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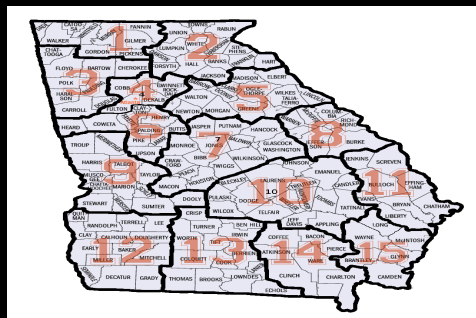
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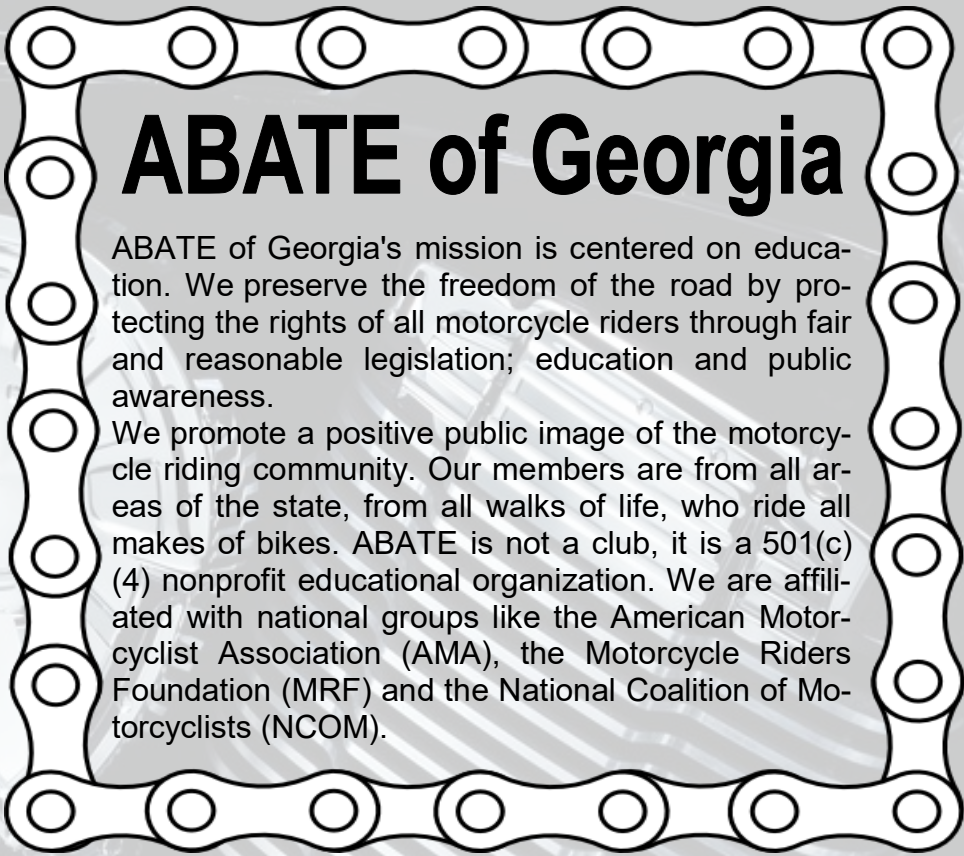
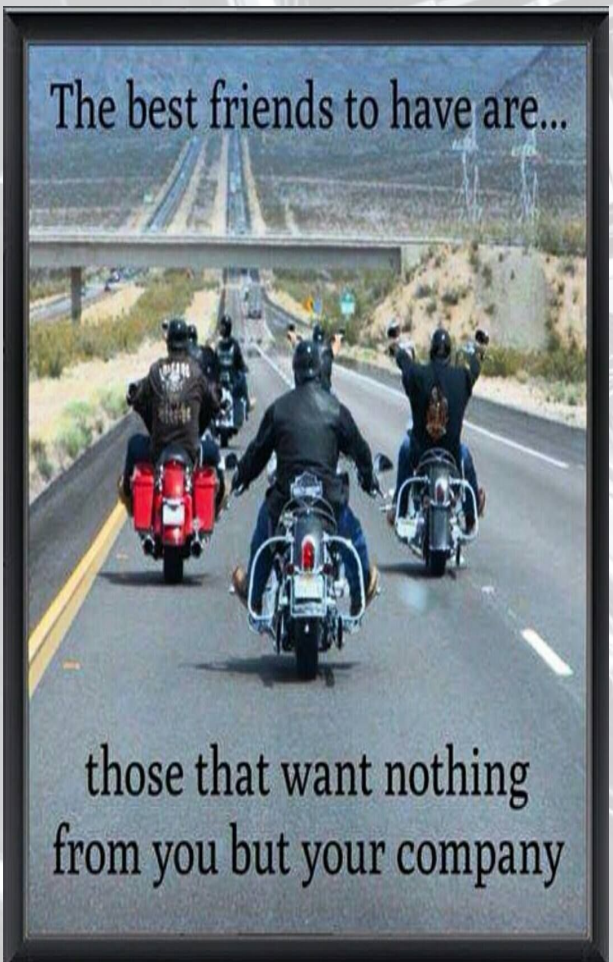


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# ABATE of Georgia

ABATE of Georgia's mission is centered on education. We preserve the freedom of the road by protecting the rights of all motorcycle riders through fair and reasonable legislation; education and public awareness.

We promote a positive public image of the motorcycle riding community. Our members are from all areas of the state, from all walks of life, who ride all makes of bikes. ABATE is not a club, it is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit educational organization. We are affiliated with national groups like the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM).

