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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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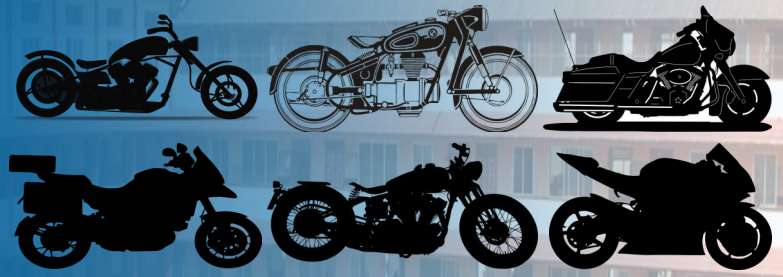
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FROM THE

# STATE DIRECTOR



Hope everyone that made the annual trip to Daytona had a goodtime and a safe ride. I changed things up this year and did a trip to Gainesville, Fl to the Gatornationals, with Billy Bob and Gator (Alan Tholl). We had a great time.

I Hope everyone has been keeping up on the legislative reports and updates our lobbyist and legislative team has been providing via EBLAST and FACEBOOK and during the meetings. They are truly doing a great job this year.

ABATE of Georgia sends our condolences to the family and many friends of Alice, owner of AP's Hideaway in Macon.

Hopefully mother nature will get on her meds and this bipolar weather will get straightened out soon.

I would like to know what counties or towns do profiling on motorcyclist's. I am just curious what we are dealing with in Georgia. By having this information, it could help in the future with the anti-profile legislation ABATE is working on. Keep in mind that if you are not a supporter of the Motorcycle Rights Foundation you should be. They have done a lot on the federal level to protect our rights and getting legislation passed in Washington.

Don't forget we are going back to an in-person May BOD meetings in Macon. Members are welcome to come with your district to these meeting's.

The February BOD meeting was one of the best meeting's we have had in awhile and a great turnout by members, DC's and guests. Thank you to everyone that participated and attended.

Everyone please stay safe out there on the road's and hope to see you soon!

Ya'll be safe and will see ya on the road soon.

**Junkyard.....**

**State Director**



# Editor's **NOTE**

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Janet Heaney   Stephanie Cruwys   Ruby Galloway

Welcome to our April edition!

We are looking forward to warmer weather in April that March has failed to provide us! April will bring the start of our State Activities for this year and we look forward to enjoying some great riding with our members. Stay tuned for ride updates.

We are also busy getting ready for the 2023 legislative agenda! We have been providing updates on the new bills for this year and have been communicating with our legislators regarding our needs and concerns. It's going to be a productive year!

We added a new column last month, an "Educational Minute". Please let us know if there are some topics that you would like to see covered in this column. Topics can be sent to [Abatega.news@yahoo.com](mailto:Abatega.news@yahoo.com).

We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Keep the Shiny Side Up!

**ABATE of Georgia Editorial Staff--**

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*Happy Easter*

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## An Educational Minute

Janet Heaney...Editorial Staff



### The One Minute EDUCATOR

April showers bring May flowers so let's discuss some rainy day riding tips:

- Always keep some waterproof gear on your ride (remember to replace your gear every couple of years as the water-proofing usually wears off with use)
- Check those tires (make sure that you have enough tread before hitting the road....it's the only thing between you and the wet pavement)
- Stay off of the painted surfaces! (anyone who has ridden in the rain knows how slippery it gets)
- Don't make any sudden moves! (the best way to keep contact on the wet roadways is to throttle up slowly and break slowly)
- Think about eye wear (a full face or modular helmet is your best bet in the rain.....glasses tend to fog up and allows water to get in between you and the road)

Rain or shine.....be prepared and enjoy the ride!

*ABATE of Georgia, State Treasurer  
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## “IF I WERE A BIKER, 1 LIFE AGO”

By Steve Murrin

I am a biker. It is the modern age. I thumb my starter and go. I can cross a continent for the price of a few tanks of gas. Effortlessly, -----relatively. My phone tells me how to suit up for weather I've not stepped foot in. My GPS tells me where to turn and where there's traffic, road construction, and gas stations. Before my driveway ends, my bike tells me my 'smartphone' has "paired" with my infotainment system. I wirelessly put The Beatles, podcasts, and my favorite books into my earbud-equipped helmet. When it is cold, I switch the heated seat and handgrips on. Very cold, and on with the heated suit. In the heat, I flip the air vents circulating fresh wind into the 'cockpit space.' Antilock brakes ensure my quick stops are safe, radial tires stick me to smooth, fresh pavement, and 'fly by wire' acceleration is fast and dependable.

