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Some of A.B.A.T.E.'s accomplishments over the years:

- Successfully lobbied for legislation that created the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program (GMSP), our state's rider education program that is available to all.
- Lobbied to have legislation passed to modify the existing mandatory helmet law to allow adults age 21 and older freedom of choice as to the wearing of a helmet.
- Successfully lobbied for legislation leading to the repeal of the Georgia law prohibiting use of speakers or headphones while riding a motorcycle.
- Fought and stopped legislation introduced in the 1992 Session of the Georgia General Assembly that would have made it illegal for kids age 10 and under to ride as passengers on motorcycles.
- Established May as "Motorcycle Awareness and You" month through a proclamation signed by the Governor and through resolutions passed by the Senate and House each year. This is an annual effort that raises public awareness of motorcycles.
- Successfully lobbied legislators to approve increased funding for the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program, in the amount of $170,000 after the license tag rate was raised on all vehicles to $20.
- Successfully stopped proposed legislation that would have increased the size of motorcycle tags.
- Successfully lobbied for handicapped tags for motorcycles without further enabling legislation, by bringing it to the attention of the Department of Revenue that the code section was written in such a way that it was already authorized.
- Successfully lobbied for antique tags for motorcycles in the 1998 legislative session.
- Established a 15 District organization that has led to more participation locally, while raising our membership statewide. The more members we have, means the more clout we have at the State Capitol.
- Sponsor and promote the largest Swap Meet/Bike Show in Georgia, 5 times a year.
- Successfully forced prosecution of a trucker who, while making an illegal turn, killed fellow motorcyclist Mark Bonner.
- Successfully lobbied to pass the "Frank-Lee" (ROW) bill to enhance penalties to those who cause death or serious injury to a motorcyclists by failing to yield the right of way.
- Successfully lobbied to pass the "Tag/Title" bill SB-437 that allows for registration of kit/assembled bikes. Signed by Governor Purdue May 14, 2008.

Your benefits as a member of A.B.A.T.E. of Georgia:

Organized lobbying of State and Federal legislators to make your views on motorcyclist rights known to your Representatives.
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Spiritual consultation with the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) for ride prayers, weddings, and visitation.

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WHAT IS A.B.A.T.E. OF GEORGIA, Inc.?

The letters "**A.B.A.T.E.**" stand for **A**merican **B**ikers **A**ctive **T**oward **E**ducation. A.B.A.T.E. is composed of motorcyclists from all areas of the state, from all walks of life, and who ride all makes of bikes. A.B.A.T.E. is not a club, it is a non-partisan politically active organization working on motorcyclist's rights. We are affiliated with national rights groups like the **American Motorcyclist Association** (AMA), the **Motorcycle Riders Foundation** (MRF) and the **National Coalition of Motorcyclists** (NCOM).

Our main focus is to keep motorcycle legislation in its proper perspective. Many restrictive laws are enacted by uninformed legislators. A.B.A.T.E.'s goal is to keep our lawmakers informed of our members collective position on Motorcycle related legislation. Preventing unfair legislation from becoming law is easier than fighting to get the law repealed.

Rider education and public awareness of motorcyclists are goals of A.B.A.T.E.. We are **not** against the wearing of helmets, and we encourage all riders to ride safely. An informed and educated rider is a safer rider. Helmet laws do nothing to prevent an accident, and a helmet only provides the illusion of safety, while **rider education** is proven to prevent accidents and save lives.

Ned Williams, State Director

It's February now and we are already tracking legislation motorcyclists in Georgia need to be aware. Information will be coming out as quickly as we get it but the fight for equal treatment on Georgia roads as already back in sessions at the State Capital..

That said I am sure many are asking one question…"WHERE WAS MY JANUARY NEWSLETTER?"

In short we were unable to print them. Last month, ABATE began an effort to distribute our newsletter at 65 locations through out the state in hopes of exposing Non Members to both ABATE of Georgia and the State Swap Meet which will continue to reside on the front page of the newsletter until we make this event a total success. The increased load on our printer of printer newsletters for distribution and for our members caused our printer to fail in such a way that our printer vendor, Konica Minolta took from December 17th until January 8th, as a result we were able to print the newsletters for distribution, but as we began to print the newsletters for members the printer failed and we were unable to print newsletters until January 8th, we did manage to print flyers for the Swapmeet but the success rate of any print jobs before the final repair was hit and miss. However the printer has been serviced and we are functioning at full steam.

As many know we are working full steam on getting ready for our state swap meet, by now each district has in its possession the first package of swap meet flyers and vendor forms. Please do you best to distribute the flyers around your district. The Swap meet Volunteers headed by Frank Hapgood(D6) , Don Whitlow(D6) and Paul Kerr(D6) are working non stop at this point signing up vendors, lining up entertainment and working with the Fairgrounds to make sure everything is on track. On top of their efforts, there were 25 attendees at the first Swap Meet Organizational meeting where many details of the swap meet were discussed. Please if you as a member of ABATE and you want to volunteer, please contact Dave Woodruffe our State Sergeant at Arms, as he is organizing personal for the Swap Meet, we need everyone to make this event a success. Also, we hope to soon begin getting answers back from our elected official survey to see who at the state capital is ready to work with ABATE of Georgia as well as show us which of the people at the capital stands with Georgia's motorcycling citizens.

To recap last month, since most did not see the newsletter, the survey of ABATE members was completed as follows:

The results were as follows,
On the question of should ABATE of Georgia continue to fight against Motorcycle only Checkpoints, 100% stated yes we should.

On the question of should ABATE continue the fight for House Bill 161, commonly known as the red light bill, 68% said yes we should

On the question of should ABATE fight this year for increased penalties for drivers who injure or kill a motorcyclists, 95% said yes we should

On the question of should ABATE work towards legislation to allow Lane Filtering in our state, 73% said yes we should

We will be using these results to direct our legislative focus in the coming Legislative session.

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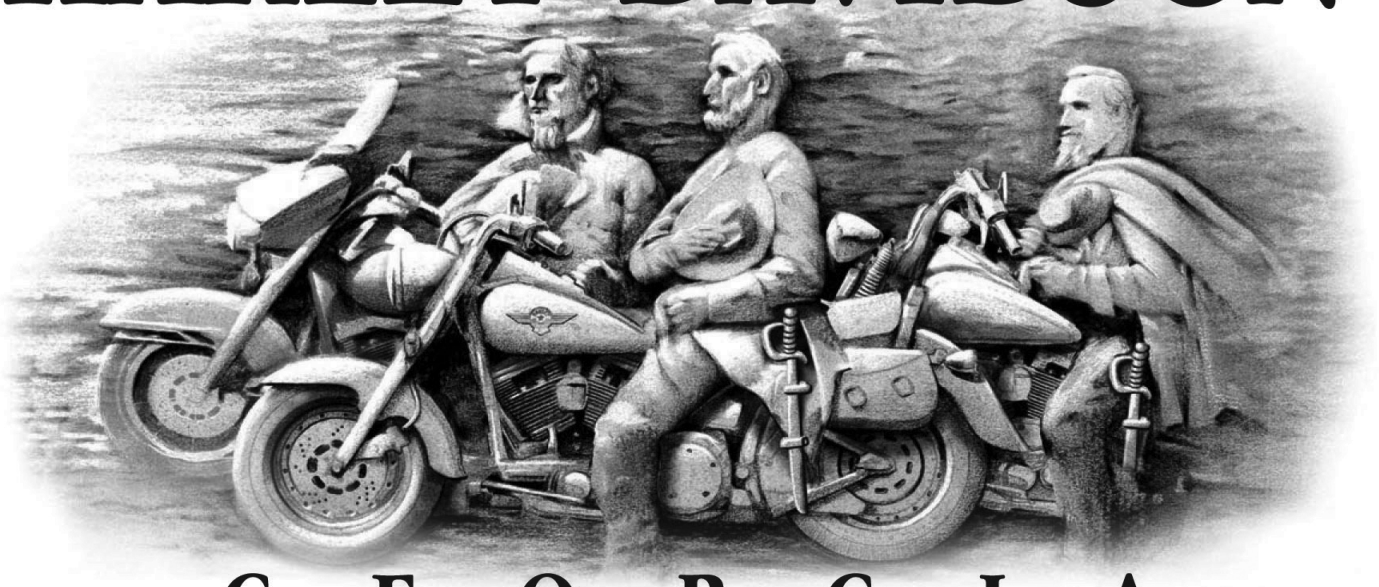

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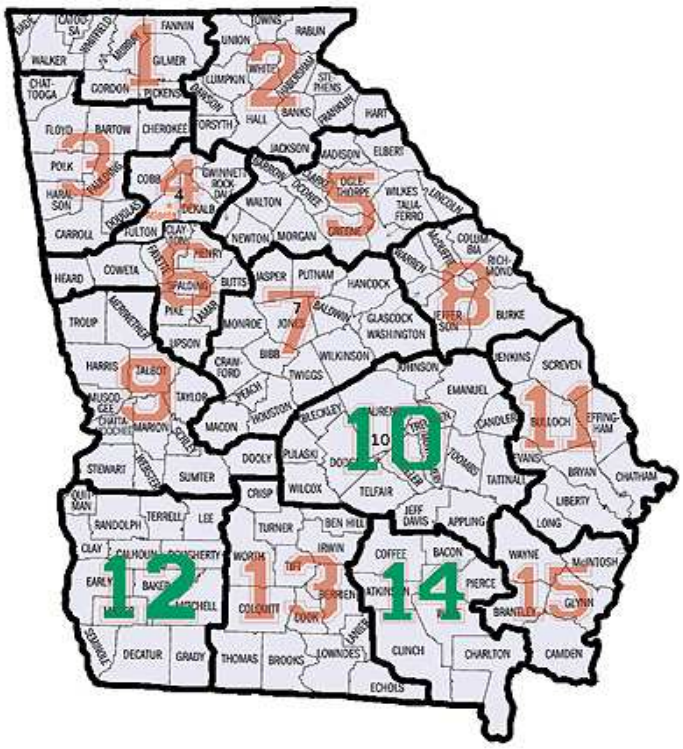

Closed Districts are a complete loss to ABATE of Georgia.

Districts 10, 12 and 14 need to be reopened and made productive once again. These Districts closed for different reasons and for the most part they still have a membership base.

If you have friends or family members in those areas please talk with them about reactivating the districts so we can continue with the growth we need in order to accomplish the fight for our rights.