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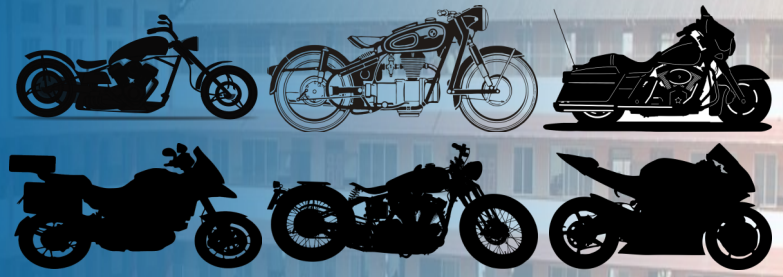
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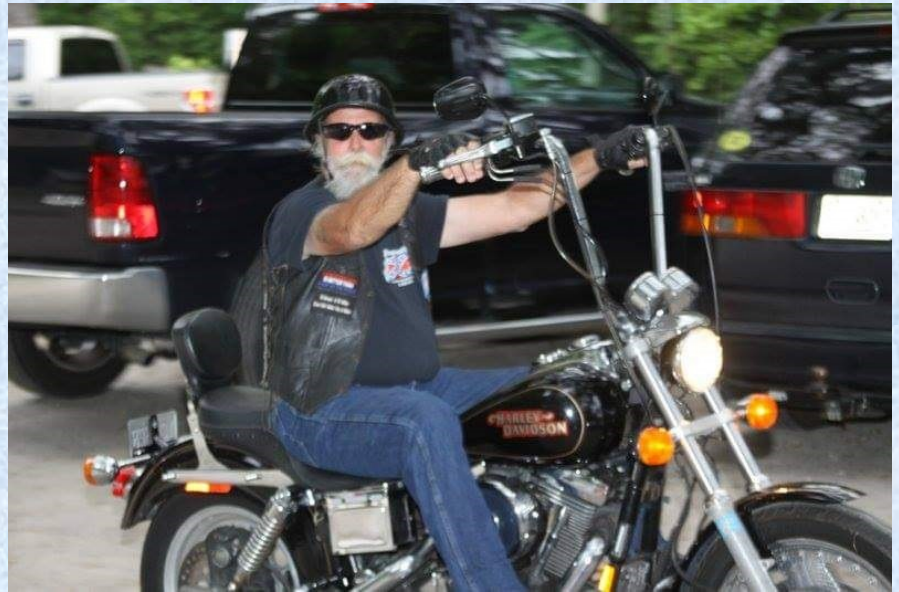
FROM THE

# STATE DIRECTOR



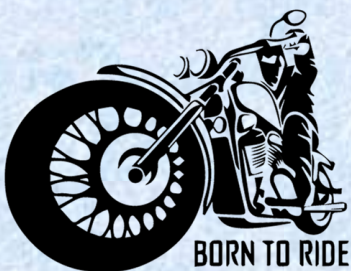
Well folks it's finally happened, The Rollin" Wheels of Freedom newsletter is back....Been long overdue for ABATE of Georgia.

A lot of the old timers know me but for the newer members let me give you a little insight on me. I have been a member of ABATE of Georgia for 34 years this October. I have served as the DC for District 11 for about 25 of the 34 years. I was Southern



Regional Director for about 5 years beginning in 2015 and have served as the State Director for the past 2 years. I own Jackson's Lawn Services here in Savannah and have owned businesses in Florida at one time. I served in the military from 1972 thru 1975. Besides my love for motorcycles I have owned and raced numerous drag cars and raced in the NHRA... Professional Drag Racing Association as well as 10.5 Outlaw and Extreme Outlaw Pro Mod series. I believe that no one should dictate the life style we choose or jeopardize our right's to the freedom of the roads. We may not always succeed in our endeavors of getting legislation passed in the House or Senate, however I look at it as I did when i had my racing team, it's a competition and when you hit victory lane it's a sweet win, Not just for ABATE but for the motorcycling community as a whole. So people don't get discouraged when we have to compete for what we want. If you think about it, life is a competition and you have two choices. Put it in the trailer and take it to the house, or look at what adjustments need to be made and go back and go for the gold. Ya'll Keep it safe out there and don't forget in this heat, You can get just as dehydrated riding as you can doing anything else. So take breaks hydrate and enjoy the ride.

Junkyard





# STATE CHARTER GOAL

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

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

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

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

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



# ABATE of Georgia MEMBERS

# the news

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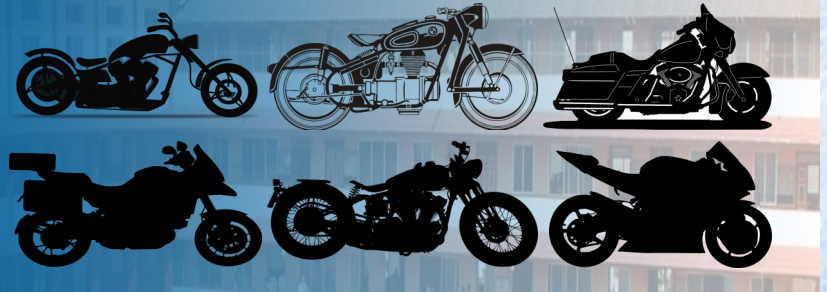
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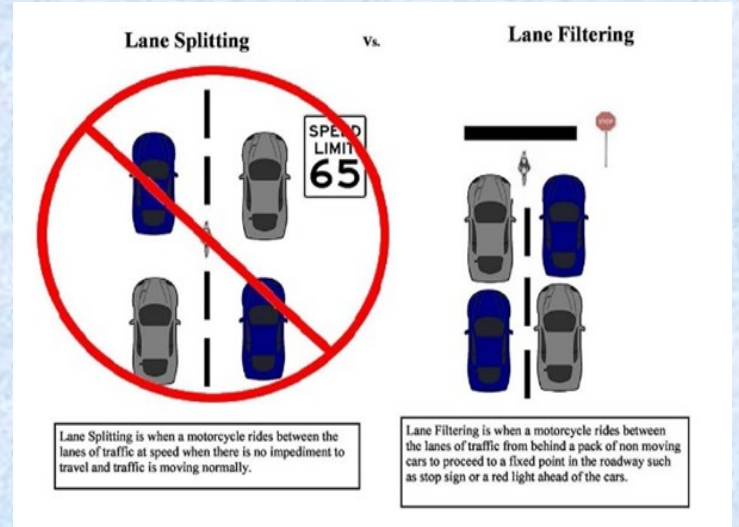
WAYNE NUNEZ

# STATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR



Welcome to Georgia

Hello all, well this is new for me, not being a freedom fighter, being a newspaper man. So, let's start with a little background, for those of you who do not know me. I have been riding motorcycles for over 50 years and been in and around the motorcycle world in Georgia for the last 30 + years. I have owned and ridden everything from Honda to Harleys and at this time ride a Victory CCT. As of November 2021, I was appointed as State Legislative Director for ABATE of Georgia, and as of January 2022, I was appointed as State Rep. for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). Of which I take both positions very serious and will work hard to ensure that what's important to the members is translated into action. OK, enough about me, that's not why you came here, so let me tell you a little about what's been going on.



