



# TEXAS TIDBITS

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[www.texasabate.com](http://www.texasabate.com)

[www.facebook.com/groups/texasabate](https://www.facebook.com/groups/texasabate)

#### ▪ **State Meeting**

**06/04/22 at 1:00 pm**

Sherman Elks Lodge #2280

1313 FM1417

Sherman, TX 75090

### ARLINGTON:

[www.arlingtonabate.com](http://www.arlingtonabate.com)

[www.facebook.com/ArlingtonABATE](https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonABATE)

#### ▪ **Chapter Meeting**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 12 noon**

VFW Post 6111

1200 W Harris Street

Arlington, TX 76001

### DENTON:

[www.facebook.com/DentonChapterABATE](https://www.facebook.com/DentonChapterABATE)

#### ▪ **Chapter Meeting**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 2:00 pm**

VFW Post 2205

909 Sunset Street

Denton, TX 76201

### LAKE CITIES:

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

#### ▪ **Chapter Meeting**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1:00 pm**

VFW Post 10460

501 Thompson Drive

Lake Dallas, TX 75065

### TEXOMA:

[www.facebook.com/texomaabate](https://www.facebook.com/texomaabate)

#### ▪ **Chapter Meeting**

**NEW DAY & LOCATION**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 1:00 pm**

Sherman Elks Lodge #2280

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## THANK YOU...

Kudos to our chapter, Lake Cities ABATE, for presenting a charitable donation to VFW Post 10460, Lake Dallas, Texas, in the amount of \$600.00, on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Our chapter voted to show our sincere appreciation to the VFW for allowing ABATE to utilize their hall and facilities to hold our monthly Chapter meetings, motorcycle legislative seminars, State Board meetings, and charitable fundraisers, benefits, and events.

Again, we thank VFW Post 10460 for their continued support to Lake Cities ABATE and Texas ABATE Confederation, Inc. as a whole.



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## MEMBERSHIP

### NEW ABATE MEMBERS

Total by Chapter

Chapter	FEB 2022	MAR 2022
Arlington	4	0
Denton	12	2
Lake Cities	3	3
Texoma	2	0
Independents	0	0

Remember ... "Support Your ABATE Organization"

## INDEPENDENT CORNER

Remember to check your junk mail & look for communications from [mimashivers2002@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

## 30th Annual Bikers' Ball

Nostalgic Nite

\$10/person

Saturday,  
05/21/2022  
7:00 pm

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# Legislative Report

In a recent discussion with Jonathan Mathers - the Legislative Director for Senator Springer, Texas Senate District 30 – he agreed that a “Definition of a Motorcycle” might be the best way to address the classification (and registration) of an Autocycle. In speaking with Texas House District 62 Representative, Reggie Smith, he also agreed that a definition of a motorcycle is long over-due – and will consider drafting a companion bill next session. Rep Smith also committed to co-sponsoring a House Anti-Motorcycle Profiling bill next session – very similar to the substituted (87<sup>th</sup>) House Bill 1837. We have 150 House Districts and 31 Senate Districts in Texas. Contacting our legislators and committee members will be our greatest challenge next session – and it will require participation in every district! Texas bikers will need to work smarter, not harder. We can do this!

January 10<sup>th</sup> is the first day of the Texas 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session - nine months from now. That gives us a couple of months to finish strong on a federal anti-motorcycle profiling resolution – House Resolution 366. This House resolution has fewer co-sponsors this session, as it did last session. Congressman Dan Crenshaw, from Texas District 2, is the latest co-sponsor from Texas; if you are his constituent be sure to thank him. We are quickly approaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this session, and it is time for this bill to gain some serious momentum! The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) has a “Call to Action” link on their web page, and everyone should check it out; Take action here:

<https://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/>.

The new “Policy Engage” service appears to work great, and the form only takes a minute to complete; if your U.S. Rep already signed on as a co-sponsor, he/she will get a thank

you letter! The MRF keeps track on which States make the most contacts, and, so far, Texas ranks #4 - with 124 people answering the call. Please, if you have not answered the “Anti-Profiling House Resolution 366 Call to Action” please do so now. Texas has 36 U.S. districts, but only 3 representatives are co-sponsors to H.Res. 366 - Michael Burgess (TX-26), Henry Cuellar (TX-28), and Dan Crenshaw (TX-2). Motorcycle profiling is illegal – TAKE ACTION here: <https://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/>.

Remember, our rights come with responsibilities!

