

# TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION



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VFW Post 2205

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Denton, TX 76201

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[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

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[www.facebook.com/DentonChapterABATE](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



"IT DOES NOT MATTER  
WHAT YOU RIDE  
WE ALL RIDE FOR  
FREEDOM OF THE ROAD"

We Want You



To Ride With Us!



Happy St. Patrick's Day



# ABATE of TEXAS

The mission statement of ABATE of Texas is to promote and defend motorcyclist's freedom, safety and awareness through education and legislation to make Texas the best place to ride.

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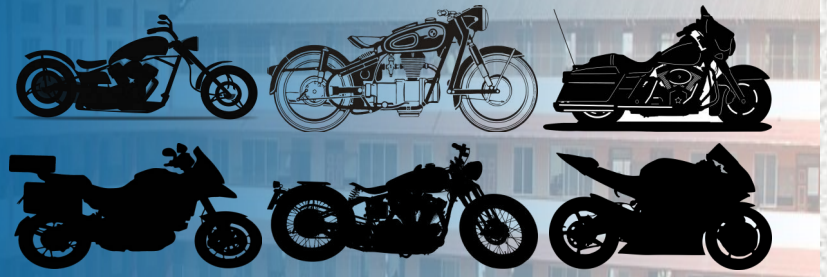
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# STATE COORDINATOR

RICK BOLAND



Hello Members,

Texas ABATE and the COC&I and Clubs we all had a good turn out and lots of information passed out at the Capitol on January 23rd, 2023. As of this writing there has been a couple of other bills introduced since then, which means our trip and showing up in force has helped our cause. Grassroots politics still works. As you should know by now HB 258 Profiling bill and HB 230 Data Base on Street Gangs was filed on 11-14-2022. SB 616 Profiling Bill in Senate was introduced on 1-26-2023. Well, another bill SB 478 is one we need to watch and support also on Motorcycle operator training and safety program requiring an occupational fee. After our visit at the Capitol another bill, we asked for was filed. SB 568 Regarding Red Lights at certain traffic control signals. This has been the best introduction of bills for motorcyclist in a long time. We hope to have another one on Definition of a Motorcycle coming out soon.

So y'all know what we need to do now. Write e-mails and phone calls in support of these bills. The Profiling Bill HB 258 and SB 616 and Gang Bill HB 230 need Co Sponsor's. Red Light Bill SB 568 needs Co-Sponsors in Senate and House also. I was told by my Rep Lynn Stucky that the Traffic Committee is the place to start for the Red light Bill and possible Definition of a Motorcycle Bill to fast track these bills. That's because I believe he is not supporting bikers. If we stick together in numbers, we will get these bills passed.

So stay tuned for more updates on Legislative issues on our website:  
<https://www.texasabate.com/>

Ride Safe and Free

*Rick*

Rick Boland  
Texas ABATE Confederation, Inc.  
State Coordinator



# "BE HAPPY" 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

## CHILI & WING COOK-OFF

March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Loyd Park/Loop A @ Joe Pool Lake  
Grand Prairie, Tx.

\*\$20 Park Entry Fee. Discount for Seniors



### FRIDAY – MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> WING COOK-OFF

- **Entry: \$15.00**
  - ❖ Includes wing container & a donation to the charity.
- **Cooks Meeting 6:00pm**
  - ❖ Rules will be reviewed!
- **Turn in 8:00 – Judging @ 8:30pm**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Place & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Trophy**

**Adult Jenga contest  
The Luge! Returns for 2023**

**DJ CHUCK - MUSIC BEGINS AT 6:30**

**\$1 Door Prize tickets available for  
Saturday drawings.**

**Registration for All events:  
Friday beginning at 3pm  
Saturday morning 9 am**



A portion of the proceeds will go to:

**DFW Devil Dawgs**

**US Service Dogs for Veterans**

### SATURDAY - MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> CHILI COOK-OFF

- **Entry Fee \$35.00**
  - Includes apron, chili cup & a donation to the charity.
- **Chili Cooks Meeting 10 am!**
  - Rules will be reviewed!
- **Turn in 3:00 pm!**
  - Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awarded at 6 pm.
  - **People's Choice Awards!**

**Registration for All events beginning at  
9am**

**D.J. CHUCK  Saturday**

**LIVE BAND 6PM**

- Kids Activities
  - Bounce House
  - Face Painting
  - Jenga event
- Silent Auction
- 50/50
- Door price raffle – tickets \$1

For campsite & sponsor information, or to  
volunteer contact **Julie @ 972.839.4571**

# STATE CHARTER GOAL

1)... To initiate, endorse and sponsor educational programs such as rider safety, public awareness, legislative and affirmative action and, individual freedoms and rights.

