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VFW Post 2494

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Grand Prairie, TX 75050

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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

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▪ **Chapter Meeting**

4th Sunday at 2:00 pm

VFW Post 2205

909 Sunset Street

Denton, TX 76201

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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

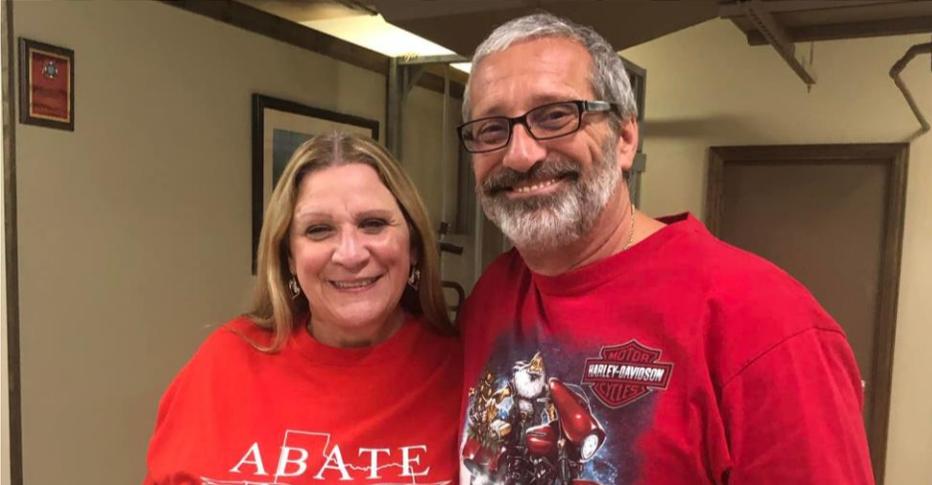
American Legion Post 62

419 Crawford Street

Denison, TX 75020

ARLINGTON ANTICS

Just some good old-fashioned fun! That's what Arlington Christmas is all about! A few finger foods, good friends, and a white-elephant gift exchange. From stealing moonshine and plush elephants to key racks and cocoa. Although our gatherings are fewer and further between, it's always a blast celebrating with those chapter members who are able to get out.



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INDEPENDENT CORNER

A little something to keep in mind when joining a private Facebook group... the admin of the page has full control over what is allowed as content.

In my one-too-many hours of trolling Facebook, I stumbled across a situation in one of the riding groups that I follow. Please take the time to read all the rules of any group you join and comply with their rules. If you accidentally violate the rules, please do not get offended. Take a minute to revisit their admin's rules. There are several groups that only care about riding and do not want to be reminded of the politics that go with it.

Sometimes "less is more". Sometimes it is best to simply let your membership patch raise the question of "what's ABATE?"

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.

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Sunday, April 10 @ 4pm
VFW Post 2205: 909 Sunset St, Denton, TX

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Entry Fees: Cars \$25, Motorcycles \$15
Bike Wash: 12pm, 50/50 Drawing
Door prizes, trophies, and more

To register for car/bike events: dentoncoordinator@gmail.com
or for more details, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/dentonchapterabate>

Legislative Report



Is winter over? Now that we've had our single-digit temps and 2 inches of snow? Just when we think the worst is over, we get warnings to get ready for an Artic Blast! I promise, when it warms up, I'm riding every day! Recently, I was looking through some old ABATE storage boxes - looking for a "Definition of a Motorcycle" bill that I remembered we had in Texas many years ago (it's a shame that you can find something faster in an "old Abate box" than you

can on the internet). It was the (84th) HB-439 from 2015. What made it difficult to locate was that this bill originally started as "Relating to the definition of a motorcycle" – and the language was substituted in committee for classifying an Autocycle - with the same bill number! You really have to pay attention when a bill comes out of a committee as it is nothing unusual for the language to change considerably before it makes it to the floor. I also noted my legislative pre-amble in the 2014 "Texas ABATE News":

"ABATE is dedicated to preserving the rights of all motorcyclists, regardless of what you ride. We encourage everyone to become involved in the legislative and political process to protect our freedom to ride. The best way to get involved is by joining ABATE, registering to vote, contacting legislators, staying informed of all legislative issues concerning motorcycle rights, and getting involved!"

Eight years later and this still holds true – especially in 2022! The time to get involved is right now!



