

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2023**

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The Mission Statement was recited by Larry Chek.

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- James welcomed everyone to the New Year.
- I want to welcome some Guests and New Members: Women of the Wind - Sprout introduced: Chit, Bug, Thumper, Tazer, Enoch, and our Prospect; Richard introduced his guest, Matthew; and, James introduced new Members Steve and Kim Smith.
- We had a wonderful Toy Run as many of you know. All of the feedback I have gotten is nothing but positive. There are a lot of people in this room that made that happen through parking, and all the other chores that had to be done to make this Event successful. I can't thank you enough for it. From the funds of the Toy Run, we are giving \$250 each to DBA and BACA for their help.
- We have 2 new Officers tonight, Larry Chek as our Sgt of Arms and Leta as our Treasurer.
- I asked Garry Canaday, our State Legislative Affairs Officer to update us on our Bills for this Legislative Session.

Guest Speaker – Garry “2R” Canaday

- Garry started off thanking our Chapter for having our National Anthem played at the beginning of our meeting, and went onto tell us how he got to tour Fort McHenry, and learn its background. He went onto explain that Francis Scott Key was anchored offshore from Ft McHenry, where he was inspired to write a poem after he saw at “dawn's early light our flag was still there.” He then explained that the British all through the night bombarded the Fort, and had stated that after all their efforts through the night, the Americans were sure to surrender, and the tale tell sign would be that the American flag would no longer flying. The brave soldiers defended the fort with their lives, and Garry thanked all Veterans for going to war, and defending our country.
- James met with Senator Dahm, and Representatives May and Ford to discuss a shortened version of the Profiling Bill. Dahm had authored a Bill in previous years, but it was very long, and required Cleet Training of the Officers. After the meeting with James, Senator Dahm did present a shortened version for a Profiling Bill, but it still required a lot. His original SB83 required: 1) Each different department will come up with a policy that they will not profile people because of what they ride nor what they wear; 2) Each different department needs to review the policy, and train the officers to observe the policy; and 3) We require them to come up with some training, which can be taxing on small town departments. The burden added into this Bill was required Cleet training, and that each department was going to have to work with ABATE. His new Bill for this year, was still too similar to his old Bill. Rep May penned a Profiling Bill, but unfortunately, it too was similar to SB83. So, we asked him to take out the training (including Cleet), and working with us. We asked Rep May that the Bill require each station to come up with an Anti-Profiling Policy, and to audit that Policy.
- Last year, Representative Luttrell from Ponca City authored Bill HB1076 to Amend the Handlebar Height Restriction. It made it out of Committee, to the House Floor, but the House Floor had so many other Bills, it didn't get voted on. We have more friends this year, who are going to help us this year to get it passed. Someone asked what was legal for handlebar height? Garry answered, eye level.
- If you are interested in being a part of the Legislative Task Force, come see me after the meeting. It currently consists of James, Kim Mobley, Steve Stewart, our State Coordinator, and Me.
- Garry invited everyone to come to Legislative Day, which will be Wednesday, March 8. We will have updates on the Bills, which you will be given before visiting your Legislators. We hope you will ride your motorcycles. I will get a hotel, hopefully with a special rate. We will have a pizza party, and talk strategy for the next day. Rose suggested emailing, or calling your Legislators to give them a heads up you will be there that day to meet with them.
- Kim Mobley is our past Legislative Coordinator, who took over after John. In the last year, she moved to Louisiana, but is still working for us. To give you an idea of what she does: 1) the House has 1901 Bills and the Senate has 1117 Bills, and she has read all of them; 2) she watches every Committee Meeting via Closed Circuit TV; and, 3) she has sent me a list of Bills she thinks ABATE may want to deal with, which I have taken to the

Legislative Task Force. One of those Bills she found was requiring cars and light trucks to get Emissions Testing, which was authored by a Democrat. Thank God we have a Republican Legislature, so hopefully, it won't get out of Committee..

- Next on the State Level is the SMILE. Rob was going to talk about it, but I told him I would. SMILE stands for State Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness, and is not exclusively for ABATE of Oklahoma Members, but is open to ALL Motorcyclists. It will be held the weekend before the Legislative Day, which is March 3 – 5. Pre-registration is now open, and is currently \$30, and \$35 after March 1. It is being held at the Will Rogers Airport Embassy Suites Hotel on Memorial, and rooms are \$109 per night. With your room you get a cook to serve breakfast, and a 2 hour open bar in the early evening. Eric Ross, who is a life Member of ABATE of Iowa, and their State MRF Rep, will be our Guest Speaker who will speak on Gaining and Retaining Members. Also, this year we are going to have Officers' Training, which we have never done before. On Saturday morning, we will have the State Board Meeting, and in the afternoon, we will have 3 breakout sessions. I am also trying to get Tiffany from AMA to come speak at one of our Sessions. In the evening, we have a banquet, followed by Awards, an auction, and our Centerpiece Competition between Chapters.

Treasurer's Report – Leta & mentor Cheryl

- Cheryl stated that detailed copies of her reports are available on the Officers table, then she read the December and January reports. James added that he recently spoke to Eskimo Joes about the shirts that were sold through the URL code, and they thought they sold 62 shirts. He then stated, we have not seen that revenue yet, so the shirt picture is not complete yet, but will be on next month's report. Cheryl asked if there were any questions. None. Motion to accept: Richard, seconded by Hippie. Passed.
- Copies of the Proposed 2023 Budget were passed out to those who did not pick one up. Cheryl explained what we were viewing: 1) the 2022 proposed budget items; 2) what was actually spent; and, 3) the proposed 2023 budget items. She asked everyone to review the proposed budget, then asked for any questions or suggestions. Garry advised us that the State needed more back patches, and they discovered the cost had gone up. Art suggested doubling the MRF Scholarship Fund to encourage more attendance of our Members. James suggested the Proposed Budget be revised, and brought back next month for a vote.

Secretary's Report – Paula “Rose”

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are also available. She asked if there were any corrections or questions. None. Motion to accept: Randy, seconded by Hippie. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President – Garrett

- We had an Officers' Meeting, and tried to come up with ideas to help get us recognized, and as you know we do provide business cards to any Member who wants them to pass out. In trying to think outside the box, I suggested we use QR Codes to provide links to our multiple websites, Contacts, and Meetings. The cost is \$7.99 monthly, or if we pay yearly, it is at a 20% discount. We can have the business cards printed with the code, or you can carry it virtually on your phone. We want to show we are more than just about Meetings, a Toy Run, or a Grandparents' group. The Members were asked if they were interested in investing in this new technology, and there was an overwhelming: YES.

Membership – Lyndon Giles

- Lyndon started off thanking the Members for coming faithfully to the Meetings.
- At the beginning of December, we had 147 Members, and by the end of December we had 155 Members. According to the State for 2022, Tulsa's Retention Rate was 63%, and our Recruiting Rate was 26%, which needs work.
- If you want to check the status of your membership get with Lyndon following the meeting.
- James added that we are the second largest Chapter in the State, and we will hold off on ordering business cards for Members until we get the QR Code up and running, so it can be added to the new orders. He also thanked Lyndon for his valiant efforts as Tulsa's Membership Coordinator.

State Board Meeting – Rob

- The State Board Meeting was held Saturday January 14 in Stillwater at 12:02pm.
- The Meeting began with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. All the Chapters were present, and all the Executive Board Members were all present except for Tammy Johnson, the Secretary. .
- Approval of November and December Minutes were waived due to the Minutes not being sent out by Tammy. Due to the Minutes not being sent out in a timely fashion, there was a discussion of vacating the position of Secretary for dereliction of duty. It was so voted, and nominations to fill this position and a vote be taken was tabled until Feb. Is anyone from Tulsa interested in being Secretary for the State Board?

- The Financial Report balances: Checking \$26,204.70 and Savings 24,929.87. The 2023 Proposed Budget was distributed, and the Reps were asked to take them back to their Chapters for review and approval.
- At the end of 2022, ABATE of OK had 649 Members. This is an increase from 624 at the beginning of the year..
- In October, the discussion to increase Merchandise's Budget was tabled. A motion and second were made to increase the Budget to \$5,000, and designate it a separate, revolving fund to help grow the State's Merchandise.
- There was a Safety Report by Art that with the fluctuating extreme temperatures tires need to be checked more frequently. Watch out for potholes and wildlife on the roads, and reduce your speed in Construction Zones as there are many things that are many things dangerous to motorcycles.
- Share the Road: Steve went to the OHSO Meeting, and spoke to the Director about 2024's funding. Unfortunately, the Contact he had last fall quit communicating with him. Fortunately, he did learn about the Grant Request deadline at a late date, and was able to get in our Request by the deadline. He is supposed to hear back by January 17. Also, we have been fully reimbursed for what we have put in Claims for.
- The Heartland Chapter needs 8 – 10 Volunteers to help with Stops & Merchandise for the "Ride to Remember" event on Saturday, April 15.
- The River Run will be held at Eagle Bluff Resort. Weekend in July is still to be determined.
- The Biker Breakfast held before each State Board Meeting when it is held in Stillwater has for years graciously been prepared by 1 Chapter alone. It was decided this should be shared by ALL the Chapters, & the Reps were asked to Volunteer for a month their Chapter would bring or cook the Biker Breakfast, which Forman HD Dealer advertises. Rob informed us he volunteered our Chapter for the May meeting on Saturday May 13.
- Again, the same people take the Merchandise around to as many events as possible, and they are tired. Volunteers are needed to take the Merchandise to Events. I volunteered Larry and myself to take the Merchandise and sign up New Members at Rallies, but more help is needed.
- Art added that in 2022, the Board had voted to not have Meetings in 3 of the Summer months. For 2023, it was decided to hold Meetings every month, with the exceptions of December, where a Christmas party is held in lieu of a Meeting, and in July due to the River Run, where an informal meeting may take place.