I have made an effort to contact those that have an e-mail address however a friend's request is much more likely to have an impact in getting this done.

It only requires 3 officers to open a district. One must be the District Coordinator and the other must be a Treasurer and the third can be any position.

Make the phone calls and see what we can accomplish.

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1:1st Tuesday of the month at the Logan's Roadhouse 2140 East Walnut Avenue Dalton, GA

2: 1st Sunday of the month 2:00pm, Location alternates every other month: El Jinete Mexican Restaurant in Clarkesville, GA or Lorena's in Dawsonville

4S : Solutions Bar and Grill,
2040 Sylvan Rd,
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4E : 1st Wednesday of the Month 7PM, Confetti's Bar and Grill, 6470 Spalding Dr.
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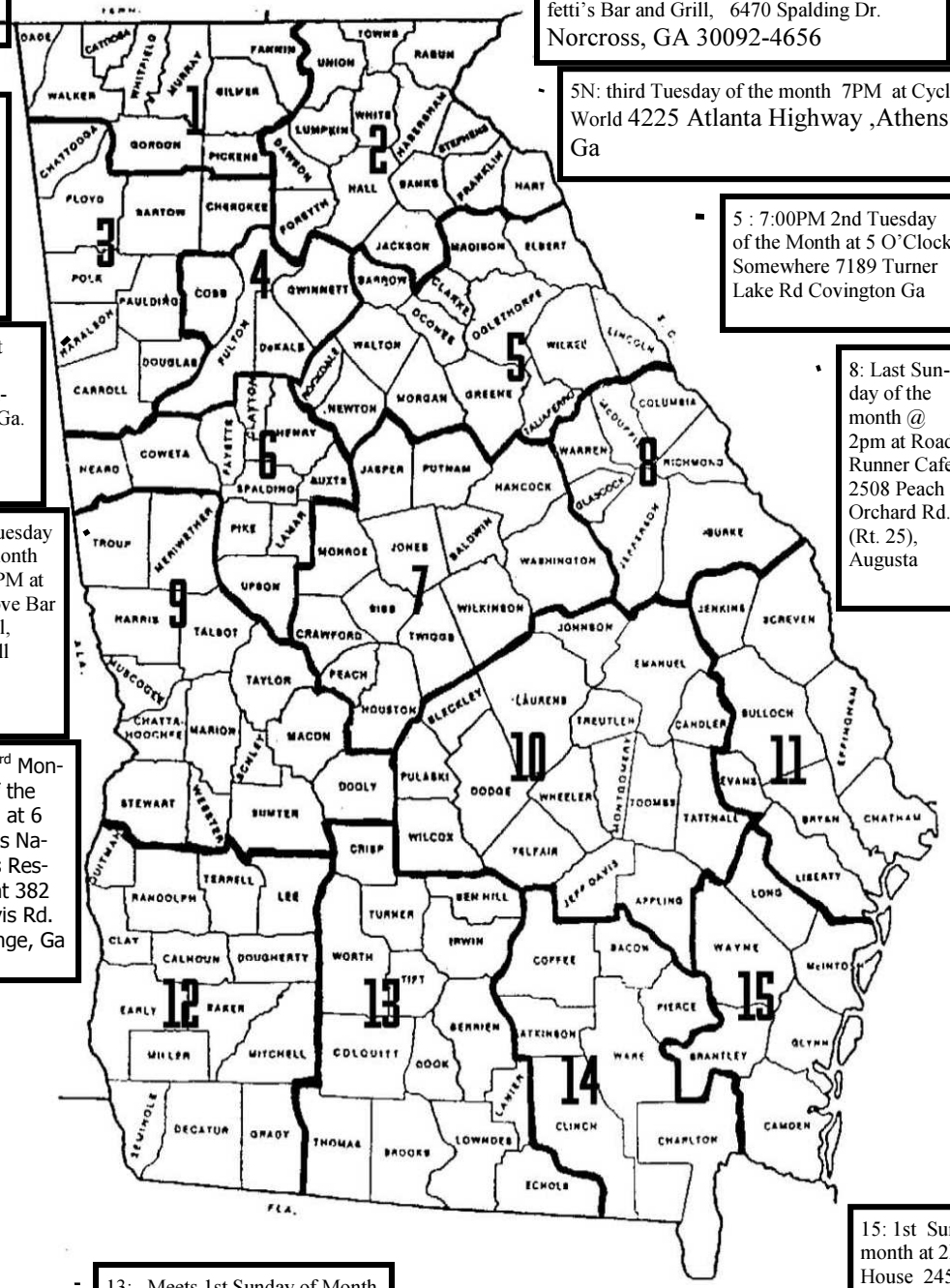
5N: third Tuesday of the month 7PM at Cycle World 4225 Atlanta Highway ,Athens Ga

3 The Watering hole ,Tri County Plaza 451 W Bankhead HWY Villa Rica 1st Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm

5 : 7:00PM 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 5 O'Clock Somewhere 7189 Turner Lake Rd Covington Ga

4W :1st Sunday at 12:30pm at Red's Timbers, 730 Concord Rd. Smyrna Ga.

8: Last Sunday of the month @ 2pm at Road Runner Cafe, 2508 Peach Orchard Rd. (Rt. 25), Augusta



6/2: the 1st Thursday of the month at 7PM @Jekyll and Hyde's, HWY 29 North, Newnan

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Motorcycling and the Law

In this new twelve part series, ABATE of Georgia General Council, Steve "Irish" Murrin will be examining the current state of the law and how it effects motorcyclists. Check in each month as Steve provides insight in to this sometimes murky subject relationship between bikers and the law.

Episode One

State of the Helmet Law in the US and Georgia - Part II

Steve Murrin, Esq.-American Biker Lawyer
General Counsel to ABATE of Georgia, Inc.

I write this text free of a helmet, my head un cluttered (in and out) but for woolen driver's cap, a Christmas gift from my wife Yvonne. I'm not traveling by bike but by Amtrac, "Empire State Line", running 75 miles an hour along the east banks of the grand Hudson River. So begins Part II of the HELMET LAW series for ABATE readers. As the train rushes north towards the blue hew of distant mountains we leave the big apple behind and things slow down (and get cheaper)! I'm heading to my summer place and I have a few relaxing days of 'writing time' to extrapolate the definitive explanation of "Georgia's" helmet law development and status. I take my studies from my collection of Georgia legislative notes, personal interviews, internet research, The Official Code of Georgia and its Annotations and Georgia case law as well as from what memory I can conjure. In a contrived effort to be overly dramatic, I must state that as with all things sans the creator we have not always had a helmet law. We have had a helmet law here in Georgia now and have had it since 1962. That's older than me, but not by much!

Our current helmet law in Georgia was introduced to the House as Bill number 713 by a representative 'Kidd' in 1961 and it read "*No person shall ride upon or operate a motorcycle on the highways or roads of this State without wearing upon his head a crash helmet of a type designated by the Director of the Department of Public Safety of this State*." The bill also prescribed specifics on seating for motorcyclists and their passengers. I do not know this "Kidd", but I can state with clarity – I do not like him!! The law passed the Senate on January 24, 1962, was signed by the Governor in March and went into effect July 1 of that year. The odd part is that the law as written had no provision for penalties for violating it and was basically ignored by law enforcement. It was not until '69 that it was amended to include penalties and money got involved. That's 7 years of inaction. You know what happens when money gets involved? Yea, you guessed it, enforcement began! Then between 1969 and 1982 there were few adjustments to the helmet law in Georgia, nothing earthshaking. Substantive changes came after '82 and before then not much more than safety 'declarations' and public service announcements from the Governor and the Legislature. Some amendments stricter and looser all died on the vine before passage. Much of the records evidencing these minor machinations have been lost to time as this was before electronic data storage. Needless to say, the period of 1969 to 1981 was one in which my lovely 13 year old daughter and scholar Brenna would declare to be that of internet 'immigration'

. She, and her brother Brendan, having been born there, us (the over 40 crowd), having immigrated to it! The World Wide Web that is.

From the early 1980's the Helmet Law in Georgia took some lefts and some rights and to understand where it is one must appreciate some of the more significant developments throughout the last 30 or 40 years. Here I will attempt a consolidated synopsis. I do not address every attempted amendment or repeal but will hit the high points as time, print space and interest allow. The first major developments came in 1981 from a Senator Summer, a friend to all freedom loving Americans. With Senate Bill (hereinafter referred to as 'SB') 569 Senator Summers proposed the complete repeal of Georgia's law requiring protective head gear & eye protection for motorcycle operators and Passengers. Unfortunately, no action was taken on the bill, and sadly Sen. Summers became ill and died after the 1982 Session. So began the arduous political process of repealing a law which if you haven't noticed, is not an easy task! In that same session a Rep. Colbert, assigned to House Insurance Committee proposed House Bill ((hereinafter referred to as 'HB') 1154 which would have required mandatory no fault insurance for motorcycles. (A law requiring such for other motor vehicles had passed in the 70's.) HB 1154 passed the House 92 to 27. It was killed by the Senate insurance Committee 5 to 4. It was killed because of massive response against it from motorcyclists all across the State saying the cost of such insurance was unfair and too high. A perfect example of a concerted effort by a singular united group. Can you spell ABATE?

In the same term a Rep. Castlebury, co-signed by Reps. Mann, Hooks, Coleman, McDonald, and Siezemore, assigned to House Public Safety Committee introduced HB 1350**.** This bill would create a motorcycle rider education program under the Dept. of Education in Vocational Schools. It passed the House Public Safety Commission but was defeated by the House 83 to 51. The reason given for defeat was there was no funding available through the Dept. of Ed. Again, money rears her ugly head. This time the lack thereof. How many lives would have been saved with a safety program implemented this early is conjecture but nutritious food for thought.

In the 1983/84 term a HB 93 eventually passed mirroring HB 1154 requiring 'no-fault' insurance for motorcycles. Insurance companies had agreed to roll back prices for bikers but the fly in the ointment was the fact that the promised price 'rollback' was in the fine print only for "1 year". Insurance companies conspiring with politicians?? Say it ain't so!!! HB 93 was introduced by Sen Colbert and the Governor signed it into law effective April 1983. It is very interesting to note that at this point in our history in Georgia there was no seat belt law. So, logically, motorcyclists were saying we want to be treated fairly like automobile drivers, no seat belt law, and no helmet law. Many Legislators thought that argument hunted although they used the same logic against us on the insurance requirements. They opined that automobiles have to have no fault insurance so to be fair, motorcycles should too. A lesson was learned about circular logic. The 'what's good for us is good for them' argument can bite you on the proverbial ars!! Now we have seatbelt laws, helmet laws AND higher insurance rates!

