



# TEXAS TIDBITS

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## CONGRATS!!!

Lake Cities ABATE had another successful Texas Hold'em Tournament and drawing, sponsored by the 510 Poker Club, on August 6<sup>th</sup>. The drawing was for a brand-new Pit Boss Pellet Smoker Competition Series 1250CS. The proud winner was Mackenzie Ebeler. Doesn't she look like she is ready to BBQ wearing her chef hat?

*(Submitted by: Rober Crowdis, Lake Cities ABATE)*



## Will Motorbikes be banned 2035?



## State and Chapter Meeting Details

*(Click underlined text for links)*

### STATE:

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

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

**12/03/22 at 1:00 pm**

American Legion Post 55

101 W Avenue A

Belton, TX 76513

### ARLINGTON:

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

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

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

VFW Post 6111

1200 W Harris Street

Arlington, TX 76001

### DENTON:

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

### ABATE

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

VFW Post 2205

909 Sunset Street

Denton, TX 76201

### HEART OF TEXAS (HOT):

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7:00 pm**

American Legion Post 55

101 W Avenue A

Belton, TX 76513

### 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)

**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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 1:00 pm**

Sherman Elks Lodge #2280

1313 FM1417

Sherman, TX 75090

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## MEMBERSHIP

### NEW ABATE MEMBERS

#### Total by Chapter

Chapter	AUG 2022	SEP 2022
Arlington	1	0
Denton	0	0
Heart of Texas	0	5
Lake Cities	2	0
Texoma	3	9
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.

ARLINGTON ABATE PRESENTS

OLD FASHIONED

DECEMBER  
17



STARTS  
AT  
7PM

GUN DRAWINGS

TAURUS GX4 MICROCOMPACT PISTOL

PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
VFW POST 6111 &  
ARLINGTON ABATE

TICKETS \$10 • ONLY 300 TICKETS TO BE SOLD  
• NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN •

DRAWING AT CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY



VFW POST 6111  
1200 W. HARRIS RD  
ARLINGTON 76001  
[www.arlingtonabate.com](http://www.arlingtonabate.com)



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Texas motorcycle enthusiasts everywhere, take note: The Texas 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session starts in only 3 months – January 2023! We will pass some common-sense motorcycle bills, but we cannot do it without your help! Rumor has it that the last TCOC&I, Region 2, meeting was “standing room only”. Awesome! Please make plans now to participate next session! Here are the three (3) most important dates of interest for the Texas 88<sup>th</sup> Regular Legislature:

Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature convenes at noon.

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - 60-day deadline for bill filing

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Sine-die

Get ready! Please make plans now to participate - our rights come with responsibilities!

Ride safe – Ride free! *Skeedaddy*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/19/22 [Freedom Run - Texoma](#)
- 11/20/22 [Bikers Giving Back - Arlington](#)
- 12/03/22 [State Meeting – HOT \(Heart of Texas\)](#)
- 12/10/22 [30<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party – Denton/Lake Cities & Texoma](#)
- 12/17/22 [Christmas Party & Gun Drawing – Arlington](#)

## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Minds An MRF Report

Thank you, Texas ABATE - for allowing several of us to attend the Motorcycle Riders Foundation’s 38<sup>th</sup> Annual “Meeting of the Minds” in Des Moines, Iowa. From the opening remarks, the general session, the legislative update, to the MRF Champions and Membership awards - this *Meeting of The Minds* did not disappoint!

A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa hosted the weekend – and they did an awesome job! It was definitely an exhaustive, yet productive weekend. The “Federal Legislative Strategy Session” on Saturday afternoon established our 2023 high and medium priority objectives – as well as the objectives the MRF is monitoring. If you are interested in the MRF 2023 federal priority objectives, or any other legislative information, please email Skee Dodson, [Skee.Dodson@texasabate.com](mailto:Skee.Dodson@texasabate.com).

As part of the “Roll-Call of States,” Texas had the opportunity to present our recent ABATE Legislative Prep Seminar that we held in January of this year. We also had the opportunity to explain our proposed lane-filtering bill; and finally, stated that Texas would be the 6<sup>th</sup> State to pass a motorcycle-profiling bill! We can do it if we all participate!

Texas brought a dozen advocates to this conference in Des Moines, and next year in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, we hope to bring even more! If you are not a member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation... you should be! Contact Skee Dodson, or any active MRF member – and consider joining the MRF! MRF President, Kirk “Hardtail” Willard said it best at the conference: “We are as strong as ever!”