MRF – Art

- Art informed us, for those new to our Meetings, that he is one of the assistant Reps to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, which is a National level Motorcycle Rights group. They are similar to ABATE, but they do all of their work in Washington, DC.
- Last year, 2022 ended on a positive note, and most of it happened in December.
 - On Dec 16, Rep Tim Walberg out of Michigan & his 26 bi-partisan Congressmen, sent a letter to National Highway Traffic & Safety Administration inquiring: Why these autonomous vehicles are not seeing motorcycles? What can they do to fix that? What can we as Motorcycle Riders do to prevent getting killed by these vehicles that do not have drivers?
 - On Dec 22, Rep Susie Lee out of Nevada, who is part of the Appropriations Committee, was able to insert a paragraph in a 4,000 page Bill "*The Committee is concerned that National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The Committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of enactment of this Act.*" So, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has to respond to both Committees on Appropriations within 120 days, or lose their funding
 - On Dec 23, 6 years after the MRF started working on this issue, House Resolution 366, the Anti-Profiling Measure finally passed the House. It passed the Senate a couple of years ago.
- The best way for you to keep up with these issues, is to become an MRF Member. You are kept informed by email, and 6 times a year the American Biker Journal is sent to you. Also, you are covered with a \$4,000 Accidental and Dismemberment Policy. Membership is \$35 a year, and if you have a spouse or significant other, it is \$60, and each one of you is covered with a \$4,000 policy. This is in addition to the money you would get for being a Member of ABATE or DBA. If you want to become a Member, or want to check on when your Membership needs to be renewed, come see me after the Meeting.

Share the Road – Art

- Share the Road is on hold due to lack of volunteers and funding.
- Garry added we are looking into adding Sponsors, and we may lean on the Chapters to help us out with funds for this year.

Court Watch – Art

- For those of you who don't know, Court Watch is a Team, and consists of everyone who is in here. We show up to Court Cases in which the Motorcyclist has been severely injured or killed and charges were filed. We don't go to create issues. We are non-aggressive, non-verbal, and non-evasive. We are just present. We go in support of

the victim. We show up, sit in court nice and quiet, respectful, and hope the judicial system sees us as supporting the victim, and issues out just punishment for the crimes that are committed.

- Cases coming up:
 - 2/2 @ 9am, CF-2021-1367, State vs Cerna, Oklahoma County CH, OKC
 - 2/10 @ 9am, CF-2022-3465, State vs Fite, Oklahoma County CH, OKC
 - 2/14 @ 9am, CF-2022-4319, State vs Trammell, Oklahoma County CH, OKC
 - 2/22 @ 8:30 am, CF-2022-717, Cleveland County CH, Norman
 - 3/9 @ 9am, CF-2022-4045, State vs Cabral, Oklahoma County CH, OKC
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- Garry strongly suggested if you decide to go to double check to make sure that neither the time nor the date has been changed, as it frequently has in the past. Be vigilant, and don't get discourage if changes do occur.

Downed Bikers – David Loganbill

- Monday 2/6 is our next Meeting starts at 7pm @ the American Legion Post on 8th St.
- Our next Benefit is Saturday Feb 11 @ Crawpappy's at 51st and Harvard. The Beneficiary is Kamden Wilson. Registration is 4 - 6pm.

NEW BUSINESS – James

- James presented to Hippie a check for \$250 for BACA's help with the Toy Run.
- James then announced there are 5 - L and 5 - XL Toy Run T-shirts that are for Sale after the meeting.
- In November, Law Tigers shut down in OK. Well, they are back. When asked for more details as to why, James stated they got a new attorney who is more pro-active.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mouse reported that Leisure Park Elementary School where we had the Toy pick-up, Jennifer, who is in charge of the PTA relayed that the teachers and the students loved when we came to pick up the toys. They are looking forward to teaming up with us again next year. And, when it is time for us to pick-up the toys, they will make sure Channel 23 doesn't get lost this time.
- Art asked for a status update of the Tulsa Chapter T-shirts. Garrett responded that he was working on getting some quotes from local t-shirt companies, with the small logo on the front, and larger one on the back, possibly with reflective color on the back. He also is looking into a Dry Fit option, because he hates cotton.
- Garry wanted to invite everyone on Saturday Feb 25 to NW69's 26th Annual Chili Cookoff, which will be in Woodward, Saturday Feb 25 10am – 5pm.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

James Miller – \$25 QT gift card

Prospect for WitW – White River Fish Market certificate

Stretch – 50/50 raffle: \$74/\$73, Recipient/VFW

Motion to adjourn: Randy, seconded by Hippie. Adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- James greeted everyone.
- Larry Check for personal reasons has decided to step down as Sgt of Arms, so Scott was kind enough to step in as our SA this evening. We will take nominations for SA towards the end of the meeting.
- Our Chapter had some Members who received Awards at the Daryl Starbird's Bike Show: Nelson, Terry Smith and Garrett. Congratulations! Terry suggested we have a booth next year at this event, and I think that is a great idea.
- May 27th will be our 5th ride to the Woodring Wall of Honor. I have spoken to the Highway Patrol to set up Escorts like they did last year. Art suggested sending invites to the area VFWs, American Legions, and Veteran's homes to make it a larger ride.
- Mrs Clark has been on the phone with the Robo Call company, and asked her to share what is new. Cheryl explained that "We upgraded our service to now include Text Messages and E-mails without any additional charge. You will receive the emails automatically, but in order to continue receiving Texts from 'CallingPost' you have to respond 'OK', or you won't receive any more Texts from us."
- James pointed to a new device that displays pictures of our Chapter, and suggested if we want to include any of our pics to get with Larry Chek.
- I am going to steal a little of Art's thunder by suggesting if you haven't joined the MRF, that you do so. The MRF does nationally what we do here, protect our rights to ride.
- The Toy Run was a great success this year in large part due to the people in this organization who worked it. I took the liberty of having a special patch made with the 2022 logo & a gold star that I want to give to these people: Richard Beall, Rob, Leta, Larry Chek, Terry Smith, Scott Bunch, Radar, John Trotter, Hippie, Harry Elrod, James Miller, George Bailey, Rick Cassidy, Paul Brinker, Jerry McNew, Rob Johnson, Art, and Rose.
- I want to welcome some Guests and New Members: Women of the Wind - Cornbread, Revely, Hooch, and Edwina; and James introduced Chris Blackford, who also won a trophy at the Bike Show, and is a friend of Terry.

Treasurer's Report – Leta & Mentor Cheryl

- Leta stated that detailed copies of her report are available on the Officers table, then she read the February report. She asked if there were any questions. Rose asked why the Popl fee was a different amount than what we had been told, and it was explained it was a fee to generate the QR Code, and that next month we will see the annual fee we had agreed to pay. Motion to accept: Randy, seconded by Roger. Passed.
- Cheryl reported that copies of the Proposed 2023 Budget were passed out, & changes were made as suggested last month. She then asked if there were any questions or suggestions. Frenchy asked why the Promotional Materials line item is only for \$250? Cheryl answered we did not spend anything last year, and it was raised by \$50 this year. James suggested we go with that amount, and should we need to increase it during 2023, we will take a vote of the Members to increase it. Art asked how beneficial is our ad in the Oklahoma Biker Magazine? James answered that is not an easy thing to measure, but we are the only MRO advertising in it, and it keeps us & our Events in front of other bikers across the State. There was some discussion of this, with Rick suggesting an article be put in it about our efforts to get the City of Tulsa to make and put up the "Watch for Motorcycles" signs in our area. James thought that was a good idea to put in the next article. Roger didn't agree with the increase in MRF scholarships, due to the lack of reports given by participants upon their return. James answered we still have a report on the September MRF Event, that still has to be given. Cheryl replied that more Members are showing interest in attending these Events. Art said he had one more item he wanted to propose for the Budget, which is that the State Rep get a gas allowance of \$150 for every meeting they attend, and should the Rep not be able to make it to a meeting, the Substitute would get the gas allowance. Art also added that other Chapters are already doing this, so we wouldn't be setting a new precedent. James proposed we have further discussion of this (gas receipt or mileage reimbursement) at another meeting, at which time we can make an amendment to the

Budget. That was the end of the discussion. Motion to accept: Larry, seconded by Randy. Passed, with 1 opposed.

Secretary's Report – Paula “Rose”

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are also available. She asked if there were any corrections or questions. None. Motion to accept: Hippie, seconded by Lyndon. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President – Garrett

- We had a discussion at the last meeting about getting a QR Code for the Chapter, and today we received our Card with the QR Code. Next, we will develop our QR Code Platform starting this weekend.
- I did get prices for Merchandise. I received pricing for a 50 shirt order with options for: cotton & dri-fit; white and colored shirts; the front of the shirt to have a small colored logo on top left side; and, on the back a large logo in full color or white. James then asked if we had hats, who is interested in buying one? Those interested raised their hands. Garrett then asked what style hat is the concensus so we can get pricing. He then proposed he will get pricing for black caps in 2 styles: baseball & flatbill snapback. Richard expressed an interest in a beanie with the logo. Garrett explained for now we are looking at bulk sales to get a better price quote, but later he can get pricing for individual sales.

Road Captain – Scott

- Due to the weather there hasn't been any planned rides. He told us of a Civil War re-enactment out by Yale that is done every other year in the even years in February, and we should consider it for next year. Art added that in Grove on March 5th, they will be re-enacting the Civil War Battle of Pryor Creek.
- He then reminded us that 50/50 tickets were still available, and the pot was up to \$148 at this time.

State Board Meeting – Art

- Financially, we are in pretty fair shape with a balance of \$25,894.95 in checking, and \$24,929.87 in the Savings. The Merchandise Budget was raised from \$3,500 to \$5,000, and made it a revolving account. We might want to consider a revolving account for our Merchandise Account as well.
- Also, they moved the \$500 Members Only Poker Run Budget to the Spring Fling Family Camping Trip. The Heartland Chapter needs 8 – 10 Volunteers to help with Stops & Merchandise for the “Ride to Remember” event on Saturday, April 15.
- Legislative Day is March 8th on the 2nd Floor of the Capitol Rotunda at 8am. Please attend if you can. There will be for sale this shirt (Art held up a fluorescent yellow shirt) which will be the uniform of the day. Park in the South Parking Lot. Art asked James to enlighten us as to the status of the Handlebar and Anti-Profiling Bills. James reminded us of the meeting he had with 2 House Representatives and 1 Senator he met with in November. Rep May gave me a call yesterday that it had come out of Committee, and was getting ready to go to the Floor. He called me this evening, and asked me who he should send the Bill to on the Senate side? James suggested Senator Dahm. James said this is why it is important for us to go down and support those who are helping us get these Bills passed. He also reminded us that the 2 Representatives, May and Ford are Members of this Chapter. Art added that our Anti-Profiling Bill comes on the heels of the December passing of House Resolution 366, which is the DC Anti-Profiling Bill, which passed after 6 years of effort.
- The Gus Johnson Memorial River Run will be held July 14th – 16th at Eagle Bluff Resort in Tahlequah. You will be able to register online. I am not sure of the price, but it will include lodging, food, and the float down the river. It is mostly a chance to socialize with the other Chapters. Most important, this is our Legislative fundraiser.
- The 16th Annual Ride to Remember is coming up April 14th – 15th. The Heartland Chapter is asking for 8 – 10 volunteers to help at the Stops, and an additional 8 – 10 volunteers to help at the end. There will be 2 Memorials visited in this ride. This Ride commemorates those who died in the OKC Bombing in 1995, and to show appreciation for the first responders.
- Nominations were opened in January, and continued in February for a new State Secretary. Connie Mayberry from the Lakes Chapter stepped up to accept that position.