The next major effort to repeal Ga's helmet law came late in 1984. Rep. Neal Jackson, assigned to the House Motor Vehicles Committee introduced HB 723 which in its original form would modify Ga.'s helmet law to require protective headgear only for those under 18. It was later amended by the House MVC to under 21.

The bill was assigned to a House Study Committee in the '83 Session. Public hearings were held on it during that summer. In the '84 Session HB 723 passed the House 116 to 39. It was then assigned to the Senate Public Safety Committee for what is known as 'committee process' or study. Motorcyclists had commitments from enough Senators to pass the bill on the Senate floor, if it got through the committee process. The Medical Association of Georgia and the Head Injury Foundation brought disabled people in wheel chairs and on crutches with head injuries to the meeting. They told of the hundreds of thousands of dollars it cost to care for these people. And that the State usually had to foot the bill for the care of these people because they stated that they mostly did not have insurance. Motorcyclists at the committee meeting were not prepared for this tactic using injured people like puppets. The committee voted to put HB 723 in a Senate Study Committee, killing any chance of the full Senate voting on it in the '84 Session. It was learned after the committee meeting none of the injured people put on display by the Medical Association had been injured in motorcycle accidents. Dirty pool baby, dirty pool!! So as you see, the helmet law develops (or not) over time with much misinformation and quite a bit of subterfuge. Such is the political process!

At the end of the 1984 session Sen. Kidd, of the Senate Public Safety Committee proposed SB 450. This bill would create a rider education program under the Georgia Board of Public Safety. It would become effective once money was appropriated to fund it. It was proposed that funding would come from an increase on motorcycle registration fees. The Ga. Board of Public Safety supported motorcycle rider education, the fact that motorcyclists themselves would be funding it made it even more palatable to everyone. The Commissioner of the Dept. of Public Safety liked the idea but wanted the program under his power. What a shock, a guy wants more power! Needles to say no one really cared about whom the boss was and SB 450 passed the Senate and the House, the Governor signed it that term. The program was scheduled to start as soon as enough money was raised. This law was a big deal and is the predecessor to the motorcycle safety program that we have today.

The only other development that term was an increase in motorcycle registration fees of $4.00, raising the fee from 5 bucks to 9! HB 1568 introduced by Rep. Dick Lane was signed by the Governor and went into effect on January 1, 1985. Although in the next year (1985) Rep. Jerry Jackson had the fee reduced by a dollar. Unbelievably because the new $9 fee didn't fit into the State's "registration codes" on their computers!! Talk about grinding out political sausage! Silliness I say, but solved the inadequate state computer language problem. Remember that legislative terms run from one year to the next so in the 1985/86 term an attempt was again made to require only those under 21 to wear a helmet. SB 151 by Sen. Brannon was proposed but despite much political positioning it was defeated by a 45 to 8 vote. Senators had told motorcyclists that they would vote yes although they had told the Lieutenant Governor and or his staffers they would vote no. A simple case of representatives telling those who ask what they want to hear, but voting another way nonetheless. The records speak for themselves as motorcyclists recorded a majority of affirmative promises to vote for the bill but when push came to shove, it was a landslide defeat.

In 1986 Sen. Kidd proposes HB 477 that would drastically change the rider education program created by SB 450. During 1985 nothing was being done about the rider education program even though money was being collected. The Commissioner of the Dept. of Public Safety was stalling on implementing the program

. At the request of Motorcyclists Sen. Kidd wrote a letter to the Commissioner demanding that he get the program going. What was gleaned from all this was that the Commissioner's plans for the program were sorely deficient. The teaching of rider education would be contracted. Not much different than the drunk driving classes you see at the strip malls nowadays. Prospective students would be required to pay very high fees to take the courses. The proposed head of the program would be a Junior Trooper in the Ga. State Patrol. I guess that this was proposed to save money. Rider ed would not be his only assignment and he wouldn't even have to have a motorcycle license himself!!! In 1986 Sen. Kidd proposed that the program be run by the Board of Public Safety. He proposed a full time Coordinator, who had to be a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Instructor. The program had to at least meet MSF standards. The bill stated all instructors had to be MSF certified and authorized promotion of motorcycle safety in other areas, such as motorist awareness throughout the state. The bill was introduced as SB 477 and it passed the Senate and the House, and the Governor signed it late that term. The program starting November 1986 and is the backbone of the safety program that we have today that is very successful.

Not related to helmet law buy related to bikers nonetheless, in the 1986-87 term Rep. Ramsey, tried to pass HB 5, a law making it illegal for bikers to wear headsets or headphones. Motorcyclists defeated it as many headset systems were for bikers to communicate with each other and were deemed very safe if not a positive safety option. HB 51 was never brought up in committee and fortunately no action was taken on it. No law exists today precluding such use of headsets. As a matter of fact, in the next term a law was passed allowing motorcyclists but NOT car drivers to use such systems. Now there's a switch. Chalk one up for the bikers, cagers = 0. Late in the same term Sen. Brannon proposed SB 644 which called for abolishing the helmet law again for those over 21. It was soundly defeated and some motorcyclists gave up on changing Ga.'s helmet law. Those who didn't asked Sen. Brannon to introduce another bill just to show there were still those who believed in Freedom of Choice. Nothing was done and the helmet repeal again hit the ground with a resounding dead THUD!

In the 1989/90 term HB 280 was introduced by Rep. Thompson, assigned to House Motor Vehicles Committee. This bill would make headsets and headphones legal for motorcycle operators. It was exactly like HB 51 in the converse. More and more bikes had these systems as standard equipment adding to the group dynamic of motorcycling for some. The manufacturers both OEM and aftermarket promoted this 'safety feature' but convincing politicians was another matter. It was feared the bill would be defeated in committee but as a compromise the bill was amended to read, "*a person may wear a headset or headphone for communication purposes only while operating a motorcycle*". It passed that term and was signed by the Governor.

By the 1990 term motorcycle fatalities in Georgia were down 50% over the past 3 years. This was taken as a sign that the motorcycle safety program was a success. Accidents and injuries had been reduced also. SB 381 was introduced by Sen. Brannon, assigned to Senate Public Safety Committee. The rider education program, Ga. Motorcycle Safety Program as it was known, was doing very good. Motorcycle fatalities in Ga. had been reduced by 50%. Everyone including almost all the legislatures supported the GMSP. A bill was considered that would allow those who passed the rider ed program to go without a helmet. This seemed like a good compromise and a back door way to get rid of the helmet law

. Under 21 was excepted regardless of riders ed. SB 381 just didn't have enough support to pass. No action was taken on it in the '89 Session. During the time between the Sessions many Senators told motorcyclists that they would vote for a bill similar to the House version on changing the helmet law. It was again brought up in the 1990 session. I was told that the Medical Association of Georgia and the Head Injury Foundation got a Senator who had a son killed on a motorcycle to ask the Chairman to hold the bill. Unfortunately no motorcyclists from the Chairman's district pushed him to let SB 381 get out of his committee. The Senator whose son had been killed made emotional pleas every day to keep SB 381 in committee. By the time motorcyclists got the Chairman to agree not to hold the bill any longer, the Session was almost over. Time ran out before SB 381 got to the Senate floor. It was just not in the cards. One impassioned person with power can be a game changer, one way or the other.

One last ditch effort was made late in the 1990 term by HB 1097 by Rep. Mike Barnett with HB 0197. On the House Motor Vehicles Committee, he attempted to require everyone under 21 to wear helmets while riding a motorcycle but with passengers 21 and older allowed to ride without wearing protective headgear. The operator could only opt out of headgear if he had successfully completed a rider ed course and have proof of the same attached to his motorcycle by a sticker. It did not pass. These attempts to rid us of the helmet law were getting more and more complex and picayune in their rendition. It exacerbated the problem by complicating the interpretation and frustrating the effort. Mike Barnett did not seek re election in the next year and a true friend of the biker was lost in the legislature.

By the time the 1991//92 term had come about some senators had seen 20 failed attempts at the repeal in one form or another. The issue was truly turning into a David versus Goliath story. Again, Rep. Garnett, tried to introduce HB 158 in 1991 which was the same as SB 381 of the previous term. It was a futile attempt as no action was taken on the bill. I do believe that was the expected result and the effort was simply ceremonial. Sen. White, assigned to the Senate Youth, Aging and Human Ecology Committee tried with his version introducing SB 247. This bill had the exact same wording as HB 158. It got a little traction which was unexpected as the bill was moved to the Public Safety Committee. The Chairman of PSC had agreed to accept it. After much testimony from motorcyclists it was put in a study committee. This study committee met on the bill, after listening to motorcyclists they voted to recommend that SB 247 be moved from committee but it got hopelessly stuck there. It remained there throughout the 90/91 Term. Needless to say, it died there.

Reps. Porter, Jamieson & Saker assigned to the House Motor Vehicles Committee introduced HB 1145. This bill was part of the new Governor's "Georgia Rebound" package. It raised registration fees on all motor vehicles in the state. Motorcycles would go from $8 to $20. Passenger vehicles went up in that same bill as well. Even though motorcyclists opposed such a big increase the bill had a lot of traction and did promise to raise more funds, possibly for the rider ed program. The bill passed and funding for the GMSP was approximately doubled that year. With funding at an all time high, the program was really in a position to make major changes in the injury and fatality stats in Georgia which could bode well for a repeal effort of the helmet law

In the same term Rep. Carter, introduced HB 1417. He was assigned to House Motor Vehicles Committee. This bill would prohibit motorcycle passengers under 10 years old. Rep. Carter told motorcyclists he introduced this bill at the request of a constituent.

Motorcycling and the Law

It seemed a man in his district wanted to keep his son-in-law from riding his grandson on a motorcycle. Must have been one of his pals! Because of opposition from motorcyclist in a committee meeting the bill was amended to under 5 years old. After seeing how many motorcyclists were opposed to the bill altogether, Sen Carter thought the better of it. I guess he figured he had more votes in the biker crowd than in his pal's household. Funny how that works. The "Coalition For Safety" was formed by motorcyclists and one of its purposes was to have politicians give motorcyclists a fairer split of revenues. This coalition met weekly during the 1st Session of the 1992 term. They were successful in getting funding for the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program almost doubled. This was and still is a great accomplishment considering the coalition was made up of mostly non legislators.