Georgia has built a great leadership team as well as a very dedicated Legislative team. Together we have focused our efforts on moving our agenda forward.

With the Georgia General Assembly in recess, the time is now to build or rebuild the relationships that have been so important to achieving the goal's we have set. Due to this being an election year, the question is, who or what do you start with?

Currently there are 5 House Bills and 4 Senate Bills that we are following very closely. Bills that have the possibility of making major changes to how we ride, repair and in general, enjoy our way of life. At this time those bills are set to be reintroduced in the upcoming 2023 session.

With the 2023 session rapidly approaching, ABATE of Georgia stands at the ready to work with our Legislators on the issues facing us in the future. Ready to introduce ideas and bills such as, Lane Filtering, Motorcycle Profiling, and Increased Penalties for causing a motorcyclist death or serious injury.

Recently members of ABATE of Georgia traveled to our Nation's Capital to work with and learn from the MRF, during Bikers Inside the Beltway. The team set appointments with our Legislators to discuss issues facing both the MRF and ABATE of Georgia. We met with 10 of our Legislators and or their staff. We discussed everything from Profiling, E-15 fuel, to Autonomous Vehicles and more. While in Washington, one of Georgia's Legislators introduced a bill HR7731 that will improve the transparency of the type of fuel you chose.



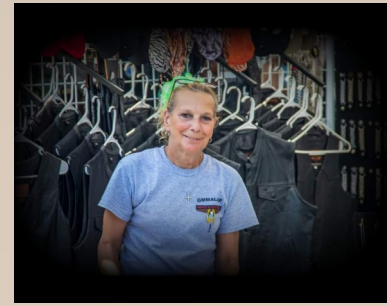
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# Editor's NOTE

Donna Nunez  
Editor



Welcome all to the new and better..

## “ROLLING WHEELS OF FREEDOM”

It's been a while, but it's back better than ever. This is the monthly newsletter of ABATE of Georgia, this is where you will find what's happening in and around ABATE of Georgia. This being the first issue of the new ROLLING WHEELS OF FREEDOM, you will find an introduction to your elected officers, past events, and rides, as well as upcoming rides and activities in and around the state. We hope you find what is important to you and share with your friends. We encourage you to get involved with your local districts, support the local ABATE events and rides.

Each district is encouraged to host local events and rides and get involved with other local organizations to support and participate in their events and rides.

This being an election year for ABATE, all state officers will be running for their respective office. We would love to see every member get involved to support the candidate of their choosing. The election will be held at our regular meeting location on the first Saturday in August, (08/06/2022). For those who cannot attend in person, absentee ballots will be mailed to all members. If you have not received yours, one can be requested from the Secretary @ [secretary@abatega.org](mailto:secretary@abatega.org) We hope you enjoy your new ROLLING WHEELS OF FREEDOM

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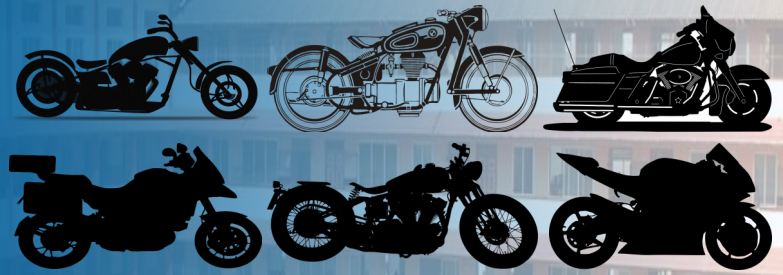
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FROM THE

# MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



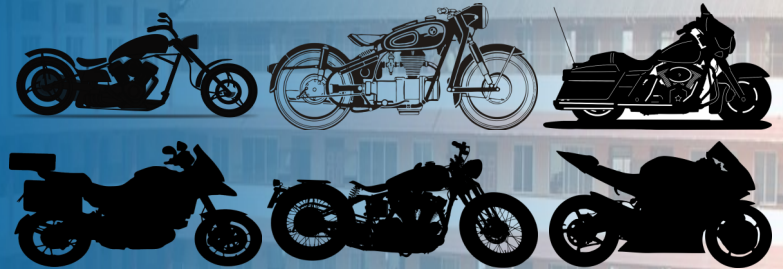
Hey everyone we are very excited about getting our newsletter back. We need input and pictures of your events to put in our newsletter, we need advertisers too.

Yes, this is your newsletter as much as it is mine. This is your hardworking State Membership Director Ann Crenshaw :) , this has been my job for years and it ain't always easy. My husband and I got ABATED when we joined back in 2007. I enjoy what I do and I stand with all bikers to keep our rights to ride enjoyable. I am the one that takes your info, enter it into ABATE'S data base. Once you are in the data base I print your cards and get your card in hand. ABATE of Georgia is working hard for all who ride, and work hard at our capital in Atlanta. Our membership is what keeps our mission going, the more members we have the louder our voices are at the state level. So if you are reading this you are a member, if you are not go to our website [Abategeorgia.com](http://Abategeorgia.com) and become a member. \$5.00 Jr, \$20.00 single, and \$35.00 for couples, and you can do PAYPAL online. If you are a member and have an issues with your membership, feel free to contact me at ... [membership@abatega.org](mailto:membership@abatega.org) I will do what needs to be done to correct anything with your membership. Look forward to see ya'll one day on the highways and the by ways til then....

