of the regular legislative session, and only comments and corrections are to be considered in the House and Senate after this day. Sine die basically means "it's over" (without a future date). It was a busy 140 days for the Texas legislature – passing almost all legislative priorities that were laid out at the beginning of the legislative session. Two bills concerning the Texas freeze-out from last winter passed; both bills corrected energy pricing and shortfalls from when the TX electric grid went

down, SB 2 (ERCOT Reform) and SB 3 (Power Grid Stability Act) were all signed by Governor Abbott. Texas also passed a record number of 2nd Amendment bills, including HB 1927 better known as the "Constitutional Carry" bill. Rachel Malone, the Texas Director of GOA, said it best: "...passage of HB 1927 represents the strongest stand Texas has taken for gun rights since the Alamo!" I agree. It will also become legal to transport, from your car to your hotel room (& back), and then store your gun inside your room; I'm not kidding, today (until Sept. 1) you are required to leave your weapon inside your car, in the hotel parking lot!

Texas legislature had 6 motorcycle bills (and 1 resolution), and all 7 were assigned to a committee; however, only 2 bills had committee reports distributed: HB 1837, "relating to motorcycle profiling by peace officers", finally made it out of the & Civil Jurisprudence Judiciary Committee (after left pending twice). At the end, HB 1837 was held up in the Calendars Committee, and never received the full House vote it deserved!

HB 1838, "relating to intelligence databases for combinations and





criminal street gangs", passed the House chamber 121-22 - and was received by the Senate on 5/13/21. Because these two bills advanced out of their committees, both bills are expected to have a 60% better chance of becoming law next session. The other 4 bills (& resolution) will be heading for the "legislative graveyard". We still have to wait for a signal when stopped at a malfunctioning red light! The 87th session was disappointing in many ways for Texas motorcyclists; however, it makes the 88th session look much better! HB 1838 got a full house vote and passed; even Rep. Victoria Neave of HD 107 voted "Yay" (ahem)! If you are a constituent of HD 107 be sure to thank your Rep for her support on HB 1838. Altogether, 121 House Representative voted "Yay", and their constituents should thank all of them, including Reggie Smith (HD 62) and Lynn Stucky (HD 64). The Senate received this House bill, and that is historic! Thank you Texas ABATE, the TCOC&I, COIR, Texas Defenders, United Clubs of Texas, and a thousand more bikers who had participated in this historic Texas 87th Legislative session – we did it in unity, and we will do it again in a couple of



years. Our rights come with responsibilities.

GBNF. Bruce "Dad" Guffee was a lifetime member and founding father of Texoma ABATE. Dad was also active in repealing the Texas universal helmet law – over 20 years ago! We are very grateful to Dad for his leadership and life-long dedication to Texas ABATE – and for his continuous fight for "Freedom Of The Road". Everyone who knew Dad will definitely miss him; I know I will. Dad is gone, but not forgotten.

Ride Safe – Ride Free! Skeedaddy



INDEPENDENT CORNER

Seeking volunteers for 9/11/21, for a booth at Maverick Harley-Davidson for the 22Kill event. Please let me know if you are available to assist.

PLEASE check your junk mail and look for communications from mimashivers2002@yahoo.com.

Shoot me an email to me know if you are not receiving them.

Remember to email info about upcoming events you would like to see ABATE involved in, as well.

Kirsten Scheideman, Ind. Rep

MAINTENANCE MATTERS A SLIPPERY SITUATION (continued from pg. 2)

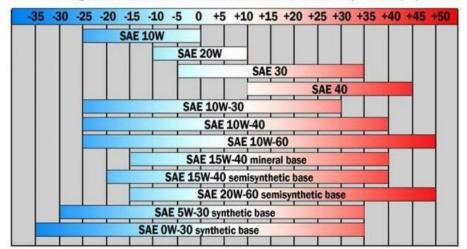
mineral and synthetic oils. Mineral oils are generally less expensive but have fewer additives that help to extend its life. Synthetic and semisynthetic oil are engineered for extended life.

So now we have discussed the basics it comes time for the questions. Which is the best and which one should I use? That, of course, is the million-dollar question and the source of the varying opinions. The easy way out is to use whatever the suggest you manufacturer of your engine recommends! After all they built the thing and should know. I would suggest you can't go too far off the path by using oil from a known company. The real challenge comes in the differences of how some of our bikes are built.