In the 1995/96 term Rep. Brian Joyce introduced HB 227. Rep. Brian Joyce was assigned to House Motor Vehicles Committee. This bill would modify the existing motorcycle helmet law state that if you pass a state certified motorcycle education course and are over 21, then it is your choice on helmet use. This bill actually got past the House Motor Vehicles Committee on 2/28/95 but it ended there and no further action taken on the bill and it died on the vine. Rep. Allen Powell introduced HB 1230. Powell, was assigned to the House Motor Vehicles Committee. This bill read that as of January 1st, 1997, all new motorcycle licenses would not be issued to anyone under 21 unless you have passed a Motorcycle Rider Education Course. The bill also read all those under 21 must wear a helmet. Amended on floor to All ages must pass Rider Ed Course to get a motorcycle license. HB 1230 passed House of Representatives 2/13/96 by a vote of 99-64. The Lt. Governor put HB 1230 into the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Lt. Governor and the Senate Judiciary Committee Chairwoman had legislation that would eventually go to the House Motor Vehicles Committee, where the sponsor of HB 1230, Rep. Alan Powell, was the Vice-Chairman. It was voted on and shot down with a tie breaking vote of Sen Mary Margaret Oliver. No dice again.

On the last day of the 1996 session, Rep. Joey Brush (One of Georgia's best Senators ever and a friend to ALL freedom loving Americans) added the language of HB 1230 as an amendment to the Lt. Governor and Senator Oliver's child restraint bill. Also added as amendments to the child restraint bill were the speed limit bill, and the bill that failed House Motor Vehicles Committee - Senator Oliver's' seat belt primary offense bill. This was an example of multiple legislative goals tacked together in the same bill. Ultimately the helmet repeal was dropped under the threat that the Senators involved would lose highway funding in their districts. The next big issue for bikers was Senator Nathan Dean's SB 438**.** Senator Nathan Dean was assigned to the Senate Public Safety Committee. This bill would allow for disabled tags and antique tags for motorcyclists. SB 438 Passed the Senate. Toward the end of the 1996 term, the bill was not able to continue thru the committee process in the House of Representatives because they could not let a tag bill get to the floor. It seems there were several tag bills that would have been attached to SB 438 that they could not let out. Thru the summer of 1996 ABATE found out that legislation was not needed for disabled tags for motorcycles. The code sections were already in place. There are now disabled tags for motorcyclists in Georgia. Thanks ABATE.

The 1997/98 term came around and Senator Joey Brush, assigned to the Senate Transportation Committee and introduced SB 86. The bill was put into a sub-committee and a public hearing was held on February 12th, 1997. SB 86 was passed unanimously out of sub-committee on Monday, March 3rd.

Two Senators voted yes so that the bill was not stranded in the sub committee. There were about 7-8 medical related lobbyists and organizations testifying against the bill. They stated the same old statistics about all the head injuries, as well as the huge public burden modifying the law would create. Senator Brush spoke of the "no list" from the Board of Public Safety. This is the commonly understood glitch in the law where the "list" was supposed to be adopted by the commissioner of all the "approved" helmets, but none ever existed. The chairman asked the Dept. about this, and the chairman was given a copy of the helmet law and the letter from the Dept. stating there is not now or ever been a list of approved protective headgear, and the Dept. was asked to check into it. To this day, no list has officially been approved by the commissioner or anyone else for that matter! The commissioner has simply adopted the rule that so long as the helmet is DOT approved it is "sufficient" for purposes of enforcement of the helmet law. Senator Don Cheeks spoke in favor of SB 86, made the do-pass recommendation, Senator Steve Langford seconded the motion. Senators Cheeks, Langford, Senator Mike Crotts, and Senator Richard Marable voted yes. All others on the committee voted no. Senators Eric Johnson and Charlie Tanksley were out of town and not available for the meeting. SB 86 failed by a vote of 6-4.

Needless to say between the early 1970's and the early 1990's the helmet law here in Georgia has seen many challenges. The 30 years of attempts to abolish or even limit the helmet law have passed with relatively no changes to the helmet law itself, but many positive changes have come about as relates to bikers education and then perception of the general public. Much time and effort has been put forth by those before us but we simply have not had the right support or had the right Governor. The last 10 years of the law's development are the most critical and because of print limits I am going to save the last 10 years of developments for a third and final report on Georgia's helmet law. To recap, our current law states: **"No person shall operate or ride upon a motorcycle unless he is wearing protective headgear which complies with standards established by the Board of Public Safety".** I will finish this article in Part III of ABATE's newsletter for the month of March and focus more closely the last 10 years of helmet law drama and what ABATE has done to protect our rights.

I hope you have enjoyed this partial history of Georgia's always contentious often complex helmet law. Now we have a basic understanding of the laws that have been passed, and the ones that have not, effecting us as bikers. For you all know that knowledge is power. And together, with a united front and healthy membership numbers we can get some respect from the legislature. But it's up to you!!! Signing off till next month. Remember, ride strong, ride safe, and in the end, make sure you ride home!

IMPORTANT:
ABATE of Georgia:
PEACHPASS INFO FOR MOTORCYCLES

The new "HOT" Lanes (most of the current HOV Lanes are being converted to HOT Lanes) will require a "PeachPass" to use the Lane, this cost money, $20.00 minimum, plus the cost of the **Georgia Legislature realized the motorcycles will still need to be exempt from the "PeachPass" and still be able to use either the "HOV" or "HOT" Lanes.**

What do you need to do? To use the new "HOT" Lanes will require that you register your motorcycle with the "PeachPass" people and there is NO CHARGE for this. All you will need is your motorcycle license tag and drivers license numbers. You CANNOT NOT USE THE WEB to register but must call the following number: (855) PCH-PASS (724-7277). If you use the online form then you will end up paying for the privilege to use the "HOT" Lanes.

ABATE of Georgia
needs your input and assistance in tracking the Motorcycle Only Safety Checkpoints and the Rolling Random "safety" stops known as B.E.A.S.T.
We expect that The Georgia State Patrol may set up at a DOT truck weigh station north of Macon on I-75 and perhaps on I-85 north of LaGrange.
If you see a LARGE portable message board near either of these locations or even further south near a DOT weigh station or Rest Area contact us at 770-881-7438 and leave a message or e-mail secretary@abatega.org. These are normally set out a day or two before the stops begin.
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Access to the wall can be found at
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Wall entries will be featured starting in the November newsletter.

The Wall is subject to the following rules.

No advertising for any business.

No Vulgar or inappropriate language.

You message may not exceed 256 characters, this includes spaces.

Cost is $10.00 dollars per month, payable via paypal or credit card at http://www.abatega.org/wall

Submissions can be submitted at http://www.abatega.org/wall

Submissions received before the 15th of the month will be featured in the following month's newsletter and on the ABATE website. Submissions received after the 15th will be included in the newsletter of the month after the next month..

The ABATE back patches are available in large for men $30.00 and medium for women $25.00 , Contact y our District co-ordinator to get yours now!

Do you know of a traffic signal that does not see your bike when you pull up? Is there a pothole that no one will fix? Is there some form of road hazard that public works NEEDS to repair? Are there roads that have more than a few isolated accidents, with or without fatalities?

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Eric Shumans

CMA Georgia State Coordinator

Hello everyone, I would first like to start off by introducing myself. My name is Eric Shumans and I am the new CMA State Coordinator for Georgia. My wife Georgann and I are both very excited about this new position and we're very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know even more motorcyclists throughout our state. Our main focus and purpose is to share the love of Jesus and help our CMA members and chapters minister and share Jesus within the motorcycling community. Our prayer is that all of you will have a happy, safe and blessed New Year.

For those of you who may not be familiar with CMA then I would like to tell you of one thing that we enjoy doing as part of our ministry. We have what we call bike blessings every year. We have "bike blessing" stickers for each year and we pray over bikes and their riders for protection, safety and blessing. We often do these in groups at motorcycle events. However, many times we do them individually, just whenever someone may want theirs blessed. So, if you've not already had your bike blessed for this upcoming New Year then please ask one of your CMA friends to bless your bike. I know that they will be blessed and happy to do that.

Speaking of New Year's, I wonder how many of us have made resolutions year after year that we never follow through with. Usually we have well-meaning good intentions when making those resolutions. But, I have found over the years that the resolutions that I tend to make are often self-centered rather than Christ centered. Therefore they are usually short lived and when we fail to meet those goals then we tend to be disappointed in ourselves and we feel like we're failures and we feel that that's how God and others see us too. Many of us often have a concept of God that He is like this big policeman in sky waiting for us to mess up so that He can punish us. But I have learned over the years that that is not how God is at all. He loves us all with the heart of a father and He wants to have a real and personal relationship with us. He wants us to succeed in life and He has great plans and purposes for all of us. So, I would just like to challenge you for this upcoming New Year that if you have not already done so, that you would please seriously consider asking Jesus Christ to come into your heart and to make Him Lord and Savior of your life. If you decide that you would like to speak to someone about this then please feel free to get in touch with me or anyone else listed below to help you get this matter settled in your heart.

Christian Motorcyclists Association

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District News

District 1

January 8, 2012

Our meeting was called to order by Dennis Warren, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. We were so pleased to have our District Coordinator, Heidi Stockwell to join us tonight. She has been sorely missed while tending to her beloved Jerry. Heidi tells us that Jerry (Animal) has a lot of damage from the 3 strokes he has suffered, but he is still here and he is still fighting. Many thanks to Tony Culver, Dennis Warren, Bryan Black and Kenton Hamlin for building a wheelchair ramp so that Animal can come home soon. Great job (in freezing temps) by these guys.

Prayers were asked for so many. Our District has been stricken with many illnesses and we are saddened by so many who are dealing with these struggles. We send them all healing love and light.

Last month's minutes were read by Tami Culver, filling in for a sick Donna Jean Smith, and accepted as read.

Treasurer Report: Dennis reports that we are up to date on insurance payments and have funds in our account.

Membership Report: Jeff Gates reports that he estimates we have about 50 members at this time. He is unsure, as the membership list is not complete. Some of us know our memberships are paid, but are not on the list. Jeff is still working to correct the issues with the memberships. Heidi asked him to do a resolution sheet for EACH issue, instead of submitting a list. We hope this will help to clear up the problems. Soon.