**Ride Safe and Stay Safer .... Ann Crenshaw State Membership Director**

FROM THE

# STATE SGT AT ARMS



I'd like to formally introduce myself in this New and Exciting first digital reissue of the Rolling Wheels of Freedom. Hi, I'm Stephanie Cruwys and I'm a motorcycle addict. I moved to Georgia in late 1997 and after doing all the responsible adult things got involved in ABATE of Georgia's reopening of District 15. Since a district can't open without certain required officers, I volunteered to be district secretary. I held that position and later district coordinator position. I have also been legislative coordinator simultaneously. Unfortunately, our district struggled with involvement and investment and D-15 went inactive. Our district FB page continued to share applicable and important information regarding legislative events and other motorcycle related events. Somewhere along the line (I forget when) Junkyard, now state director, D-11 DC at the time nominated me for State Sgt at Arms. Honestly, I thought he was joking, I accepted and won the election. I didn't even vote for myself. But, here I am, 3 or 4 elections later. D-15 is back active and I am the district treasurer. I have always been active in motorcycle significant legislative issues. Back home in the 80s involved in Anti-profiling activities as well as Helmet Choice activities. At present, I take every opportunity to participate in legislative actions, riding annual to New Orleans for the GMMALAR fundraising event and recently to Washington DC for the MRF Bikers Inside the Beltway. I've been riding for 40 plus years and am a staunch supporter of the goals of ABATE of Georgia and our legislative agenda. **Stephanie Cruwys State SGT at ARMS**



# From The



# Treasurer

## Janet Heaney TREASURER

Janet Heaney State Treasurer Abate of Georgia since August 2020. I have been a member and volunteer of Abate since 2005, originally from Long Island Abate. I have taught the MSF course and have 30+ years in the accounting field. I currently ride a Street Glide Special and loves long distance rides.

# ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

Hi everyone, Donna Nunez here, just want to introduce myself and let you know that we have an exciting rest of the year with some State events and local District events. A little about me, I have been an ABATE of Georgia member for six years and the State Activities Director for the last three. My position oversees all the District events, rides and outings. I'm always open to ideas to continue moving the organization forward. In in the coming issues of Rolling Wheels of Freedom we will be highlighting years past events with pictures and stories, so be on the lookout for that as well. If you have anything to contribute email me at ....

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and we'll work on getting it into the newsletter.





# GMMALAR

Anyone who knew Gena, knew her absolute passion for living life to the fullest. She could always be found with a smile on her face and a kind word or act for anyone around her in need. She made a positive difference with everyone she was surrounded by. She adored all of her family and friends and lived every day to serve them. Her greatest passion was riding her motorcycle and was very well known in the local community for all of the charity rides that she took part in. When she wasn't riding her bike, she and her bike could usually be found spending time with her second family at Tom's Place. She is already missed, but will never be forgotten.



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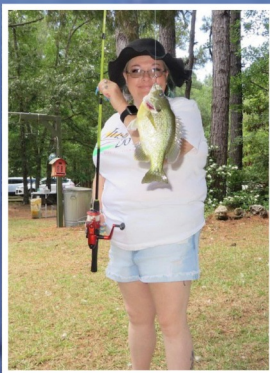
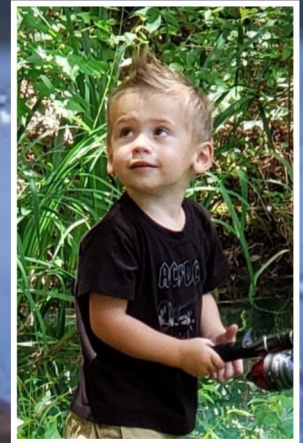
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# Junior A.B.A.T.E. FISHING DERBY



What a great day for a great day! The Jr. Abate Fishing Derby was so fun for the kids and for the grownups. Congratulations to our winners today for the Biggest Fish, Smallest Fish, Most Fish, and Best Fishing Hat. So great to see everyone and so appreciate everyone coming out. Thanks so much to everyone who pitched in too. Notice in the photos, didn't see one kid on their phone today, lol. That means they had a blast! Thanks so much to all the hard working members of District 11 who helped with the event.





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# GEORGIA DISTRICTS 2022



## DISTRICT 2

### COMING ACTIVITIES

**July 10th..** Abate meeting at Wolf Creek BBQ 2:00 p.m.

**August 6th..** American Legion Ride in Homer details TBA

**August 7th..** Abate meeting At Pitts Park Clarksville 2:00 p.m. It's Anthony's birthday and District 2 Membership Appreciation

**September 10th..** Fallen brothers poker run details TBA

**October** Lupus Car and Bike Show 10am Alto

### DISTRICT 2 continued

We discussed a July 2nd group ride to wheels through time for the holiday more details TBA

We began discussions and planning for an Annual Legislative Ride.

District 2 is a sustaining member of MRF as of June 2022. more details TBA

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To all members having a Birthday in JULY

# MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

Happy 4th of July  
from our family to yours!



## DISTRICT 3

On May 28th 2022 ABATE of Georgia District 3 led a group of 11 motorcycles on a trip from Southern Devil Harley-Davidson in Cartersville Georgia to Barber vintage Motorsports Museum in Birmingham, Alabama. Lunch was enjoyed at Marty's GM also in Birmingham. Taking Scenic Highway 411 and traveling over 300 miles round-trip proved to be a successful day another great ride with some amazing people.

Our next event is our High Mileage Challenge, how many miles can you ride in one month? See the flyer for details and come join us. It doesn't get any simpler than signing up and riding your motorcycle, and you could possibly take home half the pot.

ABATE of Georgia District 3 meets the 4th Sunday of every month at Los Arcos Mexican Restaurant 1010 N. Tennessee St. Cartersville, GA



## DISTRICT 3 continued

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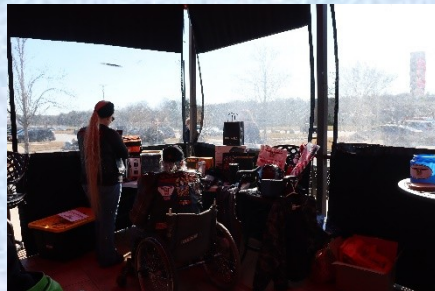
A cop  
pulled me  
over and  
said,  
"Papers..."  
So I said,  
"Scissors,  
I win!"  
and drove  
off.