Thoughts of breaking down do not enter my mind. If they did, my dashboard has provisions to direct me to the nearest Harley dealer or alert my tow service in the minuscule chance of mechanical (or electronic) failure. The list could go on about halogen this and LED that, waterproof this and lightweight that, but why? You get my point. We are wimps. We are pampered with modernity and convenience. Who amongst us has not scoffed at the Gold Wing guy pulling a trailer and queried: '*why not just buy a car?*' – All the while, our electronic ignition fires perfect millisecond pulses to our platinum spark plugs. Don't judge. It is the way of the world.

Imagine 50 years from now. Internal combustion will be obsolete. Electromagnetic? Organically regenerating power plants? Fusion? Who knows? The suck, bang, blow paradigm of our beloved internal combustion will be a thing of the past. However, you will have lived through it. You will usher in the new dimension if you are a young biker. If you are old, or even middle-aged like me, chances are, you'll not see it, but you'll be told of its coming. The combustion principles that have propelled us forward have not really changed in 120 years. Explode a fuel in a small space, force a piston down a hole, turn a crank, spin some cogs connected to a belt or shaft and propel forward. All that changes are the details of motion and time. We are bikers of new millennia but are descendants of our not too distant biker forbearers. The suck bank blow dynamic has changed little, but it will soon. A bit more dependable, a bit more powerful, WAY more complicated. Progress? It remains to be seen.

I sit in my office and look at the rusted hulk of the 1936 knucklehead hanging on my wall. It is Friday on a holiday weekend, and we cut everyone loose early from my Law Office. It is quiet. My Road Glide sits outside, waiting to usher me home cloaked in the modern convenience aforementioned. I look up at the old bike on the wall, and while unrestored, I know its form and function when new. The ghosts of the men who piloted this bike speak to me. Theirs was not an easy lot to blaze trails on gravel roads sans cell phones and AAA. Here is what sets those souls who have passed to the afterlife apart from us. Things would be different if the clock were turned back 80 years when the bike in my office was new. A lot different.

If I were lucky, my rusted 'wall-art' bike would have been hand built on a good day by one of the company's superior mechanics, a human, not a robot. It would have bias ply tube tires, cast heads with copper gaskets, real leather on her seat, and handmade bits and pieces. Not much imported sans the cork used in some of the gaskets and maybe the rubber grips and floorboard inserts. Oh, how things have changed.

I know what it's like to pilot a modern bike down a modern highway. Almost anyone can do it. I remember a time out in the American West a few years ago on my old panhead. I stopped roadside in awe of the great bison-filled plains around me. I listened to nothing but the tinkling and pinging of the thick metal parts cooling off and contracting. The hiss perhaps of sweat splashing on a rusted header pipe. I rubbed my eyes and imagined for a moment that it was 1948. The war was over, and thousands of returning GI's were looking for the adventure they had feasted on, if they survived, on the beaches of Normandy, in the hedgerows of French farms, and the ruined cities of Germany. They turned to the bikes churned out by Harley, Indian, and Triumph, amongst others.

No biker gangs yet, no extra police scrutiny yet, no bad image to overcome or prejudice or overbearing government regulation. Just freedom on the open road. Yes, an occasional stop to adjust points, tighten rattling parts or swap roadside tires. But that is what made the adventure. Not a super duper Quickie-Mart gas station at every exit. Just mom and pop fill-ups few and far between, with a gallon milk jug in a saddlebag to bridge the gap. I wonder if it will ever be like that again. I doubt it. That time has passed. License endorsements, tag stickers, registration cards, insurance policies, emission stamps, and a plethora of government requirements and restrictions designed to extract money or control behavior. I miss my previous life if I had one. Don't get me wrong; this biker life is a good one. Being a biker nowadays is effortless and carefree. Almost anyone can do it. But then again, that may be part of my dilemma. We'll see what the next biker life holds. Maybe I'll ride with you there?

