

Happy
Thanksgiving

TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION



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NEWSLETTER
2023

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(Click underlined text for links)

STATE

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1:00 PM

American Legion Post 133
1300 South 25th St
Temple Tx 76504

ARLINGTON

www.arlingtonabate.com
www.facebook.com/arlingtonabate

3RD SUNDAY

12 NOON

VFW Post 6111
1200 West Harris Street
Arlington, TX 76001

DENTON

www.facebook.com/dentonchapterabate

4TH SUNDAY

4 PM

VFW POST 2205
909 Sunset Street
Denton, TX 76201

HEART OF TEXAS (HOT)

4TH SATURDAY

11 AM

American Legion Post 573
225 Cox Drive
Harker Heights, TX 76548

LAKE CITIES

www.facebook.com/lake-cities-abate-2021-454543498728107

2ND SUNDAY

1 PM

VFW Post 10460
501 Thompson Drive
Lake Dallas, TX 75065

TEXOMA

www.facebook.com/texomaabate
3RD SUNDAY

1 PM

Sherman ELK's Lodge 2280
1313 FM 1417
Sherman, TX 75090





Join Our TEAM

2025 STATE OFFICE OPENINGS

Calling all ABATE Members- it is time to demonstrate your dedication and passion in fighting for motorcyclists' rights by stepping up and volunteering to hold one of the open officer's positions at Texas ABATE. Below are the Executive & Administrative officer positions open that need to be filled for the 2-year term beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026:

Secretary (Executive Officer)

- Record and maintain Corporation meeting minutes, and pertinent documents
- Work in conjunction with the Coordinator to establish meeting agendas and provide notification for every Corporation meeting to the Board and Corporation officers.
- Maintain a current copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.
- May sign Corporation checks.

Legislative (Administrative Officer)

- Direct the legislative and political goals of the Corporation, both state and federal.
- Serve as the Corporation's official representative to other Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MRO's).
- Attend MRO seminars.
- Submit articles to the Corporation newsletter on all conferences attended.
- Submit expense report with receipts to the Treasurer for reimbursement.
- Maintain communications with Chapter Legislative officers.
- Maintain current membership for the Corporation in federal & state MRO's.

Products (Appointed Administrative Officer)

- Develop and implement a merchandising program.
- Makes recommendations to the Board regarding merchandise that the Corporation may wish to sell.
- Maintain accountability of inventory and monies received.
- Submit monthly financial reports to the Treasurer no later than the 20th day of the following month of all product sales and expenses.

Security (Appointed Administrative Officer)

- Maintain order at all Corporation meetings and events.
- Keep and maintain security equipment.

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.

Thanks,
Terri Davison
Assistant Coordinator.....Texas ABATE Confederation



In Memoriam



In Loving Memory of Robin Butts

Please join us for her Celebration of Life

November 4th

1PM-4PM

VFW POST 10374

13825 Highway 287, Forth Worth, TX 76179

**"Ride on with wings on your back,
the sun in your face and freedom in your heart,
until we see you again!"**



www.arlingtonabate.com

**Sunday, 11/19/23,
1:00 pm**

Community Unity Bears (CUBs) need sponsors. CUBs 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.

Goal for 2023 is 1,000 CUBs.

**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

For more information
call Bearpup (817)819-7146



BIKERS GIVING BACK

**Benefiting the
Arlington Fire Dept.**



VFW Post 6111

**Harvey J Pirie
Memorial Post**

1200 W. Harris Road,
Arlington 76001

TEXAS ABATE 26TH ANNUAL STATE RALLY





An Educational Minute

With the winter months now upon us, this is a great time to either catch up on some bike maintenance that you have been putting off (including reading up on how to improve your rider skills). Here is a quick checklist:

- Check your tires (and air pressure)-is there noticeable wear and tear? Is there any visible dry rot?
- If you are putting your bike away for the winter, is the gas tank full? You may want to consider adding some dry gas to the tank to keep the moisture at bay.
- Where will you store it? There are lots of storage options if you don't have a garage available to you (storage units offer climate controlled units at a reasonable cost for the winter)
- Are there any upgrades that need to be made? This is the best time of year to get any upgrades done, since motorcycle mechanics have more availability during the winter months. Take advantage of the downtime!
- Get some good reading materials on how to improve your riding skills. Proficient Motorcycling: The Ultimate Guide to Riding Well is a great resource book.

