



# TEXAS TIDBITS

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## CELEBRATING COMMUNITY



Lake Cities ABATE participated in the 2022 Lake Cities 4th of July Parade on Saturday, July 2, 2022. Although the temperatures were already hot and the humidity high, at 7:30 a.m., the 4 lake cities (Corinth, Hickory Creek, Lake Dallas & Shady Shores) were still able to pull off the event and the parade rolled out exactly on time at 9:00 a.m. Even with a decrease in the number of bikes participating, a huge thank you to everyone who showed up. The children love seeing the bikes in the parade and especially look forward to all the candy we throw!!! (Rober Crowdis, Lake Cities ABATE)



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Attended a Town Hall Meeting put on by Congressman Michael Burgess on August 2nd. After the meeting, I thanked him for supporting some of our motorcycle bills, being part of the motorcycle committee, and for his guest appearance at the Mid-South M.I.L.E. last year.

Burgess is well aware of our need for his support for the bill (HR 7731) that will ensure the E85 label remains on the pumps. He did ask if I used E85 in my motorcycle. I do not. I do not want my engine to burn up. My son told me about some gas stations in the DFW area that were shutting down their E85 pumps. Basically, due to the price difference, people were filling up their tanks with E85 gas which burned up the engines. So, we need the bill to go thru to make sure the E85 label stays on the pumps.

(Elmer McKeegan, Denton ABATE)

## 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)

**10/01/22 at 1:00 pm**

VFW Post 2205

909 Sunset Street

Denton, TX 76201

### 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  
ABATE](https://www.facebook.com/DentonChapterABATE)

**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-  
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	JUNE 2022	JULY 2022
Arlington	1	0
Denton	1	1
Heart of Texas	1	3
Lake Cities	4	4
Texoma	3	2
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.



## Texoma ABATE REAL FUN POKER RUN

Lil' Jesse Bluez Band  
with Tony Garcia  
LIVE On Stage ~ Saturday!!!

**OCTOBER 22, 2022**

REGISTRATION - 10:00 A.M / KSU - 11:00 AM  
SHERMAN ELKS LODGE \* 1713 FM 1417 \* SHERMAN, TX

\$10/per Hand

Burgers Available At The ELKS ~ Live Band Following Poker Run

### POKER RUN!!!

Saturday - KSU 11:00 am

BIKE SHOW JUDGING - 4:00 pm

### GAMES/PRIZES!!!

Games at Each Stop

### FOOD & DRINKS!!!

Burgers & Fries / Cash Bar - Elks

Raffles \* 50/50 \* Live Music

ALL Vehicles Welcome!!!

SATURDAY, OCT. 22

Registration Opens at 10:00 am

Games at EACH Stop / Prizes for Winners

Poker Run - KSU at 11:00 am

Last Bike In by 3:00 pm

Bike Show - 4:00 pm @ the Elks Lodge

Burgers & Fries Available at the Elks

Lil' Jesse w/Tony Garcia

Info - Liz (903) 821-7884 \* Shirt Sponsor Info - Tina (903) 815-0299 \* Other - Skee (903) 815-0272

# Legislative Report

Let's congratulate New Hampshire, as it became the 5<sup>th</sup> State to pass a motorcycle profiling law! Wow, 10 House members sponsored this "Prohibiting Motorcycle Profiling" bill. HB 1000 passed both chambers, and it was signed into law! Great job New Hampshire Motorcycle Task Force, and everyone involved - congrats!

Congratulations also go out to the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation (MRF),

who recently got inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame! How awesome is it that the MRF was recognized for our motorcycle "Freedom Fighter" achievements on a National level?! This means every MRF member is also a member of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame! Every MRF member should be proud of our many accomplishments – and now for our induction into the Hall of Fame! If you are not a member of the MRF, ask yourself: why not? If you need more information, ask any MRF member, or me. Read more about the MRF induction in a separate release from Hardtail – elsewhere in this issue.