Well, signing off for now. Remember, ride hard, ride safe, and in the end make sure you ride home.

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# Yep...That Really Happened!..



True Story,

The last Friday in February my wife and I are driving up I-95 on our way to Long Island, coming back from Florida. We were looking for a place to eat dinner so I asked her to look for a BBQ place as we crossed into Georgia. Why BBQ you ask? Because I am southerner from Atlanta originally and I know the best eats are in out of the way places. She finds Captain Stan's Smokehouse in Woodbine, GA on the internet and we are off and running! As we pull up we are greeted by Parker the dog. 30-40 bikes are parked in the general area. The bar is full ,and we sit outside for dinner.

As we are sitting at a picnic table out side I look at the back fence, visitors have signed all over and what do I see but " ABATE D15 is BACK" (see photo below) What are the chances that the producer of your monthly newsletter sits down at that table and sees that written on the fence!!

We really enjoyed the meal, our dog liked Parker the dog, bikers at the bar were really friendly, and if you are ever in South Georgia visit Captain Stan's Smokehouse.



# What ever happened to Orange County Choppers?

Orange County Choppers confirmed the crew is moving to Florida.

On Dec. 15, Orange County Choppers posted on Facebook a mysterious video that showed a map of the United States with Florida highlighted.

"OCC - The next chapter... The future never looked so bright! #OCC #PaulSr #NewYork #Florida #2021 #HereWeGo #HereWeCome #NewAdventure #Motorcycles #AreYouReady #StayTuned," the caption stated.



Days later Orange County Choppers shared another video. This one showed construction being done in Florida.

"And so it begins, the next chapter in the OCC story. Ground has been broken at the all-new OCC Roadhouse, Museum and Entertainment Complex in St. Petersburg, Florida," the caption stated.

The OCC Roadhouse & Museum is expected to open in the spring of 2021 in St. Petersburg. The complex which will feature a restaurant, shop, retail store and concert venue.

Paul Teutul Sr. later said why he's heading to Florida.

"There's more of a sense of freedom down there," Teutul Sr. told WKRG during a Zoom call. "I think I have more of a fan base down there in Florida and the riding season is nine months maybe even ten. In New York, you have a short season, maybe only three months or so. The whole thing makes sense."

He added politics and taxes played a major role in his decision.

"Sometimes it's just time for change, you know? Where I'm at in my life, it's time for change and you feel the freedom in Florida, you don't feel it so much in New York anymore," Teutul Sr. told WFLA.

Teutul Sr., his family and his OCC crew became famous on Discovery Channel's hit reality show *American Chopper*. Teutul Sr. confirmed there will be new episodes of the show from the Sunshine State, but his son, Paul Teutul Jr. won't be moving to Florida.

"Paul SR and the Orange County Choppers cast and crew are excited about moving their world-class headquarters to the St. Pete/Clearwater area in spring 2021.

See the new location on YOUTUBE... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kK-e8umjy60>



Have you ever experienced that situation when you were planning to ride your motorcycle only to find out the battery was completely empty? **There is nothing worse than being unable to ride because of a discharged motorcycle battery**, especially when it can easily be avoided. This uncomfortable situation usually happens when your motorcycle has been sitting for a long period of time without actually being ridden. Most of the modern motorcycle batteries can withstand being left uncharged for multiple months or even a whole season. However, if you leave your motorcycle battery outside during winter, you are risking getting it completely drained. Its discharge time shortens significantly in extremely cold temperatures, therefore the battery should be stored properly. It is recommended to store your motorcycle battery in a room temperature and leave it connected to a specifically designed battery charger also called a **“trickle charger”** that will monitor its voltage level and recharge it if necessary.