Ride safe – Ride free!

*Skeedaddy*



Lake Cities ABATE Chapter received their first Proclamation from the City of Krum, TX, on Monday, 4/4/2022 from Mayor Ronald G.Harris, Jr. Rober Crowdiss & Mandy Trapp received the Proclamation for the Chapter. (Photo to right)



## 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](#).



# DOERS VS SAYERS

I am sure you have heard it said before that the world is filled with "Doers" and "Sayers". Generally, Doers DO things and deliver results, and Sayers SAY they do things, but it is usually a Doer who will eventually get it done. Often, a Sayer will remind everyone else to do something, but will not get to do it themselves (ie., take action on a link, go to a meeting, etc.). We discussed this topic recently at an ABATE meeting and agreed that we too have our fair share of Sayers - in our own motorcycle organization, in some chapters more than others. It seems like our tendencies are changing lately, and there are more Sayers than Doers! If our numbers don't add up, we may be the subjects of an excessive Sayers presence! We are our own biggest challenge, and we will need more Doers than Sayers if we are going to pass any motorcycle legislation next session. A perfect example is the Federal resolution House Resolution 366. In a Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) ranking of all States taking action on H. Res. 366 (Policy Engage; motorcycle profiling), Texas ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in the Country for contacting Congressional House reps – with (only) 124 people taking action. We should take pride in Texas ranking in the "Top 5" in anything legislative, but I have my concerns about being ranked 4th. Three and four years ago, Texas was ranked #2 and #1 (respectfully) in the same MRF survey! Also, I believe that 124 bikers taking action on H.Res. 366 is a low number for Texas, and we can do better – but we are quickly running out of time. Let's double our numbers, and make Texas #1; be a "Doer", and take action on H.Res 366 here:

<https://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/>. Ride safe – Ride free! *Skeedaddy*

# THE ANGELS WORKED HARD

## Thursday 12 noon

Departed my home, in Arlington, TX, on my bike, and headed north on 360 to I-30 east and took the Commerce exit to 22 north headed for Paris, Texas, arriving at 2:30pm I road to Texarkana by way of 82 East (4:30pm). Then it was I-59 south to 96 south, toward Port Arthur (9:30pm). On to Winnie and then Crystal Beach to the Port Bolivar Ferry (11pm) and rode over



to Galveston (11:45pm)

## Friday

Victoria (2:45am) Chaparral Motel for a quick rest. 8am, I check out and head to Refugio for breakfast then on to South Padre Island (12 noon). Then 399 miles to Del Rio (6:30pm)



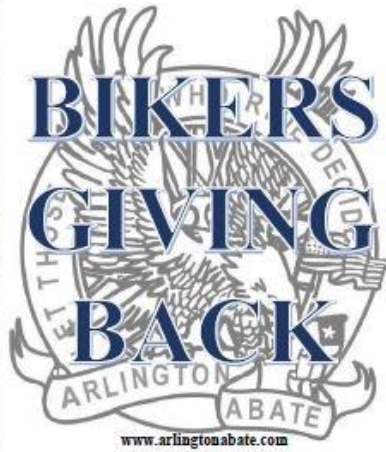
## Saturday

Big Bend National Park - 12:30am; Lajitas General Store Presidio Anthony (10am). Guadalupe mountains National Park (12 noon) then on to Kermit (2pm). Look out Texline (9pm) and Darrouzett to Follett (3am). I was

very sleepy and experienced mild memory loss as I road on "automatic pilot" as if I was hypnotized. I turned on the wrong road and then called 9-1-1 for assistance. My angels worked overtime! I traveled on to Canadian, where I turned right on US-60 and arrived at a home completely out of gas. My angel was a heavy-set man with a big heart. He drove me to the gas station. He is the owner of a Harley that weighs 2000 pounds. I rode on to Childress, Decatur, and Wichita Falls, before heading home. A great ride, more lessons, and more stories.

*Submitted by Doni Evans, Arlington ABATE Chapter*





## Benefiting the Arlington Fire Dept. Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 Bearpup (817)819-7146



## WHERE THE JOURNEY TAKES US

Another long week of prepping for a rally... you know, the usual: oil change, minor repairs and maintenance, and last-minute laundry. Then we're off. This time to Daytona, FL. Unfortunately, we were on a time schedule, so interstate it was. Fortunately, the roads from Arlington to Daytona are pretty nice, with the exception of a short stretch in Louisiana (and boy oh boy, it was pothole city!) Weather was fabulous! The only rain was the last day we were there.

