



TEXAS TIDBITS

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NEW YEAR NEW DREAMS *New Roads*

MRF NEWS... MIDSOUTH M.I.L.E.

[Oct 22-24] over a hundred bikers gathered in Dallas, Texas for the 29th annual Mid-South M.I.L.E. event. Like the Midwest's Heartland STEAM event, the Mid-South M.I.L.E. brings together bikers from neighboring states to discuss legislative priorities, share ideas and build relationships. Representatives from Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas, all participated in the two-day event. The "M.I.L.E." stands for "Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness," and there is no doubt that the program in Dallas lived up to its billing.



The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) was proud to present a federal legislative update, as well as share tips and tricks on effective lobbying strategies. Other topics by presenters included: Five Steps to Freedom, How to Ensure Success at the State Capitol, Preserving Evidence at the

Scene of an Accident, and Motorcycle MythBusters.

Without a doubt, the highlight of the weekend was the dinner banquet, where Congressman Michael Burgess (R-TX), the Co-Chairman of the House Motorcycle Caucus, gave the keynote address. Congressman Burgess shared stories about his history in motorcycling and his efforts to combat profiling and the expansion of ethanol mandates. Congressman Burgess was the 2018 MRF Legislative Champion of the year and made sure to wear his award vest during his visit. Like similar events, the Mid-South M.I.L.E. left bikers energized and motivated to continue the fight to defend our freedoms. Thanks to the organizers who invited the MRF to attend and the volunteers who put on a fantastic event. As you might guess, the hospitality room was Texas sized with great food and drink. And it's true everything's bigger in Texas!

We are counting down the days until the 30th Mid-South M.I.L.E. in Kansas next year. *All information contained in this release is copyrighted. Reproduction permitted with attribution. Motorcycle Riders Foundation. All rights reserved.*

State and Chapter Info

(Click underlined text for links)

STATE:

www.texasabate.com

www.facebook.com/groups/texasabate

▪ State Meeting

02/05/22 at 1:00 pm

VFW Post 10460

501 Thompson Drive

Lake Dallas, TX 75065

ARLINGTON:

www.arlingtonabate.com

www.facebook.com/ArlingtonABATE

▪ Chapter Meeting

3rd Sunday at 12 noon

VFW Post 6111

1200 W Harris Street

Arlington, TX 76001

DENTON:

www.facebook.com/DentonChapter

ABATE

▪ Chapter Meeting

4th Sunday at 2:00 pm

VFW Post 2205

909 Sunset Street

Denton, TX 76201

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)

▪ 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

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Denison, TX 75020

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DENTON DELIVERS, AGAIN & AGAIN



Denton ABATE assisted with the escort. This event raised hundreds of dollars along with toys that went directly to 350 children via the North Richland Hills Community Enrichment Center.



Several members of Denton chapter rode with Two Wheel Family RC #2WF doing local outreach for a membership drive.



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.



Legislative Report



I have to admit, that 2021 started off as a challenge, and it didn't let up for most of the year. Looking back at 2021, we definitely had our trials and tribulations; and we continued into the New Year with more cancelled meetings and rallies. Too often we are reminded that our days with family and friends are unfairly limited. Sadly, we lost our great friend, our ABATE State Coordinator, and our Texoma Chapter founder - Bruce "Dad" Guffee. Dad was a Life Member of ABATE, and a sustaining member of the MRF. Everyone who knew Dad, especially

Texoma motorcycling community, will miss him tremendously. His legacy will live on with our Texas ABATE chapters for quite some time! We celebrated Dad as our Santa mascot for the 27th Annual "For the Kids" Toy Run on December 5th. WOW – this year was epic! GBNF... ..