Membership – Lyndon Giles

- The State reports there are 663 Members Statewide.
- For February after Tulsa Members expired out, renewed, and new ones joined, we have a total of 160 Members.
- Get with me after the meeting if you are not getting our Monthly emails with the Minutes, so I can check the email address we have for you, or you want to check the status of your Membership.

MRF – Art

- After 3 years of being closed, the Capitol complex is now open to the Public.

- The MRF has the Bikers in the Beltway coming up May 15th – 16th. You can register for it online, which is free, it just gives the MRF an idea of how many info packs to put together for you to take to your Legislators. Make sure to make appointments to meet with them.
- The MRF is looking for “Young Activist” Candidates. That is someone 30 years old or younger who have been politically active on the State level. There are applications online.
- As I mentioned earlier, House Resolution 366 has passed, so now the MRF is focusing on Autonomous Vehicles. As we have all heard on the news lately, Tesla has recalled 362,000 electric vehicles, because they are failing to recognize lawful stops, people, and motorcycles. In California, there are 10,000+ trucks that are operating without drivers, and the CA MRF State Rep has approached the CA Legislators to require driverless vehicles to apply for permits from the DMV to operate.
- In September is the Meeting of the Minds, which is an opportunity for you to meet with people from around the country: ABATErs, Freedom Fighters, MROs. Together they set the itinerary and the priority list of what is going to happen in DC the following year. This year it will be held in Harrisburg, PA September 21st – 24th, and if enough of us want to attend, I suggest we get a van or bus to take us up there. I will be there regardless.
- If you want to become a Member of the MRF, or want to check on when your Membership needs to be renewed, come see me after the Meeting.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- Cerna was supposed to be today, but it was postponed for a month from today, March 23rd at 9am at the OK County Courthouse. This is a Bench Jury Trial.
- Frenchy pointed out a paper on the Officers’ Table, which gave dates for the Active Court Watch cases, and asked everyone to use their phones to take pictures of the dates.
- James added that we will send out ROBO calls to remind us of these dates.
- Art pointed out that even though this is an ABATE initiated program, it is not ABATE exclusive, so if you are DBA, CMA, BACA, etc, please attend these Court Cases that you can.
- Summary of Cases coming up:
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Share the Road – Art

- Steve, our State Coordinator has been in contact with the State regarding our Grant for 2024. In the meantime, there will inevitably be Share the Road program requests, which we will need volunteers for. This year, we do not have the Grant money to pay an hourly wage nor mileage, but we are hoping to lean on the Chapters to help us out with funds for mileage for those volunteers.

Safety – Roger

- The majority of motorcycle accidents, just over 70% occur in intersections, and most are riders who are making left turns. It may be cars going around cars, but whatever the cause might be, riders are getting hit in the intersection.
- Another number that is sad in 2020, 5,268 bikers were killed, and 27% of those were under the influence of alcohol.
- Make eye contact when you are in the intersection. It may appear the person is engaged with you, but they could be looking past you. Don’t have to be the first one in the intersection, whatever you do, let someone else go and be hit.
- Art asked to add to this. He stated that there have been 2 motorcyclists killed in the same area due to potholes. James asked if everyone knew the number to call to report potholes, and said 311. He said everyone needs to call, and keep calling that number until that stretch of road is fixed. Frenchy added that in West Tulsa he has been using purple spray paint around the pothole to highlight it, and 5 of them have been filled.

Downed Bikers – Jeff Brock

- Meetings are the first Monday of the month, and starts at 7pm @ the American Legion Post on 8th St.
- Our next Benefit is a Black Shirt Event Saturday March 11 @ Carousel Lounge.
- May 6th the first Saturday of May is the Annual Memorial Ride which starts in Tulsa, goes to the National Cemetery at Ft Gibson, and ends at the Janesville Y. The ride is a remembrance of our Soldiers, and motorcyclists who have died due to vehicle accidents.

Bandidos – Sean

- This Saturday is our monthly Ribeye Steak Night at the Clubhouse at 6pm. The meat is never frozen, and hand cut. Everyone is welcome.

BACA – Hippie

- Our general meeting is this Sunday at the Moose Lodge at 2pm.

CMA – Andy

- Saturday April 22nd at 5pm is a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the Run for the Son at the Lord's Refuge Church.

NEW BUSINESS – James

- James asked that Mrs Clark to write down the nominations for Sgt at Arms. Larry nominated James "By God" Miller, and asked if he would accept the nomination. James accepted the nomination. Frenchy nominated Scott Bunch.
- Art asked to make an announcement: Those who would like to support your veterans, this Post has a newly formed VFW Riders Group, and the qualifications are minimal: it doesn't require any money; you don't have to be a Veteran; nor do you have to be a Member of the VFW. You just have to attend 3 events a year. The only money you will spend are the patches you will want to purchase once you join. Please support the Veterans.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Hooch – \$25 QT gift card

Lyndon – White River Fish Market certificate

Andy – 50/50 raffle: \$74 / \$74, Recipient / VFW

Motion to adjourn: Hippie, seconded by Randy. Adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2023**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Scott.
The Opening Prayer was given by Andy.
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scott.
The Mission Statement was recited by Scott.

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- James greeted everyone, and asked the new Members to stand. He then introduced Hannah, who is 15 and a new Member. James then asked a couple of Guests of Rick & Leta to introduce themselves, who are: Ted Leslie, an attorney out of OKC and Tulsa, who also added he had been riding all his life; and, Justin Henshaw, Rick's Medicare Insurance Agent. He then asked the new Members from BACA to introduce themselves: Diamondback introduced himself as a BACA Member of Tulsa's Chapter, along with his wife Kandy.
- A couple of weeks ago at the SMILE, the Tulsa Chapter received numerous Awards for their efforts: Frenchy received an Award from Heartland for going above and beyond for Court Watch; Rob Jones got a wheelbarrow full of Awards – the SMILE Award, an Ambassador at Large Award, ABATE of OK Chapter Level Coordinator Award, the Spur Award, and a Magic Member Patch; Larry Chek got the Shutterbug Award; James Miller got the Spur Award; and, Rose received a Magic Member Patch. Radar inquired who else received an Award, and Cheryl asked to take it from there, and went onto tell us James received the President's Award for the Third year in a row! James then said we have one person we need to recognize, who goes unnoticed after the meeting is over, and everyone chats. This person makes sure all the trash is picked up, the trash cans are emptied, and the tables are wiped clean. James then asked John Trotter to stand, and presented him with 2 awards he would have received at the SMILE if he had attended it: a MAGIC Member Award, and a special Plaque in recognition of all his work behind the scenes. Also, there were a number of people who showed up the morning of the Toy Run, and made it happen. I have been giving these special Patches with the Toy Run Logo to those people, and tonight I have one for Radar.
- I have had a few new members come up to me the last few months, to say how much they appreciate this Chapter, how well you have greeted them, and made them feel comfortable.
- We have a New Shirt "We've Got Your Back" with 2 skeletons & our Logo in Glow in the Dark ink, and is available in short or long sleeve through Eskimo Joe's online. We will send out an email with the info for you to place your order.
- We have the new design for the 2023 Toy Run shirt, and I will pass around a couple of copies of it.
- We are doing the Woodring Wall of Honore Ride again this year on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. I have already contacted the Highway Patrol, and they will escort us again. We will again muster up at the QT at the Gilcrease Exit on 412. The Chisholm Trail Chapter will be feeding us again after the ceremony.

Guest Speaker – Captain May, OK Representative

- James informed us he asked Captain May to update us on our Bills. He added that because of this gentleman, our Anti-Profiling Bill has gone through the House and been approved. Captain May informed us the Profiling Bill HSB 2426 is very basic: if you ride a motorcycle you can't be pulled over because you ride one nor because of what you are wearing. This week it switches over to the Senate Committee, where it will have 2 weeks to get out of Committee, and be voted on. Senator Coleman, who is in the office next to Dahm, and who is a motorcycle guy is Sponsoring this Bill on the Senate side.
- As far as the Handlebar Height Bill HSB 1076, which was sponsored by Rep Lattrell of Ponca City, Captain May informed us it also passed through the House, and was also sent to the Senate. He added that for both Bills, we don't know which Senate Committees they will be assigned to, but we will know next week.
- Capt May went onto inform us, that when he first met us on one of our Legislative Days, it was on a Thursday, which is the day they leave the Capital for the week. So, he had a talk with your President and advised him that Tuesdays or Wednesdays would be better for ABATE Legislative Days, as there will actually be Senators and Representatives at the Capital to meet with you. He said appreciated the fact that he listened, and he helped focus everyone's attention on the right issues, and that you stay away from arguments.
- Captain May mentioned, after speaking to 2 members, that next year we need to work on reduced Turnpike pricing for motorcycles.

- James ended by saying “Captain, we owe you a debt of gratitude”.

Treasurer's Report – Leta

- Leta stated that detailed copies of her report are available on the Officers table, then she read the March report. She asked if there were any questions. Motion to accept: Radar, seconded by Hippie. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Paula “Rose”

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are also available. She asked if there were any corrections or questions. None. Motion to accept: Radar, seconded by Leta. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President – Garrett

- At last month's meeting, it was mentioned we received our QR Code, and since then we developed our QR Code Platform with links to our FB, Instagram, website, officer contact info, etc. You can just scan this placard with the code, and it will bring up the link, and you can share it with anyone you meet, so they can see what we are about. It can even take payments for Membership through CashApp or Venmo.
- I did get prices for T-shirts, but do not have the examples. I received pricing for a 50 shirt order with options for: black cotton or dri-fit with the front of the shirt having a small colored or white logo on top left side; and, on the back a large logo in full color or white. The cotton short sleeve shirts are: \$11 for color front/white back OR \$16.50 with full color front/back. In the Dri Fit shirts, the prices are: \$16 for color front/white back OR \$23 with full color front/back. These prices are up to XL, and any size over that is \$2 per X. Garrett added that at our next meeting orders will be taken.
- James added that the QR Code will be added to our ad in the Oklahoma Biker, and to our business cards.

