

# Texas ABATE News

November 2010

## ATTENTION INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

Elections are being held at the November 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting in Jacksonville Texas  
1pm at the VFW

Please use this ballot to cast your vote for the 2011 – 2012 Treasurer/Membership Officer

\_\_\_\_\_ Penny Randolph,  
NET Chapter

\_\_\_\_\_ Gena Guffee,  
Texoma Chapter

Please mail your ballot by November 12 to Texas ABATE, PO Box 1113, Sherman TX 75091

## 2010 Mid-South MILE

October 15-17 ~ Sherman, TX

Where else but at the Mid-South MILE Seminar could you enjoy the camaraderie of some of the greatest motorcycle rights activists in the country - - - no...in the WORLD!!!! The 2010 seminar was hosted by Texas ABATE at the Days Inn in Sherman, TX. What a treat it was for us to have an event of this caliber right here in our own back yard. Not only were there bikers from five states, (Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas), which was impressive enough ~ but we also had the privilege of having Theo Beeldens and Bart Cocquyt from Belgium, as featured speakers, who gave us insight into merging trends and issues facing motorcycle riders in Europe (Theo's Belgium chocolates were *divine!*). We kicked off the weekend event with a "Meet & Greet" gathering in the hospitality room on Friday evening, which was hosted by the Texoma ABATE Chapter. It's not difficult to quickly make long-lasting friendships with fellow riders in such a setting ~ good friends...good food & beverages... and good times had by all!

We were gathering for the same reason – to discuss and explore issues pertaining to legislative topics that affect all motorcycle riders. Primarily, we learned that we must let our voices be heard, and make sure we state our opinions when new legislation is on the table—before it is passed ~ because once a new piece of legislation is put into place, it is very difficult to change and affects each and every one of us.

Saturday was a full day, jam-packed with top-notch speakers from across the country. We started the morning with a mind opening session on goal setting—presented by Slider Gilmore, renowned motivational speaker and motorcycle enthusiast. During the day, conference attendees were able to choose between educational seminars, including "Accident Scene Management," topics on State, National, Federal and International Legislative issues, information about regulations and current trends and concerns coming out of Washington D.C. that affect motorcyclists, various sessions on safety, riding techniques, motorcycle awareness training, and a great session for the growing number of Lady Riders. The most important message, *for us*, that came out of this seminar was the fact that all motorcycle rights activists must work together to encourage all bikers to stand up for the rights that allow us to be free—free to choose, and free to

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Minutes from September 11, 2010 State Meeting ABATE

Meeting called to order by Joe Wolfe our State Security Officer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting will be an informal meeting due to our State Coordinator Dave Wildin resigning. The assistant State Coordinator Dewayne Leeth will be stepping up to the Coordinator position. Which leaves the office of Assistant State Coordinator open Brenda Daniels was nominated for this office and accepted. It was voted and approved of this nomination.

Rick Boland gave us an update on the MILE, each chapter was ask to provide money or alcohol toward the hospitality suite at the mile. Arlington chapter and Golden Triangle will donate \$300.00 toward this. He reminded us about the centerpieces that each chapter is to bring. And we still need items to put in our baskets. This is an important and very informative event and he encouraged us all to attend. If you have any questions please contact Rick Boland. It was approved that any money left over from supplying the hospitality room should go toward the auction, this was voted on and all approved.

Nominations open for State Offices:

Assistant State Coordinator:

Brenda Daniels nominated and accepted

Treasure/Membership Office:

Penny Leeth nominated and accepted

Gena Guffee nominated and accepted

Robin Butts declined this nomination

Legislative Office:

Rick Boland nominated and accepted

Newsletter Office: none

These offices will close in November and will be voted on at our next State Meeting in November. To take back to your chapters and your chapter rep. will bring your votes back.

Officer Report:

Robin Warfield was not present but she sent her treasure report, which was handed out and approved. She sent her membership report, which was handed out and approved.

Minutes were read from the last state meeting by Brenda Daniels and approved.

Chapter Reports:

- Arlington Chapter:

Will be giving a \$300.00 donation toward the MILE. They have paid the fee for the MILE. Gave a report on their events. Talked about Legislative Day in January.