**STOP THE TEXTS  
STOP THE WRECKS**



**38<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Meeting  
of the  
Minds**



**DENTON HOSTS OCTOBER MEETING**

Many months ago, a motion was made to adjust the order of events for state meetings. Although the board members agreed that the chapter hosting a state meeting would no longer be required to provide lunch, Denton stepped up and did the unexpected. What a treat!

Many of us bring our own snacks, or sometimes order a little something to eat, if the hosting facility has any offerings. But today was definitely a welcome surprise!

HATS OFF to Denton ABATE for your hospitality and kindness! Thank you!

**25th Annual State Rally T-Shirt**

Size	Qty	Color	Price	TOTAL
S			\$15.00	
M			\$15.00	
L			\$15.00	
XL			\$15.00	
2X			\$17.00	
3X			\$17.00	



**Support Your Local ABATE T-Shirt**

Size	Qty	Color	Price	TOTAL
S			\$15.00	
M			\$15.00	
L			\$15.00	
XL			\$15.00	
2X			\$17.00	
3X			\$17.00	



**Support Your Local ABATE Tye-Dye Shirt**

Size	Qty	Color	Price	TOTAL
S			\$17.00	
M			\$17.00	
L			\$17.00	
XL			\$17.00	
2X			\$20.00	
3X			\$20.00	



**TX ABATE Embroidered Caps**

Style	Qty	Color	Price	TOTAL
			\$25.00	
			\$25.00	



STYLE: Plain / Distressed

COLORS: Red/Pink/Gray/Blue/Black/Maroon

\*(Not all colors available in all styles)

ITEM	Qty	Color	Price	TOTAL
Beanie			\$20.00	
Mug			\$5.00	
Magnet			\$2.00	
Sticker			\$2.00	



5" MEMBERS ONLY Patch

Member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

25th Rally 3" Black Patch \$10.00

\*Add \$5 Shipping for Shirts/Caps:

**Grand Total:**

**QUESTIONS???** Call Tina Dodson, Products Officer  
(903)815-0299 Leave Message or Text with your name  
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to make pick up arrangements

Please mail to address below (include \$5/shirt)

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State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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She does NOT answer calls from unrecognized  
numbers. Leave a message that you want to place an  
order & pay by CC. She will call you back...

**Personal Check OR Money Order:**

Make check payable to: Texas Abate Confederation  
Mail WITH THIS FORM to: Tina Dodson,

## COULD E15 BE THE DEATH OF YOUR MOTORCYCLE?

Seven years ago, Mark Green authored an article for the American Petroleum Institute regarding potential problems with the use of E15 fuel and the Renewable Fuel Standards (RFS). In his article, entitled “E15 + Your Motorcycle = ‘Chopper Clunker’”, Green mentioned the American Motorcycle Association’s (AMA) warning that E15 use would void motorcycle warranties due to [“inadvertent misfuelling.”](#)

Reference to this article resurfaced a few years later with additional warnings for boat and ATV owners, along with “millions of Americans who own cars and trucks that were not designed” to operate on E15. As Mark reiterated, this is [“No Laughing Matter”](#) as the push for E15 is now present at the pumps.

E15 is not intended for use in any vehicle manufactured prior to 2007, nor is it approved for use by any boat manufacturer. According to [GreenBuildingElements.com](#), “One of the major complaints by E15 opponents is that **ethanol can corrode many of the plastics, metals, and rubber components used in internal-combustion engines and their fuel systems.** Hence, using fuel with a higher concentration of ethanol than the manufacturer recommends may damage your vehicle.”