2)... To create and promote a positive public image of motorcyclists and motorcycle groups and to dispel and disprove media hype, unfounded propaganda and the "Hollywood" image.

3)... To encourage goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel and the general public.

4)... To serve as an information source on matters pertaining to current laws, pending legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials and their constituents, and voter awareness.

5)... To act as a central responsive agency to devise and coordinate recreational, legislative, educational, and charitable activities



# TEXAS ABATE MEMBERS

# news

## MEMBERS PLEASE SUBMIT

Articles..Pictures..District Information  
Pictures.. Run / Party / Shows  
This is YOUR publication.

PLEASE SEND ALL INFORMATION TO

[news@texasabate.com](mailto:news@texasabate.com)

Months after that wild night in the motel...



# SUPPORT YOUR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS



# Gone but NEVER Forgotten In Loving Memory

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

**Lake Cities** - Shelly Hubbard and Lois Bailey  
**Independent** - Al Pavlick and Lavoy Lassiter  
**Texoma** - Robert Loller

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



## NEW ABATE MEMBERS

Total Number of New Members by Chapter & Independents



CHAPTER	DEC 2022	2022 YTD	JAN 2023
ARLINGTON	0	9	1
DENTON	0	21	0
HEART OF TEXAS	2	32	0
LAKE CITIES	1	24	4
TEXOMA	0	31	2
INDEPENDENTS	0	3	2



## 2023 MOTORCYCLE LEGISLATIVE DAY TEXOMA CHAPTER

What an awesome event!!! As you know, the Texas Legislature only meets every other year ~ and since we were in the middle of the pandemic in 2020. . .it's actually been FOUR years since Texas Bikers have been able to have any meaningful presence at our State Capitol! That's a LONG TIME!!! But we haven't been sitting idle during that time. A LOT of legislative

work has been taking place behind-the-scenes, and I believe we're going to see a lot of positive results this time around!

Twenty-five Texas ABATE Members attended 2023 Motorcycle Legislative Day on January 23rd. . .all who attended had a chance to meet with their respective Senators and House Representatives, and we're already seeing support from our Legislators!!!



Five of our Texoma Chapter Members headed out from Sherman early on Sunday morning for our first stop at the American Legion in Round Rock to attend the COC&I "Meet & Greet / Orientation Meeting" in preparation for Legislative Day. Our Texas ABATE Legislative Officer, Skee Dodson, was asked to speak during the Meeting, and he made it clear that Texas ABATE (ie: the "I" in COC&I. . .for "Independents") is right there with the COC in our collaborative efforts to pass common sense motorcycle legislation that will benefit ALL Texas Bikers!



The Texas Motorcycling Community has eyes on us from around the country! It's always amazing & quite humbling when fellow ABATE Members from states like Illinois and New York, California & Nevada come to our bi-annual Texas Motorcycle Legislative Day. Thanks so much for your support, Josh "Ski" Witkowski (IL), and Jim Barr (NY). It's great to know you have our backs!!!





Following the Meet & Greet, Texas ABATE Members headed down to Driftwood, TX to Moonstone Ranch, a 7-Bedroom B&B Texas ABATE rented as our group headquarters for Sunday night). What an awesome place!!!



. . .not only did we have some GREAT fellowship ~ eating PIZZA & watching the Cowboys lose ~ but we ALSO got some work done! We sat around the table and did some strategic planning for the next full day of meetings with our Senators & Representatives.



Monday morning we were all up bright & early to head to the Texas State Capitol! Texas Bikers from

throughout the state gathered together for our traditional procession up the south walk to the front steps of the Capitol. . .and Texas ABATE Members proudly carried our state banner! We gathered round to listen to inspirational messages from some of the best ~ and Skee was right up there with them!