There are plenty of battery chargers available on the market today, but not all of them are that good for motorcycles. If you are not careful enough and try to use some unknown charger, you might actually end up damaging your motorcycle battery. **You should use a charger that is designed specifically for motorcycle batteries.**

## 15 Best Motorcycle Movies of All Time

1. On Any Sunday
2. Why We Ride
3. The World's Fastest Indian
4. The Wild One
5. Riding Solo to the Top of the World
6. Easy Rider
7. Being Evel
8. TT3D: Closer to the Edge
9. Hitting the Apex
10. One Week
11. Long Way Round
12. The Great Escape
13. Dust to Glory
14. Somewhere Else Tomorrow

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**NOCO Genius 5 Charger**

**Battery Tender Plus Charger**

**Oxford Oximiser 900 Charger**





# Motorcycle Riders Foundation



## 2023 Motorcycle Riders Foundation Awareness & Education Young Activist Scholarship Applications Are Now Open

Each year the MRFA&E seeks young people, under 30 years of age, who are active in their local SSMROs to apply for our Young Activist Scholarship Award. Among the rewards, successful applicants will receive a trip to the 2023 MRF Meeting of the Minds including air-fare, hotel room, and a one-year membership to the MRF. Is there a deserving candidate in your organization? If so, encourage them to apply. The application form and related requirements can be found at [www.mrfae.org](http://www.mrfae.org).

Go to the headings under Young Activist Scholarship. Applications must be completed and mailed by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.



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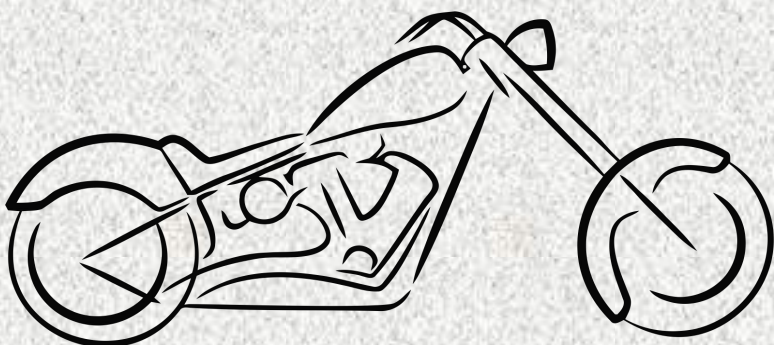
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2)... To create and promote a positive public image of motorcyclists and motorcycle groups and to dispel and disprove media hype, unfounded propaganda and the "Hollywood" image.

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# What's Happening

**NOTE:** All dates are subject to be changed/postponed/cancelled. Please reach out to the organization regarding their event.



## APRIL 22nd - APRIL 30th 2023 North Carolina

1000s of Motorcycles roll in for days of and Fun in the Outer Banks area with something



## APRIL 22nd - APRIL 30th 2023 THUNDER BEACH MOTORCYCLE RALLY Panama City, Florida

The Thunder Beach Rally is Most Biker-Friendly FREE Motorcycle Rally in the USA as you ride the "World's Most Beautiful Beaches". "Enjoy True Southern Hospitality" at a 5-day motorcycle rally in Panama City Beach, Florida.