Legislative Report: Tami updated last month's report about E15 gasoline (with 15% ethanol). The AMA reports that the EPA will require labeling on "Blender pumps" that indicate there is a possibility of receiving the E15 when using the pump. They will also require that stations with "Blender pumps" also have a designated pump for E10 fuel, to accommodate motorcycles and other vehicles not approved for usage of the E15 fuel.
Tami mentioned Steve Murrin's article in the January newsletter about helmets and informed members to be watching for future articles in the upcoming months, on different topics pertaining to motorcycles and the law.
Tami updated the group on the results of the ABATE questionnaire, as reported by State Director Ned Williams.

Upcoming Activities: The Froze Nose to Toes is scheduled for Saturday, January 12th. The Chili Cook Off and Hard Times Dance is scheduled for February 9th. Our Poker Run will be held April 13th and the Iron Horse Rodeo will be May 31st, June 1st and 2nd. There will be an Adopt A Mile trash pick-up sometime in March. We will also have a ride sometime in May for safety awareness month.

Whiskers (Bill Greig) spoke to us about the family that his wife Melissa sponsored for Christmas….and beyond. Three brothers, who were abandoned by their parents and found to be living with no heat/water/food, were taken in by a local family, who had 2 boys of their own. This family was struggling to provide for all. When Melissa became aware of this situation, she got on the network and set about garnering donations to help this family, not only with a happy Christmas, but also assisting with their living expenses. Our community wrapped its arms around this family. Many of our District 1 members helped out and we are very grateful to Melissa for organizing this and making sure that these boys were given a renewed faith in the world. It is amazing to see what a small group of people can accomplish, when they are truly motivated.

Heidi updated us on the upcoming State swap meet. The location looks great. It is scheduled for April 6-7th in Griffin, GA. We have been asked to try and secure 10 vendors for the swap meet.

Heidi also informed us that we would be losing our Junior ABATE coordinator. Our beloved Jesse "AJ" Stockwell, is leaving us for a new life. He has joined the Marines. We are proud to know that AJ will be serving his country and protecting us, as he embarks on this adventure. We wish him all the best and pray that he be protected. He will be so missed.

I want to thank Big Al, once again, for taking responsibility for laying out our ride for Saturday. You are a great Road Captain, Al!! Don't know what we'd do without you.

I would also like to thank "Daddy" Frank Chaney, D1W Activities Director for attending our meeting tonight. It was great to see his face again!

Here's hoping that next month, we will have less ill/absent folks and that we will be anticipating a great time at the Chili Cook Off. In light of the struggles that so many are experiencing, please remember that all are dealing with something….be kind, nice matters! Ride safe.

District News

District 1 West

We didn't have our regular meeting, but we had a great Chapter Dinner. Only a third of our members showed up, but that's to be expected anymore. Had good fellowship and food. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. On the Thursday nite before our dinner, Linda and I were previleged to attend District 1's Cherokee Girls and Boys Christmas. As usual, D1 pulled it off beautifully. Jolly Old Saint Nick, his pretty wife and one giant of an elf showed up to hand out the presents. There was good food and great fellowship here. Was great to see some old friends that we hadn't seen in a while, as in years. We had planned on a New Years day ride, but it rained all day, so it was a no go. Last year on the 1st, two of our members and two good friends were involved in a two bike wreck, with Wanda Byers trying to stop her brother-in-law Ricks bike with her rear end. She stopped the bike alright, but it broke her pelvis in two. Thankfully she is doing as good as can be expected and still wants to ride. Well I reckon I've bruised enough eyeballs with anyone taking the time to read this, so I'll say good bye. Remember, you have a one time shot at this thing called life, enjoy it all you can and make someone else happy, either by coming into their life or getting out of it. Sgt. Baldy D1W

District 2

January 2013

Meeting called to order by Anthony Love, January 6, 2013 2:14 pm.

Sergeant of Arms not in attendance; Anthony Love will reach out to inquire whether he will continue his status.
Chris "Twisted" Fister has been named Treasurer for D2.
Donna Liles has been named Secretary for D2.
Treasury: $675.43 in account. $100 petty cash.
SAFETY Topics discussed:

- Refer to article on Abate's website regarding what to do if you come up upon a motorcycle accident.
- If you are hit, you will want to go to a victim's advocate.
- If you are hit and there are no drugs or alcohol involved by the other party, they are being fined as a misdemeanor. This needs to be addressed and changed.
- Each district of Abate should have an attorney for Motorcyclists rights. District 2 will be looking for an attorney which will handle our district.

Topic arises that we require more participation from our District 2 members.
Discussion carries to Pints & Pies in Helen being a possible meet place for District 2 members. This is a very popular area among bikers and could bring in potential new members.
Anthony Love covers the website domain. To keep the website domain, it will cost $300 per year. Content and new information for the website can be submitted to Anthony Love.
Motion to keep the domain made by Anthony Love. Seconded by Nathan Purdy. Vote unanimously passed 2:48 pm.
EVENTS:

- January 12th is the "Frosty Balls" ride from Cycle World in Athens.
- February 16th is D2 Annual Lovers Ball held at Lorraina's in Dawsonville beginning at 8pm. This is a wonderful fundraiser to start the year off.
- April 6th and 7th is the Swap Meet Rally in Griffin, GA. Per discussion, D2 should meet at a location and time to ride into Griffin together unified. Details of meet time will be discussed during our March meeting.

Raffle held at 3:03 pm.
Raffle winners are:
Pamela Holcolm, Chris "Twisted" Fister, Jeff "Joker" Spiva, Andy "Redneck" Holcomb, Sherri Culp'p, Donna Liles, and Jeremy "Big Dog" Bennett.
Sheri Culp'p covers information regarding Motorcycle insurance for the rider. She is an authorized agent for Liberty National. Information covers hospital, ICU, loss of limb etc…

Meeting adjourned 3:18 PM.

District News

District 4 West

Meeting 6 January 2013 Red's Timbers, Concord Rd, Smyrna
Meeting opened in usual manner, DC, Sgt at Arms, Sec, Legislative D present. Membership Jim Brewer is still recovering; treasurer Dwayne AWOL. Still have no Activities D.
Old business: Toy run and party; turnout pretty poor. Miserable weather. We did have enough toys and gifts for both stops. Will have to do something different another year.
State Rally and Swap Meet in April; lots of work to be done, many volunteers needed, and not only for grounds committees. State will need help at Membership booth. Expect to be called.
DC's report: Growth of 4-West is top priority. Means attending local m/c friendly shops and meeting places. And opening communication lines with other groups (RatPack, GMR are examples) Jon wants the whole district to be more cohesive, with less division among its members. (If you have skills that you think might help communication, please call Jon or Ann)
The Great American Motorcycle Show is the last weekend of January (before you have read this, unfortunately). Volunteers will be needed; expect phonecalls.
Potential rides:
The Last Ride is in June; Jon would like to set up a "proper"ride thru Atlanta open to all riders, to join the others at the capital building.
Commerce Drags? The Dirt Drags in Kingston, with the Knight Hawks; Cherry Blossom Ride; Wheels thru Time (in Maggie Valley; and the Barber Motorcycle Museum; Vintage Bike races and swap meet in October.
Cheef reported that the MRF founder Billy Gagnon had passed in December. We should continue to call the county roads office and report (complain?) non-working traffic signals. And be aware of the new procedure for renewing driver licenses. (which is unnecessarily complicated.—maybe contacting the officials could have an impact on that)
Meeting attendance: Should we change the day and time of the meeting again? Some groups gather each week for a social time; maybe we could do that (Maybe for a drink and dessert somewhere?) Purely social? Think about this one, and let someone know.
Phone numbers/e-mail addresses are available in the front of the magazine.
Prepare to make the February meeting, the first Sunday of the month (3rd day of Feb), and be prepared to volunteer. Or you will likely be called to be volunteered.
Without active participation,this organization cannot grow, and most likely, the legislators will force upon us stuff with which we will be unhappy.

District 5 North

Hey Folks,
Hope the holidays were good to all of you.
Just a short note to let ya know whats going on the next few months.
We will be having our District elections at the April meeting so in February and March we will be taking nominations for Officers positions. If your interested in running please come to the meeting to be nominated and so you can accept the position.
On Feb.-09th....We will have a lunch run, the location will be decided on at the Jan. meeting....
The 09th of March....Will be our Third Annual Poker Run
On April 06th and 07th The State ABATE Of Georgia Inc. will be having a 2 day Swap Meet in Griffin at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds 1025 South Hill St. for more info. or vender info. call the State Office at 770 881 7438 Camping will be available.
Also on Sat. April 06th we will be leaving to go to the swap meet at 8am from Cycle World. The store will not be open so be prepared... camping is available at the swap meet. If you need me to take something for you in the truck I will but I will NOT be staying over night but if you find something and need me to bring it home for you Sat, evening I will.
For info. on any District 5 North event call Joe at 770-921-5238 or Cam at 706-206-2903 as always everyone is invited and welcome!!
Also Christian Motorcycle Association will be having their Blessing Of The Bikes on Feb. 16th at Cycle World at 9am till 2pm any and everyone is welcome !
Till next month Keep Your Knees In The Breeze!!!!Cam

District News

District 6

January 8, 2013
Grove Bar & Grill, Locust Grove, GA

The meeting was called to order by Don Whitlow @ 7:00 pm.
Don Whitlow led the Pledge and Paul Kerr gave the invocation.