The friendships we've made, and the relationships we've developed over the years are precious to us.





We finally made it inside! CHL holders/carriers ~ come right on in. . .You're in TEXAS!!! What a beautiful state!

What a beautiful Capitol!!!

Texas ABATE Members had a FULL DAY of meetings with our different representatives. Nearly every Texas ABATE Chapter was able to personally speak with their Senators and/or House Representatives. . .and the feedback we got was amazing. A few of our meetings were drop-ins, so we had the opportunity to meet/visit with some of their Aides, Legislative Directors, Chiefs of Staff, etc. (and we realize they're actually the MOST important people in the office) Texoma Chapter Members met with Representative Reggie Smith's Chief of Staff, who was extremely hospitable



and spent a lot of time listening carefully to all of our concerns, and we also had the delightful opportunity to spend time personally visiting with Senator Drew Springer ~ one of the highlights of our day!



I'd venture to say this year's Motorcycle Legislative Day was one of the MOST SUCCESSFUL ones

I've ever attended, and I feel it in my bones. . . I'm expecting we'll get every one of our common sense bills passed this Session!!!



# Lake Cities ABATE – Texas Biker's Legislative Day



Lake Cities ABATE members Rober Crowdis, Terri Davison and Vicky “Viv” Sheets left early (7:30 a.m.) Sunday morning January 22<sup>nd</sup> to head to Austin, TX for Texas Biker's Legislative Day January 22-23, 2023.

We arrived at the American Legion Post in Round Rock, TX about 11:00 a.m. to attend the Information Meeting at 1:00 p.m. organized by the COC&I and met up with some other ABATE members from the following Chapters (Arlington, Denton and Texoma) as well as a couple of Independents.



After the Information Meeting, around 3:30 p.m. about 18 of us headed to the Airbnb in Driftwood, TX where we were all staying for the night. After settling in, we ordered pizzas for dinner, turned on the Dallas Cowboy/SF 49ers football game. Pizzas were picked up and we ate and then had our Texas ABATE Prep meeting Sunday evening in preparation for our visits/meetings Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> with our Texas Legislators.



## ABATE talking points are:

Pre-filed **HB 258** (Rep. Mary Gonzalez, District 75) relating to motorcycle profiling by peace officers.

Ask for a **Malfunctioning Red Light Bill**

Ask for a **Definition of a Motorcycle Bill**

Ask for a **Lane-Filtering Bill**

Up early Monday morning, we left the Airbnb about 7:15 a.m. and met up in the Texas State Capitol 1<sup>st</sup> floor rotunda around 8:00 a.m.



Our first meeting was a drop-in around 8:30 a.m. to Senator Robert Nichols's office, District 3. We were told he would be the Senate Transportation Committee Chair. Senator Nichols was not available so we actually met with Sophia Laneri, Legislative Intern and Jake Ellis, District Services and we left them an ABATE Legislative agenda packet:



Our next drop-in meeting was at 9:00 a.m. in Senator Peter Flores's office District 24. Senator Flores was not available, so we met with his Legislative Officer, David Sinclair.

After talking with David regarding the four (4) ABATE bills, Senator Flores walked in and introduced himself to us and was telling us about a motorcycle he saw this morning that was popping wheelies down the road. Of course, we informed him that we do not condone motorcyclist who break or disregard our laws. Texas ABATE is asking for common sense legislation bills.



Our next appointment was with House Rep. Richard Hayes, District 57 at 10:00 a.m. When we arrived, Brandon Moore, Legislative Director from Rep. Hayes met with us for about 10 minutes.

Rep. Richard Hayes was able to meet with us directly for the rest of our appointment.





Our appointment with Rep. Julie Johnson District 115 was at 10:30 a.m. and we were meeting with Mary Alice Blackstock, Legislative Director. Rep. Johnson was out of town.



Next was the procession and opening ceremony on the South Capitol Steps. After some



lunch, we

headed to our last appointment, which was with Senator Tan Parker's Senior Policy Analyst, Caleb Humphrey at 1:30 p.m.



It has been a long day and now at 3:00 p.m. we are ready to leave Austin and head back home. Once we are home, our job of trying to get these bills passed has just begun.