Road Captain – Scott

- For rides, the only thing planned right now is the Woodring Ride James mentioned earlier.
- Scott asked Richard if he wanted to share the ride he and some other members were putting together. Richard stated that when the weather clears, sometime after May, there are a few of us getting a ride to Nevada. Let us know if you would be interested.

Membership – Lyndon

- For March after Tulsa Members expired out, renewed, and new ones joined, we have a total of 176 Members.
- Get with me after the meeting if you are not getting our Monthly emails with the Minutes, so I can check the email address we have for you, or you want to check the status of your Membership.

MRF – Art

- To those of you who I have failed to introduce myself to, I am Art Ryan the Assistant State Rep to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.
- What a lot of people don't know is that the MRF has been bridging the gap between the MCs and the Freedom Fighters for 10 years. They do have a Director of Sustaining Motorcycle Clubs, who is Russell Radke out of Nevada. The National Safety Council has a Road to Zero Plan in effect. Motorcycles do not fit in that plan BTW. Unfortunately at the last NCOM Conference it was not brought up. There was some discussion though of motor carriers, safe systems, traffic violence, and pedestrian deaths, all which have gone through the roof. They are trying to rejuvenate the Coalition, because the EPA has a Bill which started a few years ago called the RPM ACT. Basically, that Bill is an attempt to halt modification of motor vehicles, including motorcycles. They want to limit any modifications for performance, and only allow “factory fresh” vehicles. This affects After Market Dealers and manufacturing of Parts. There is also talk of California and their requirement of no combustible engines by 2035. 17 States are now online with California in this. There has been some pushback with Hs Res 1435 is trying to preserve the right to choose Combustible Motor vs non-Combustible Motor. In the first week, this Resolution had 66 Co-Sponsors from 26 different States. California has a fight, they just don't know it. I would rather have a choice if I want to have an electric motorcycle or not have one.
- The MRF has 2 major events each year. The first is the Bikers in the Beltway is coming up May 15th – 16th, which is your opportunity to make an appointment with your Legislators in DC to discuss these and other issues that affect us as Motorcyclists. At the meeting on Monday night, the MRF will supply you with packets you can leave with your Legislators, and which will give you talking points to discuss with them. The second event is the Meeting of the Minds, which will be held in Harrisburg, PA September 21st thru 24th. This is an opportunity to gather good intel, share camaraderie, and have a heck of a good time. If you cannot make it, September of 2024 the MOTM's 40th Anniversary will be held in St Louis, MO, which is not a far ride.
- Franklin shared that he rode to a Meeting of the Minds in Detroit with John Pierce, Garry Canaday, and Skip from Enid, and it was the greatest ride and convention I have ever attended. He challenged our chapter to put together a group ride to St Louis. James said someone needed to be in charge and asked who would be interested?

- James explained that the MRF does Nationally what we do on the State level, and encouraged all to join. Art added “If you want to become a Member of the MRF, or want to check on when your Membership needs to be renewed, come see me after the Meeting.”

State Board Meeting – Rob

- I am your State Rep, a voting Member of the Board.
- The last State Meeting was at the SMILE, and was called to order at 10am. All Chapters were present. Steve introduced Connie Mayberry as the new Secretary.
- Sam gave the Treasurer’s Report: the Checking balance is \$20,662.17 & the Savings balance is \$24,929.87. A suggestion was made to raise the SMILE Budget to \$6,000.
- Shawna gave the Membership Report: as of 2-28-23 the Member total is 680. She also let us know the AD&D Insurance Beneficiary Cards have been mailed out, and if you have no change to your Beneficiary, then just sign it and mail it back. Also, for next year the Insurance Co is working on raising it from \$3,500 to \$4,000.
- Garry gave the Governmental Affairs Report: he talked about Legislative Day: where to meet; what would happen when we go there; and, how to act.
- Shawna gave the Merchandise Report: sales netted \$360 in February.
- Art gave the Safety Report: Tulsa had 2 different motorcycle fatality accidents at the same location due to potholes over a few weeks period of time. Art encouraged everyone to call ODOT to repair potholes in your area.
- OLD BUSINESS:
 - New Committee for Events Garry, Spook & myself: a booth will be set up at Sparks’ Bike Week June 12th – 18th. They are giving us a free booth space and free passes for those working at the booth. Steve wants the committee to get back with Robert (Sparks to see if he would be interested in ABATE being a Sponsor for the Halloween Bash.
 - Q introduced Shawn, President of OKC Down Bikers. Q previously discussed with Shawn the possibility of co-sponsoring events and splitting the proceeds. Shawn said next time he has a meeting with all the OK Chapter Presidents, he will bring up them becoming Members of ABATE, and encouraging their Members to do the same.
 - Lotus gave the Cour Watch Report: CW Facebook page is not set up yet but will be soon. Lotus went over new and old cases. Steve stated there needed to be a change in the OK Biker CW page, to read ABATE of Oklahoma Court Watch instead of Court Watch Oklahoma ABATE.
 - Anita of 412 is the host of the River Run Event: This is our Legislative fundraiser, so there will be no day passes sold.
- NEW BUSINESS:
 - Lotus suggested since we have approx \$75,000 in our accounts, that we spend some money during May, Motorcycle Safety Month to advertise on billboards. Steve asked her to get estimates and ideas and present them to the Board next month.
 - Steve completed the grant process for OHSO, asking for \$38,800. Oklahoma Teen Challenge has been in contact with Steve wanting us to provide the Share the Road Program.
 - Q gave the DBA Report: suggesting everyone download the DBA app to know what is going on in your area.
 - Chapter Upcoming Events were shared, and Steve challenged every Member of each Chapter to go to every event you can to support each other.
- The next State Board Meeting is this Saturday, April 1st at 12pm, Forman’s HD Dealer, Stillwater.

CMA – RoadRunner

- “Shoot & Scoot” will be held Saturday April 22nd from the Biker Church in Glenpool KSU at noon, riding to 66th St N Shooting Academy. \$25 per shooter. Proceeds go to the Run for the Son.

Downed Bikers – Jeff Brock

- 4/1 Foothills Chapter is having their BigFoot Stomp at JC’s @ 5pm.
- 4/8 Tulsa Chapter is having a benefit for Daniel Morris with Registration 10am til noon.
- 4/15 Twin Rivers Chapter is having a benefit for James Joker Williams at Fat Toad Brewing opens @ 11am.
- 4/3 is Tulsa’s Chapter Meeting at 7pm @ the American Legion Post on 8th St.
- 5/6 is our Memorial Ride to the Fort Gibson National Cemetary.

NEW BUSINESS – James

- James advised us that James “By God” Miller and Scott Bunch had been nominated for Sgt at Arms, and pieces of paper were being passed around for us to vote. He then said Cheryl and Leta would collect our votes and count them. After the votes were counted James announced that James “By God” Miller was our new SA.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

"Rev" – \$25 QT gift card

"Potter" – White River Fish Market certificate

George Bailey – Eskimo Joe's flashlight and backpack from Ted Leslie Insurance

Dave Loganbill – 50/50 raffle: \$36 / \$36, Recipient / VFW = Dave donated his share to the VFW

Motion to adjourn: Hippie, seconded by "Potter". Adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2023

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Scott (standing in for James "By God" Miller).
The Opening Prayer was given by Doc Platner.
The National Anthem was not played due to CMA Roadrunner's absence.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scott.
The Mission Statement was recited by Scott.

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- James greeted everyone and introduced Sean Pulhulski from BACA.
- He announced some award winners at the Bike & Car Show at Road Biker Church in Bartlesville. Those who won are: Terry Smith for Trike; Chris Bradford for Stock Harley; and, Ryan Rutledge for Custom Harley.
- James introduced our Guest Speaker, Brent Utterback and our State Treasurer, Sam Trevino, and his wife Misty.
- James said that at the last meeting he incorrectly called John Trotter John Potter. He handed John the plaque that was presented last month with the correction of his name. James added that John is a humble fella who keeps this place clean while we are standing around talking after our meeting.
- If you ordered the "We've Got Your Back" T-shirts, the shirts are here packaged with your name on your order. We also have a few extra shirts in Large to 2X in short and long sleeve for sale, if you didn't get to place an order. Get with Cheryl after the meeting if you want a shirt.
- Last year during the month of May we ran PSAs for Motorcycle Awareness Month. This year he's running them again on Griffin stations, COX Radio, and in OKC. James played that will run in the Tulsa and OKC markets.
- Thanks to Rick Cassidy, we are about to break ground for the "Look Twice for Motorcycles" signage. The first 2 will go up near the fairgrounds. City Councilor Crista Patrick will let us know when the City is going to install them. James will put out a Robo call so we can have as many of you there as possible.
- We are doing the Woodring Wall of Honor Ride again this year on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 27th. The Administration has let us know they have something planned at the site later that day, so I don't think that will be an issue. If there is a problem, would it be alright with everyone if we went to Fort Gibson instead?
- On June the 8th is "Rumble & Roll" in Brookside. It is a ride from TU to Brookside to benefit "Make A Wish." We need about six volunteers to put up barricades around 6pm and take them down around 10pm. Richard will take names after the meeting if you want to volunteer. The Chapter will pay the ride entry fee for those who help with barricades.

Treasurer's Report – Leta

- Leta stated that detailed copies of her report are available on the Officers table, then she read the March report. She asked if there were any questions. Motion to accept: Lyndon, seconded by Hippie. Passed.
- We have a couple of items to go over on the budget:
 1. For Rob's travel expense to attend monthly State ABATE Meetings in Stillwater, we added a line item of \$840 a year, that's \$70 a month. James explained how the officers arrived at this amount, which was to take Rob's mileage from his house to the meeting place and back home times the IRS allotment per mile. Other Chapters reimburse their State Reps to travel to the monthly state board meetings.
 2. For the Miscellaneous line item, we increased it from \$300 to \$1,000 for rent of booth space for Membership Drives. Motion to accept: Andy, seconded by Hippie. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Paula "Rose"

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are also available. She asked if there were any corrections or questions. None. Motion to accept: Jimmy, seconded by Franklin. Passed.