2021 was a year for the record books. The challenges started in January, when we were notified that the House of Representatives members were on a "Covid break", and that they weren't expected to be at the Capitol during our "Motorcycle Legislative Day". We received restricted access to the Texas Capitol during the 87th Legislative session, and we were required to be tested for the Covid virus before we could enter the Capitol. If you wanted to meet with a House member inside the Capitol you had to first pass the Fast test, but you didn't have to wear a mask inside. If you wanted to meet with a Senator inside, you didn't have to take the Fast test, but you were required to wear a mask inside (if not Fast tested) – LOL! This legislative session also taught us that we could meet with our legislators via a "Zoom" video call. We learned that if you let the zoom call be scheduled by the Congressman's aide it will carry more "importance". We also learned that you only have one chance to "make your ask" on a zoom call – keep it factual and on point! Having only 140 legislative days during a regular session is hardly enough time to move a bill through both chambers; however, one of our motorcycle bills, HB 1838, actually did receive a full House vote - and passed unanimously. HB 1838 was received by the Senate, and HB 1837 (the House profiling bill) almost made it to the house floor for a full vote!



This has been an historic session for Texas in more ways than one. The Texas 87th legislative session had a total of 6 motorcycle bills, and one resolution. Texas is blessed with many freedom-fighting motorcycle clubs and organizations, and we were unified in our message – that we need common-sense motorcycle legislation!

Summer, in my opinion, went by way too fast! In August, a few Texas ABATE members rode to the 34th Annual "ABATE Social Hour" in Whitewood, South Dakota. This annual event is hosted by ABATE of SD and is an awesome and welcome reprieve from the crowds of the Sturgis rally. This social gives us a chance to get caught up with old friends, and new stories. Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, from the MRF, compared the House Highway Bill to the Senate version - we were hopeful that the version signed by the President would include specific motorcycle language in autonomous

vehicle studies. Now we know that this specific language will not be included in the Highway bill - or "Invest Act". It was an awesome ride home, even though the smoke of the California wildfires put a cover on everything; we couldn't see very much of the Rocky Mountains! During the entire trip it never rained once - except for the last 200 miles from home!

In September, we attended the 37th Annual Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) "Meeting of the Minds" in Atlanta, Georgia. Texas ABATE gave a state update and discussed several of our bills. I heard many combustion engine "end-of-life" stories and was shocked to hear that Europe is planning on eliminating combustion engines by 2050! If that happens, we know the rest of the world will follow. Just this summer, the Governor of California banned the sale of small combustion engines by 2024! Let's preserve the same rights we enjoy for our kids and grandkids. It's time to find good leaders and challenge them to be successful.

I always learn a lot at the *Meeting of the Minds*, and this year was no different. We set our MRF 2022 priorities and gained enough knowledge and motivation to last an entire year! In October, Texas hosted the 29th Annual Mid-South M.I.L.E. in Dallas. The M.I.L.E. (Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness) workshops were

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packed with information geared toward protecting motorcycle rights for everyone. The special guest speaker was US Representative Michael Burgess, from Texas Congressional District 26 – who is also a co-chair of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus. Dr. Burgess wore his leather motorcycle vest and was well received by everyone! During the award ceremony, Dino Viles presented me with a special plaque at the banquet - recognizing me for my “Dedication to Freedom of Choice for All Texas Bikers”. That was definitely unexpected, and totally awesome - thank you!

Overall, I would say that 2021 went by fairly quickly. I would also say that this 87th legislative session has been mostly successful for motorcyclists. However, it is vital that we take what we learned this last session and prepare our strategy for the next legislative session - which begins in January of 2023. Mark your calendars for January 22, 2022 – for the Texas ABATE “88th Legislative Session Prep” seminar (see flier). More information will follow, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Remember, we need to work smarter - not harder! Statistically, 2020 was a historically high year for vehicle fatalities, including motorcycle fatalities. I fear that these unusually high fatality trends continued right through 2021. Please be careful, and don’t become a motorcycle statistic. Finally, it’s the end of 2021, but there is time to log onto www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com and take the 2021 National profiling survey. No info is collected, and you only answer 6 questions - let’s finish this year strong! I hope everyone parties responsibly, has a wonderful and blessed Christmas, and makes it safely to 2022 – and beyond! We have a lot of work to do next year, and I hope that everyone will participate! One of my favorite quotes is by an anonymous author: “The world is run by those who show up”! Ride safe – Ride free!

Skeedaddy

THE PEOPLE WE MEET...