- Denton Chapter:

Reported on Teddy Bear Run in August, they got about 150 stuffed bears and approximately \$300.00. Denton has paid

the fee for the MILE. Nominations for State Officers Robin Butts for Treasure/Membership she accepted. Officer nominations for their chapter are Coordinator Flipper, Assistant coordinator Gail, Newsletter Taryn, Legislative Elmer, Secretary Caty Rose McColpin, Chapter Rep open, Membership officer Mandy, Ride Coordinator Kelly, Assistant Coordinator, Products and security open.

Upcoming events: Scavenger hunt 9/18/10, Meeting of the Minds 9/23/10, Clean up Fun Camp out 10/9/10

Chapter Get away 10/2/10, Toy Run 11/20/10, Legislative Day 1/24/11.

- District 11.

Annual JB Berry Rally going on now. Fee paid for the MILE, Centerpieces ready. Will be attending the Long Riders Toy Run in December, will be helping the Cherokee Wind Warriors with their toy run. Will be attending the local Jam Fest in Jacksonville, TX. We will have our nomination for officers for 2011 in November. Will have our annual Christmas Party December 11, 2010 at Todd's house. Have a "Share the Road" presentation in Rusk, TX in October. We will be attending the NCOM meeting in Desoto, TX. And Legislative Day in January 2011. Next May during Motor Cycle Safety month, we are working on a Run and a Safety Day downtown Jacksonville, TX. We will keep your posted on the very important event.

- Texoma

Teddy Bear Run in August was a success; this was a joint event with Denton Chapter. Will be attending the MILE. Their Real Run Poker Run. Will be having nomination for officers for next year.

- Net Chapter

Dewayne Leeth stepped down as the chapter coordinator due to accepting the State Coordinator position. Shooter will be the new coordinator. David Dobbins will be the Chapter Rep. Commented that the Kaufman County Kids shelter need some items and it would be greatly appreciated I any donation. July they had a benefit for A. Norville Children's Home. Riders from TMRA, Blacksheep MC and Cherokee Wind Warriors. Net chapter members were doing the cooking and serving the food. The amount taken in was \$4000.00. Will be doing a Fun run for the shelter in May 2011. October 23, they will be having the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Rally and mini rally. Flyers are almost ready. All is welcome.

AMSEP

Penny has purchased the projector and DVD player. Still need a special connector for the speakers, and will have this real soon. Plans to bring it to the next state meeting for a preview presentation. And would like for the Chapter Rep's from all chapters to talk to their chapters and get volunteers to help do presentations in their areas.

Andy gave us a revised version on the new By-Laws.

Brenda Daniels, Secretary

## The Chaplin's Corner

I Hope this finds you well in all the chapters of ABATE. This is my first attempt to write something for the newsletter and I hope and pray that maybe something I write may help those that may have struggles of daily living. I know from personal experience that society often looks at us differently in the biker world. But we're all children of God and I think that he had a sense of humor when he made me. I want to let everyone of you know God loves you because he created each and every one of us. In God's word (the Holy Bible) it says He loves us even when we we're yet still sinners. We have lived in a fallen world ever since Adam and Eve disobeyed God. I know most of my life I have lived in disobedience to God. I was raised by a good Christian mother and turned from God at 15 years old when I discovered drugs and alcohol. I look back on my life, for years it was a miserable way to live and I thought there was no hope. I started losing my health due to my way of life. My life began spinning out of control I threatened to commit suicide and my mother had me locked up. If it weren't for the two strong women in my life (my Mother and my Wife) I would have been dead by now. I started in recovery in 1999. Over the next four years God had to do some leveling of my pride. In the spring of 2003 he took two of my loves away my Wife and my 2003 100-year anniversary Harley Road King. That's when I surrender my life to Jesus Christ and made him Lord of my life. But our God is a God of restoration he restored my marriage three months later. As far as the bike again God has a sense of humor he gave me a 1976 FLH that would break down nearly every time I rode. I think that God wanted to teach me patience. I guess what I'm trying to say is that's why God sent his one and only Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for our sins so our relationship to him could be restored. It says in God's word that nothing is impossible with God. So remember that God has got your back if you have the faith to believe in Him. With all Love and Respect  
Bernie "Rebel" Hutson Rebel 4 Christ  
Chaplin District 11 Chapter ABATE



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ride – and as South Dakota Senator J.E. “Jim” Putnam encouraged us - to stand up for our rights and to work to build relationships with legislators to preserve the freedom we have all come to know and love – but to think carefully before we ask for change. Saturday evening was full of fun and festivities as we all attended the banquet and auction, with lots of camaraderie and friendly rivalry between the various states and chapters. Texoma ABATE was extremely proud of our chapter MILE representative, Robin Warfield, who was recognized for her hard work and dedication, for more than a decade, to preserving motorcycle rights. Everyone who attended the nineteenth annual Mid-South MILE returned home armed with knowledge, full of enthusiasm and memories of a fantastic weekend, knowing that they are members of a great brotherhood. ~ Ride free!