# Hill Country Motorheads Museum

Hill Country Motorheads, LLC is a vintage motorcycle museum located in Burnet, Texas – the “Bluebonnet Capital of Texas” in the beautiful Texas Hill Country and Highland Lakes area, just north of Austin.

Hill Country Motorheads joins just a handful of motorcycle museums operating in Texas and displays over 7000 square feet of vintage Street Bikes, Motocrossers, Trials, Flat Trackers, Drag Racers, Choppers, other genres of motorcycles and memorabilia mostly from the 1960's – 1980's. For the Harley diehards, we do have some cool old HD's to enjoy!

Hill Country Motorheads is not your typical antique motorcycle museum. With over 200 motorcycles in the collection, the museum regularly showcases more than 70 bikes of many brands from around the world. Some pre-60's bikes are on display and we welcome consignments if they are suitable to the museum theme. While you're here, relax in the Man Cave, play some pool, watch the big screen TV and enjoy all the memorabilia on the walls and vintage bikes scattered throughout the facility. There is plenty of paved parking for all sizes of vehicles, trailers and bikes. The museum is pet friendly but all pets must be on leash while on the museum property. Hill Country Motorheads is also a great “destination ride and drive” and is located in close proximity to Luckenbach, Llano, Austin, Fredericksburg, San Antonio and the famous and challenging “Twisted Sisters” highways.

Owners Pat & Janell Hanlon invite you to come spend some time at the museum to take a walk through time and experience the “history of the best days of motorcycling”

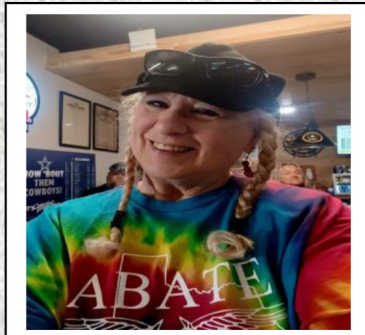


# **Texas ABATE Is Not All About the Dallas Cowboys!**



Texas ABATE scored several touchdowns with their legislative appointments (both scheduled and drop-ins) during Texas Biker's Legislative Day January 22-23, 2023.

There were 16 ABATE members who attended the Information Meeting Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.



Talking points received were:

1. Pre-filed **HB 258** (Rep. Mary Gonzalez, District 75) – relating to motorcycle profiling by peace officers.
2. Pre-filed **HB 230** (Rep. Mary Gonzalez, District 75) – relating to intelligence databases for combinations and criminal street gangs.
3. **SB 478** (Rep. Judith Zaffirini, District 21) – Relating to the administration of the motorcycle operator training and safety program; requiring an occupational license; authorizing a fee.



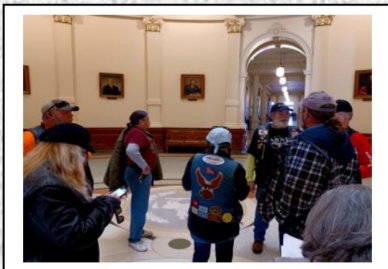
We had 18-20 ABATE members and one (1) ABATE of Illinois member attend in our Texas ABATE Prep meeting Sunday evening in preparation for our visits/meetings Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> with our Texas Legislators.



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We arrived no later than 8:00 a.m. and met up in the Texas State Capitol 1<sup>st</sup> floor rotunda. Began our scheduled and drop-in appointments at 8:30 a.m. and completed 14 appointments by 3:00 p.m. and the last of us headed for home.



By this morning, January 25<sup>th</sup>, we had a senate bill **SB 568** – “Relating to the rules of the road regarding red signals at certain traffic-control signals”, introduced by Senator Drew Springer District 30. We now have 2 of 4 bill numbers and we are very hopeful of having the other 2 bill numbers soon.

Kudos to everyone who participated, but our job is not complete, we now need everyone to help get these passed.



