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Hello All,

Hope everyone had a great Christmas with your families' and a Happy and Safe New Year.

As some may know, I have been down with some medical issues over the last 5 month's, however thank God, the surgery and doctors got me through it and I am now in recoup mode.

We are moving forward into the new year with fresh ideas and plans for ABATE of Georgia. We are in the planning stages for 3 state event ride's this year. We will be able to move forward as soon as I can get the information and the direction we can take for an event that I have suggested. In all, there will be 4 state event's in 2023. So, get ready folks to get out and get involved and have the best ABATE we can have.

Hopefully one event will be a 3 day event and one hell of a goodtime if we can pull it together, as right now we are in the planning stages. Details will be forth coming as we get this thing in motion.

As you may know, we are in need of a State Activities Director and a State Legislative Director. If you or someone you know, would be interested in helping out with these positions, please contact the state or myself. We now have a person who has come forward to be our lobbyist, so we are heading in the right direction in every aspect of this organization.

Everyone be safe and please keep our State Membership Director in your thoughts and prayers, as she is in rehab from having 2 strokes over the Thanksgiving weekend.

I would also like to give a big Shout out to Terri Wade for stepping up and helping with membership on the state level, as well as, District 1's DC, Frank Channey, for his help and support to get the membership stuff to Terri so we can keep everything in order.

Hope to see ya'll more this year and hope everyone will be safe in 2023



Junkyard.....

**State Director** 

# Editor's NOTE

#### Editorial Staff Janet Heaney Stephanie Cruwys Ruby Galloway

Greetings and Happy New Year to all! A new year brings with it a lot of new ideas and changes!

First of all, we have a new team working on this newsletter and we all look forward to bringing you lots of interesting content this year for your reading pleasure. Our team along, with Rick Gresham from Island Newsletter, is working together to bring you educational information, legislative updates, events, and more for our motorcycle community.

Second, please stay tuned for our state wide ride events coming up in 2023! We will be getting this information to you as soon as we have buttoned up all the details!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to riding with you all this year!

# ABATE of Georgia Editorial Staff--Janet Heaney Stephanie Cruwys Ruby Galloway





During the ride to Bikers Inside the Beltway 2021, Georgia ABATE State Sgt at Arms ran across the meeting place for ABATE of South Carolina Berkley/ Dorchester Meeting site.

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Scooter and Georgia Rep Hice meeting at the 2021 Bikers Inside the Beltway, Washington DC

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Washington DC, Bikers Inside the Beltway 2022. Capital Police motorcycle. They've graduated to HDs



Legislative fundraising ride, motorcycles at rest.



2022 Motorcycle Hall of Fame Freedom Fighters and other inductees. MRF was inducted in August 2022



The hand painted ABATE of Georgia sign that hung on the wall at Ted and Dot's motorcycle shop in District 15.



Meeting of the Minds Atlanta, 2021. ABATE of GA members event volunteers waiting for the banquet to start.



District 15 first membership ride after reactivating.













































# Annual Poker Run & Membership Drive

Did you think I would miss this ride? HoHoHo No!

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#### **Talking Membership**

Say you're talking to an old acquaintance, or maybe a biker you just met, and the subject gets around to electric motorcycles and how there is already a lot of discussion out there about the demise of internal combustion engines in the not-too-distant future, and how some states are already considering outlawing those engines. Or maybe you're talking about autonomous, self-driving vehicles and how they can't reliably recognize motorcycles, much less pedestrians. Or maybe the conversation is about modifications you want to make to your bike, and how some politicians and bureaucrats don't want you to be able to change your exhaust or tune your fuel system. No matter how you slice it, it's pretty clear that if someone doesn't do something, and soon, motorcycling as we know it could be in trouble.

And now you're thinking this might be a good time to ask your old acquaintance or new friend if they're a member of a motorcyclists' rights group like the MRF, and to explain to them that the MRF actually is doing something about these issues and has been working on similar issues for the last 35 years - and winning.

So, you ask the question: 'Are you a member of the MRF, and if not, would you like to be?' Typical responses usually fall into one of the following categories:

a) What's the MRF and why should I join?

**b)** I've heard of biker's rights groups and I would join but if I do someone will just ask me to do more than I want to, and I don't want to be bothered.

c) No thanks, I'm not really interested.

For the first response: **a)** "What's the MRF and why should I join?" This is a perfect opening and a chance for you to explain what the MRF does. You can rattle off all the things MRF has been successful at over the years, and the things we're working on today.

Want a good cheat-sheet to carry around for just such an occasion? Print out a copy of the **MRF Accomplishments** sheet and carry it with you.

#### MRF Accomplishments

- The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has provided a strong, unyielding lobbying effort on behalf of motorcyclists in Washington D.C. since 1987
- Ensuring the responsible use of renewable fuels, especially regarding the labeling, dispensing and availability of higher blend ethanol fuels such as E15.