Of course, the main difference is between metric bikes (Japanese and European) and Harley's. The difference is how the engine, primary, and transmission are configured. Harley's typically have each of these as separate units while the others are all one unit. The practical point of this is that Harley's are using three different types of oil while the others use one oil for all three functions. This is why when you come in for an oil change on a Harley we will ask if you want a three-hole change or just the

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For Engine Oils Recommended in Relation with the Outside Temperatures (°C)



engine oil. For the other brands it doesn't matter because the oil is lubricating everything.

This leads us to the big difference between motorcycle oil and all other engine oils. Motorcycle specific oils are designed perform all of the normal engine and transmission lubricating jobs. The wet-bath clutch is difference between other engine oils and motorcycle oils. Harley's typically have the wet-bath clutch in the primary while the others have it in the engine case with the transmission and engine. So, the wet clutch is the main issue with motorcycle specific oils. This is because friction modifiers used in engine oils to improve performance actually decrease the performance of

the wet clutch. If you read the label of your oil you will find a variety of standards that the oil conforms. Motorcycle specific oils will show the specifications that indicate it will work with a wet-clutch application. So, there it is. Which oil should you use? It depends on what you ride, how you ride it, and where your clutch is located. Of course, if you don't have a wet clutch then that changes the discussion again, but that is a different article. Hopefully, this has shed a little light on the subject. If you still have questions talk to your mechanic or read up further on the subject. Just keep in mind there will be lots of opinions and sometimes they will conflict with each other.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Number of New Members by Chapter & Independents

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CHAPTER	APRIL	MAY						
CHAPIER	2021	2021						
ARLINGTON	0	1						
DENTON	0	0						
LAKE CITIES	9	7						
TEXOMA	0	16						
INDEPENDENTS	2	1						

As usual feel free to stop by the shop if you want to voice your motorcycle opinions. We may not agree but we can have some fun discussing it. Until next time, ride safe, ride aware and blue skies and tailwinds.

Bio: H.B. Wise operates Two Wheel World of Texas in Pantego, TX. He has been a gear head his whole life and enjoys everything that has a motor and a few things that move but don't have motors.

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/10-9/12 9/11 10/22-10/24 11/21 State Rally
22 Kill Event at Maverick H-D
MID-SOUTH M.I.L.E
Bikers Giving Back

FUN RUN OR FAIL?

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- Make sure everyone will be on time.
- e. Have one more meeting, if possible, assigning riding partners, riding positions, and check those bikes again. Now is the time to fix what needs fixing.
- Everyone MUST be legal! Driver's license, insurance, registration, etc. No guns, no drugs!
- 3. Run Truck (Highly Recommended)
 - a. Make sure truck is dependable and can keep up.
 - b. Driver MUST know stops, route, who is riding and what to do at stops or breakdowns.
 - c. Load bikes, NOT truck, with camping gear.
 - d. Load the truck with tools, fuel, tie-downs, and any other necessary items. Leave plenty of room for broken bikes. And plenty of water!
 - e. Driver must stay alert and keep up with the bikes. Do NOT cause a crash!
 - f. If truck stops to pick up a broke-down bike, get it loaded and go!
 - g. If bikes are pulled over by police, truck continues on. The truck should pull over at the next scheduled stop.
 - h. Do NOT load truck with people. Limit the personnel to the driver and one passenger, if necessary.
- 4. Routes: Pretty or Fast
 - a. In town, go directly to the highway using easiest route.
 - b. The highway is usually the safest because everyone is supposed to be going the same way. There are usually enough lanes to get around folks and has easier on/off access.
 - c. Two lanes are usually slow, dangerous, and filled with traffic, stops and also more police.
- 5. Times: Extra is best
 - a. Figure one hour per fifty miles. This will usually allow a
 - b. If you are supposed to leave at 7 am, then LEAVE at 7am
 - c. Plan to arrive about an hour ahead of time, just in case.
- 6. Riding Partners: Get it right the FIRST time!
 - a. You want riders in front and back who can keep everyone together.
 - b. If you have two bikes who "always ride together", by all means, let 'em.
 - c. Try to keep similar bikes together (i.e. stretched choppers, rat bikes, dressers, trikes).
 - d. Stage bikes that are more likely to break down in the back.
- 7. Speeds: In-town vs Out on the Road
 - a. In-town
 - i. Slightly slower than traffic around you will keep everyone together.
 - ii. Try to catch the lights rather than run them.
 - iii. If you get separated, just keep going. You will catch up with them or vice versa.

