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# ABATE

# State & Chapter Meeting Details

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April 6th 1:00 PM

American Legion Post 81 418 East Redbird Lane Duncanville Tx 75116

### ARLINGTON

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

3RD SUNDAY

**12 NOON** 

VFW Post 6111 1200 West Harris Street Arlington, TX 76001

# **HEART OF TEXAS (HOT)**

4TH SATURDAY

11 AM

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

### **LAKE CITIES**

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2ND SUNDAY

1 PM

VFW Post 10460 501 Thompson Drive Lake Dallas, TX 75065

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**3RD SUNDAY** 

1 PM

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













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# ZND ANNOAL BIKE AND CAR SHOW

Sherman ELks Lodge 1713 FM 1417 Sherman Texas
Saturday April 13, 2024

Registration Fee Car \$25 Motorcycle \$15

Unique Trophy for People's Choice AND Best of Show Winners awarded at 4pm Registration 9am to noon
\*\* Judging begins at 1pm

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Open Mic/Jam session

\*\* Bake Sale
Silent Auction
50/50 Drawing

Crawfish Cooker being "crawfled" off at 4pm tickets available for \$20 each



# Gone But Not Forgotten



The 1975 Honda GL1000 Gold Wing combined a touring bike with the enhanced performance of a 70s superbike to the delight of riders and enthusiasts on its debut. Under the direction of Toshio Nozue, this motorcycle saw many changes and had to overcome several obstacles during its creation.

Featuring a 999cc engine, the first Gold

Wing could reach speeds of up to 129mph and achieve a quarter-mile in 12.92 seconds. But stats alone don't tell the whole story, as this bike not only performs well but also showcases some creative engineering, setting it apart from other models. Honda aimed to set a new standard back in 1974, looking to shake up the industry with design innovation. The fact that American Honda has announced the return of both the Gold Wing and Gold Wing Tour in 2024 strongly indicates how popular and influential the model has become.



For 2024, the venerable Wing is essentially unchanged, but you're still getting a bucketload of touring-friendly features, with a seven-speed DCT transmission, a 7-inch TFT screen, navigation, Apple CarPlay/Android Auto integration, an adjustable electric windscreen.

Smart Key operation, four riding modes, traction control, and Hill Start, plus HomeLink is an available option. The liquid-cooled 1,833cc flat-six returns as smooth as ever on all trims, while the Tour version still gets its 61-liter top box with comfy integrated passenger backrest.



Lake Cities ABATE Fundraiser

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# 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: NOMINATIONS JULY-SEPTEMBER 2024

# 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.

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





# MRF Roadshow Stops: ABATE of Wisconsin and National Council of Clubs

This past weekend was the annual Officer's Training for ABATE of Wisconsin. The MRF was well represented at the event. Present were MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, Board Member Dave Dwyer, WI State MRF Representative Jen Abraham, Assistant State Reps Cathy Dial, Becky "Quiver" Zarling and Bob "Rooster" Christopherson. Hardtail presented Wisconsin's contributions to the MRF and the future of motorcycling. MRF Lobbyist, Rocky Fox was able to give an online presentation regarding the MRF Legislative Agenda via Zoom. This year is ABATE of Wisconsin's 50th Anniversary and the MRF is proud of our strong relationship.

The annual Winter Meeting for the National Council of Clubs (NCOC) was held in Myrtle Beach, SC this past weekend. Each Winter Meeting the NCOC invites the MRF to join the meeting to renew their commitment to "Bridging the Gap" between Motorcycle Clubs and Motorcycle Rights Organizations. Present at this year's meeting were MRF Board Members Russell Radke, Patrick "Chappy" Carver and Seven. Also present was MRF Lobbyist Rocky Fox, who presented with Russell Radke on the MRF Legislative Agenda and the importance of Motorcycle Clubs staying involved with State Motorcycle Rights Organizations (SMRO) as we work toward our common goals.



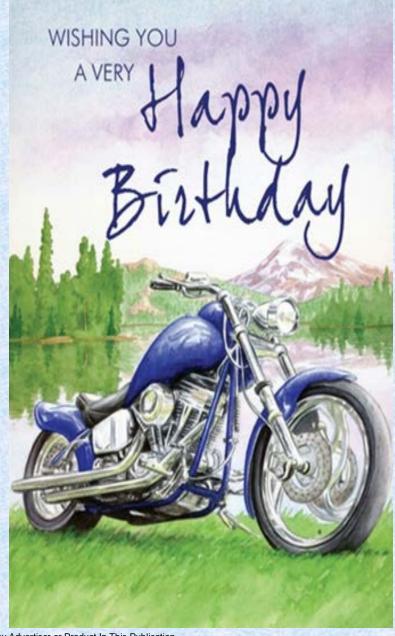
Proprietary tools and diagnostics are limiting what can be done by independent shops. These shops are a cornerstone of our lifestyle and the way we take care of our motorcycles. When Dealerships will no longer work on our bikes, we turn to these folks and now the Manufacturers are putting them out of business!

Do you own an independent shop or know someone who does? Do you get your work done at a favorite independent? Independent shops need to join together now and fight this with the rest of the motorcycling community.

On March 6th, 2024, at 8:00 am, there will be a gathering of shop owners at the Broken Spoke Saloon in Ormond Beach, Florida. Make sure the owners of your favorite shop are there! Especially if you own that favorite shop!