The
One Minute
EDUCATOR

New
Members!



Welcome!

NEW ABATE MEMBERS

*Total Number of New Members
by Chapter & Independents*

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>AUG</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>SEP</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>YTD</u>
ARLINGTON	1	0	2
DENTON	0	0	2
HEART OF TEXAS	0	0	2
LAKE CITIES	0	1	25
TEXOMA	3	9	36
INDEPENDENTS	2	0	4

ARLINGTON ABATE

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

NOV
19

BIKERS GIVING BACK TO
ARLINGTON FIRE DEPT.



BE AWARE - MOTORCYCLES ARE
EVERYWHERE



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YEAH, QUICK QUESTION
ABOUT THIS SECOND
AMENDMENT...



THESE "BEAR ARMS."
WHERE ARE THEY
COMING FROM?

I finally realized that people
are prisoners of their
phones... that's why it's
called a "cell" phone.



Motorcycle Riders Foundation



You Gotta Fight for Your Right To Repair

SUPPORT H.R. 906!



Do you enjoy working on your motorcycle? Do you want to guarantee access to the parts, tools and service information needed to modify, service and maintain your bike? If you answered yes to these questions, it's time to contact your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 906, the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act" or the "REPAIR Act".

The REPAIR Act ensures that vehicle owners or repair shops are not denied access to the information, software or tools needed to work on vehicles. The proposed law also establishes rules regarding vehicle data access. This commonsense law will help preserve consumer choice and a fair marketplace.

As of July 1st, 32 members of the House of Representatives have signed on in support. That is twice as many as were on the bill before the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) held its Bikers Insider the Beltway event in May! The MRF is making a difference, let's keep up the pressure!

Congress returns to Washington D.C. Tuesday, after a two-week break. That makes it the perfect time to contact your lawmaker and tell them you support H.R. 906.





2024 Federal Legislative Agenda

The MRF's Legislative Committee held a legislative strategy session at the 2023 Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) 39th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the session was to establish and prioritize the MRF's 2024 Federal Legislative Agenda.

Legislative issues fall into one of three categories, high, medium and monitor. This list remains fluid and can be adapted depending on the issue and political environment.

2024 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

(1) Autonomous Vehicles: Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV):

(a) Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles.

(b) Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.

(c) Promote that any AV public user advisory committees should include a representative from the motorcycle community and a motorcycle manufacturer.

(d) Require a public, easily accessible, and searchable database where consumers can look up important safety information such as the limitations and capabilities of different products offered by AV manufacturers or service providers.

(e) Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.

(f) Require that all AV manufacturers must publicly report crash data share incidents between AVs and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users.

(g) Protect the safety of motorcyclists with any rules or standards as it relates to electronic and cybersecurity systems including the clarification of rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles.

(h) Inclusion of motorcyclists' perspectives in discussions regarding the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).

(i) Work to ensure motorcycles are a separate classification of vehicle and road user for purposes of regulation and testing of AVs.

(j) Protect the set aside radio spectrums necessary for DSRC vehicle to vehicle communications.

(k) Protect additional spectrum as needed for Vehicle to Everything technology (V2X).

(2) Crash Avoidance: Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.

(3) Data Recording: Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

(4) Definition of a Motorcycle: Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape. Collaborate with appropriate stakeholders concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle, ensuring that crash and fatality statistics continue to be separate from other classes of vehicles including autocycles, non-motorcycle powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, motorized bicycles, and various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles.

(5) Emission Regulations: Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations including the RPM ACT, H.R. 3281, S. 2736 or similar legislation.

(6) Work against any efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that endangers the future of motorcycling.

Helmet Laws:

(7) Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel, or conspicuity requirements. Advocate for limiting funding of any federal government entity with increasing involvement in advocating for a universal helmet law or similar initiatives.

(8) Internal Combustion Engines: Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines, including elimination of the California air quality exemption waivers which allows California to enact different standards and threatens combustion engine production.

(9) Profiling: Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motorcyclists profiling.

Seek opportunities including, but not limited to H. Res 366, with language that:

Promotes increased public awareness on the issue of profiling of motorcyclists.

Encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycling community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end profiling of motorcyclists.

Urges state law enforcement officials to include statements condemning profiling of motorcyclists in written policies and training materials.