## DISTRICT 5

Abate District 5 North has had a busy Spring. We started off the year by celebrating our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Frosty Balls Ride. We had a great turnout and presented Lawbike.com out 2021 Sponsor of the Year award.





**DISTRICT 5** continued..Check out our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Legislative Ride and cookout. We had a lot of folks to join us for this one. We were lucky to have Brian "Skinny Bob" Clifford and Wayne Nunez as our presenters and it was very informative. Y'all need to come out for our next one!Sorry that the group photo was taken after many had already left.





# DISTRICT 5 continued...We had loads of fun on our Annual Joker Poker Ride!



# Awesome day at Covington Bike Fest!





## DISTRICT 5 continued...

That's not all folks! We joined CMA for their Blessing of the Bikes and Run for the Son, The Athens Litas for their birthday party, Scooter Tramp Cycle Camp for their Meet and Greet, and you can find us at bike nights all over. Abate District 5 North meets Monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7 p.m. at Cycle World of Athens.

### Our District Officers:

District Coordinator and Activities Director: **Mary Ann Callahan**

Secretary: **Tammy Gray**

Treasurer and Safety Director: **Glenn "Doc" Hurley**

Membership Director and Legislative Director: **Cam McCallister**

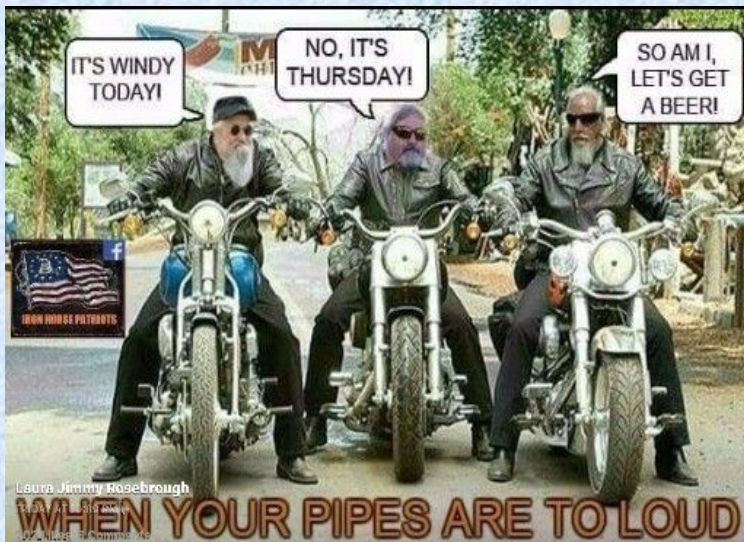
Road Captain: **Elden Kasmier**

Assistant Activities Director: **Cindy Tatkovsky**

Sargent of Arms: **Harry Jones**

Photographer: **John "Cowboy" Craig**

We would like to give a big shout out of Thanks to our amazing sponsors, Lawbike.com & Ready To Ride Motorcycle Magazine.



## DISTRICT 6

June meeting attendance was down due to several people out of town. Great South Harley Davidson owner Gene Evans death was a shock to the motorcycling community. His business has been a great supporter of this community for several years. Hopefully his legacy will bring continued success to his business as well as continued support to the motorcycling community.

District 6 has had several discussions concerning ABATE's involvement in the education process at local High Schools Drivers Education classes. This is at least partially due to a member's recent motorcycle crash. The cage driver's first words after the crash were of course "I didn't see you". We feel ABATE should get more involved at the state level to attempt to influence High Schools Drivers Education classes to change their curriculum to include several hours of motorcycle awareness.

District 6 was successful in having the city of Senoia name May, Motorcycle Awareness month. This coincides with Georgia adopting the same thing in 2008. Kevin Brooks was instrumental in getting this done and would like to bring up how easy it was. District 6 encourages all members to get involved early to get the same thing done in other cities and municipalities in the state. ABATE has the forms available. All we need to do is contact them.



## DISTRICT 9

District 9 in Columbus hosted a Membership Drive Cookout on Wednesday, June 8th. 10 current D9 members attended along with two former members and their families as well as some interested parties. We re-signed those two former members and added a third to the current roster. The food, fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all.



## DISTRICT 10

District 10 meets on the 4th Saturday of the month at Earnie's Lounge 706 North St. Vidalia, GA at 1pm. For more information contact Lacey Poole at 902-805-1778

## DISTRICT 11

District 11 meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 3PM.

VFW Post 660 in Savannah

## DISTRICT 13

District 13 says hello to all fellow ABATE members around the state! We are still up and running thanks to members Ann and Dennis Crenshaw! We meet the first Sunday of the month at 2PM at the Wiregrass Farmer Office located in downtown Ashburn. Let me tell you a

## DISTRICT 13 continued

The Ashburn Fire Ant Festival was up and running this year after COVID. It's always held the fourth Friday and Saturday in March. I've never seen so many people in one small town! It was a welcomed sight! District 13 has always put on a Poker Run on the Saturday morning of the event. This year was no exception. We saw new faces as well as old and let me tell you it is so good to see old friends again. Unfortunately Billy "Hawkman" Hawkins passed away last year and we sure do miss him! He came to every meeting and every event.

Earl the Pearl and Dennis, our District Coordinator led the pack while Ann and helper "ants" kept everything from flying off the table. Well, almost everything but the tickets and money were held down carefully so, we earned a little bit\$ to send to the ABATE State Office.

For the past few years we have re-named the poker run to the "Roger Musselwhite Memorial Poker Run". Roger passed away a few years ago and we want to honor him because he gave so much to District 13 ABATE as long as he was alive and the District was alive!

Each year in May we have a fundraiser for the District. We sell BBQ Chicken plates in Ashburn. Well, sometimes I think they sell themselves because we always have lots of customers to come by with cash in hand. They follow their noses to the best smelling BBQ Chicken ever grilled thanks to Earl the Pearl Perry.



## DISTRICT 13 continued

It was a lot of tiring work and each year we wonder how we do it but it gets done! Thank you to Ashburn and Turner County residents for stopping by!

We did have a little extra help this year thanks to Earl's daughter Chrissy and her husband Mike along with my two sons, Scott and Andy. Thank you so much for your help!