On January 22, 2022, Texas ABATE held their "88th Legislative Prep Seminar" at the VFW in Lake Dallas. It was well attended by ABATE members, club members, and independents – everyone was encouraged to participate. Our first speaker, Jude Schexnyder, presented "Saving Our Training Program". Jude explained how our 0501 Motorcycle Safety Funds would be in trouble if the program doesn't change its training curriculum soon!

Our featured speaker at the seminar was Jonathan Mathers – Legislative Director for Senator Springer in Texas SD-30. Jonathan Mathers contributed to drafting our SD-30 motorcycle bills last session; we appreciate everything that he and Senator Springer do for Texas motorcyclists. We kept our bill requests for the 88th session coming, and our Legislative Director took good notes! Participants agreed that a "Definition of a Motorcycle" might be the best way to change the classification and registration of an Autocycle. Mr. Mathers' hour-long legislative discussion was not only

interesting and informative but also extremely productive. We had plenty of Q&A throughout; and his explanation of "slow-walking a bill" made a tremendous amount of sense! If you missed this ABATE seminar, then your absence was probably one of the topics that were discussed. **Texas motorcyclists must get involved** if we are going to be successful next session.

When a bill is assigned to a committee, we need not 1, but 3 constituents from each district to take action! We have 150 House districts in Texas, only 12 were represented (9 Senate districts) at the prep seminar. How many district reps knew that we had SIX (6) motorcycle bills last session? How many reps know the number of motorcycles registered in their district? How many reps know you? Contacting committee members, and taking action, will require participation from every district, especially yours!

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LEGISLATIVE

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Special thanks to Grim Guardian Clutch for providing his wealth of legislative knowledge; it is always enlightening to listen to Clutch talk about our motorcycle rights. Texas ABATE would like to thank everyone who “suited up and showed up”. It was great to see so many like-minded Freedom Fighters – many for the first time!

Kudos to ABATE member Joe Morris who rode all the way from Humble, TX (near Houston) to attend! Joe told me that when he heard we would be discussing next session’s motorcycle bills he just had to participate. Thank you, Joe, we hope to see you again soon!

I believe everyone who attended the prep seminar gained some valuable information and renewed motivation for the 88th legislative session. Our reviews were 99% positive, but one US Congressional HD-26 candidate did not agree with our comments, or maybe we did not agree with his. He chose to address this group, asking for our vote; however, he obviously did not do his homework. He is running against Congressman Michael Burgess – our Co-chair on the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus; Dr. Burgess is also a co-sponsor of (US) H. Res. 366 (motorcycle profiling resolution). It was great to see everyone united for a common cause! Remember, our rights come with responsibilities!

Ride safe – Ride free!

Skeedaddy



2022 STATE OFFICE OPENINGS

In accordance with Article IV – Corporate Elections, section A of the bylaws of (The) Texas ABATE Confederation, the following State positions will be open for nominations, July - September 2022:

- Assistant Coordinator (Executive Office)
- Treasurer (Executive Office)
- Membership (Administrative Office)
- Newsletter (Administrative Office)

Remember, State positions are 2-year terms. For more detailed information regarding the duties of these offices see [pages 12-14 of \(The\) Texas ABATE Confederation Bylaws](#).

TEXOMA TREATS

Greetings from Texoma! I hope this finds you and yours well, staying warm, and enjoying life. Spring is just around the corner. Be patient, better weather is coming. In Texoma, we have quite a few events in the works for the coming year.

Our chapter plans to kick off Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month with a Motorcycle Rodeo and Awareness Fest on May 1st. We are working out the details and will keep everyone updated on our plans. We are also going to be checking in to hosting or sponsoring a Beginner Rider Education Course sometime in May, as well, more details to come. Of course, we will be working with our cities, towns, and counties to get May proclaimed Motorcycle Awareness Month. Garry and Liz are getting married on the 21st of May and I know that’s gonna be one helluva party!!

We will be hosting the June State Board Meeting on Saturday June 4th. As of right now, it will be held at the Farm in Bells, to coincide with our Ole’ Fashion Rally that is June 3rd – 5th.

Texoma has scheduled a Chapter Get-Away for August 5th – 7th at Platter Flats, just north of the Red River off Hwy 75. Our Chapter Get Aways are always so much fun, we just camp, play, swim, tell bs stories, drink, eat and repeat. Please feel free to bring your camping gear, beverages, and food. Join us, this is one that NONE of us do any work, we just relax and enjoy.