Secretary – Reading of the minutes – Waived

Treasurer Report: Frank Hapgood
Beginning balance: $2,000. 50/50 = $40.00 donated back. $109.00 sent to state. $30.00 for Swap Meet.
Ending balance: $2,000

District Coordinator Report: Don Whitlow
Don stated that the immediate focus for District 6 will be the Cherry Blossom run, Swap Meet and Legislative issues. He reported that about 20 people attended the Swap Meet planning meeting. Paul Kerr is organizing promotional efforts for the Swap Meet;Frank is coordinating the entertainment and Don is overseeing vendor recruitment. Everyone was encouraged to help promote the event by helping to distribute flyers. Contact Don with questions. Everyone was reminded that newsletters can be found on the GA ABATE website along the State Directors phone number. http://www.abatega.org/newsletter.htm There is also a membership hotline to call with concerns about pins, patches or cards. (678) 753-6018.
Activities Report: Paul Kerr
Paul reported that everyone had a great time at the Christmas party.
Upcoming rides:
January 12: Warner Robins Museum of Aviation Departs 10 AM (The Grove)
January 26: Great American Motorcycle Show
February ??
March 16: Annual Cherry Blossom Run Departs 11 AM (The Grove)
April 6-7: ABATE State Rally at Griffin Fairgrounds
May 11:Cloudland Canyon State Park, Overnight trip, cabins & tent camping Departs 10 AM (The Grove)
June: Friday Night Drags at Atlanta Motor Speedway (date TBA)
July 13: Dickey's Peach Farm, Musella, GA Departs The Grove at 10 AM
August: Friday Night Drags
September:
Legislative Report: Lisa Bruce
Lisa reported the results of the survey; 100 percent in favor of doing away with check points targeted to riders, 68 percent in favor of Red Light Bill, 100 percent in favor of increasing penalties for accidents causing injury or killing a biker, 73 percent in favor of the introduction of a "Splitting Lanes" bill. Lisa encouraged all to contact legislators both in the House and the Senate. She also re-minded everyone that Steve Murrin's newsletter Motorcycles and the Lawis in the ABATE newsletter. She suggested everyone read it, especially the information about "loud pipes save lives."

Membership Report: Tanya Neal
Tanya reported that there were no new members for this month. If you do not have your pins and or cards let Tanya know. 15 year pins have to be ordered. Tanya needs a final list of those who need pins or cards so she can follow up. She also needs to be sure she has everyone's updated email addresses. See Tanya with renewals.

Old Business:
Dale Joyner will participate in the Rodeo.
Frank asked for volunteers for the Cherry Blossom ride. The t-shirt design was voted on and approved. This was also sent out via email prior to the meeting.

New Business:
David talked about the help needed to make the Swap Meet happen. There is a need for at least 50 volunteers per day. We would like to have least 20% from district 6. David is coordinating volunteers and Chris has a schedule for volunteers. Don and Paul are doing a great job recruiting vendors. It was reported that we can get staff vests for $5.00 and badges from Northern. A motion was made to accept this and it was approved. Ann already has wrist bands. Paul will have a 1.2 page ad in Full Throttle magazine in February and a full page ad in March, both at no cost. Paul has the artwork. Jim Brown Camping will pay for the billboard and radio ad. DJ Scottie may do some promotion.

There is a need for two people at the gate at all times. Will need to work much of this into shifts. It was also mentioned that the contract with the fairgrounds needs to be revisited. There was a question as to whether we can use volunteers even if they are not ABATE members. There was a question of liability. Don will check into it. Be sure to get with Paul if you have leads for ads and Don for vendors. A volunteer sign- up sheet was passed around.

50/50: $44.00 won by Boowho donated it to Jimmy Conklin and his family.

Open Forum: Paul said there would be no separate ride to Lake Tobesofkee as he would prefer to do this together with other local districts. Details to follow.

DISTRICT 7
January 6, 2013

22 Members
2 Guests

Leigh Jester called the meeting to order @ 2:00 PM. Jackie DeFore opened the meeting with prayer. Pledge of allegiance said by all.

Leigh welcomed the new members who signed up at last month's meeting. He announced to the chapter that we had 21 new members or renewals at last month's meeting. Leigh let everyone know the ABATE state newsletter was going to be a little late this month due to the holidays but everyone should receive a January newsletter and they can always go to the Abate web site to read or print a copy of the most current newsletter. Leigh mentioned to everyone there was a Delmar Singleton Memorial Page in the January newsletter on Page 27.

Leigh announced we have several officer positions that need to be filled. Nominations were made for Membership Director and Assistant Membership Director. Motions were made to accept nominations and seconded. Vote was unanimous for Kent Winslett to be our new Membership Director and his wife, Patti Winslett, to be our new Assistant Membership Director.

District News

(District 7 news continued)
Lori at Rat Rodz motorcycle shop (ABATE members also) is wanting to have an ABATE membership drive at their shop. We will get back with them and set dates and get details.

The Great American Motorcycle Show will be in Norcross on January 25-27. They are in need of volunteers for this event. Discussion regarding group ride to this event. We will get more information about riding with other ABATE chapters to this event and send out an e-mail and post ride details on our Facebook page.

The ABATE Swap Meet will be April 6 & 7 in Griffin, GA. Leigh encouraged people to volunteer for this event. Griffin is not far from Macon and we may have a Saturday ride as a group to this event. More details to be announced.

David Carmichael (District 7 Legislative Director) talked about the results of the ABATE member survey:

Should ABATE of Georgia continue to fight against Motorcycle Only Checkpoints – 100% Yes.
Should ABATE continue the fight for H.B. 161 (red light bill) – 68% Yes
Should ABATE fight for increased penalties for drivers who injure or kill motorcyclists – 95% Yes
Should ABATE work towards legislation to allow Lane Filtering in our state – 73% Yes

Members have been asking how long does it take to get membership cards and begin receiving ABATE newsletter in mail. Leigh told everyone to wait at least 90 days to allow the state time to process everything. He also let them know there is a Membership Hotline they can call to make sure any issues they have are addressed: 1-678-753-6018.
We are currently beginning to contact other ABATE chapters to work on joint rides or events with their chapters. Leigh & Janet Jester were meeting with ABATE District 6 later that afternoon to work out details for District 6's Cherry Blossom Ride to the Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon.

We voted unanimously to rename the Love Run for the Georgia Industrial Children's Home to the "Delmar Singleton Memorial Love Run" (which benefits the Georgia Industrial Children's Home).

(District 7 news continued some more)

The Director of the GA Industrial Children's Home informed us they could really use our help in raising funds for "Back to School Clothes". She stated the children have clothes but since the public schools in Macon require school uniforms that most of the clothes the children have do not meet the school uniform requirements. We will work towards having a fund-raiser ride/event for them in late spring or early summer.

We are also working on having an event at Lake Tobesofkee for us and other ABATE chapters in the middle/southern regions of Georgia. Many of our chapters have missed all of the ABATE Chapters getting together for a weekend of fun, so we will begin working to see if we can make this event happen!

Juniors Junction can still make the ABATE District 7 T-shirts. Discussion on whether we want to change the design or color? Left open for further discussion at a later time.

We need to get everyone's e-mail address so we can inform them of Social Rides or events that may occur during the month. Please be sure to contact one of our officer's if we do not have your e-mail address. Our new Membership Director & Assistant volunteered to contact everyone on the membership list to get their e-mail address (if one is not provided) or if they can receive text messages on their cell phones.

Leigh encouraged everyone to use the resources through the ABATE state office; i.e. Free classified ads for state members in the newsletter.

50/50 raised $40.00 for chapter. 50/50 drawing won by Nancy Heard who donated her winnings back to the chapter.

ABATE District 7 will have its next monthly chapter meeting on Sunday, February 3 @ AP's Hidden Hideaway, 4274 Broadway, Macon, GA.

District News

District 11
Meeting of December 8, 2013
Redleg Saloon & Grill, 2805 FT. Argyle Rd, Bloomingdale, GA

Meeting called to order at 3:10 P.M. by David "Junkyard" Jackson

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Jimmy "ROJO" Ubernosky of Effingham County Wingmen
Devotion/Blessing done by Eddie Sasser of Christian Motorcycle Association

Opening statements from DC:
Welcome to the meeting, the Savannah Toy Run was a great success and we will be sharing the details with you after the officer reports.

Officer Reports:
Treasurer:$4516.00 Total. We have $2960.00 for the calendars and have not received the invoice for them yet. Once the calendars are paid the balance will be $1556.00.
We were able to spend $6800.00 on toys for the kids this year.

Membership: Attendance at the meeting: 9 Officers, 23 Members, &5 Guests. 37Total
Since Nov 18:3 New Memberships, 4 Renews, 0 Jr. ABATE, for a total of 137 Active Members.
If you have been a member at least 90 days and have not received your card or newsletters, call the State Membership Hotline at 678-753-6018.
Please remember to sign in and be counted. The sign in sheet is at the front door, if you are not a member sign in under guest.
Please take some calendars to give out at places where riders will see them. The more we get out the more people will know what we are about and what we have going on and that will generate more participation and membership for us.

Legislation/Webmaster:145 Hits on Google (50% new) and 230 Friends on Facebook with a reach of 1,055.
Legislation issues: If you have not completed your survey for the State please do so. You can complete it on line, from the newsletter or via Facebook link. If you have or need a copy of the survey from Rex, please return it to him and he will mail it for you.
Other Legal/Legislation news: Many people wrote Helmet Laws on the survey as a point of interest in legislative action. One of the main problems in the state of Georgia is that Georgia was the first state to pass helmet laws and many of Georgia's legislative representatives are backed by the Insurance Industry lobbyists.
We need help in keeping up with the downed biker page. If you hear of a downed biker please contact one of the officers so we can add them to the downed biker page.

Secretary: Any events you are having in March need to be addressed and flyers prepared for the next meeting. Anything Prior to March will be considered Old News next month and should be addressed today.
Intersection video will be included in Effingham County Sheriff Department's Teen Driving Safety Class (PRIDE). I was invited to join in on the inaugural class and I highly recommend it for any teenager starting to drive. The course began with parents & teens. Then the teens were taken to a different location so they could speak freely and later reunited with the parents as a group. I went with the teens and was very impressed with the care and true concern of the deputies and staff. I look forward to rejoining them in the future and seeing the Intersection Video added to this important program.

(District 11 continued)
If you are a member of a group or a club that would like to have our flyers E-mailed to you, please make sure we have your information. Look in the new calendar and if there are updates just let us know.

New Business Support Member: No new business supporters this month.

Activities Director:
12/15 - ABATE District 11 Christmas Party, Red Leg Saloon at 7pm. Active ABATE (any State) Members and invited guests only.
Upcoming Events:
1/13 ABATE District 11 Monthly meeting.
1/27 ABATE District 11 Frosty Balls run and Membership Drive & Bomber Girls - Fire Up Your Ovens Cookie Drive. Jr. Abate will have a cookie sale or bring your own**, homemade**, cookies and receive a free hand. Cookies will be sent to troops overseas for Valentine's Day. Anyone that would be able to donate some homemade cookies to Jr. Abate Please see Tricia and we appreciate you helping our kids have some fun events designed especially for them.
Poker, 50/50 & door prizes.
Chili & Hotdogs will be provided by ABATE District 11. Entertainment by High Velocity provided by the VFW Post 660.