As many of you know, I was blessed with the opportunity to visit a few rallies in 2021. Lone Star was my last event for the year and, WOW, what a great way to finish it off! The folks from Barbarian Motorcycle Ministry are some of the most down-to-earth, REAL bikers one could ever have the pleasure of hanging out with. Looking forward to spending more

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LAKE CITIES COMMUNITY SERVICE

Due to circumstances beyond our control, Lake Cities had to reschedule its 2021 Holiday Food Run until 2022. But, at our November 2021 Chapter meeting, our Chapter voted to donate, and we also received additional donations from individuals, to allow us to assist our communities during this holiday season. On November 18th, Lake Cities presented the Lake Cities Community Food Bank with a donation check in the amount of \$587.00 to help provide food to families in need in the cities and towns of Corinth, Hickory Creek, Lake Dallas, and Shady Shores Texas.

Pictured from left to right are Lake Cities members Donny Muse, Shelly Hubbard (and boyfriend), Mackenzie Ebeker and Rober Crowdis, with the Lake Cities Community Food Bank representative.



THE PEOPLE WE MEET...

time with this bunch!

Then there are the ones from “home” who seem to follow me everywhere Whether it be chapter members or the amazing brothers from Bikers for Christ or even the friendly vendors, like the guys from Bill’s Trailer Sales, it is never a dull moment when you are on the road!



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2021, A YEAR IN REVIEW

Where to begin? How about January? It was a beautiful ride to Austin for the 87th Legislative Session with four (4) major issues to address; Motorcycle Profiling, Autocycle Legislation, Malfunctioning Traffic Signals, and Lane Sharing. So far, Drew Springer has lived up to his claim to be our “champion for motorcycle rights”. Let’s see what 2022 will bring.

What about your motorcycle maintenance? Are you taking the advice from Maintenance Matters and doing those “pre-flight checks” before mounting up? If you need a copy of those recommendations, please send a request to news@texasabate.com and we will email you a copy.

Although it has been tough to say goodbye to our amazing brother, Bruce “Dad” Guffee, he left an amazing legacy and beautiful memories. The lessons he taught so many of us will be around for years to come. We love you, Dad! GBNF

And then there was the fabulously detailed instructions for a successful run. Missed it? Roadmap’s Run Rules are available upon request as well. Just shoot us an email with your request. These rules have served us well over the years and are great to share with new members.

Despite Covid trying to ruin it all, Texas ABATE members cannot be kept down! Every chapter was able to carry on... We rode, celebrated, legislated, and donated like never before! We are a family of riders that will continue to persevere through good times and bad. Way-to-go Texas! Remember, it’s ALL about the journey!

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It has most definitely been an adventurous year! SO very thankful for the vast opportunities and the awesome

people that have celebrated with me on this journey! Remember, it’s NOT about the destination! Can’t wait to see what 2022 will bring! Ride Easy & Ride Free ~Bearpup



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 01/15/22 [Lake Cities Poker Tournament](#)
- 01/22/22 [Texas ABATE Legislative Seminar](#)
- 02/20/22 [Bikers Giving Back benefiting Arlington Life Shelter](#)
- 05/21/22 [30th Annual Bikers Ball](#)
- 9/6-9/11/22 [25th Annual State Rally](#)

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Support Your Local ABATE (back)

| Size | Qty | Color | Price | Total |
|---------|-----|-------|----------|-------|
| Small | | | \$ 15.00 | \$ - |
| Medium | | | \$ 15.00 | \$ - |
| Large | | | \$ 15.00 | \$ - |
| X-Large | | | \$ 15.00 | \$ - |
| 2-XL | | | \$ 17.00 | \$ - |
| 3-XL | | | \$ 17.00 | \$ - |

Unisex Texas ABATE T-shirt
White logo on front/White lettering on back

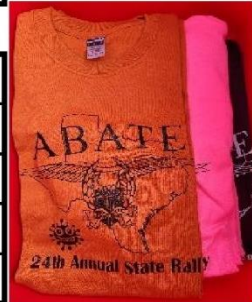


2020 "COVID" Rally Shirt

| Size | Qty | Color | Price | Total |
|---------|-----|-------|----------|-------|
| Medium | | | \$ 15.00 | \$ - |
| X-Large | | | \$ 15.00 | \$ - |
| 2-XL | | | \$ 17.00 | \$ - |