Guest Speaker – Brent Utterback of Resurrection Cycles

- James invited Brent the "Guru of Motorcycles" to speak on the subject of "Getting Your Bike Ready for the Riding Season." Brent thanked James for his introduction.
- Brent gave us his last name, Utterback, then stated he owned Resurrection Cycles, which is located at 122 S 122nd E Ave. He then introduced his dog, Sammy as his shop dog.
- Maintain the air in your tires pretty religiously. You will get better fuel mileage, and life out of your tires. If you are getting cupping or odd wear in your tires, you are either under or over inflating your tires. Also, keep in mind to go

with the PSI that is on the sidewall of your tire. Keep in mind that you can put in higher pressure if you are carrying bigger loads.

- Check your oil when the engine is cold. There are 2 types of oil tanks: above the transmission or fitted underneath the transmission. Don't add oil without warming the engine first, unless there is no oil.
- Make sure you check your lights, that all your lights function before you get on the road. LEDs are a good upgrade.
- For your batteries, make sure your connections are tight. You can clean the contacts and your cables.
- Check to make sure there isn't anything loose. One thing I see a lot of is loose shifters.
- Make sure you have tools to work on your bike.
- Questions:
 - Asked about using Ethanol products? Brent suggested using pure gas, or the highest rating of Ethanol if you can't get pure gas. Ethanol eats the liner of the gas tank.
 - Asked about what tire brands are best for motorcycles? He likes Metzler. It is not the highest mileage tire, but it has good wet stick. The tire he pushes as his primary tire is the Dunlop tire, and the reason for that is they are American made.
 - I used to have lace wheels, do you true them? Yes.
 - Asked his opinion of the lithium-ion batteries. Brent stated they have to have their own chargers, they even have their own trickle chargers. How they are doing standing up to the vibration and heat, I don't know as I haven't sold any of them.
 - Asked his opinion of how long trickle chargers should be kept on bikes to be the most effective? Your battery life should be about 3 – 5 years. The problem with batteries is they don't like vibration and heat. I don't keep trickle chargers on my bike all the time. I like to charge it 1 – 2 days once a month, the reason being that allows the battery to come down some.
- Brent ended by saying he appreciated the work we do as an organization, which allows us to ride like we do in our state.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Vice President – Garrett (absent)**

Road Captain – Scott

- We have some rides lined up:
 - 5/27 – As mentioned earlier, we will be riding to the Woodring Wall or Ft Gibson National Cemetery.
 - 5/13 – We will ride to Pawhuska, where you can eat at the Pioneer Woman, or have BBQ at Bad Brad's.
 - 6/10 – We will ride to Atoka for lunch at Reba's new restaurant.

Safety Report – Scott

- I am going to use the **T Clock** method (you can look this up online to get more information on this method) to check your bike before going on the road:
 - **Tires:** if you have Spokes make sure they are tight, and all have the same tone. Also, look at your rims to make sure it is not bent or cracked.
 - **Controls:** make sure your levers are not cracked or broken, and they move easily. Check your cables for fraying and lubricate them. Make sure your throttle and clutch move easily.
 - **Lights:** Make sure lights all work & are aligned, and the lenses are not cracked. Make sure battery's vent tube is secure.
 - **Oil:** Make sure your fluid levels are topped off.
 - **Chassis:** Check your steering head. Move your handlebars back & forth to check for tight spots or binding. For the suspension, check the front forks and rear shocks for smooth travel. Check the belt for tension, and visually inspect for rocks or other objects that may be stuck in it. If you have a chain, make sure to check its tension.
 - **Kickstand:** Make sure the spring action is good.

State Board Meeting – Larry (in Rob's absence)

- Treasury Report: Checking \$24,437.40 and Savings \$24929.87.
- Membership Report: Statewide there are 709 Members.
- James explained that going forward a shortened version of the State Board Meeting will be given at our meetings, since Cheryl is posting the Minutes on our website.

Membership – Lyndon

- For March after Tulsa Members expired out, renewed and new ones joined, we have a total of 176 Members.

- Get with me after the meeting if you are not getting our Monthly emails with the Minutes, so I can check the email address we have for you, or you want to check the status of your Membership.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- Regarding the Patriot Guard Rider, an Air Force Vet & is black, who was killed on his bike, the driver who killed him was given Bail of only \$5,000, and only has one charge filed against him. The State DA will not see anyone from Court Watch. He went onto say “If you hit a biker it is okay, but if you hit a road worker you get jail time.”
- Frenchy went onto say he isn’t going to be informing us of what is happening with Court Watch, as no one shows up to support the Victims and their Families, and they need us.

Downed Bikers – Jeff Brock

- 5/1 is Tulsa’s Chapter Meeting at 7pm @ the American Legion Post on 8th St.
- 5/6 is our 13th Annual Memorial Ride to the Fort Gibson National Cemetery. It will leave from the Carousel at Noon. After the Cemetery, we will end up at the Jamesville Y where there will be a band and food truck.
- 5/13 is a Black Shirt Benefit for Jose Mesa.

CMA – Andy

- 5/12-13 is the Black Wall Street Rally and Bike Show. CMA will have a booth set up.
- On the first Saturday in October we will have a BBQ at Haikey Creek Park, and all are invited!

Announcements

- 5/13 Someone mentioned Handlebar and Hotrods to benefit Cancer Sucks was being held in Bixby.
- Someone announced they are looking for a motorcycle in the 6K range, and needs help from anyone who is willing to help him. He added will be taking a class to learn to ride.

Meeting of the Minds – Rose

- Rose requested that she be given time to give her Report from the September Meeting of the Minds. She was given time. Yahoooooo!!!

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Franklin – \$25 QT gift card

Andy – White River Fish Market certificate

Kim Smith – 50/50 raffle: \$32 / \$32, Recipient / VFW

Motion to adjourn: Ricky, seconded by Hippie. Adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2023**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by James "By God" Miller.
The Opening Prayer was given by CMA Andy.
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James "By God" Miller.
The Mission Statement was recited by James "By God" Miller.

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- James welcomed everyone, then called out a welcome to our guests from BACA "Dirty" "Buddy, "Six Pac", and Blush".
- James thanked Roadrunner for playing our National Anthem on his horn. He also thanked Andy for standing in for Doc with the Opening Prayer.
- James then stated "There are 3 people here who have set as their Mission to get some signs up to help protect us. These people have dedicated their life, so to speak, and have annoyed the life out of me, but they got it done. About 10 days ago, maybe some of you saw it, the unveiling was covered by Channels 6, 8 and 23. So, we got great press coverage. I want to thank, and ask to come up here Richard Beall, Rick Cassady, and Leta." James presented to each one of them a copy of the Proclamation from the City of Tulsa proclaiming May as the official Motorcycle Awareness Month. James ended by saying "Thank you for all you for getting it done."
- For 4 years, we have been going to Enid to the Vietnam Wall, and we are going this Saturday. We will be meeting at 9am, KSU at 9:30 at the QT 25th W Ave just off 412 The Highway Patrol will be escorting us on the Turnpike. There will be a ceremony at the Woodring Wall of Honor, where we will hang a wreath, Roadrunner will play Taps, and then we will ring the Bell 31 times for those Missing in Action from the State of Oklahoma. I encourage as many of you as can to come out to this, as it is an emotional experience. Last year, the Chisolm Trail Chapter fed us, but are unable to do so this year. One of the local cemeteries is having a \$5 burger luncheon, and we've been invited there.
- On June the 8th, we are participating in "Rumble & Roll", which benefits "Make a Wish". It is a \$25 ride from the Reynolds Center to Brookside, where there will be music and partying. I ask as many of you who can to participate.
- Something occurred to me. We are a Brother and a Sister –hood, and when one of us is down, we are all down. But communication regarding this is not what I would hope it would be. We used to have a lady here by the name of Fajita Rita, many of you remember her, and she was wired in to everything. She knew if someone was in the hospital, or had gone down from all kinds of Organizations and Clubs. I think it is not a bad idea because of who we are, representing ALL Bikers that we need to be a little bit more aware. So, I have asked our Chaplain Rob to get wired in on Facebook with all the other Organizations, so that when something comes up, we can know about it and respond. It would not be bad idea for him to make visitations, representing us from time to time, letting other bikers and Organizations know we are here to support them.
- James asked Cheryl to speak about the New Member Shirts. Cheryl informed us if you are a new Member, and have not received your Member of ABATE shirts to see her. Also, she stated if you are a Member and want another shirt they are \$10.
- James then stated we have ordered more of the "We've Got Your Back" T-shirts, which glow in the dark.

Treasurer's Report – Leta

- Leta stated that detailed copies of her report are available on the Officers table, then she read the May report. She asked if there were any questions. Motion to accept: Radar, seconded by Hippie. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Paula "Rose"

- Rose apologized she got out the Minutes so late, last night due to her trip to Washington DC for the Bikers Inside the Beltway. She then stated Hippie had informed her his friend's last name was incorrect in last month's Minutes, and that she will be correcting this. She then asked if the other names she posted regarding the Awards at the Bike Show were correct. Chris Blackford informed her his last name was not correct, and gave her the correct spelling. She then asked if anyone else had any other corrections or questions. None. Motion to accept: Randy, seconded by Hippie. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President – Garrett (absent)

Road Captain – Scott (absent due to surgery)

State Board Meeting – Rob

- Rob stated that the Minutes of the State Board Meeting can be viewed on our Website.
- Bike Week at Sparks is June 12th to 18th. Larry and I will have a Membership Booth set up all week long.
- I need to take a vote from our Chapter. This vote concerns Kim Mobley is our Legislative Lobbyist, who does research on what Bills our OK Legislature are considering to see if any of them could be Motorcycle related, and informs us of them. She is paid \$9,000 a year for that job. The State Board is proposing, as an incentive to her, that if a Bill of ours is passed, she will earn an additional amount, which hasn't been determined as of yet. James asked how this incentive would be funded, and Rob answered, by the State. Carla stated she stumbled upon HS Bill 2161 which states that any citizenry and police advisory boards will have a minimum of 2/3 police representation on those boards, which goes against what we are trying to do with our anti-profiling bill. She added that this Bill passed in the House, and will go to the Senate in the 2024 Legislative year. James suggested that Carla be gotten in touch with Garry Canaday, the State Legislative Liaison, as well as Kim Mobley. Rose suggested that before we can take a vote, we need to know the amount of the Incentive the Board proposes. Rob then asked if it was okay to vote yes, but we want to know how much the amount will be? Rose stated, "But then we are in favor of whatever amount the Board decides on", and continued with "Shouldn't we know the amount proposed as an Incentive in order for us to vote on this issue?" So Rob stated that he will go back to the Board with "Tulsa needs more information before we can vote on the proposed Incentive."