## RALLYS & SHOWS 2023

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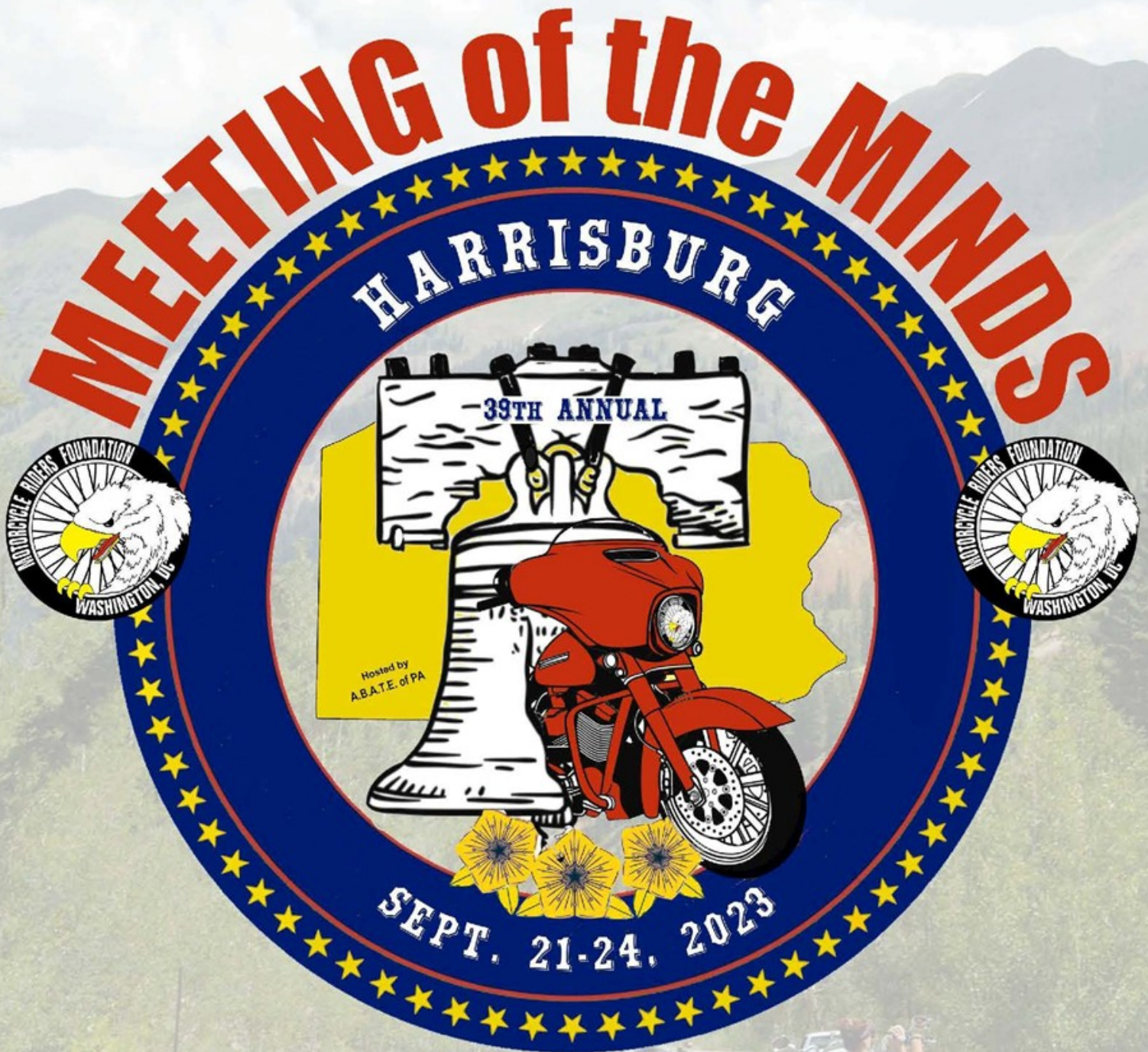


## MAY 12th - MAY 21st 2023

Myrtle Beach Bike Week Spring Rally  
Enjoy cruising daycations to Charleston or up to Wilmington, N.C. Harley Davidson locations are hot-spots throughout the week along with hangouts like Jamin' Leather, Beaver Bar, the Rat Hole, Suck Bang Blow, Ocean Annie's Beach Bar and many others.

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## **SEPTEMBER 21-24, 2023 HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA**

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Call 717-939-7841 (mention the MRF MEETING OF THE MINDS)

Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612

Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 6, 2023): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)

Registration rate after Sept. 6, 2023: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)

Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.

Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at [fred@mrf.org](mailto:fred@mrf.org).

# RIDE WITH THE LEADERS!



Thousands of motorcyclist rights activists have attended MRF sponsored annual regional and national workshops since 1985. These workshops provide the nuts and bolts, "user friendly" subjects and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening their grass roots organizations.