Add \$5 per shirt for postage \$ -

| ITEM | Qty | Color | Price | Total |
|--------------------|-----|-------|-----------|----------|
| Beanie | | | \$ 20.00 | \$ - |
| Drink Bottle | | | \$ 15.00 | \$ - |
| 5" Patch | | | \$ 8.00 | \$ - |
| Magnet | | | \$ 2.00 | \$ - |
| TUIT (1) | | | \$ 1.00 | \$ - |
| TUIT (6) | | | \$ 5.00 | \$ - |
| Sticker | | | \$ 2.00 | \$ - |
| Grand Total | | | \$ | - |

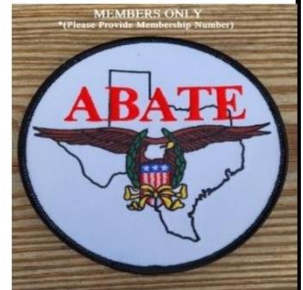


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Drink Bottle



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 Click "Add Note" & type Item & delivery information

Personal Check:

Make check payable to: Texas Abate Confederation Mail WITH
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 P.O. Box 2182
 Pottsboro, TX 75076

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 No

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

ARLINGTON ANTICS

Once again, Bikers Giving Back to the Arlington Fire Dept was a HUGE success! Up from 60 in 2020, Arlington delivered 228 CUBs for this year's event. Thanks to all who sponsored CUBs & congratulations to Banaid & Becky for winning the raffle basket, worth over \$400. Hats off to our local supporters for donating to our basket:

[Nothing Bundt Cakes](#), [Our Place Restaurant](#), [SkootDog's Motorcycle Leather & Gear](#), [First Watch Daytime Café](#), [Plaza Pub](#), [Sparrows Tattoo](#), [The Old Cocktail Lounge](#), [Stumpy's Blues Bar](#), [E:320 Energy & Nutrition](#), [Popcorn Stop](#) & [Two Wheel World of Texas](#).



Arlington ABATE picks up CUBs (Community Unity Bears) from supplier, [Plush-in-a-Rush](#), to deliver to Arlington Fire Department on November 20th.



We could not do what we do for our community without the support of these amazing businesses and individual CUB sponsors. THANK YOU!

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| <p>SUNDAY FUNDAY HAPPY HOUR OPEN TO CLOSE \$4 CROWN & DOWN</p> | <p>MANIC MONDAY \$2.50 DOMESTICS \$3 WELLS </p> | <p>TUESDAY BOOZEDAY \$3 MEXICAN IMPORTS \$3 JOSE & ESPOLON TEQUILA</p> |
| <p>HUMPDAY WEDNESDAY \$3.50 DEEP EDDY VODKAS \$4 CRAFT BEERS</p> | <p>THIRSTY THURSDAY \$3 WHITE CLAWS \$3 CHEAP F*CKS</p> | <p>FREAKY FRIDAY \$3 FIREBALL \$3 DRAFTS</p> |
| <p>THE OLD COCKTAIL LOUNGE 306 N. Bowen Rd Arlington, TX https://www.facebook.com/TheOldCocktailLounge</p> | <p>Robert Lopez III / Owner Cell: 682.330.3135 *Daily Drink Specials *8 Flat screen TV's *Pool Tables *Dart Boards *Live Music Weekends *Stop by for a visit! First drink is on the house with card! (One drink per one visit only)</p> | <p>SEXY SATURDAY \$4 JAMESON \$4 BOMBS</p> |