Safety Report – Rob

- Rob stated that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. We are putting up signs to remind the public to Watch for Motorcycles, to keep them from running over us. He then said "That is half of what we do, because they are killing us. The other half of it, and is something we don't want to talk about, the elephant in the room, is that we are killing ourselves. We go out drinking and riding our bikes.
- Rob then staged with the help of Larry, the Biker who had too much to drink, and is about to get on his bike to ride home, and James the SA, who was called in by Rob to help prevent his friend, Larry from getting on his bike, and driving home drunk. Rob tries to talk his friend Larry into not driving home on his bike since he had been drinking all night, and was drunk. Rob couldn't convince Larry to give him his keys, and take an alternative ride home, so he called in James to help him get Larry's keys away from him. James was successful, and may have prevented another motorcycle fatality.
- Rob stated the bottom line is: "Step up, and get the keys from them. We will figure out how to get their bike home. Don't let someone leave drunk, because how will you live with yourself knowing after you hear about the accident, 'I could have done something.' "

Membership – Lyndon

- For May after Tulsa Members expired out, renewed and new ones joined, we have a total of 181 Members.
- Get with me after the meeting if you are not getting our Monthly emails with the Minutes, so I can check the email address we have for you, or you want to check the status of your Membership.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- The best way to find out what is happening with Court Watch is to get on Lotus Elayne Dunn's Facebook page.
- You probably heard about Maverick Dunn who hit that cow. There will be a Memorial Service for him on June 4th at the Elks Lodge 5925 E Waterloo Rd in Edmond at 3pm. I think we need to go down there and show respect for the Dunn family.
- James let us know that relative to Court Watch, Frenchy has been doing a yeoman's job keeping us abreast of these Court Watch cases. The families are in court with their attorney, and we show up with our cuts on, it is so supportive to these families who have lost someone.

Downed Bikers – Harry Elrod

- We don't have any events for June.
- June 6th is our Members' Meeting. There was going to be a potluck at the meeting, but it is delayed to the 10th.
- June 10th the American Legion is having a fundraiser, and we are going to help support them. I don't think it is right that those who help support Veteran's should have to do a fundraiser to keep their doors open.
- This is Memorial Day weekend coming up, so please be safe. Most especially, to all you Veterans out there, thank you for your Service.
- James asked Harry to explain what the DBA does for downed bikers. Harry explained that the DBA is an organization that aids Bikers who are lost or confined to a hospital due to a motorcycle accident. We only have 2 stipulations if you survive the accident: 1) You must be in a hospital for a minimum of 2 days; and, 2) You cannot be in the commission of a felony. You would contact one of our Board Members, or you can get on our website

and download a Run Request. You fill it out, and submit it along with a copy of the Police Report. You can either give these to a Board Member or bring them to one of our Meetings, which is the 1st Monday of the Month at the American Legion. These will be submitted to our President, and once approved, you will be put on the calendar for a benefit.

CMA – Roadrunner

- I want to remind everyone that on July 29th is our CMA Iron Horse Soldiers' 7th Annual Run for the Son Golf Tournament which will be held at the Rock Creek Golf Course in Sapulpa. All are invited, even non-golfers!

Announcements

- Richard asked that those who have volunteered to work at the Rumble and Roll on June 8th, will stay after for a brief meeting. James added that these volunteers would have their entry fee into the Run paid for by this Chapter.
- Gary Rainey announced that on June 10th is the Hogs and Hotrods Car & Bike Show in Collinsville, which his company is sponsoring. I was able to get 3 booths: my company will be using one; another company is going to use the 2nd one; and, I wanted to see if anyone here was interested in setting up a tent for ABATE, which would be free of charge. Leta asked the time the tent would need to be manned. Gary stated that the show starts at 9am, and runs until about 3:30pm. He also added that if you want to enter your bike, registration is 7 – 9am. Richard said he planned to take his bike and enter it, so he might as well bring the tent, and man it. James asked if anyone wants to help Richard man the tent, to let him know. He also thanked Gary for the offer of the booth space.
- James introduced Joe Cervantes, who is a Founding Member of this Chapter. His claim to fame is that when we were fighting to revoke the helmet law in Oklahoma, this man burned a helmet on the stairs of the OK Capitol Blding. Joe announced he brought 29 photo copies of himself with the Governor, who is signing the Repeal Bill of the Helmet Law. He knows that is not enough copies for tonight's crowd, so he will bring more next month. James added that this is a part of Oklahoma history.
- Larry asked for a legislative update to the Bills that were submitted on our behalf. James replied that we know the Handlebar Height bill passed, and that the Anti-Profiling passed in the House, but was hung up in Committee at the Senate.
- Rick gave us 2 events in his life where he dreamed, and those dreams came true. He then explained that he wanted to make a difference, and on May 10th, he saw that dream come true with the Watch for Motorcycle signs that were put up around Tulsa. Rick then presented James with 2 gifts for his help in making his dream come true.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Buddy – \$25 QT gift card

Rick – White River Fish Market certificate

Rob – 50/50 raffle: \$64 / \$65, Winner / VFW (Rob donated his winnings to the VFW)

Motion to adjourn: Radar, seconded by Hippie. Adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2023

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by James "By God" Miller.
The Opening Prayer was given by CMA Rob.
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James "By God" Miller.
The Mission Statement was recited by James "By God" Miller.

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- A little later, we will be opening the floor for nominations for Vice President. On this table are copies of the job description of the Vice President. Anyone interested come get a copy to know what your responsibilities would be.
- This last month we were at 3 biker different events: Brookside's Rumble & Roll, Power Sports in Sapulpa, and, Collinsville's Hogs & Hot Rods. Richard takes care of the pop-up, and he made sure we were at these events.
- There were about 500 bikers at Rumble & Roll, and about \$35,000 was raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Thank you to those who helped set-up, man, and breakdown our booth: Richard, Gary Rainey, James Miller, Rick, Leta, Larry Vann, Andy Stenberg, Harry Elrod, Scott Bunch, Rob & Julie, and Cheryl. Also, Garrett Marshall was the DJ for the event.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl (in Leta's absence)

- Cheryl stated that detailed copies of the Treasurer's report are available on the Officers table, then she read the June report. She asked if there were any questions. Motion to accept: Lyndon, seconded by Randy. Passed.
- In addition, Cheryl stated that the money in the Savings account includes donations from Toy Run Sponsorships, which will need to be returned to the 501c3. She then added that since we are taking back control of the ABATE Charitable Services, and when we get its banking records, the funds from Sponsorships will be returned to ACS to help pay for this year's Toy Run expenses. Someone asked for an explanation of this 501c3 that is being taken over from someone. James explained that BACA Bookkeeper, Bandido Hun, and himself worked together to set up a 501c3 for the benefit of the Tulsa Chapter so that anyone who wanted to be a Sponsor for the Toy Run could deduct their Contribution. State asked to borrow it for the purpose of writing Grants to OHSO for the benefit of the Share the Road program. Since there have been some changes with State, and since James is listed as President and Registered Service Agent Abate Charitable Services, it was best that it be returned to Abate of Tulsa for management. It will come back to our chapter for the sole purpose for which it was originally set up.

Secretary's Report – Paula "Rose"

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are also available on the Officers table. She asked if there were any corrections or questions. None. Motion to accept: Radar, seconded by Cody. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President – (position open)

Road Captain – Scott

- Scott informed us he had surgery the beginning of May, which took a couple of months to recover from. I finally got back on my bike this last weekend.
- As the weather permits, I will put together a ride, and James will put out Robo communication.

State Board Meeting – Rob

- Rob stated that the Minutes of the State Board Meeting can be viewed on our Website.
- Governmental Affairs: Larry brought up a question at our last meeting, "Why didn't our Bills get passed?" At the State meeting I asked, and the explanation I received was that the Legislators were so overwhelmed with Bills, that they just didn't get to ours. Also, this was the case for a multitude of other Bills that did not get addressed.
- There were nominations for State Sgt at Arms & State Secretary. Nomination for Sgt at Arms were Lyndse Weber and myself, and for Secretary was Connie Maberry.

Safety Report – Rob

- Rob stated that at the State Meeting, Art presented a diagram: “Heat Exhaustion & Heat Stroke, Know the Difference.”
- Another thing Art brought up was that the “gators” are on the road. Is is getting hot and the tires are exploding, so watch out when you are passing Semis. Rob then put on a demonstration by bringing in a low profile tire with 80 psi, and explaining in higher profile tires they get up to 100 psi. He then asked us to close our eyes, and visualize we are on the turnpike and are passing a tractor trailer. He stated: “You speed up, because you don’t want to take long to pass it. You then look at the tires, when you hear a pop (he then popped a bag).” He then stated: “That is what I was going for. You do not want to next to this tire when it blows.” Scott added that on rides he leads, he has the group move into single file formation then ride to the far left of the lane until the tractor trailer is passed.

Membership – Lyndon

- At the end of May after Tulsa Members expired out, renewed and new ones joined, we had a total of 180 Members. At the same time, State was at 733 Members.
- Get with me after the meeting if you want to check the status of your Membership.
- James then stated that our high rate of retention is the excellent work of Lyndon. He added that we have a very healthy Chapter with the fact that we are sustaining Members, and with attendance at our meetings, which usually run at about 50 Members & Guests. James then said: “One last thing, Cody brought 2 Guests tonight, who are going to sign up tonight, is this correct? Please introduce them.” Cody introduced Josh, who he works with & Devin.