In September we are hosting the [25th Annual State Rally](#) at the Farm in Bells, 9th – 11th. There will be great vendors for your shopping pleasure, a Saturday Poker Run, the ever-entertaining Field Games, and, of course, live music on the stage to keep us dancing. The bonfire will close out the night.

September 30th – October 2nd is the 2nd Annual Dad’s Memorial Rally at the Farm in Bells, plan to attend and see what new shenanigans we may have in store for you all to partake in.

We will be hosting the October 8th State Board, looking at the VFW in Sherman confirmations have been made. (continued on pg 7)

TEXAS ABATE 25TH ANNUAL STATE RALLY

SEPTEMBER 09-11, 2022
DAD'S DADS FARM

100 Kerfoot Ln.
Bells, Texas

Gate Opens at 3pm Friday
\$15 per person

Free Camping

Vendors \$35

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 04/02/22 State Meeting - Arlington
- 04/10/22 Classic Car & Bike Show
- 05/01/22 Motorcycle Rodeo & Awareness Fest
- 05/21/22 30th Annual Bikers Ball
- 6/3-6/5/22 Ole' Fashion Rally
- 06/04/22 State Meeting - Texoma
- 08/06/22 State Meeting - Independents
- 9/6-9/11/22 25th Annual State Rally
- 9/30-10/2/22 2nd Annual Dad's Memorial Rally
- 10/08/22 State Meeting - Texoma
- 11/19/22 Freedom Run
- 12/03/22 State Meeting - Denton

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Let's make 2022 one of ABATE's best years for recruiting and welcoming new members into our Texas ABATE family. It is those passionate and dedicated individuals who believe in motorcyclists' rights and safety on our Texas roadways that Texas ABATE remains strong as a Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the state of Texas.

As one of your 2022 New Year's resolutions, I would like to personally challenge every ABATE member to recruit at least one new ABATE member so that we can double our Texas ABATE membership by the time we attend the 2023 Texas Motorcycle Legislative Day in Austin next January.

Also, be sure to continue mentoring the members we have already brought into our family so that they too will maintain their Texas ABATE membership.

Remember ... "Support Your ABATE Organization"

NEW ABATE MEMBERS			
Total by Chapter			
Chapter	DEC 2021	YTD 2021	JAN 2022
Arlington	0	17	2
Denton	0	6	3
Lake Cities	4	56	1
Texoma	2	57	5
Independents	0	15	0

Texas ABATE T-shirt
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

Red (R) FRONT
 Black (B) BACK
 Royal Blue (RB) BACK

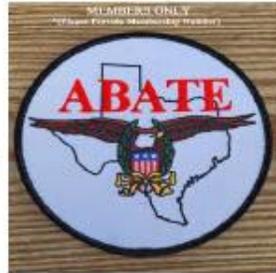
2020 "COVID" Rally Shirt

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



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- Burnt Orange (O)
- Hot Pink (P)
- Black (B)



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Magnet			\$ 2.00	\$ -
TUIT (1)			\$ 1.00	\$ -
TUIT (6)			\$ 5.00	\$ -
Sticker			\$ 2.00	\$ -
Grand Total			\$	-



Stickers



Drink Bottle



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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 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

TEXOMA TREATS

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Our Freedom Run will be on November 19th and our Christmas Party will be December 10th. We are still looking to schedule a Pepper Cook-Off and a Chili Cook-Off as well as thinking about and discussing bringing back Kid's Day.

Follow and join us on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/506487959524569>

I know I probably forgot something, so stay tuned for the next issue.

Keep the rubber side down, Robin

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Over the past few years, I have learned quite a bit about the printing/bulk mailing process and importance of aesthetics when publishing a newsletter, and so much more of the technical side of things. But most of all, what I have taken from this experience is NEVER to miss an opportunity to share with others the joys of motorcycling. I have been truly blessed to see many of my brothers & sisters while on the road and I look forward to sharing the hi-lites of my upcoming journey with those who wish to read about them. Please submit articles & photos of yours too!

Ride Easy & Ride Free ~B&Pup

In Loving Memory...

Please take a moment to remember and celebrate the lives of members who are no longer with us:

Arlington

Theresa Nelson

Tina Pierson

Lake Cities

Robert "Turk" Rounsavall

Independent

W. Loren Fells

Texoma

Bruce "Dad" Guffee

Robert "Tattoo Bob" Dial

Ride in Paradise, brothers & sisters, until we meet again...

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