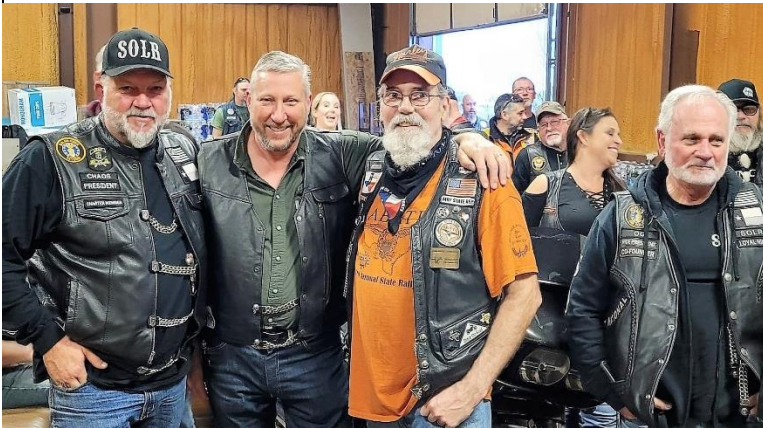
2021 HIGHLIGHTS



87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION
VETERANS COLLECTIVE, HUTTO, TX



MID-SOUTH M.I.L.E.
TEXAS STYLE



ARLINGTON'S LUNCH BUNCH



27TH ANNUAL
FOR THE KIDS TOY RUN



TEXOMA MEMBERS RODE ALL THE WAY TO
SOUTH DAKOTA FOR SOCIAL HOUR



Bikers Giving Back
 February 20, 2022
Arlington Life Shelter

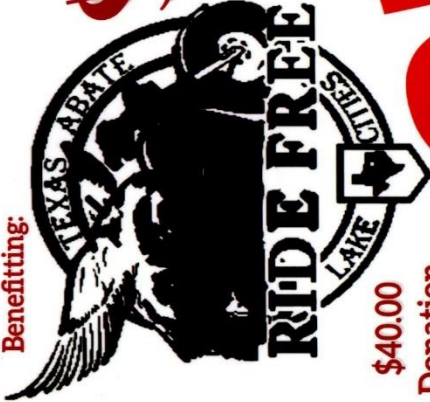
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Poker Run
Field Games

Bike Show

Bonfire

50/50 Drawing

Cool Down Contest

Loudest Bike Contest

Best Campsite Contest

LIVE MUSIC ON STAGE

Chapter Tug-O-War Challenge

Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday 4pm



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MEMBERSHIP

2021 Texas ABATE

Total Number of New Members

| Chapter | Oct | Nov |
|--------------|-----|-----|
| Arlington | 3 | 2 |
| Denton | 2 | 0 |
| Lake Cities | 4 | 5 |
| Texoma | 19 | 2 |
| Independents | 1 | 4 |

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| Ad Insertions/Year | 1x | 2x | 3x | 4x | 5x | 6x |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
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| 1/2 Page | \$ 175 | \$ 165 | \$ 155 | \$ 145 | \$ 135 | \$ 125 |
| 1/4 Page | \$ 100 | \$ 95 | \$ 90 | \$ 85 | \$ 80 | \$ 75 |
| 1/8 Page (business card) | \$ 65 | \$ 60 | \$ 55 | \$ 50 | \$ 45 | \$ 40 |

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| 1/ Page vertical | 3 3/8" w x 4 7/8" h | 85 mm w x 122 mm h |
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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

2021... WHAT A YEAR! (continued from pg 4)

The 2021 Mid-South M.I.L.E., hosted by Texas ABATE, was one of the BEST EVER! Senator Michael Burgess, the Co-Chairman of the House Motorcycle Caucus, was in attendance and definitely "left an impression".



Every chapter closed out the year by doing some sort of community service... Denton stepped up for Lyfe Livar Toy Run, Lake Cities made a substantial donation to the local food bank, Arlington donated a record-breaking number of CUBs to the fire department, and Texoma showed out bigger than ever by donating \$5,000 to For the Kids Toy Run in honor of "Dad".

Whether you are a "weekend warrior" or an "all-weather rider", your rights are your responsibility. Take an active role in fighting for those rights. Make plans to attend the upcoming Legislative Seminar in January to help keep you informed about what our legislators are doing and what you can do to ensure your freedom to ride!



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.