# MERCH STORE

## ABATE



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SIZE	QTY
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Large	
X-Large	
2-XL	
3-XL	

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QTY	COLOR	PRICE	TOTAL
	BLACK	\$ 15.00	
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	Gray	\$ 15.00	
	Blue	\$ 15.00	
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Tina Dodson, Texas ABATE Products  
P.O. Box 2182  
Pottsboro, TX 75076

QUESTIONS/PHONE ORDER:

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\*Include your name & any questions

\*NOTE: Limited color/styles/sizes



**TEXAS ABATE Generic TYE-DYE SHIRT**  
"Support Your Local ABATE"

SIZE	QTY	COLOR	PRICE	TOTAL
Small			\$ 17.00	
Medium			\$ 17.00	
Large			\$ 17.00	
X-Large			\$ 17.00	
2-XL			\$ 20.00	
3-XL			\$ 20.00	

**ABATE Generic T-SHIRT**  
"Support Your Local ABATE"

QTY	COLOR	PRICE	TOTAL
		\$ 15.00	
		\$ 15.00	
		\$ 15.00	
		\$ 15.00	
		\$ 17.00	
		\$ 17.00	



**TEXAS ABATE Miscellaneous Items**  
"Support Your Local ABATE"

ITEM	QTY	COLOR	PRICE	TOTAL
Beanie			\$ 20.00	
3" Patch			\$ 5.00	
5" Patch			\$ 8.00	
Magnet			\$ 2.00	
TUIT			\$ 1 / \$5	
Sticker			\$ 2.00	

"Local ABATE" Shirts..Come in SOLID colors or in a variety of Tye-Dye Designs. Have the Texas ABATE Logo on the front. "Local ABATE" with the State Website URL on the back. What a GREAT way to encourage those who want to fight for the rights of Texas

Embroidered ABATE Beanie Great for those "cool" bikers; medium-weight beanies; limited quantity / special orders for 5 or more.

**3" PATCH** - 25th Annual Texas ABATE State Rally This is a real "treasure" for the patch collector. Limited quantity available.

**5" Texas ABATE Membership Patch** Need a new member patch to display on your Jacket or Vest?



3" Patch



5" MEMBERS ONLY

These patches are available for **ACTIVE TEXAS ABATE MEMBERS ONLY**. Must present your Membership ID when ordering





# Motorcycle Riders Foundation



## Nominees Wanted

### Class of 2023 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Hall of Fame

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Hall of Fame (MRFHOF) was introduced at the Meeting of the Minds in Denver, Colorado. This institution was created to recognize individuals that have worked through the MRF to positively impact motorcycling. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is proud to announce that the nomination process for the next class of inductees into the MRFHOF is now open.

The nomination form and a timeline are posted on the MRF website at:  
<https://mrf.org/mrf-hall-of-fame/>

Nomination applications are **DUE** to the Hall of Fame Committee **by March 4th, 2023** – please send completed forms to.....  
[communications@mrf.org](mailto:communications@mrf.org)

**Past Motorcycle Riders Foundation Hall of Fame inductees are:** Keith "Bandit" Ball, Mark Buckner, Wayne Curtin, Michael "Balls" Farabaugh, "Still" Ray Fitzgerald, Richard Gray, Bob Illingworth, Nathan "Buck" Kit-tredge, Ed Netterberg, Sherman Packard, Todd Vandermyde, Paul Vestal, Penny Walker, Ed Youngblood, Vince Consiglio, Fredric Harrell, Rodney Roberts, Simon Milward, JoAnne Packard, Karen Bolin, Lee Richardson, Jerry "JT" Thomas, Teresa Hepker, Dick "Slider" Gilmore, Charles Umbenhauer, Wanda Hummel-Shultz, "Biker" Jim Rhoades, Lee Ryan, Marc Falsetti, Gary Klinker, Charlie Williams, Dave Dwyer, "Radio" Bob Letourneau, "Farmer" John Eggers, Michael "Boz" Kerr, Butch Brown, Deb Butitta, Jim Dahling, Carol Downs, Jay Jackson, Gary Sellers and Kirk "Hardtail" Willard.

# The Rally LIST

## Looking for Motorcycle Rallies in 2023?

Below are the dates and locations of the major rally's around the United States .