~Skee & Tina Dodson, Texoma ABATE Chapter

On October 15-16, 2010 my husband and I attended the MidSouth M.I.L.E. I was very impressed with the speakers and the information that was presented, the ideas, techniques and enthusiasm brought forth. I was fired up after the first speaker. I have found a new way to look at things. This seminar provided an opportunity for all motorcyclists to work together for preserving our rights not just on the roads but a future freedom on the road. I really enjoyed the History of Women Motorcyclist by Connie Thompson and the Share the Road program. The effective letter writing was especially helpful to me. I walked away from this event with a new outlook and a fire in me to do all that I can to make it better for the future of Motorcyclist. I will look forward to seeing all of you again at the next M.I.L.E. Thanks for the seminar and all your hard work.

~Tammy & Rebel Hutson , District 11 ABATE Chapter

## Share The Road

On October 14,2010 a presentation for a Share the Road sign was made to the Chamber of Commerce members in Rusk, TX. East Texas ABATE District 11 chapter members in attendance were Brenda Daniels, Bernie Hutson , Tammy Hutson and George Stover. Also in attendance from the Longview Mavericks MC were Elder and Tiger Lilly. COCI made the presentation. After the presentation the same ABATE members and myself had our picture taken by a Share the Road sign located on Hwy 69 in Jacksonville. Hopefully with the placement of these signs it will make drivers more aware of all the motorcycles on the road and there will be less accidents. Please be aware - share the road and ride safe.

~ Jason English: Historian - ABATE District 11

News from the District 11 Chapter

We had our annual JB Berry Rally September 10-12, it was a great success. We had bands both Friday and Saturday night and they were awesome. Thanks to all the other ABATE chapters that stayed to help support us in this event. What we do this rally for every year is not only to honor our fallen brother JB Berry of Bikers for Jesus, but for our "Down Riders Fund". We started this right after the passing of Brother JB in his memory. This fund is to help down riders who have been injured and their families. We have been able to help so many with this. It is close to my heart to help.

Our membership continues to grow, we have new and enthusiastic people signing up all the time and some of our old members whom have let their memberships expire are starting to come back.

We went to Rusk, TX to help with a presentation for a Share the Road sign sponsored by the COCI, which was also a great success, they approved 4 signs to be installed in this area. Look out East Texas we are coming. And we want more signs up, with the hopes this will keep drivers aware that we are out there.

We had the Mayor of Jacksonville come to one of our meetings to speak with us, and presented him with a request to have in May 2011 a "Safety & Awareness" Day to celebrate Motor Cycle Safety Month. And he was very much in agreement with this. I will keep you all informed on this very much-needed event on the date and time. We will need all of you to come and show support. Our plan is to have a presentation about motorcycle safety and to have a memorial run. To set up and do a presentation about Motorcycle Safety. It is no longer enough to just get the

proclamation for our cities, but to help them be more aware of us.

We will be having our new officers nomination at our next meeting. Our annual Christmas Party and adopt a family in December along with helping the Cherokee Wind Warriors with their Toy Run. We will also be hosting the next State Meeting, and have some good food in store for all of you.

I attended the M.I.L.E and I was so impressed with each presentation that I was able to go to, just wish I could have been two people so that I could have gone to all of them. I know that I came away with a fresh out look and new restored enthusiasm for making riding safe for all of us. A great deal of work and dedication was involved in putting this event on. I commend all of the workers on this committee. Great job folks.

We will be attending the NCOM in Desoto, TX

I am honored to have been nominated for the office of Assistant State Coordinator. I love ABATE and have been the Chapter Coordinator for the past three years of Dist 11. I have been the Secretary for the State for the past year and I look forward to working the other State Officers and the Board to do my part to make this great organization stay good and to make a difference for all motorcycle riders. I promise to do my part and to keep the independents informed. Thank you for allowing me this honor.

~ Brenda Daniels, Coordinator Dist 11

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