Led the effort to repeal federal blackmail laws trying to force states to pass mandatory helmet laws for all riders



- Stopped federal legislation that would have classified any group of three or more riders wearing similar clothing as a 'gang'
- Stopped unfair insurance provisions targeting motorcyclists
- Helped to overturn road bans attempting to stop motorcyclists from using roads we pay taxes to maintain
- Overturned the 'superbike' ban attempting to stop the sale of high-performing motorcycles
- Stopped governmental agencies from using taxpayer dollars to lobby against motorcycling
- Continuing to ensure that motorcycles are accounted for in autonomous (self-driving) vehicle designs
- Working to stop motorcycle profiling and bogus check points by law enforcement agencies
- Supporting voluntary rider education efforts to decrease motorcycle accidents, and helping rider education programs to obtain government grants
- Protected the motorcycle industry from onerous and restrictive federal regulations that would have severely damaged the motorcycle aftermarket, and along with it, all riders' ability to modify their bikes the way they want to.
- Continuing to work to stop distracted driving
- Stopped unfair EPA regulations that, if endorsed, would have forced riders to use only 'Approved OEM' parts on their bikes

For more than 30 years, the MRF has led a network of strong motorcyclists' rights organizations protecting rider's rights. The MRF has made sure that we can ride the kind of bikes we want to ride, with the people we want to ride with, wearing what we want to wear, on the roads we want to ride, and make the changes to our bikes that we want to make.

If you're not already a member of the MRF, why not? <u>https://mrf.org/join-the-mrf/</u>

Then let the person know that we need their help if we are going to go on protecting motorcycling in the future. And ask them again to join us.

For the second likely response: **b)** "I've heard of biker's rights groups and I would join but if I do someone will just ask me to do more than I want to, and I don't want to be bothered." Just let the person know that if they **DO** want to get more involved, we have the perfect organizational structure for them, one that welcomes all levels of grassroots activism. But if they **DON'T** want to get more involved - if all they want to do is make a financial contribution by becoming a member and nothing more - let them know that all we'll say to them is 'Thank You!' We have a lot of members who feel the same way, and we are grateful for each and every one of them. Again, let the person know that we need their help if we are going to go on protecting motorcycling in the future. And ask them again to join us. For response **c**): "No thanks, I'm not really interested." Rather than taking this as a non-starter



something else?' Just give the person an opportunity to explain to you why it is they aren't interested in protecting their rights and protecting motorcycling, then remind them of how much their support will mean and how little it will cost them, both in terms of time and money.

Then, again, let the person know that we need their help if we are going to go on protecting motorcycling in the future. And ask them again to join us.

The common thread here is this: armed with just a little bit of information and a willingness to ask more than once, each and every one of us can make a big difference in helping the MRF to grow

MARK BUCKNER Motorcycle Riders Foundation

## SOME OF THE BEST ADVENTURES HAVEN'T HAPPENED YET... KEEP ON RIDING...

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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.

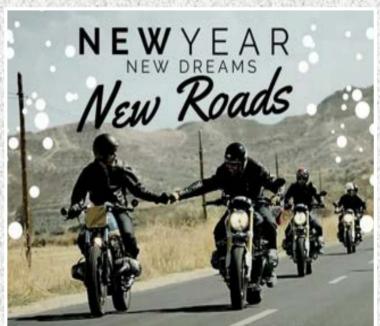
**5)...** To act as a central responsive agency to devise and coordinate recreational, legislative, educational, and charitable activities



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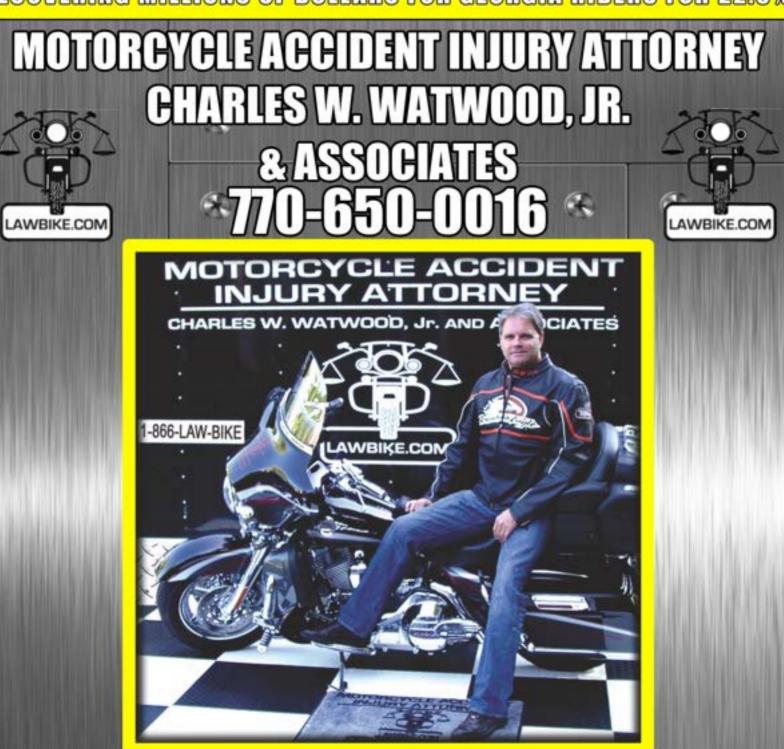