We want to give a shout out to Junkyard over in District 11 – Hello Junkyard! Thank you to all who keep the STATE rolling including our Ann Crenshaw the State Membership Director. She and Dennis have worked hard for ABATE for as long as they have been members. Ralph Snyder, we are praying for you! It was good to hear some names of long time members who have stepped up to the plate! Thank you to the new ones as well. Our generation is dying out but our legacy will live on with the younger members who are committed to fighting for bikers rights!.

District 13 will meet again on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Keep On Keeping On!  
**Sheila George/Secretary**





## DISTRICT 13 continued



## DISTRICT 15

On June 3rd, District 15 participated in Downtown Brunswick's First Friday that occurs each month with bands, car show, closed off street for vendors. We set up a booth next to the car show and got 4 new memberships. We plan to do this for the next few months to make our area aware of ABATE in Georgia. We also have an **Awareness Ride Scheduled for July 23rd**. It's a 50/50 donate what you want to the pot, and whoever wins gets half the pot. I've enclosed some pictures from June 3rd, and our ride flyer.

## DISTRICT 15 continued



# 2022

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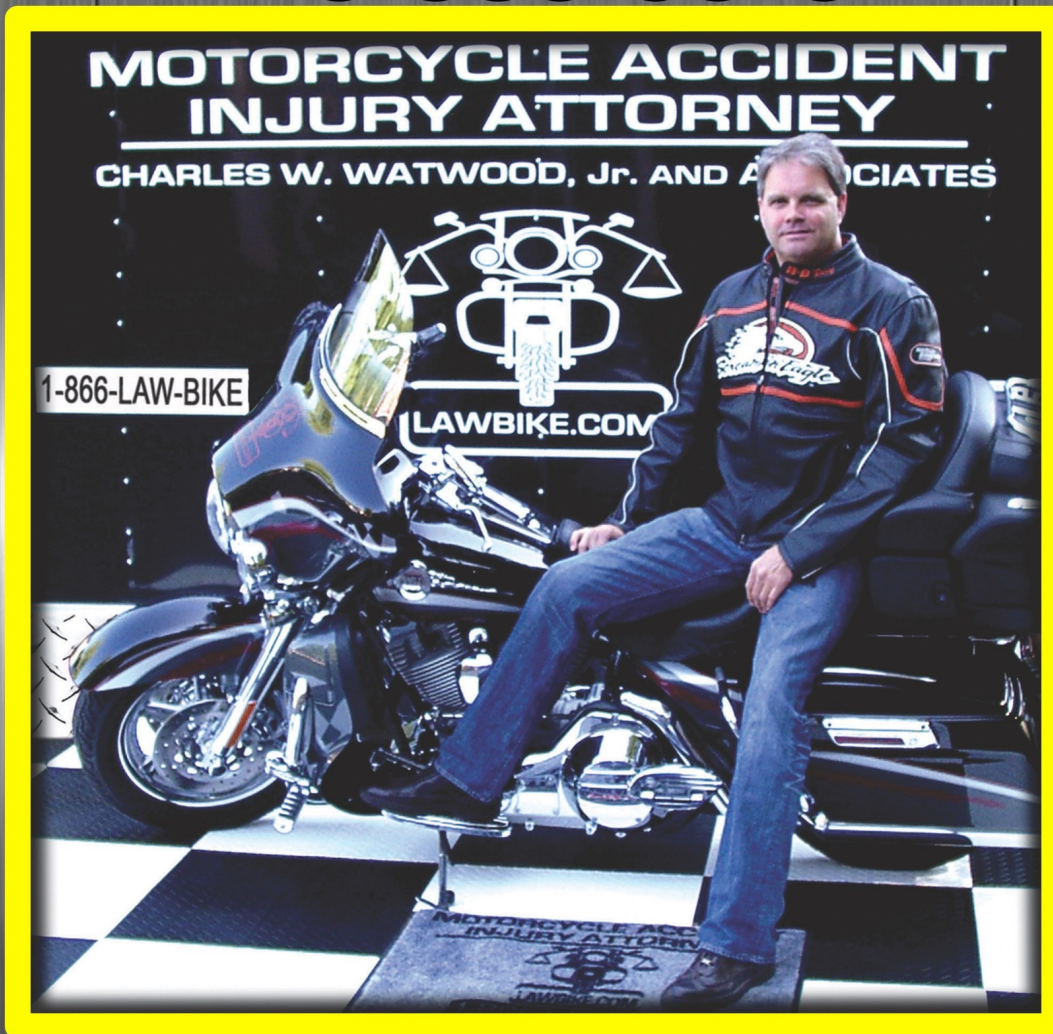


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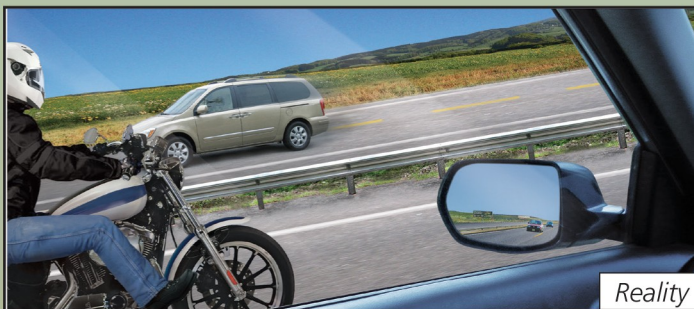
## PRETEND YOU ARE INVISIBLE

If you ride a motorcycle, you know that out on the road you might as well be transparent, because car drivers often look right past you. They might notice the car or truck behind you, but *you*, in all your "narrowness," may not register in the visual cortex of even the most alert drivers.

That's why an oncoming car driver might turn left in front of you at an intersection.



That's also why a driver in the next lane, even if they turn and look in your direction before changing lanes, might veer into your lane.



Sadly, drivers might behave this way even when they're not distracted by their cell phone, GPS, satellite radio, or other form of in-car infotainment. So how do you compensate for being "invisible" to drivers?