**Daytona Bike Week** ... March 3–12 ... Daytona Beach, FL

**Myrtle Beach Bike Week**...May 12–21 ... Myrtle Beach, SC

**Americade Touring Rally**... May 31– June 4 ... Lake George, NY

**Republic of Texas Biker Rally**... June 9–12 ... Austin, TX

**Laconia Motorcycle Week**... June 10–18 ... Laconia, NH

**Women on Wheels Ride-In**... July 4-6 Harrison AR

**Sturgis Motorcycle Rally**... August 4–13 ... Sturgis, SD

**Four Corners Motorcycle Rally**... Sept 1 –Sept 3 ... Durango, CO

**Bikes Blues & BBQ**... September 20-23... Fayetteville, AR

**Texas Lone Star Rally**...November 2-5 ... Galveston , TX

## Did We Miss Any?

If you have a favorite that's not on the list  
Submit it to your newsletter editor and we'll add it!

**11 CHEAP BUT COOL! GIFTS FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS**

CLICK HERE  
<https://vehq.com/cheap-gifts-for-motorcycle-riders/>



## Million Mile Harley

Between its vintage motorcycles and memorabilia, a visit to the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame already comes highly recommended. If you're a motorcycle history buff, particularly in regards to the Sturgis Rally, then paying a visit to the museum is a must. It packs a lot of history into what used to be an old post office building. And while there are treasures galore inside, be sure to seek out one of the most interesting motorcycles in the collection, Dave Zien's "Million Mile" 1991 Harley-Davidson FXRT. Any vehicle that lasts a million miles deserves recognition, but to accomplish this feat on one motorcycle makes the feat even more special. The old Harley wears the scars of the road openly, from the frayed tape of its grips to the collection of faded stickers on its windscreen. Zien, a veteran, and former Wisconsin state senator has been inducted into both the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame and the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame for his accomplishments. All of the motorcycle's travels have been painstakingly documented, and every time he reached another 100,000-mile milestone, Zien logged the date on the side of his top case below his homemade verse "Gold Wings and BMWs Dream & Weep, This High Mile Harley Ain't Gonna Sleep."

**I MAY BE AN OLD MAN**

**BUT ON MY MOTORCYCLE I'M AS YOUNG AS ANY TEENAGER**

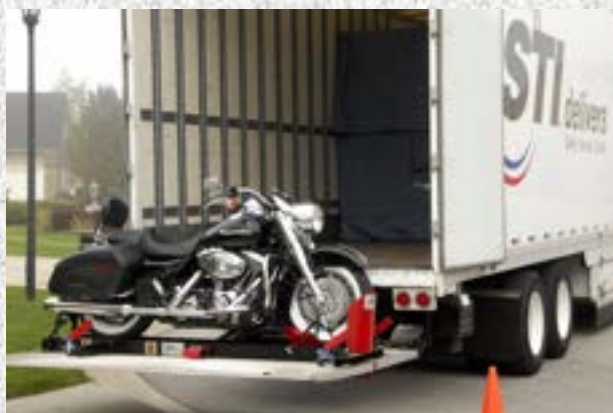


# SHIPPING YOUR MOTORCYCLE

## Shipping a Motorcycle

With the cold weather upon us and all the fun motorcycle events taking place in the warm Southern States, the question becomes "How do I get there?" It may not be convenient to ride to a Southern event when the temperature is cold enough to produce snow or even black ice. Shipping the bike and flying out just makes sense.

There are many motorcycle transport companies listed on the internet. Some of the top



ones are "eShip", "Montway", "American auto shipping", "SGT auto transport" and "SAC ship a car inc." Of course you want to find the best shipping company. You will also want to get prices for the services that they provide. Ask about the insurance coverage that they have. You should also review the insurance that you have on the bike. During inclement winter weather, the obvious choice would be an enclosed trailer.



A close inspection of the bike with the transporter will need to be done at the time of pick-up, and again at the time of delivery. A short video beforehand may be a good idea. Ensure that enough time is allowed to get the bike to its destination. Two weeks to 30 days may be the norm for some transporters. The average cost to ship a bike a thousand miles runs between \$350 and \$700.

Now is the time to make the plans to ride in the warm Southern States this winter.



**TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION**  
**State Membership**  
**ANNUAL DUES INFORMATION**

Texas Abate Confederation Membership Dues & Renewal Fees		
Membership Type	Donation	Duration
Individual Membership	\$20	12 Months
Couples Membership	\$30	12 Months
Life Membership	\$200	LIFE



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# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

## \$20

YEAR Individual

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# TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION

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- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American roads



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