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District One-West covers the Counties of: Catoosa, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Gordon, Murray, Pickens, Walker, and Whitfield. Meetings are the fourth Monday of each month at the Dari Dip on Villanow Street in Lafayette, GA. Meeting starts at 6:30pm For more information contact Frank 706-694-8626 or email

sgt.baldy@windstream.net or visit us on FACEBOOK https://www.facebook.com/ abategad1W/

#### **DISTRICT 2**

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 We began discussions and planning for an Annual Legislative Ride.



#### To all members having a Birthday in JANUARY

#### **DISTRICT 3**

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



#### **DISTRICT 5 NORTH**

**District Five North** includes Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Lincoln, Madison, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Taliaferro, Wilkes, Rockdale, Walton, Morgan, and Newton counties.

Our meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the customer lounge at Cycle World of Athens, 4225 Atlanta Hwy, Athens, GA.

> https://www.facebook.com/ ABATEGA.D5N/

District Five North is also known as District 5 North, D5N and District Five.

We are a sustaining member of The Motorcycle Riders Foundation, aka MRF.

#### **District Five North Officers**

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#### **DISTRICT 6**

Rock 4 Tots, We had a great time at the annual Rock 4 Tots fundraiser hosted by Red and Terry's Timbers in Smyrna. This was the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual event hosted by Timbers and featured music by many local artists over two days. Our friends Heartbreaker, Static Station and 808 were among the variety of bands who contributed their time and talent to this worthy cause. The 50/50 drawings and toy donations also helped make the event a great success. Thanks to everybody involved in helping make the holidays brighter for children in need.



#### **DISTRICT 6 continued**





#### **DISTRICT 9**

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#### **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 10 covers the following Counties: Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wheeler, and Wilcox. See <u>https://</u>

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#### **DISTRICT 11**

District 11 meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 3PM. VFW Post 660 in Savannah

5115 Ogeechee Road

Hi our fellow biker family...

We just want to share a little bit of news from ABATE District 11! We now have a couple of new appointed and very important positions filled.



Join in me as we Welcome..

**Shannon McDonald** who is now on our Legislative Director Team, and

Daisha Schwear who is our new Lobbyist.

CONGRATULATIONS to these two amazing ladies for stepping up and joining our team! We know you both are going to do great things!

#### **DISTRICT 11 continued**



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Getting Down to Business at our ABATE District 11 December Meeting





#### **DISTRICT 11 continued**

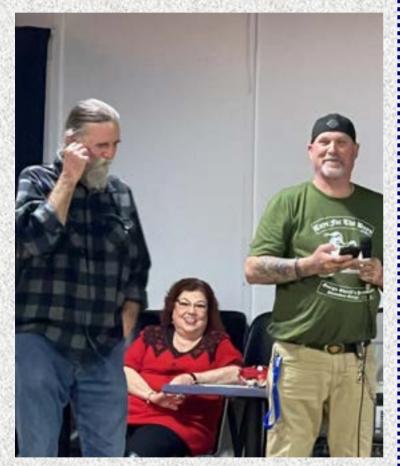


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#### **DISTRICT 13**

District 13 covers the following Counties: Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Thomas, Tift, Turner, and Worth. Meetings are on the first Sunday of each month at 2PM at the Wiregrass Farmer on Gordon Ave in Ashburn, GA. See <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> AbateofGaDistrict13/

Dennis at 229-924-7449 or DC-13-ABATEGA@hotmail.com for more information

#### **DISTRICT 15**

MEETING 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm Buffalo Wild Wings 718 Glynn Isles Brunswick, GA

District 15 had our monthly tent set up at downtown Brunswick's First Friday Event on December 2nd. We got to meet many interesting people and enjoyed the cool weather and daylight savings time in effect. We are having our monthly meeting every 3rd Thursdays at 7pm on the side patio of Buffalo Wild Wings. We have many ideas planned for the upcoming year and hope to increase membership and participation in our district and statewide. Our District is slowly growing and we're excited about our future..

#### **DISTRICT 15 continued**









#### **Million Mile Harley**

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



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