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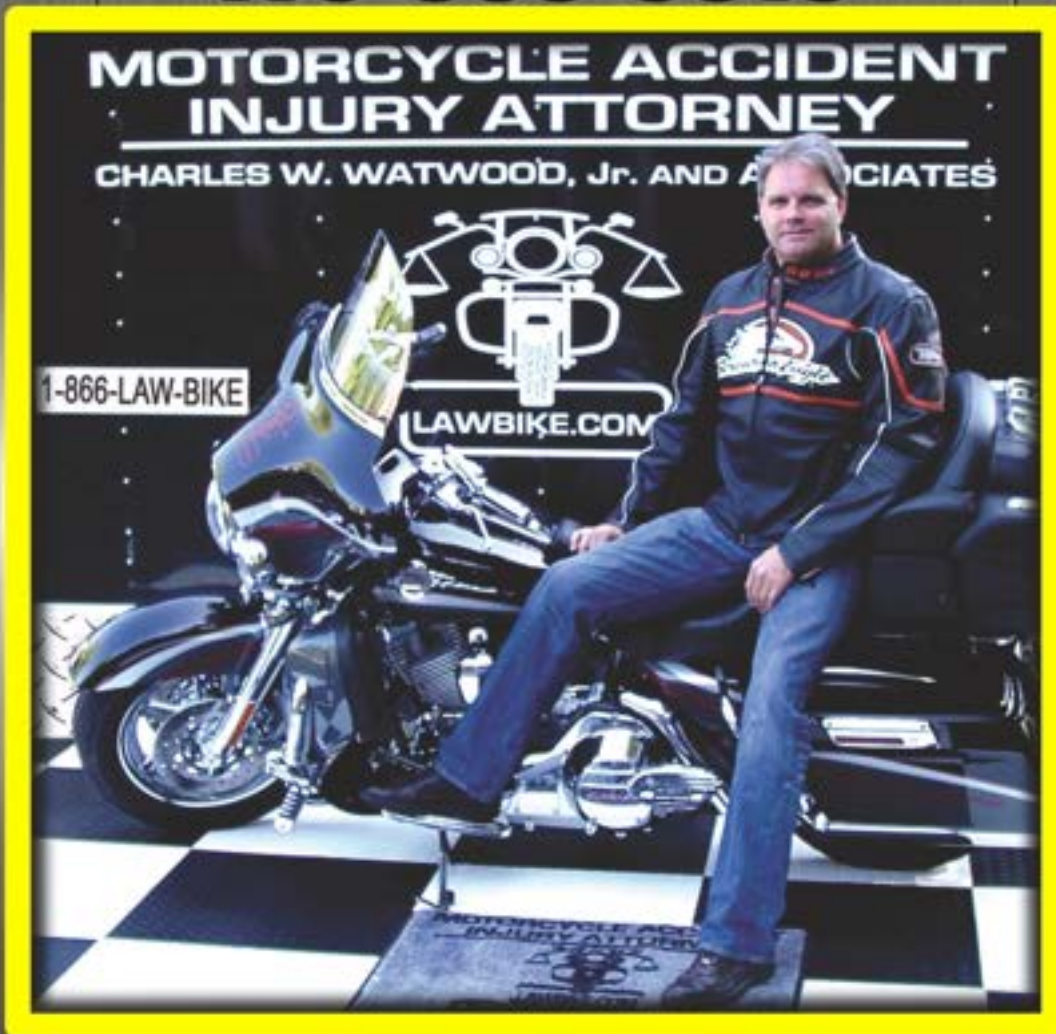
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Meeting starts at 6:30pm For more information contact Frank 706-694-8626 or email

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### DISTRICT 3

ABATE of Georgia District 3 meets the 4th Sunday of every month at...

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### 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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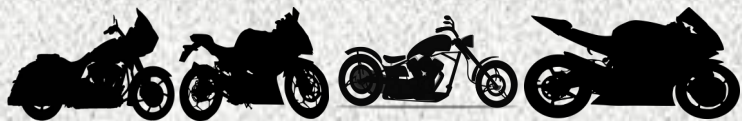
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In just a few weeks, 10 ABATE District 9 members will be leaving on this year's Miracle Ride. 21 riders will leave on May 22 and travel to the four corners of the United States. The ride will travel over 12,500 miles with most days' rides surpassing 500 miles. Of the 15 veteran Riders (all previous Ride veterans; not all military veterans) 10 are current members of ABATE District 9: our current D9 Treasurer, Doug Pullen, Brian Brock, Sheriff Mike Jolley, Scott Ressmeyer, Mutt Cooper, Jim Clapham, Ronnie Wilson, Jonnie Ellerbee, Gary McDowell, and Andy Whatley.

The Miracle Riders raise money for children's medical care in Columbus and the Chattahoochee Valley community. In eleven sponsored rides, the Riders have traveled the 48 contiguous states eight times. One year they rode to Alaska and the Arctic Circle and back, and another year with the help of air travel and rental bikes, they rode in all 50 states. In 2018, they rode to 16 different states over 15 days where they answered trivia questions on the morning news to determine their daily destinations. That year's ride earned the name The Magoo Ride because they had no idea where we were headed and some days they went hours out of their way before getting back on track.