MRF – Art

- Art informed us that “Unfortunately due to circumstances, I did not make it to Bikers Inside the Beltway in May. However, my information is that in its 14 year history it was the best one yet. It was because of the number of the bikers who showed up, and that all 435 Members of the House and all 100 Members of the Senate received information packets from the MRF, regarding issues that affects us directly as motorcycle riders. A key result of those efforts was that the Motorcycle Advisory Committee was re-established, and the MRF will have a seat on that Committee, which is part of the Federal Highway Administration.”
- Unfortunately, impaired driving has become a critical issue among motorcycle riders, so much so that HS Resolution 3684 is going to require all vehicles built after 2026 to be equipped with a passive breathalyzer.
- Effective January 1st when Bills go into effect, Nebraska will be the 33rd State to be “Helmet Choice”.
- California already banned sales of new combustible motors on a smaller scale, but they are siting with the new technology, emissions is their next project. So, they are going after new Emissions Control that is going to cost us more. The bottom line is that we need to pay attention to what is going on on the National Level, if we expect to ride our bikes the way we are. And, the best way to do this is to be a Member of the MRF. It costs \$35 a year, which includes: 6 issues of the American Biker Journal, emails updates, and \$4000 in Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance policy. If you are a Member you can check with me to see when you are due to renew, or if you want to join you can see me, go online to apply or renew, or mail in an application for Membership.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- We have a really big one coming up Friday July 28th at 9am at the OKC Courthouse, State vs Cabral. He killed Clifton Howard a US Air Force Veteran, a Patriot Guard Rider, and he is big in his community. There is a lot of disparity because Mr Howard is a gentleman of color, he is Black. Cabral’s bail was \$500. Lotus has sent requests to the DA, the Black Lives Matter organization, the NAACP, and ACLU, stating this is an obvious discrimination case, and the DA refuses to review the case. We need everyone there, so if you need a ride we can carpool. Frenchy also pointed out that our next meeting is the day before the 28th, so he will be reminding us.

Share the Road – Rob

- Since the beginning of this month, I have had in my possession the Share the Road truck & trailer, and I have been taking it to different businesses for a week at a time. So far, I have dropped off the wrecked motorcycle with the explanation of the motorcyclist who was killed in the distracted driving accident at: the Armstrong Relocation, the North American employee gate, and the front door of Mayflower in Broken Arrow.

Legislative Update – Carla

- On ABATE’s Legislative Day at our Capitol, 50 people attended and visited their Legislators. At the end of this year’s Legislative Session, 21 Bills were being watched, of which 2 Supported Bills will become law in November. These 2 are: accurate labeling of gas pumps to reflect the % of Ethanol & the definition of a motorcycle versus other motorcycle type vehicles. As Rob stated previously, our anti-profiling and handlebar height Bills were left hanging due to other Bills that had budget and authorization implications that were of higher importance to the Legislators.
- There were also 2 major Supported Bills that were left hanging, which are: no electronic devices while driving & child support given to the surviving spouse.

- I spoke with Garry, our Legislative Affairs Officer about HB 2161, which flies in the face of our anti-profiling Bill. This Bill states that any law enforcement citizen review board must be comprised of 2/3 law enforcement. OKC currently has a 9 person citizen review board, which are citizens, that would go away.
- Next year's Legislation begins February 2024, so now is the time to contact your Legislators about your concerns.
- James added that the Bills we introduced are not dead, they are just shelved. There were some questions about what happens to our Bills that either left Committee, or were stuck in Committee, and this next Legislative year? It was decided that we will address this issue with Garry when he visits us next.

Downed Bikers – Jeff

- We moved the Members' Meeting to Wednesday July 5th at 7pm at the American Legion.
- Sat 7/8 is a Benefit Run for Christopher Parker that begins at the Berryhill Bar and ends at Baby Ruth's Sports Bar.
- Aug 12th is our Annual kicking off from Myers Duran at 4pm.
- James mentioned the Foothills Chapter is having an amazing firework display on Saturday night 7/1.

CMA – Roadrunner

- I want to remind everyone that on July 29th is our CMA Iron Horse Soldiers' 7th Annual Run for the Son Golf Tournament which will be held at the Rock Creek Golf Course in Sapulpa. All are invited, even non-golfers!

NEW BUSINESS – James Miller

- We will now open nominations for Vice President, and if you want to know what that job description is, there are copies here. Lyndon nominated Harry Elrod. Harry accepted the nomination. Frenchy nominated Rob Jones. Rob accepted the nomination. James C then asked if there were any other nominations, none. He then stated that nominations would be open again next month. Lyndon asked why we were taking nominations, and James C answered, "Because there is a vacancy." Lyndon then asked if Garrett resigned, and James answered yes.

Announcements

- Radar announced that the new Oklahoma Biker Magazine is available on the Officers' table.
- Richard told of an experience he had on a trip West and North with Larry Vann when his new bike had broken down in a remote area. A group of bikers had just passed them by when his bike broke down. They came back to see if they could help him. He found out they were a group of recovering alcoholics, but also that some of them were Harley mechanics, and they found out what was wrong with his bike. He said it changed my attitude, and makes me want to do more for the Motorcycle Community. They saw my ABATE & MRF patches, and I found out some of them were Members of the MRF. One of them even remember seeing me at the Meeting of the Minds event. James M added that the universal sign of a motorcyclist in trouble is putting your helmet or doorag on the back of your motorcycle.
- Cody Newton announced a Benefit Run for a family, a member of which has stage 4 cancer. He had fliers, and announced it will be held on 7/15. There will be: \$10 lunch, ride, benefit auction, 50/50, & music. Please come.
- Terry Smith stated he had raffle tickets to raise money for 2 - \$1000 college scholarships sponsored by the Good Wheel Riders. The prize is an AR15.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Hippie – \$25 QT gift card

Gary Rainey – White River Fish Market certificate

Lyndon – 50/50 raffle: \$40 / \$41, Winner / VFW

Motion to adjourn: Randy, seconded by Hippie. Adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2023**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by James "By God" Miller.
The Opening Prayer was given by Chaplain Robert "Doc" Platner
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James "By God" Miller.
The Mission Statement was recited by James "By God" Miller.

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- Guests were introduced: Bonnie was Richard's guest, Doc Platner's son, Ryan; and Kristie & Bjorn Fjordholm from Route 66 HOG.
- He said that James "By God" Miller will be talking later in the meeting about protocol in our culture.
- He reminded members that we are ABATE Ambassadors – if anyone still wants business cards, please let him know.
- We will continue with nominations for the position of Vice President with the election tonight to fulfill the term expiring December 31, 2023.

Treasurer's Report – Leta Badgwell

- Leta stated that detailed copies of the Treasurer's report are available on the Officers table, then she read the July report. She asked if there were any questions. Motion to accept: Cody Newton, seconded by Randy Knox. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Cheryl Clark gave report in the absence of Paula "Rose"

- One correction was previously brought to our attention – the MRF insurance policy is for \$4,000, not \$4,500. No other corrections. Motion to accept: Randy Knox, seconded by Jim Koelle (Radar).

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road Captain – Scott

- Scott informed us that nothing is planned at this time because it's too hot. As the weather permits, he will put together a ride, and James will put out Robo communication.

State Board Meeting – Rob

- Rob stated there was no meeting in July because of the River Run, therefore, no report.

Safety Report – Rob

- Rob did a demonstration using James & Cheryl on how a passenger can prevent an accident in the event the driver becomes incapacitated. Simply lean forward and apply the hand brake or hit the kill switch.

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Membership – Lyndon

- At the end of June we have 181 members.
- **MRF – Art**
- Art informed us that the 2020 SMILE is set for March 8, 9 & 10. We need to be thinking about possible candidates for the Gunner and Smile awards. He reminded us that this year's Meeting of the Minds is taking place in Harrisburg, PA on September 21-23. It will be a great conference and anyone who is able to go should consider attending. We have scholarships available. If you aren't able to attend MofM, consider attending the MidSouth MILE in Springfield on October 20-22, which is the same weekend as Sparks.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- The hearing on State vs Cabral on July 28 is a preliminary hearing and will likely be very brief. The next hearing that we are encouraged to attend is Sept. 20 at 9am at the Oklahoma County Courthouse for formal arraignment.

Legislative Update – Carla

- She shared that HB2161 is still active and will be heard in February of 2024. Justice for Greenwood is also opposed to this bill and we might consider partnering with them to gather support.

Downed Bikers – Jeff Brock

- The next members' meeting will be Monday, August 7th at 7pm at the American Legion.
- He has raffle tickets for a Harley Davidson quilt, \$5 each.
- DBA coins are also available for \$40 each.

CMA – Roadrunner

- Remember that July 29th is our CMA Iron Horse Soldiers' 7th Annual Run for the Son Golf Tournament which will be held at the Rock Creek Golf Course in Sapulpa. All are invited, even non-golfers!

NEW BUSINESS – James Miller

- Nominations continue for VP. No new nominees, leaving Harry Elrod and Rob Jones as the two members who have been nominated.
- Ballots were distributed. Cheryl and Leta gathered ballots and counted while James gave a presentation on protocols.

Announcements

- Radar announced that the new Oklahoma Biker Magazine is available on the Officers' table.
- James announced that our new Vice President is Rob Jones. He thanked both Rob and Harry for being accepting the nominations and expressed how grateful we are to them for giving their time to ABATE.

Raffles & 50/50 Drawing

- Ryan Platner – \$25 QT gift card
- Bonnie (Richard's guest) – White River Fish Market certificate
- Lisa Brogdon (Sprout) – 50/50 raffle: \$71 / \$72, Winner / VFW

- Motion to adjourn: Doc Platner, seconded by Cody Newton. Adjourned at 8:03pm

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Clark

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2023**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by James "By God" Miller.

The Opening Prayer was given by Doc Platner.

The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James "By God" Miller.

The Mission Statement was recited by James "By God" Miller.

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- This is the largest attendance we have had, which tells me we need to look for a larger location.
- I'd like to welcome Tim McDaniel, our newest Member, Bryan, who is considering joining, and Spur, my good friend.
- We were at the Rte 66 Dealership, and got to sign up some new Members, and renewal some also..
- We have been trying to keep this Chapter active. Rob as our Vice President has had some great ideas to get us more exposure. Also, if you want business cards with your name on them, we will order them for you.
- A few years ago, we looked at the "Adopt-A-Road" program. We had someone from that department come to speak to us. We had the section of road picked out, and the signs were to be made, but we never heard from the road department. We think it is time to revisit this project, so Rob and Richard are going to look into this.
- Radar updated ABATE's list of Legislative Accomplishments, and those will be available when we set up at Events.
- Oct 20 – 22 is the Mid-South MILE in Springfield, MO, & I'd like to see a group of us ride up there, and participate.
- We still have the glow in the dark "We've Got Your Back" t-shirts for \$25, see Mrs Clark if you are interested.
- James "By God" Miller introduced Hannah the youngest Member of ABATE, and asked her to come up to make her presentation to James. Hannah told James the presents & card were for his birthday. James opened them, a cupcake and a Harley Davidson plaque and thanked her.