Jr. ABATE: Pembroke Christmas Parade was a success, the float came in 2nd place. The theme was Look Twice, Save a Life. The kids and the adults all had a great time. Thanks to all that came out and try to attend next year with your kids, nieces, nephews, grand kids or even the neighbor's kids. The more the better! It is a wonderful bonding experience.

District Coordinator:
Old Business:
December 1, 2012 was the Savannah Toy Run. It was incredible! We had over a thousand bikes and donated over $6800.00 in Christmas gifts to children through the DFCS in Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Jenkins, Liberty, Long and Screven Counties, the Magdalene House, Savannah Fire Fighter Toy Drive, Long County Toy Drive, Savannah City Mission, Ft. Stewart Military Families and many others. Forty Four children from the Magdalene House and Savannah City Mission were able to join us for a clear day with temps in the high 70's, lunch from Pappa's BBQ, a visit with Santa and a gift. The Escorts provided by the Savannah /Chatham Metro Police Department, the Sherriff Department and the Georgia State Patrol were outstanding. They have already reserved 17 officers for next year and the run will be able to resume the
Abercorn route again in 2013! There were so many people and companies that supported this event and we would like to return the support so if you get a chance, shop at Savannah Harley Davidson and K-Mart. Listen to I-95 and Cumulus Broadcasting Stations. Watch WTOC TV and visit the sponsors on your shirt. While you are there, thank them for the support they gave us.

Stories about this year and last year were shared.

New Business:
Christmas Party 12/15
ABATE Christmas Party – Sat Dec 15. We will need everyone to bring a covered dish. ABATE will provide the meat…… Bring a dish and let's celebrate together. We hope to see you there.

2013 Calendar is here! Be sure to take some with you to give to your friends and fellow riders.

(District 11 continued)
Frosty Balls 1/27 will end at the VFW Post 660. The event had over 300 bikes last year and we hope for even more this year.

March 22nd and 23rd will be the Big Norm Memorial Swap Meet at the Effingham County Fair Grounds. Entry is $8 day/ $15 weekend for Abate Members, $10 day/20 weekend for Non Abate Members. Electricity is $15.00. Primitive camping is free. The Twins will play Friday night and High Velocity will play Saturday night. There will be a BBQ cook-off. CMA will be judging the bike show and running the bike and yard games. The fairgrounds have made some big improvements to include remodeling the bathrooms and they have covered the stage and concert area with a steel roof. Vending is only $20.00 and includes two (2) arm-bands.

The State Rally & Swap Meet is April 6th& 7th at the Kawanis Fairgrounds in Griffin, GA and is only $5 for Abate Members. Plan to attend if you can. They are looking for vendors, if you are interested or know some-one that may be interested , see any of the officers for more info.

Open Floor:
No comments. No club announcements

Closing Comments by DC:
Hope to see you at the Christmas Party

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45

Next Meetings: January 13, 2013 & February 10, 2013

22ND ANNUAL
ABATE OF GEORGIA D-1
CHILI COOKOFF
& Hardtimes Dance

COOLERS WELCOME

LIVE BAND

FEB. 9TH-2013

AMERICAN LEGION
Chatsworth, Georgia

1st-2nd & BEST HOT AWARDS

$10.00 ADMISSION
DOORS OPEN 7:00 - 12.00 PM
CHILI IN @ 8:00
CONTACT : TAMI @ 706-581-4132

ABATE OF GEORGIA DISTRICT 11

March 22nd - 24th, 2013
Effingham County Fairgrounds

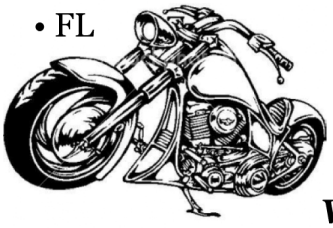
Hwy 21 North to Springfield - Take Business District 21 *(across from Huddle House)* - Turn right at the Fairgrounds

Live Entertainment by:
The Twins
&
High Velocity

"Big Norm" Memorial Spring Swap Meet Bike Show & BBQ Cook-Off

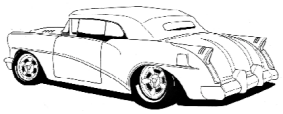
Live Music • Field Games • Bike Show • Vendors • BBQ Cook-Off • Bike Games • Car Show

Bike Show
- Chopper
- Bagger
- Trike
- Sport
- Rat
- FX
- FL



BBQ Cook-Off
- Pork Ribs
- Chicken
- Pork Butt
- Sauce

Car Show
- 20s-30s Era
- 40s-50s Era
- 50s-60s Era
- 60s-70s Era
- 80s Era
- Custom



Around the Clock Security
Vendor Spaces Still Available

Entrance Fees:

ABATE Members:	$8.00 Day Pass	$15.00 Weekend
Non-Members:	$10.00 Day Pass	$20.00 Weekend
Ages 13-17:	$5.00 Day Pass	
RV Sites with Power & Water (no dump station)		$25.00 Weekend
RV Sites w/o Power & Water (no dump station)		$15.00 Weekend
Tent Sites with Power & Water		$10.00 Weekend
Tent Sites w/o Power & Water		Free
BBQ Cook-Off *(includes admission for two)*		$25.00 Entry Fee
Bike Show:		$5.00 Entry Fee
Car Show		$5.00 Entry Fee

For information or questions call:
Jimbop Roberson @ 912-728-7031
Junkyard Jackson @ 912-441-7586

Bike Show & Games
Presented By
The Christian Motorcylists Association

ABATE of Georgia

April 6th & 7th 2013

Open to all Motorcyclists

Presents our 2013 rally!

Swap 'til you Drop Swap Meet

CAR AND BIKE SHOWS
BIKINI BIKE WASH

LOCATION:
KIWANIS FAIRGROUNDS
1025 S HILL ST,
GRIFFIN, GA 30224-4858
GATES OPEN AT 9:00AM
FOR MORE INFO:
(770) 881-7438

Spankys Monkey

Music by:
Spankys Monkey,
Wild Child and More!
Lineup subject to change

10.00 admission,
5.00 ABATE Members, 15.00 weekend pass.
Vendors: inside 50.00 outside 30.00 [includes 2 passes]
Over night stay: RV 40.00 Tent 20.00 Vendor 20.00

A.B.A.T.E OF GEORGIA, INC. STATE SWAP MEET & RALLY

APRIL 6th & 7th, 2013

EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE
AT THE
KIWANIS FAIR GROUNDS, GRIFFIN, GA 30224

VENDOR APPLICATION

VENDOR QUESTIONS CALL 770-881-7438

VENDOR SPACE PRICES include 2 days of admission for 2 people. Spaces are 10 x 10.
Additional space is available (10 x 20, 10 X 30, etc.) at the per space cost.

Electricity is NOT included. Camping is available to Vendors for $20.00. NO HOOK-UPS.

ABATE of GA Inc. reserves the right to refuse participation, and in such a case, payment will be returned without interest.

PRE-REGISTRATION SPACE FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.
PRE-REGISTRATION PRICES are valid until March 16th, 2013, and are as follows:

INSIDE SPACES are **$50.00 each**
(add $20.per space AFTER 3/16/13) Please reserve ___ INSIDE spaces for a total of $ __________
Please note: NO generators will be allowed in the INSIDE SPACES.

OUTSIDE SPACES are **$30.00 each**
(add $20.per space AFTER 3/16/13) Please reserve ___ OUTSIDE spaces for a total of $ __________

DATE PAID: ______________ VENDOR CAMPING: $ __________

HOW PAID: **CHECK #** _________ **TOTAL AMOUNT PAID:** $ _____________

MONEY ORDER _____________

CHARGE CARD (Circle one) **VISA MASTERCARD** ______________________________ ________
CHARGE CARD NUMBER (please print clearly) 3 DIGIT PIN

PAYMENT REC'D. BY ______________________________ ______________
NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD (please print clearly) CARD EXPIRATION DATE

DISTRICT # _______
(print name & title)___________________________________ ______________________________
AUTHORIZED CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE

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VENDOR / BUSINESS NAME ____

BUSINESS LIABILITY INSURANCE WILL BE CURRENT AND IN FORCE THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 6th & 7th, 2013.
______YES ______NO
(one of these MUST be checked)

VENDOR / BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS____

CITY ___________________________ STATE _______ ZIP ______________

CONTACT NAME ___________________________ TEL.______________ CELL ______________

PRODUCTS OFFERED FOR SALE:____

I will be using a GENERATOR. ___ YES ___ NO I am interested in purchasing electricity IF it is available. ____YES ___NO

I understand that placement on the site plan is on a first come, first served basis.

Please pay special consideration to____

PRINT NAME______________________________ **SIGN NAME** ______________________________

GATES OPEN TO VENDORS AT 6 AM – VENDORS MUST BE SET-UP NO LATER THAN 10 AM
ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHALL BE SENT TO: A.B.A.T.E. OF GEORGIA, INC., P.O.BOX 116, AUSTELL, GA 30168

Now is the Time

By Dr. Sue Duggan

Have you been thinking lately, "I'll get to that", only to find "that" is still undone? As you well know, we're not getting any younger **and** time does fly by. Now's the time to get things done. Make "that" list and as you accomplish each item, cross it off. Before you know it, you'll have crossed off every item! "That" list can be made individually, as a family, or as a group. Either way, make "that" list.

Every list should include items that take short periods of time, as well as items that may take a day, a couple of days, or a week to finish. Let's start with the short list. Some of us have been meaning to make that phone call to someone for something for quite some time. Think about this, many of us have a new Sheriff in town. How about calling him and making an appointment to discuss the MSF Intersection DVD? You've been meaning to get on that bike and now you can make an appointment to ride. If going there is an issue, invite the new Sheriff to one of your meetings. Share the Intersection brochure and talk about motorcycle awareness. It doesn't hurt a thing to make a phone call.

Next, what about talking to local businesses about donating some money to purchase an Intersection DVD Kit or two? Each kit is only $50.00. We now have 501(c) 3 status and the contributions are now tax deductible. Take along the EIN number (45-3994145) to prove our tax-deductible status. Carry one of our newsletters and share the Intersection brochure with them. If each of us would target one business, we can discuss motorcycle awareness with over 1,000 people! And while you're there, discuss becoming an ABATE Supporter or Sponsor. That information is also in the newsletter.

Spring will soon be here and we still have a few items on "that" list. May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Take a few minutes to talk to your Mayor or his/her secretary, and ask for your city to designate May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. It only takes a minute or two and we can all use the publicity exposure. Send an email to the local paper, call the radio station, and get the ball rolling. Exposure is good, but free is better. This would qualify as a public service announcement!