Two Wheel World of Texas Operated by Wiseguy's Garage Old School Motorcycles

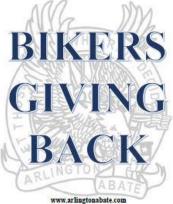


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- iv. Do NOT jam too hard to catch up. Pay attention to the traffic.
- e. Out on the road
 - i. Slightly faster than traffic around you is safer and gets everyone there together, but do NOT exceed the speed limit, unless necessary.
 - ii. Keep a steady speed.
 - iii. Let the other traffic see your presence.

We will pick up with "Stopping: Fuel, Food, Breakdowns, Law Enforcement, and Crashes" in the next issue... Stay Tuned





Benefiting the Arlington Fire Dept.

Sunday, November 21st, 1:00 pm

Community Unity Bears (C.U.B.s) 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 the t-shirt and packaging. Join us as we ride together from VFW Post 6111 to deliver the CUBs to Station No. 9. Every C.U.B. sponsor will receive basket filled with a free one-year membership, wife cards to KSU immediately following our Monthly Chapter Meeting at 12:00 pm.

How many C.U.B.s will you sponsor?

See any Arlington ABATE chapter member for your ticket to sponsor and chance to win...

VFW Post 6111 - Arlington Harvey J Pirie Memorial Post

1200 W. Harris Road, Arlington 76001 For more information call Bearpup (817)819-7146



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Bi-monthly newsletter will be distributed digitally, along with printed materials mailed via USPS to all current members, in addition to several local shops

Welcome Denton's new Ride Coordinator, Peter Szajek. Expect to see rides posted on Facebook <u>@DentonChapterABATE</u> before our meetings, beginning in July 2021.

LEGAL STUFF

2021 STATE OFFICER OPENINGS

The following Executive/Administrative State Officer positions will be open for nominations beginning July 1st through September 30, 2021:

Coordinator (Executive Office), Secretary (Executive Office), Legislative (Administrative Office)

Executive & Administrative Officers serve for a period of two (2) years. All candidates must be 18 years of age and current members, in good standing, for a period of at least six (6) months. Candidates may accept their nomination either in person, by phone, written notice, or via electronic communications. Candidates for office may address the general membership via print, electronically, or in person. Voting by the Board for these open State positions will be held at the last State Board meeting of the calendar year.

Detailed information regarding the duties of these offices is located on pages 12-15 of the (The) Texas ABATE Confederation Bylaws.

Email:

ALWAYS AN ADVENTURE???

Bikes are ready... pre-flight safety check complete, gear loaded, fueled up, and riders are well rested for a weekend get-away. Time for a few hundred miles in the saddle on a gorgeous spring morning. The sun is shining, its not too "Texas hot", and traffic is super light. Off we go, into the "wild, blue, yonder". The purr of the motor and sun on our face. Could not have asked for a more perfect day to roll down the road with your best friend. And then it happened...

You stop, suddenly, as the giant red octagon appears, seemingly, out of 'nowhere'. Only your BFF is so focused on enjoying the ride, he fails to stop as quickly as you. He yells (because he neglected to install his horn before leaving, ok, so the bike was ALMOST ready). Anyway... CRASH! As you feel the whiplash from the jolt of your bestie's forward controls ripping from their assigned location as they collide with your rear tire, all you can do is PRAY it won't hurt too bad.

And it didn't. Once we were able to push scoots safely off the roadway and assess the situation, we realized the fact of the matter... Pride was hurt more than anything else. Yes, forward controls were no longer operable as they were in pieces on the ground while the owner of the bike contemplated a "quick fix". Nope. Not this time. Gotta call for reinforcements, the "rescue squad".

Thanks to a sweet sister who was ready, willing, and able to come to our rescue, with truck AND trailer, and for Ramstar Hail Repair, in Alvarado, whose employees' hospitality burned a special place in our hearts; the whole ordeal

was nothing more than a minor inconvenience and a fabulous reminder that the genuine heart of humanity is still alive and well in the great State of Texas!

Ram and Chris, from Ramstar Hail
Repair, went out of their way to make this adventure ANYTHING but blasé.
Everything from a cool room to sit and rest, to a clean bathroom, cold water, and chairs to sit in, outside, while we waited for our "super-hero-sister" to save the day. Overall, still a wonderful "adventure". Remember, its NOT about the destination, its all about the journey!

Stay hydrated out there this summer,

y'all. It's gonna be a warm one!
Ride Easy & Ride Free,
Bearpup

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Dedicated to Freedom of the Road In Hope of Promoting a Better Relationship with the Public for Motorcycle Awareness.