As I mentioned last month, we need prepare for the Texas (88<sup>th</sup>) Legislative Session, which is less than 5 months away. The 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 88<sup>th</sup> session is January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 - make plans now to participate! However, we also can't ignore that the (US) 117<sup>th</sup> Congress is almost over - and we still have business to take care of before the end of the year. Most importantly, I am referring to H.Res. 366 – a resolution "*Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling*". I know, this resolution has a long name, but it pretty much sums it up. Profiling bikers because of what they ride or the apparel they wear is illegal! The Senate passed an identical resolution a while back and now it is time for the House to do the same.

This is an extremely important resolution which deserves a full House vote! Go to [mrf.org](http://mrf.org), and navigate to Federal Legislative Issues; we need to take legislative action on this urgent Federal resolution while we still can. Passing this motorcycle profiling resolution will help us promote a profiling bill next session in Texas – together, we can do this!

Texas motorcyclists are optimistic that we will become the 6<sup>th</sup> State to pass a motorcycle-profiling bill – next session! We are also very optimistic that Texas will pass a gang database reform bill, as it passed the full House chamber last session. The Texas Council of Clubs & Independents (TCOC&I) deserve all the credit for introducing these two bills into legislation and, in unity, we will get them passed into law!

Texas ABATE is hopeful to introduce a couple of different motorcycle bills next session; one being the "Definition of a Motorcycle" - as our current definition in the Texas Transportation Code is decades old. Texas is still OK with motorcycles having steering wheels and bench seating (autocycles)! Other proposed ABATE bills include a familiar Malfunctioning Red Light bill and, recently considered, "Lane Filtering" bill. Gaining support for

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## 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](#).



Bonus of the journey... Getting to hug all the cool folks! Big Texas ABATE hugs to Mr. Bill!

a lane-filtering bill will be our greatest challenge, but it can be done.

In a 2011 study, the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) found that lane-filtering could reduce fatal rear-end motorcycle crashes by more than 5%. In Texas, 5% fewer fatalities would save 10-15 lives per year! In the same study, NHTSA concluded that: "it is highly unlikely that a motorcycle rider would be able to avoid a pending contact to the rear of their motorcycle". A vehicle traveling at 35 mph is traveling 51 feet per second. It takes 4.25 seconds to get out of the way of an approaching vehicle that is 2 seconds behind you! A rider looking in the rearview mirror does not perceive danger until it is too late, even in best-case scenarios. Approximately 30% of multi-vehicle motorcycle crash fatalities are caused by rear-end collisions - and distracted driving continually adds to this percentage.

Texas ABATE is holding our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual State Rally, September 9-11, (Kerfoot Rd) in Bells, Texas. Everyone is invited – whether you ride or not! This is also our Texas ABATE General Membership meeting, and all members are urged to attend. Live bands, food vendors, free camping, and much! We'll discuss membership topics, as well as discuss legislative issues. I hope to see everyone at the rally!

Finally, September 21-25, Texas is planning to attend the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual "Meeting of the Minds" in Des Moines, Iowa. I hope to see many of us there (make plans now)!

Remember, our rights come with responsibilities.

Ride safe – Ride free! *Skeedaddy*

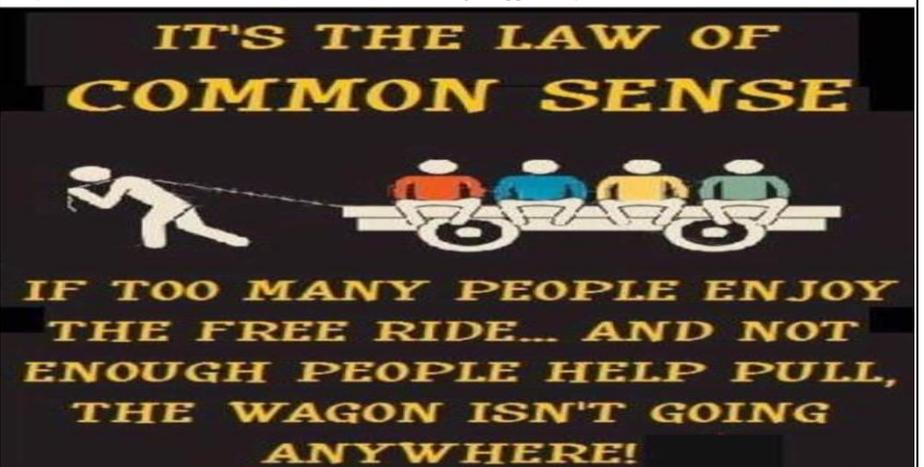
I was thinking to myself that in some respects 2022 is looking better than 2021, but sometimes it may be getting worse, especially when it comes to people's Common Sense. As this year marches forward, I see more people not wanting to step up to the plate and volunteer a little of their time to help someone or support an event that benefits all of us. They do not have a problem with paying dues to become a member, but when it comes to volunteering time to the organization that they joined and be actively involved, no hands are raised.