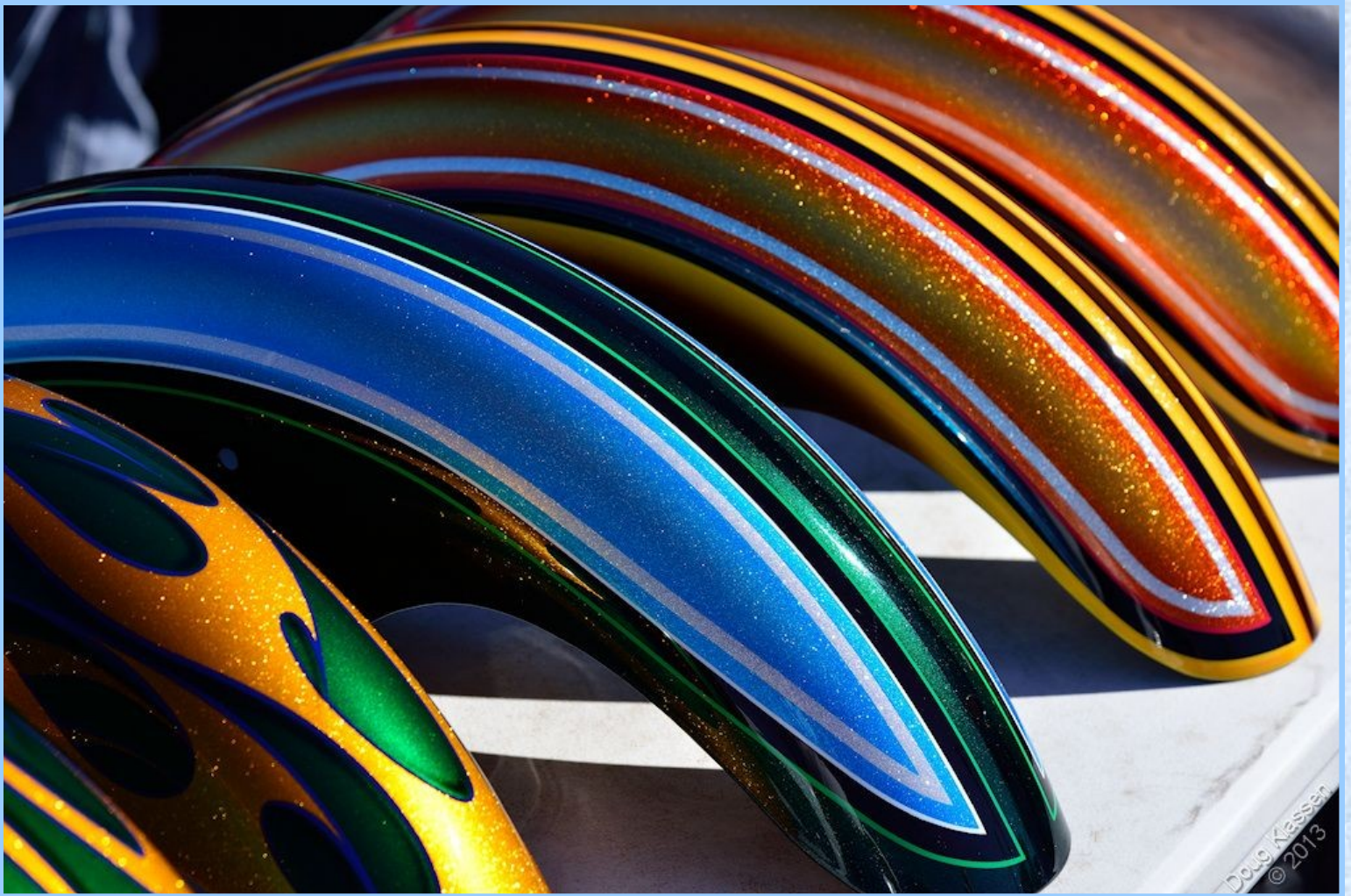
Be as conspicuous as possible. Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet. Always have your headlight on, and use your high beam or an aftermarket headlight modulator during the day (where allowed).

Take an approved rider training course. Learn how to maneuver your motorcycle in normal and emergency situations, and practice braking and swerving maneuvers often. Also understand that safe riding depends as much on the mental skills of awareness and judgment as it does on the physical skill of maneuvering the machine; respond early to possible hazards instead of having to react instantly to an emergency.

Pretend you're invisible. If you assume others on the road *can't* see you, and any car that *can* hit you *will* hit you, you will tend to ride in a hyper-aware mindset and learn to notice every detail in your surroundings. In other words, you will take extra responsibility for your safety and ride defensively. You will vary your speed and lane position to place yourself in the best spot on the road to avoid collisions, plan escape paths in case a driver violates your right-of-way, cover your brake controls to quicken your reactions, use your horn to alert a driver who doesn't notice you, and always ride within your limits.

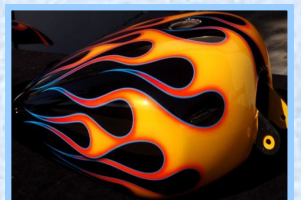
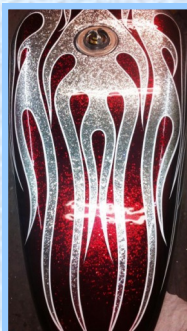
**CAR DRIVERS ONLY SEE WHAT THEY EXPECT TO SEE, AND MOST DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BE PART OF THE TRAFFIC MIX. RIDE WITH THE RIGHT SKILLS, STRATEGIES, AND ATTITUDE. BE SEEN – BE SAFE.**





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## *Some Custom Paint Ideas*





# How Much A Motorcycle Paint Job Should Cost

## How Much Does It Cost to Paint a Motorcycle

If you recently purchased a used motorcycle or have had a bike for years that needs a paint job, you might be wondering where to start and how much it is going to cost you. Used motorcycle values can retain their cost relatively well, but sometimes prices of motorcycles can be low if someone is looking to offload their hog quickly. However, occasionally the repairs and bring a bike back to life can be expensive.

Luckily, there are a few options to save you money if you are looking to paint your ride. If you have the means to spend, getting a professional bike paint job or even a custom one can be ideal. Doing your own paint work is an option that is worth considering, too.