You can obtain the latest up to date information regarding our Texas ABATE Legislative Issues at the following Facebook page... <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TexasABATELegislative">https://www.facebook.com/TexasABATELegislative</a>

Joe R. Morris Independant Rep & Board Member

# **Texas ABATE Membership**

As you know, membership is one of the key ingredients to sustaining Texas ABATE and without our members we would cease to exist. According to Merriam-Webster, the definition of membership is: 1) the state or status of being a member; 2) or the body of members. ABATE members are not only a state, status, or body of numbers; we are Texas constituents, voices and votes.

Help increase our Texas ABATE membership by signing up and sponsoring new members to join our organization. Use the recipe below to encourage individuals to join.

- S Sustainability... Assist in the growth of Texas ABATE membership
- U -Understanding...Knowledge of what Texas ABATE stands for and our mission
- C Communications ... Maintain open communications
- C Cooperation...Cooperation is vital to achieving ideals and goals
- E Education...Promote compliance with the laws of Texas public roads & highways
- S Safety...Promote safety of both motorcyclists and motorists
- S SUCCESS...ACHIEVE favorable and desired outcome(s)

# Rober Crowdis Membership Officer



Fellow Riders,

We knew California's attack on the internal engine through their California Resources Board (CARB) would eventually include motorcycles. So it begins!! During the week of Jan.22, CARB was to hold public hearings about their plans to require more zero emission motorcycles (ZEM's), starting with model year 2028, requiring half of all new on-road motorcycles be ZEM's by 2035. There has been a lot of negative feedback on CARB's plans, not only from your MRF, but also the Motorcycle Industry Council—who represents mc dealers, and from Harley-Davidson. In a surprise move, CARB themselves decided to postpone the hearing indefinitely, but we must all be aware and wary of CARB's intentions.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has opened a public comment period on the right to repair. Your MRF has submitted comments to the FTC seeking a need for rulemaking, and petitions have been filed by the IFIXIT group and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. These two groups ask for requirements that companies make product components easily replaceable, and easy breaking parts readily available as repair parts. Your MRF is working hard on a Congressional Bill, H.R.906, the Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act (REPAIR ACT). Passage of H.R.906 would protect motorcyclists and aftermarket shops.

NHTSA has received letters from 120 U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senators regarding a proposed new emission standard for an average of 58 mpg on passenger cars and light trucks by 2032 -basically unattainable by vehicle manufacturers. This proposal came shortly after the EPA introduced new standards that basically set 67.5% of sales to be electric vehicles by 2032. The 120 lawmakers stated, "Nowhere in law did Congress authorize NHTSA to set fuel economy standards that effectively mandate electric vehicles, while at the same time force the internal engine out of the market".

Your MRF leadership has started the MRF ROADSHOW. Over the last couple months, the MRF has been very busy traveling to Florida, Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Chicago, and Wisconsin, spreading the support for SMRO's (State Motorcycle Rights Organizations), and other motorcycle organizations, like the Chicago Area Posse, who's get-together includes Chicago area riding groups like ABATE chapters, HOG chapters, law enforcement clubs, firefighter clubs, Rolling Thunder, and other riding groups. Your MRF leaders were also in attendance at the Winter Meeting of the National Council of Clubs in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The MRF continually stresses the importance of clubs and independents working together to preserve our lifestyle.

If you have plans to attend the BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY in Washington, D.C., the MRF's annual lobby day in D.C., the dates have been set for May 20 &21. Don't wait!! Sign up now!!

The MRF annual MEETING OF THE MINDS for 2024 will be in St. Louis, Missouri on Sept 26--29. If you have never been to a MOTM, and you care about your riding rights, this will be the MRF's 40-year anniversary, and it's only a 1 day ride from Denver.

Don't forget to take the Motorcycle Profiling Survey--google it!! We need everyone to take the survey. Join, rejoin, get all your friends to join the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

# JULY 21, 2024

# ARLINGTON ABATE

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- 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



# SUPPORT YOUR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS















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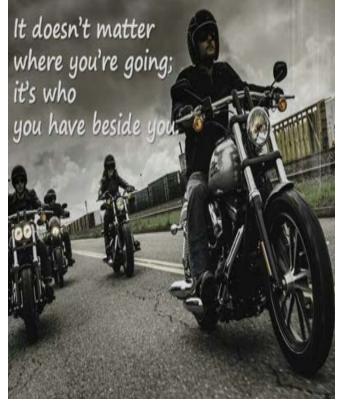
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### The MRF's primary goals include:

- Monitoring and influencing federal legislation for any impact on the motorcycling community at large
- Representing street motorcyclists by participating in federal research and advisory committees
- Protecting street motorcyclists from unfair or burden some federal agency restrictions and regulations
- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- 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



### WHO WE ARE

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is the Nation's premiere motorcyclists' rights organization that is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. We are also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state and local levels. The MRF works together with street motorcyclists, State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), the motorcycle industry, the media and other organizations, assisting them with state and local agendas as well as working with them to influence action and policy in Washington, DC - from the Congress to government departments and agencies to the Office of the President of the United States. We also work with allies in Canada, Europe and Asia to influence talks on vehicle globalizationand harmonization that are proceeding under the United Nations and the World Health Organization.



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