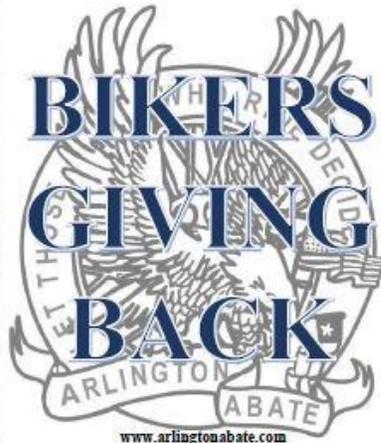
In last month's Tidbits, our legislative officer authored an article "Doers vs Sayers" indicating that according to a survey response to a Call To Action (CTA) from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) regarding US H. Res. 366 (Anti-Profiling House Resolution), Texas was ranked as the 4<sup>th</sup> State in the Country for contacting House reps with only 124 people taking action. Does that mean that Texas only has 124 people who may ride a motorcycle and care about motorcycle profiling? I am sure that there are more than 124 motorcyclists in Texas, and I know there are at least 400 to 500 people that are in Texas ABATE, a Texas MRO. The way I see it, that survey confirms that Texas has more "Sayers" than "Doers." How do we change this? How do we get more motorcyclists enthusiastic about fighting for their rights?

Another example, even with the month of May being proclaimed as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month in several of our cities and towns, it looks like we have a limited number of members promoting motorcycle safety and awareness. We should be encouraging everyone who puts themselves behind the wheel, to become aware of motorcyclists, regarding them with the same respect as any other vehicle traveling the highways of this country. How do we get more members involved in helping to promote motorcycle safety and awareness?

Just my opinion, but this picture and its statement says it all. What do you think? Are you along for the "FREE RIDE" or are you a person who would "HELP PULL THE WAGON"? Remember if we do not have enough members pulling the wagon, ABATE cannot go ANYWHERE!

*(Rober Crowdis, State Membership Officer)*





## 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

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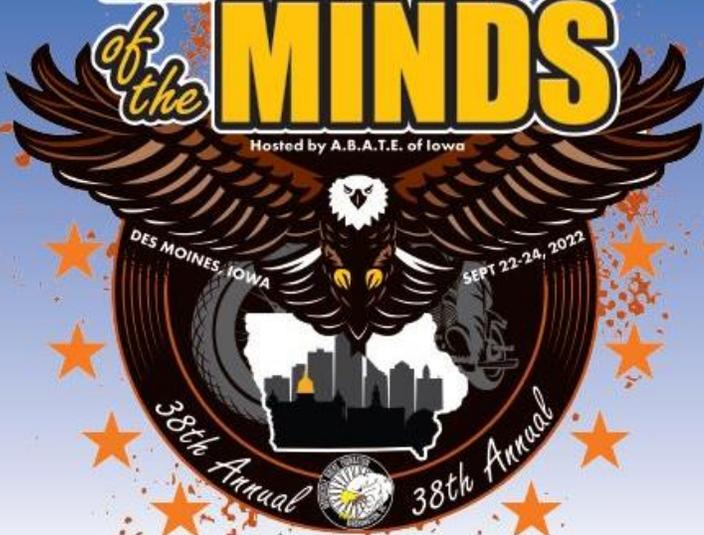
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# MEETING of the MINDS

Hosted by A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa



**SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2022  
DES MOINES, IOWA**

Des Moines Marriott Downtown | 700 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309  
Room reservations call 515-245-5500 (mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation)

Room guest rate \$119/night. Cut-off date: September 7, 2022

Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 250, Highland, IL 62249

Registration (must be received by Sept. 8, 2022): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)

Registration rate after Sept. 8, 2022: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)

Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.

Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

## WHERE THE JOURNEY TAKES US...

Destination: Gettysburg Bike Week 2022... Preflight inspections done and time to hit the road, but wait, on the way to top off fuel, brake lights go out. Ugh! What is a journey without a hiccup when you ride with Bearpup?! Back to the house for a quick repair of a broken wire and we are "On the Road Again". Whew! Got that one out of the way quick, so we should be good to go for the next 16 days!

Once out of Texas and beyond the garbage roads in LA, we headed for the beautiful 2-lane, Natchez Trace Parkway. Along the way, we met a very sweet lady who knew the road rather well. Knowledgeable enough to know that there was absolutely no way I was going to make the ride, from start to finish (444 miles), in one day, at 50 mph, with limited places to stop for fuel. None-the-less, it was an absolutely amazing ride!

Thankful, as always, for the AMAZING ZACK. JoyBoy's ignition took a dump, in the middle of nowhere. Fast forward to day 4, 1400 miles, we finally arrived in the small town of Taneytown, MD, just south of the Mason-Dixon, so we were safe, LOL!

Now it was time to explore... a trip to Gettysburg battlefields, which is never complete without visiting Tim at [Battlefield Leather](#) and lunch at [O'Rorkes](#). A few days of the hills and tree-lined roads were nothing short of a motorcyclist's best dream.

When in Maryland, you MUST make time for some good ol' Chesapeake Bay Blue Crabs... YUMMY! But any journey these days is never complete without a hug from Mr. Bill at [Bill's Trailer Sales](#). I think he follows us 😊

But wait, it got even better... Had to track him down in Tennessee, yet that's where we found our long-lost Arlington brother from Colorado... SO great to see you Hookup! Looking forward to riding with you again soon!

The journey does not end there... remember, this IS Bearpup, some-thing else had to go wrong. Lost my air cleaner 50 miles from Hookup. Thankful for O'Reilly's, a clean hotel, and a 7am parts delivery!



Remember, it's NOT about the destination, it's ALL about the journey! Ride Easy & Ride Free ~Bearpup

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3-XL			\$ 17.00	\$ -

ITEM	Qty	Color	Price	Total
Beanie			\$ 20.00	\$ -
Drink Bottle		N/A	\$ 15.00	\$ -
Member Patch		N/A	\$ 8.00	\$ -
Magnet		N/A	\$ 2.00	\$ -
TUIT (1)		N/A	\$ 1.00	\$ -
TUIT (6)		N/A	\$ 5.00	\$ -
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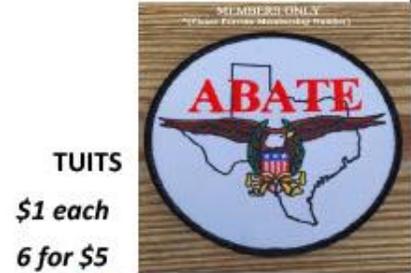
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**Pottsboro, TX 75076**

**Texas ABATE Membership Application**

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 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 09/03/22 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Blue Santa Run - HOT
- 9/9-9/11 State Rally - Bells
- 09/10/11 General Membership Mtg
- 09/17/22 4<sup>th</sup> Annual For Your Brother Run
- 10/01/22 State Meeting - Denton
- 10/7-10/9 MidSouth M.I.L.E - KS
- 10/22/22 Real Fun Poker Run - Texoma
- 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

**SUNDAY FUNDAY**  
 HAPPY HOUR  
 OPEN TO CLOSE  
 \$4 CROWN & DOWN

**MANIC MONDAY**  
 \$2.50 DOMESTICS  
 \$3 WELLS

**TUESDAY BOOZEDAY**  
 \$3 MEXICAN IMPORTS  
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