Plan a spring ride for Motorcycle Awareness. How much time does it take to set a date, put up a few flyers, and talk to your local motorcycle clubs? Each person would be willing to pay $5.00 and have the money go to purchasing Intersection DVD Kits to be shown in your local schools. There's still time to get this done before school lets out for the summer.

Let me tell you why NOW is the time to make 'that" list. According to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), there were 19 fewer motorcycle fatalities in 2012 than in 2011. Don't get me wrong, I think 129 motorcycle fatalities are still way too many. The number of motorcycle registrations is climbing. But, considering how many registered motorcyclists we have in the state of Georgia (over 190,000), we were the only "group" to have a reduction in fatalities. Wouldn't you like to see this figure drop even more? Hence, "that" list. Don't wait. Make "that" list at your next meeting. Talk to your friends, neighbors, local Sheriff, and anyone who will listen about motorcycle awareness. Now **is** the time!

Look Twice Save a Life, Inc.
P.O. Box 184
Austell, GA 30168

Dear School District and Board of Education,

On today's roadways we can find large numbers of new motorcycle, scooter, automobile, and commercial riders who do not always understand how to share the road. A research study performed by the University of Southern California identified a general lack of knowledge regarding this issue. There are several health standards that address awareness for students in the third and fifth grades, as well as for eighth grade and high school. These standards may or may not be addressed within our public school system, but *could* be addressed via a training program called "Intersection", developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF). The MSF has set internationally recognized standards that promote motorcycle awareness by way of public information programs such as "Intersection".

Look Twice Save a Life, Inc. would like to provide this "Intersection" DVD kit free of charge to every county in the state of Georgia for the purpose of training students about sharing the road. The DVD's will be distributed to all 159 Sheriff Departments and be available to every school in the state of Georgia. Each school or school system may contact their Sheriff's Department and borrow a copy of the "Intersection" kit or ask for a Junior Deputy or C.H.A.M.P. officer to deliver the material and message. There is NO cost for the use of this awareness kit.

The Georgia Department of Education has stated individual school districts should make the choice as to how health standards should be taught. The "Intersection" DVD training kit is a relative way to teach motorcycle and sharing the road awareness to students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Education Director Sue Duggan at (706) 333-3171 or email her at education.director@abatega.org. Below are some of the Georgia Performance Standards for grades three and five.

Health Education Standards
HE3.3: Students will demonstrate the ability to access valid information and products and services to enhance health.
Description: Students will identify valid health information and health-promoting products and services for the prevention, early detection, and treatment of health problems. Third grade students will locate local resources that provide valid health information.
Element:
b. Label resources from home, school, and community that provide valid health information.
Examples: List family members, school personnel, and community leaders (e.g., health experts, legal and medical professionals, business men and women, volunteer and service agencies and civic groups) that are good resources of valid health information.
Identify sources for accurate information about how to prevent injury.

HE3.5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health.
Description: Students will use decision-making skills to identify, apply, and maintain health-enhancing behaviors. Third grade students will indicate when support is needed for making thoughtful decisions about health-related issues or problems.
Elements:
a. Indicate routine health-related situations.
Examples: Describe personal choices that contribute to personal health and wellness.
c. Discuss various options to health-related issues or problems.
Examples: Examine safety tips in walking to school, riding the bus, and riding in a car to school each day.
e. Identify a healthy choice when making a decision.
Examples: Describe the health implications of students after school activity choices.
Analyze the consequences for not following safety instructions (e.g., stay seated on the bus, walk in the hallways).

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HE5.5: Students will demonstrate the ability to use decision-making skills to enhance health.
Description: Students will use decision-making skills to identify, apply, and maintain health-enhancing behaviors. Fifth grade students will identify health-related situations and analyze the importance of seeking assistance before making a decision.
Elements:
a. Identify health-related situations that might require a thoughtful decision.

b. Analyze when assistance is needed in making a health-related decision.
Examples: Analyze your options when being pressured by peers to participate in dangerous activities.

c. List healthy options to a health-related issue or problem.
Examples: Identify options for improving the health of one's environment.

e. Choose a healthy option when making a decision.
Examples: Make a commitment to use the appropriate protective gear during physical activity.

Sincerely,
Dr. Sue Duggan
Education Director
Look Twice Save a Life, Inc.

Look Twice Save a Life, Inc. (LTSAL) and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation "Intersection" DVD Kits

By Dr. Sue Duggan

It's during this time of year when we send out the "old" and bring in the "new". I resent that remark in more ways than one. Some of the "old" doesn't need to be thrown out. Look Twice Save a Life, Inc. (LTSAL) does not need to be discarded. In fact, just the opposite needs to happen. We need to kick up our heels and get busy raising money to help educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

ABATE of Georgia, Inc. has chosen a motorcycle awareness program that needs to be in every school system in the state of Georgia. The MSF"Intersection" Kit teaches about motorcycle awareness.It's time to move forward and get these kits into the hands of those who will use them. Contact your Sheriff Departments and make an appointment to see the Sheriff or a designated Deputy. Explain who you are and why you are calling for an appointment. Take your motorcycle, a camera, and a smile. Record the moment and send your photos and a short write up to newsletter@abatega.org. Also send a press release to your local newspaper and/or radio stations. Then, send a letter introducing the Intersection DVD to your school board. Let's make sure we get the word out and get these kits in place by springtime.

For those districts that haven't purchased kits yet, what are you waiting for? Take this opportunity to raise funds and gather $50.00 to purchase a kit for your district or multiple kits for the counties your district encompasses. We can raise these funds with the help of our fellow bikers and the various ride groups we come in contact with. Retail operations, restaurants, bars, and repair shops are also great candidates for donations to this program. We can also have our own rides to raise money specifically for these awareness videos. Georgia's Governor's Office of Highway Safety Motorcycle Division endorses the "Intersection" DVD Kit and this ABATE of Georgia, Inc. initiative, so let's get busy and help spread the word about motorcycle awareness!

Look Twice Save a Life, Inc.,now has 501 (c)(3) approval with the IRS. This makes all donations to this cause tax deductible. Every little bit will help get these kits into the hands of our Sheriff Departments and ultimately our young adults. Send your check today to Look Twice Save a Life Inc., P.O. Box 184, Austell, Georgia, 30168. In the memo portion of your check, write the word EDUCATION. Please support this very important first step in raising awareness in our schools and in our communities.

Just because it's a new year doesn't mean we have to start over. Use this time, order, and deliver kits to those who will help us spread the motorcycle awareness message.Help us to help ourselves.

INTRODUCING
A FILM ON SHARING THE ROAD.

ABATE of Georgia is proud to lead the way in a statewide motorcycle awareness program using the MSF Intersection Kit training program. The 14-minute Intersection video is about real people in real driving situations, and highlights the need for car drivers to focus and avoid distractions. These kits will be distributed through the Georgia Sheriffs Association to all 159 Georgia Sheriffs Departments with additional kits for larger Departments.

HOST-AN-EVENT SERIES on SHARING THE ROAD

MSF TRAINING SYSTEMS

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HELP ABATE OF GEORGIA IN THIS STATEWIDE MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PROGRAM.
Raising Funds To Raise Awareness!

Why a Special Focus on Sharing the Road?

HOST-AN-EVENT SERIES on SHARING THE ROAD

On today's roadways we can find large numbers of new motorcycle riders and even more new automobile and commercial drivers who do not always understand how to share the road safely. A general lack of knowledge was identified in a University of Southern California in-depth research study of 900 motorcycle crashes, with a review of an additional 3,600 crashes.

In the majority of crashes involving a motorcycle and another vehicle, the other vehicle violated the motorcyclist's right-of-way.

Introducing "Intersection"

"Intersection" is a 14-minute video intended to increase a motorist's awareness of motorcyclists and scooter riders on the roadway. It illustrates potentially hazardous situations through the eyes of different types of motorists and illustrates why intersections in particular are so dangerous. The main theme is that all motorists, regardless of their driving experience or the type of vehicle they drive, need to be aware of motorcyclists sharing the road with them.

What's in the Kit:

The kit includes an English/Spanish Language DVD, one Leader's guide, 10 Participant's guides, and 25 Quick Tips brochures all packaged in a handsome library-edition storage case. The DVD contains three separate versions to appeal to various potential audiences: teens (via driver education classes and high schools), adults (via traffic schools and community outreach), and commercial drivers (via employee orientation and safety training).

How Can I Participate in Motorcycle Awareness?

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The Motorcycle Safety Foundation

Since 1973, the MSF has set internationally recognized standards that promote the safety of motorcyclists with rider education courses, operator licensing tests, and public information programs, working to increase cooperation between motorists and motorcyclists.

The MSF works with the federal government, state agencies, the military and others to offer training for all skill levels so riders may enjoy a lifetime of safe, responsible motorcycling. The MSF is a not-for-profit organization sponsored by BMW, BRP, Ducati, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, Piaggio, Suzuki, Triumph, Victory and Yamaha motorcycles.

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Steve Murrin

The Supporters Program

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Business ***Support*** Member Program

Any business that wishes to offer a discount on goods or services to an ABATE of Georgia member may have a listing in the monthly newsletter in the Supporter section. This listing will show business name, address, phone number, web site, district Number and discount amount offered. No Logos or other info.
The cost to be listed is $25.00 per year. The Business Support member will receive an ABATE membership Easel and 2 Decals showing they offer a discount along with one full year of being listed.
Any Business that is owned by an ABATE of Georgia member will receive this for $15.00

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The cost for this is $100.00 per year. The Sponsor will receive an ABATE membership easel, 2 decals showing membership, a discount of 5% on any additional advertising in the newsletter.
Any business owned by an ABATE of Georgia member will receive this for $75.00.
As a thank you to those business's that allow us to meet there we will run their info in the Sponsor section FREE for as long as a district meets there.
An individual or Business that provides more than $100.00 in goods or services to ABATE of Georgia will be listed in the Honor Roll section

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Please turn in to your DC with a Check made out to ABATE of Georgia.

Getting ready for the ABATE of Georgia State Swap meet,
ABATE Volunteers are busy working to prepare for the state swap meet. Attached below are photos from a recent visit to the fairgrounds by members of District 6, Take a quick look a look at what they saw and if your district wants to host a booth let us know! If you know of a business that would like to be a vendor LET US KNOW!

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