Outlaws the practice of profiling of motorcyclists.

Oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any governmental agency.

(10) Renewable Fuels: 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 to be provided to the public about the risks associated with the improper use of E15 fuel (or higher) in certain vehicles, engines, and equipment.

This legislation:

Revises current EPA rule to include warning label 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.

(11) Right to Repair:

Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their own products.

Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:

Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

2024 MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

(1) Gang, Club and Other Language:

Monitor and respond to federal legislative or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terms gang, club, known associate, associate or any derogatory term when referring to motorcyclists.

(2) Lane Filtering and/or Lane Splitting: Monitor and support federal efforts to study and review the benefits and concerns of lane splitting and lane filtering.

(3) Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):

Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (expiring in 2026). Ensure the following provisions are included:

Preserve the Motorcycle Education & Awareness Program Grant Funding.

Preserve the ban on federal funding for Motorcycle Only Checkpoints.

Preserve the NHTSA Lobbying Ban and expand to other federal agencies.

Preserve the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA.

Preserve motorcycles are not considered single-occupancy vehicles for HOV lane access.

Oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions.

Monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists.

Advocate the integration of an updated federal definition of a motorcycle.

Advocate a mandate that autonomous vehicles must detect and respond to motorcycles.

Advocate for expanding opportunities to address motorcyclist profiling.

Ensure motorcycles are not banned from federally funded roads.

All high priority issues and emerging technologies

(12) Taxes: Encourage fair treatment of motorcyclists in any change to federal taxes related to transportation. Vehicle miles traveled and other tax proposals must account for the different impact motorcycles have on infrastructure.

2024 MONITOR ITEMS

(1) Distracted Driving:

Work to discourage any/all forms of distracted driving.

(2) EV Incentives:

Seek fair tax rebate and or credits for the purchase of electric motorcycles similar to those offered for electric automobiles.

(3) Exhaust Systems:

Monitor and vigorously oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems.

(4) International Partnerships:

Continue participation in motorcycle-related activity in the European Union, United Nations, and Canada informing the membership of key developments.

(5) National Studies:

Continue monitoring any national studies concerning motorcycles (i.e., Federal Crash Causation Study or MSF Naturalistic Study).

(6) Opponents:

Monitor private and public organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF.

(7) Sound Testing:

Monitor any SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing (addressed by individual states).

Monitor any action by the EPA Office of Noise Abatement

(8) Tariffs:

Monitor any tariffs on imported motorcycles, parts, or apparel.

(9) MRF2Tolling:

Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds.

Monitor any congestion tolling concerning motorcyclists by federal, state, or local governmental agencies.

In order to remain vigilant until all aspects are complete, some references to legislation or resources could appear not to be timely.

TEXAS COUNCIL OF CLUBS AND INDEPENDENTS

Doors open
at 11 am

19 Nov
2 pm

HOBO Shirts
available

DFW- REGION 2



THE POUR SHACK
250 S Main St.
Keller, TX 76248

Wolverines MC "Iron Mike"
mdrutter@earthlink.net

214.649.3290



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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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Add: (Name for Couple membership) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Registered TEXAS Voter? YES NO TEXAS State District #'s: SEN _____ REP _____

Is This A New Membership? YES NO

Sponsors Name _____ Sponsors Member Number: _____

Do you prefer to be a Chapter member? YES Which Chapter ? _____

NO I would like to be an independent member

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Annual Membership Fee

NEW MEMBERSHIP Individual Couple 1 YEAR LIFE

RENEWAL Change of Address Member # _____

SINGLE \$20.00 COUPLE \$30.00 LIFE \$200 Per Person

CHECK or MONEY ORDER (NO CASH)

Payable to: TEXAS ABATE CONFEDERATION

MAIL TO

Texas ABATE Membership Office

P.O. BOX 416

Lake Dallas, Texas 75065



ALL MEMBERS

who have....

November Birthdays



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Name (1): _____
(please print)

Name (2): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Registered Texas Voter? Y N Motorcycle Owner? Y N

Nearest ABATE Chapter

Signature

Date ____/____/____ Sponsor _____ No. _____

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Visa MC Discover exp. _____ # _____

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Single - \$20 Family - \$30 Life (per person) - \$200.00

New Renewal (member #)