In eleven sponsored rides over 14 years, the Riders have raised more than \$2.2 Million mostly for the Columbus Piedmont Regional Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. They have also supported caring organizations like the Feed The Valley Food Bank and the Methodist Girls and Boys Homes in the Columbus area just to name a few.

This year's ride is the second of three rides planned to raise \$1M for Columbus State University's Nursing School Simulation Lab. Their goal is to outfit the lab with state of the art technology to rival any university's Nursing Simulation Lab in the country. The Riders pay all their own expenses for fuel, maintenance, lodging, and food during the trip. Local companies and supporters sponsor their bikes and wrap them with their company logos in support of the group's efforts.

They also sell sponsorships for the official ride shirts for each ride. In about a month this year's Ride t-shirts will be made available for purchase as a way for people to support their efforts to make a difference in a child's life.

The Riders will arrive home on June 16, to a return celebration on Broad Street in Uptown Columbus around 7 PM. This event will be highlighted by a highlight video of the ride and a live concert featuring The A-1-A Band - a popular Jimmy Buffett tribute band.

Here are a couple of links to learn more about the Miracle Riders, their efforts, and their previous Rides.

<https://rideformiracles.com/>

<https://youtube.com/@miracleride021>

If you feel it in your heart to help the Riders Make A Difference in One Child's Life, please contribute by clicking the link below. However great or small, all donations are sincerely appreciated.

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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 <https://www.facebook.com/ABATE-of-Georgia-District-10-663888670676315/>



**To all members having a Birthday in APRIL**



**The Miracle Riders**

## DISTRICT 11

District 11 meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 2PM.  
The Brass Rail..GUYTON

We had decided to move our meeting this month to the 19<sup>th</sup>, due to Bike week, and a good bit of our officers and members went to that event.

Regardless, the move did not affect us in a negative way as this meeting was another success, it was a full house, and we had several new memberships, I don't have the official updated count as our Membership Director was out sick, but, we will have that info next month. Thank you to everyone who attended, and look forward to seeing everyone next month.

### **Hello to my biker family and friends,**

District 11 has been staying busy and enjoying the weather (warm and cool) and just being grateful to get out on the roads and riding, supporting, and doing what we do.

I hope everyone is doing the same....We had a great deal of officers and members of D11 head down to the Bike Week, and from what I can tell, it was a blast and a very successful event...We had everyone make it home safe and hope everyone else that went, did as well. I did not make it to Bike Week, but I did end up going to Gatornationals with Junkyard and Gator...We had such a blast, I have not been to that event since I was a kid with my dad...So to be able to go with 2 of my best friends, was great!

Thank you, David for inviting us to go. On another note, we have had some very successful ABATE meetings this year...we have had changes, that we feel are benefiting ABATE as a whole. Our legislative team/lobbyist (Shannon and Daisha) are simply amazing, Daisha has been sending out eblasts, FB posts, etc to all of us in order to keep up all updated on bill/law status, we are all fired up and ready for those call to actions and fight the good fight....I hope you all are doing the same thing...it is the only way, we can make a change....TOGETHER we can accomplish whatever we need too!!!! On another note, we have a bit of sad news, our Treasurer, Patricia Cantaline, has decided to retire form her position...She has been amazing to work beside, she always went above and to do whatever she needed to do, the good news she will still be managing Jr ABATE, as that is her 1<sup>st</sup> love I believe. Thank you, Patricia for all you have done for District 11...It was my pleasure working with you... Job well done!

Spring is here, and summer will be here before you know it, there will be may rides and events coming up, so be sure to be safe, enjoy and support to the fullest...

RIDE SAFE!!!! See you soon!

### **Billy Bob Galloway**

District 11 Coordinator



## 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

<https://www.facebook.com/AbateofGaDistrict13/>

Dennis at 229-924-7449 or [DC-13-ABATEGA@hotmail.com](mailto: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

D15 had our usual appearance at Downtown Brunswick's First Friday on March 2<sup>nd</sup> (unfortunately I lost the pictures that I had taken that day). We also will be having our regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Buffalo Wild Wings. We plan to have another Free Fun Run in April to try and build membership and enjoy what we like most - riding motorcycles. Other than that, its business as usual....



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