Once again, we ran into some AMAZING folks! Chris Beckans, from [Long Island ABATE](#); Toni Woodruff, from [Buffalo Chip's Biker Belles](#); Tony and Bonny Pulliam, from [Riders Choice Performance](#); and Johnny Rizzo, from [Motorcycle Mayhem Radio](#). It is folks like y'all who make the journey worthwhile!

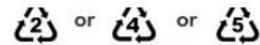
The friendships we develop while on our journey are ones that will last a lifetime. I am super thankful for all those who have made time for me and my family over the past year. We have had a great adventure, but it seems the time has come for us to change course and see what life has in store for the next chapter. Looking forward to sharing the details of our next quest with friends, old and new. Ride Easy & Ride Free ~Bearpup

## BOTTLE CAPS TO BUDDY BENCHES

Lake Cities ABATE has started recycling certain plastic bottle caps to help the United Methodist Women of Lake Cities United Methodist Church who participate with Denton/Lake Cities Rotary and the Lake Cities Chamber of Commerce in an ongoing campaign, "**Bottle Caps to Buddy Benches.**"

Not only does this help keep some plastics out of our landfills, but it makes it possible for "**Buddy Benches**" to be made for school playgrounds and gathering areas for children who need a friend or someone to talk to. They sit on the bench and teachers and students sit with them and give encouragement.

Since our Chapter started recycling these plastic caps & lids, we have encouraged the VFW Post 10460 to do the same. Below is list of acceptable plastic caps & lids:



### CAPS must be CLEAN and DRY

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| Any Drink Bottle Caps<br><i>(soda, water, juice, tea, sports drinks)</i>                                       | Spray Paint Caps                               |
| Applesauce Pouch Caps  | Toothpaste Tube Caps                           |
| Baby Food Caps   | Water Bottle Caps                              |
| Deodorant Caps   | Cool Whip Lids                                 |
| Detergent Caps<br><i>(White foam gasket and labels must be removed)</i>  | Ice Cream Bucket Lids<br><i>(8" and under)</i> |
| Flip-Top Caps  | Peanut Butter Jar Lids                         |
| Hair Spray Caps  | Cottage Cheese Lids                            |
| Marker Caps  | Cream Cheese Lids                              |
| Milk Jug Caps  | Butter Lids                                    |
| Ointment Tube Caps   | Coffee Can Lids                                |
| Medicine Bottle Caps<br><i>(Prescription &amp; OTC / paper info packets and any cardboard must be removed)</i> | Mayonnaise Jar Lids                            |
| Plastic Sheeting Spool Caps  | Nestea Lids                                    |
| Spout Caps   | Yogurt Lids                                    |
| Shampoo/Conditioner Caps   | Pringles Lids                                  |



Johnny "Steaks" Rizzo

**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**



**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** \$ -

Limited Qty of COVID shirts available

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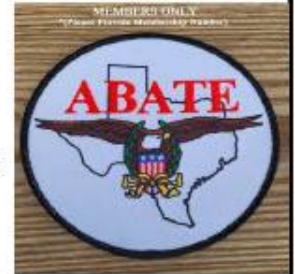
Hot Pink (P)

Black (B)

TUITS

\$1 each

6 for \$5



Stickers



Drink Bottle



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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Beanies

(B) Black

(G) Grey

(BR) Brown



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 click "Next"  
 Enter "Amount" from "Grand Total" from above  
 Click "Add Note" & type Item & delivery information

**Personal Check:**

Make check payable to: Texas Abate Confederation Mail WITH  
 THIS FORM to: Tina Dodson  
 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:  
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Reunion of friends from Long Island  
 ABATE at Bruce Rossmeyer's Destination  
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**SUNDAY FUNDAY**  
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**MANIC MONDAY**  
 \$2.50 DOMESTICS  
 \$3 WELLS 

**TUESDAY BOOZEDAY**  
 \$3 MEXICAN IMPORTS  
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 TEQUILA

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 VODKAS   
 \$4 CRAFT BEERS

**THIRSTY THURSDAY**  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

05/21/22	<a href="#">30<sup>th</sup> Annual Bikers Ball</a>
06/04/22	State Meeting – Sherman Elks Lodge
08/06/22	State Meeting - Independents
10/08/22	State Meeting – Sherman Elks Lodge
12/03/22	State Meeting - Denton

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*Dedicated to Freedom of the Road*

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

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