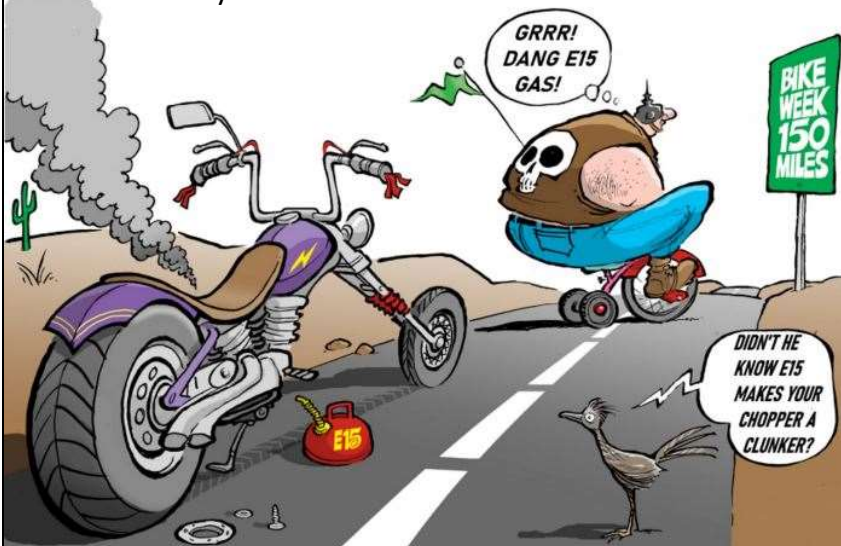
Do yourselves, your motorcycles, and your cages a favor... PAY ATTENTION when pumping fuel. Many stations have an E15 only dispenser which is clearly labeled, but there is no requirement for a separate dispenser for E15. It is important that you look for signs which indicate the type of fuel available through the nozzle that you are about to use.

## Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Take on Renewable Fuels

One of the “2022 High Priority Objectives” for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is Renewable Fuels. Below is an excerpt from their website (<https://mrf.org/legislative-agenda-2/>):

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) including the following actions:

- Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.
- Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.
- Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e., no multi-dispensing) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.
- Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2019 (H.R. 1024) or similar legislation which requires information be provided to the public about the risks associated with the improper use of E15 fuel in certain vehicles, engines, and equipment. This legislation:
  - Revises current EPA rule to include warning labeling requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15.
  - Requires the EPA to create a public education campaign about the risks of unauthorized use of E15 as well as the vehicles, engines and equipment prohibited from using E15.
  - Defines multi-dispensing nozzle and requires an additional warning label on multi-dispensing nozzles to warn consumers of the residual fuel left in gasoline pump hoses from the previous individual dispensing.



**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

**WHERE THE JOURNEY TAKES US...**

Bells, Texas... That is where Texas ABATE Confederation State Rally was held again this year. What a beautiful ride out there! We could not have asked for more perfect weather. Special thanks to all the volunteers and our gracious hosts, George and Bailey Guffee, for making this 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally possible. Although it is not about the destination, having a safe place to gather is ALWAYS a blessing! THANK YOU, ALL! Ride Easy & Ride Free ~Bzarpup

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**Motorcycle profiling**



**Arrested and put in jail for not using turn signals**

**MOTORCYCLE PROFILING**

House Resolution 366 (H Res 366) is a resolution concerning the profiling of bikers which will require public support from all Members of Congress.

Only 70 Representatives have cosponsored the resolution to date. It is important that politicians in Washington, D.C. hear from bikers and act.

Please follow the links below to (1) complete the National Motorcycle Profiling Survey, and (2) contact your Representatives and request their support on HRes 366:

- (1) 2022 National Motorcycle Profiling Survey (<https://www.motorcycleprofilingproject.com/2021-national-motorcycle-profiling-survey/>)
- (2) Antiprofiling House Resolution 366 Call-to-Action (<https://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/>)

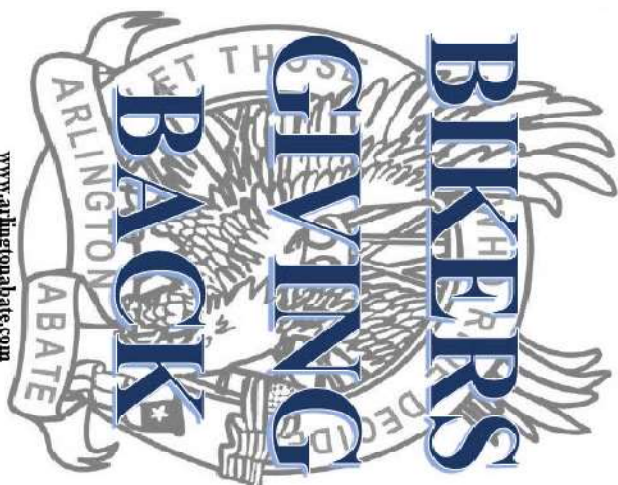
**TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION, INC.**

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.*



**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 Beaupuy (817)819-7146



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