## Regular Paint Jobs

Standard paint jobs for motorcycles will vary and are contingent upon your location, the shop through which you have the paintwork done, and your particular bike. Typical price ranges for having a motorcycle painted vary from around \$300 to \$1,600.

Much of this price depends on how much work needs to be done to your actual bike before the painting can occur. If you just want a standard coat of paint and your motorcycle is in flawless condition, the price will be much lower. If you are not so confident in your DIY skills to paint a bike yourself, hiring someone to do it for around \$300 can be worth the money.

## Custom Paint Jobs

If you want to do more than just give your ride a rudimentary coat of paint and you want a custom job with detailed work such as flames stripes or other intricate designs the cost will naturally be much higher. Prices vary depending on location, the artist, the type of shop you decide to go through, as well as the bike.

The average range for custom paint jobs on motorcycles can be around \$800 To \$2,500 depending on the detail of work. For high-end bikes and exceptional custom paint jobs, the cost can skyrocket to anywhere from \$15,000 to \$30,000 depending on the painting.







# Young Activist Scholarships 2022

## NOMINATE THE 2022 YOUNG ACTIVIST SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Dear SMRO's

MRFA&E is reaching out to all State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMRO) requesting that they find a young activist in their organization worthy of a Young Activist Scholarship (YAS) recognition. The individual nominees are active in riding, motorcycle safety, education and rights, plus help your SMRO reach out to others.

A YAS Winner receives expenses paid to the 2022 Meeting of the Minds Conference. There they will be introduced to SMRO leaders, attend workshops, even help with the conference, and take back a wealth of information to their state. Not only do the YAS winners receive group recognition, but they are also the future of motorcyclists' rights advocacy, rider safety and education.

This is your SMRO's opportunity to recruit younger riders into your organization to recognize the your rider in your ranks who go the extra mile to help your organization. Young riders are the future holders of the Flame of Freedom needed to preserve rider education, our motorcycles and our lifestyle.

There are a lot of great candidates for the YAS Award. Thank you for sending us your nomination as soon as possible.

**PLEASE CLICK ON LINK BELOW TO DOWNLOAD APPLICATION**

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Deborah Butitta

Founding Chairman

Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness and Education Inc.





# MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION AWARENESS & EDUCATION



## Young Activist Scholarship Fund Nomination Form

### Candidate Criteria:

1) Nominated candidate must be between the ages of 18 and 30 with a valid Motorcycle Endorsement on their Driver's License. 31st Birthday must fall after **Meeting Of The Minds** for that year.

2) Candidate must be a member in good standing of a State Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (SMRO). Length of membership required in SMRO to be determined by its members if candidate is qualified.

3) Candidate must be nominated by their SMRO. Nominations will be accepted from either state or local (District/Chapter/Local) SMRO groups and must be submitted on an MRF approved application form.

4) Nomination must be submitted between October 1st and July 15th and postmarked no later than July 1st of the year for which the application is submitted.

5) The Candidate must also submit a minimum three hundred (300)-word essay on why biker's rights are important to them. A well written essay from the heart is like a picture or blueprint of who the candidate is; coming directly from the candidate, this gives the MRFA&E Board of Directors a better perspective of the individual. Winning candidate will be announced via an MRF E-mail News Release on or about August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Candidate will be notified with a letter of thanks and encouragement to re-submit their candidacy for the next year if they are not the selected winner.

## Previous Young Activist Scholarship Winners

**2020**—Christopher Beals (ABATE of Arizona) Hailey Farmer (ABATE of Illinois)..**2019**—  
NONE..**2018** – Jordyn Hanson (SD) & Andrew Nugent (SD)..**2017** – Haley Wilson (NC)..**2016** –  
None..**2015** – Alyssa Eagan (CO), Luke Johnsen (CO), Holly Hurst (VA)..**2014** – None..**2013** – Tim  
McCall(WA)..**2012** – Kevin Finnegan (CO) and Rachel Zell (CO)..**2011** – Charity Stuart  
(AZ)..**2010** – Katie Gross (MN), Jeremiah “Sheepdog” Parent (ID) and Lorie Butler (SD)..**2009** –  
Jonathan Propson (WI) and Ben Vincent (AR)..**2008** – Jeramie Barrett (IA), Mike Salathe (SD),  
Matt Huls -(SD)..**2007** – John Thomas “J.T.” Boone – President, Raleigh Chapter, CBA/ABATE of  
NC. Sunrise “Sonny” L. Pitsch – ABATE of Wisconsin, St. Croix Valley Riders. Molly Su “Monsoon”  
Van Daele, District 15, ABATE of Iowa..**2006** – Shawn Dickie of ABATE of Alaska, Aaron Meyer  
of ABATE of Indiana, Justin Crawford (The Kid) of ICMS (Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety)  
and David Duffy of ABATE of Iowa..**2005** – Robert Cuthbertson of ABATE of California and Jen-  
nifer Lynn Basden of ABATE of South Carolina..**2004** – Crystal Maney of CBA/ABATE of North  
Carolina





# MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION AWARENESS & EDUCATION

## Young Activist Scholarship Fund Nomination Form

### PLEASE PRINT

DATE:

CANDIDATE NAME:

CANDIDATE STREET ADDRESS:

CANDIDATE CITY, STATE, ZIP:

EMAIL ADDRESS

CANDIDATE PHONE NUMBER:

MEMBER OF (SMRO):

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON A SEPARATE  
PIECE OF PAPER:

- 1) Please explain why you feel this person should be selected.
- 2) Other considerations: Explain any extenuating circumstances that you feel are appropriate! Job, Family, School, Finances, etc.
- 3)

SUBMITTED BY:

POSITION (State/Local SMRO Presiding Officer):

SIGNATURE:

Mail Nomination Form to: Paulette Korte, 15817 Old Trenton Rd, Trenton, IL 62293

Phone: 618-980-5622, E-Mail: [secretary@mrfae.org](mailto:secretary@mrfae.org)



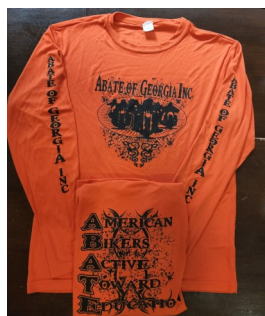
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