Treasurer's Report – Leta

- Leta stated that detailed copies of the Treasurer's report are available on the Officers table, then she read the August report. She asked if there were any questions. None. Motion to accept: Harry, seconded by Randy. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Paula "Rose"

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are also available on the Officers table. She asked if there were any corrections or questions. There was a correction on the price of the DBA Coins, which are \$20 each, not \$40. Motion to accept: Cody, seconded by Lyndon. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road Captain – Scott

- Scott informed us of a joint effort ride that is being put together by Rick, Larry, and himself. He explained it would start off at the Outsiders Museum, followed by a ride around town to landmarks that were in the movie, then conclude at the Admiral Twins Drive-In to watch the movie. We haven't been able to reach the owner of the Drive-In yet, but I have heard, that the opening movie in the Spring is the "Outsider", so we may postpone the ride until then.
- I volunteer at the Air & Space Museum, and Sept 29 – Oct 1 there is a Warbird Weekend, which will feature different airplanes: B-24 'Diamond Lil', B-25 Mitchell Bomber, P-51 Mustang, C-45 Mustang, and some trainers. If you go to the website, you can book a ride on one of them. Flights will be in the mornings, and the afternoons they will be on display. James suggested we make a ride to this Event.
- The Patriot Guards have a Mission called "Honor the Hero", which will be held out at the Dirt Track out by the Drag Strip off of 169 on Sept 9-10.
- Regarding Safety: be on the alert for grass clippings on the road as it creates slippery conditions for motorcycles.

State Board Meeting – Harry Elrod

- Harry stated he went to the State Board Meeting, and encouraged others to attend it. He also encouraged everyone to send in the Insurance cards to get the \$3500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage for being a Member of ABATE.
- Here are some of the highlights of the meeting:
 - **Legislative** The Bills that will be introduced in 2024 in order of importance are: Reduce Turnpike Fees for Motorcycles; Lane Filtering; Hands Free; and, Anti-Profiling
 - **Safety** Art suggested in this extreme heat to carry & drink plenty of water.
 - **MRF Event Attendance** 2 of our own people went to the Bikers on the Beltway. They had a mission to meet with all 7 of our Oklahoma Legislators and present our Biker Concerns, and they completed their mission.
 - **Nominations** Secretary, Lindsey and Sgt at Arms, Rob
 - **SMILE Awards** The different categories were mentioned, and who was eligible to vote on which award.
 - **Share the Road** The Grant came through for 2024.
 - **Merchandise** Guardian Bells are now available for \$10.
 - **Upcoming Events:** 9/16-Pay It Forward Scholarship Run; 10/19-22 Halloween at Sparks; 11/4 Ride to the Wall; 11/24 Lakes Chapter's Toyrun in Pryor

Membership – Lyndon

- At the end of July Tulsa Members expired out, renewed and new ones joined, we have a total of 180 Members.
- Get with me after the meeting if you want to check the status of your Membership.

MRF – Art

- Art explained that the function of the MRF is to protect our rights federally in DC.
- The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) decided that there is a simple way to save lives, and that is for the people who are driving, as well as Motorcycle drivers to “Watch out for each other”. In 2021, there were 6,000 motorcyclists deaths across the country. That is 14% of all traffic fatalities, which is way too high. The MRF, along with the IIHS, has been pushing for a “crash avoidance” systems. One of the new technologies being developed is a “left turn assist”, which is to prevent someone turning left in front of you, which is the most common crash for motorcyclists.
- There are some Bills which potentially will prevent the motorcyclist from making changes to their motorcycle. So, the MRF has formed an Alliance with the Independent Aftermarket Dealers and the Custom Bike Builders, who would be out of business, to help fight these Bills.
- There is a push to increase the amount of Ethanol in gas. Anything more than 10% will do harm to motorcycles.
- There are states which are trying to ban combustible motors, SB29. California has already done so.
- Europe has an “End-of-Life Vehicle” (ELV) Directive, which means at a certain age your vehicle has to go to a crusher, and is no longer a viable piece of machinery as far as they are concerned. What happens in Europe usually makes its way here.
- The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration sent a letter to Tesla in regards to their auto pilot system. Tesla had a deadline to respond back to the NHTSA by 7/25, but it is unknown if they did. A new investigation with Tesla has been initiated, The NHTSA has issued out a statement that motorcycle riders are not safe around Teslas.
- Mark your calendars for these dates:
 - Sept 21-24 Meeting of the Minds in Harrisburg, PA: 16 workshops, 10 presenters, & new topics
 - Oct 20-22 Mid-South MILE in Springfield, MO: MRF & AMA will present workshops
 - Feb 14 OK ABATE Legislative Day at the Capitol: talk to your Legislators about our Bills
 - March 8-10 SMILE in OKC: State Board Meeting, MRF Road Show, and banquet & awards

Court Watch – Frenchy

- Frenchy informed us to get on the State ABATE site to keep informed on what is going on with Court Watch.
- Clifton Howard a US Air Force Veteran, a Patriot Guard Rider, and who was active in his community & his church was hit and killed while riding his motorcycle. The OKC District Attorney will only charge Cabral with causing an accident while driving without a drivers license, and bail was only set at \$5000. The Formal Arraignment is set for Sept 20 at 9am at the OKC County Courthouse, and we need EVERYONE (club, organization, 1%er) there. If you need a ride we can carpool. Wear a black t-shirt, and take as little metal as possible into the Courthouse.

Share the Road – Art

- We are the recipient of a Grant, amount unknown.
- The Oklahoma Challenges would be the prime place for us to get our message to the Teenagers of OK.

Legislative Update – Carla

- I spoke to Garry Canaday earlier today, and he is interested in having a Representative or Senator from Tulsa to sponsor the Turnpike Bill, since Tulsa has more Toll Roads surrounding it. Tonight, I spoke with my Rep Mark

Tedford, who was having a Town Hall Meeting. He agreed to entertain the idea, and will get back to me. Also of interest was that his Assistant & her husband just bought a motorcycle in Muskogee, and is very interested in what we are doing, and wants me to send her the info, which I agreed to do.

- On the Membership side of things, I have been working with Richard on the 41st St Riders, the younger crotch rocket bikers. The person in charge, Phil doesn't want anything political on the main page, but there is a sub-page that almost everyone looks at, and is run by Sean Moon. I spoke to Sean this evening, and he said I could put on whatever I wanted on it. He also invited me to come down to 41st St and talk to the young Bikers, and let them know you are working on their behalf.
- There was a question about what Kim, our State ABATE paid Legislative person, does. Here is what I found out: When the Legislature is in session, she spends the majority of the day watching what is going on at the OK Capitol and takes notes, and sends Garry the report, which he reviews.

Old Business

- James asked Richard to update us on Bike Night at Cycle Gear. Richard informed us that on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 5-7pm, he and Rob set up a booth at Bike Night, but no one comes to it. We need help communicating with them what we do to help save lives. Spur suggested have something to give them, and don't wait for them to come to you, take it to them, this will help break the ice with them.

Downed Bikers – Jeff

- We moved our Members' Meeting to Wednesday Sept 6th at 7pm at the American Legion.
- Sat 7/9 is a Benefit Run for Gary Peaster that begins at the South 40 Bar (co-sponsored w/ Twin Rivers Chapter)
- We are raffling a handmade "HD tshirts" quilt for \$5 a ticket. Winning ticket drawn at Nov Meeting.

CMA – Andy & Roadrunner

- Andy – Our Fall BBQ will be Sat Oct 7th at 10am, with biker games following at noon at Haikey Creek Park.
- Roadrunner – Sat 9/16 Bro to Bro Biker Church "Refuel 2023": bike show, fish fry, service, bike give-away.

Rte 66 HOG Chapter

- Sat Sept 2nd is our next monthly meeting.

Announcements

- Wendy: 10/7 Veteran's Poker/Toy Run begins at South 40 & ends at BA Elks Lodge w/ live band & auction.
- Red: 9/9 the Combat Vets are hosting the 3rd Annual 9/11 Honor Run which begins & ends at the Town Pump.
- Rob: to raise money for our Chapter, I am selling \$10 raffle tickets for this firepit. Also, I need help selling them, as I haven't sold very many. ALSO, see me after the meeting if you want a "Watch for Motorcycles" sign.
- Tim: Sat 9/23 Route 66 Wild Bill Poker Run 8am – 6pm @ Gasoline Alley Classics in Sapulpa. ALSO, a friend of mine and I are working on a Bike Week in Sapulpa for 2024. We have everyone in Sapulpa connected to okaying the Event on board. We are going to start with 4 days the first year.
- Doc Platner: We have a Member, Nelson DiMarco who is on his way to CA. His father has been diagnosed with a blood disease which is cancerous. Please keep him in your daily prayers.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Leta – \$25 QT gift card

John Trotter – White River Fish Market certificate

Joe Cervantes – 50/50 raffle: \$73 / \$73, Winner / VFW

Motion to adjourn: Cody, seconded by Lyndon. Adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2023**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by James "By God" Miller.
The Opening Prayer was given by Doc Platner.
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James "By God" Miller.
The Mission Statement was recited by James "By God" Miller.

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- I'd like to welcome New Members: Joey Clem, Tony Vic, Danny and Guests: Goodwheel Rider Verl Hoover, and Shelly from CMA BA with her husband Steve.
- We have a celebrity in our midst, Hannah, who made the cover of the current issue of the Oklahoma Biker.
- I'd also like to introduce Jennifer our new best friend, who owns Churchill's Bar & Grill. This year, we are going to change our schedule for selling Toy Run T-shirts: Sat 11/26 Rte 66 HD Dealership; Sat 12/2 Myers Duren HD Dealership; then, Sat 12/9 we will be at Churchill's Bar & Grill. Thanks to Jennifer, who has gotten in touch with both Budweiser and Torchy's, who will provide food. We will have giveaways and sell t-shirts. But that is not all, Jennifer came up with an idea to have a Food Truck cook off Sat 4/27, the last weekend before May, which is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The street will be blocked off, and the proceeds will go to ABATE.
- Remember last month I said we were going to revisit the "Adopt-A-Road" program, well Rob has an update on that project. Rob informed us the application was turned in, and we will be assigned East bound BA Expressway between 129th to 161st once our application is approved.
- A friend of mine purchased an office building, and is working on renovating it. I have approached him about letting us meet there once a month. If it works out, it opens a lot of possibilities for us.
- Oct 20 – 22 is the Mid-South MILE in Springfield, MO, & I'd like to see a group of us ride up there, and participate.

Treasurer's Report – Leta

- Leta stated that detailed copies of the Treasurer's report are available on the Officers' table, then she read the September report. She asked if there were any questions. None. Motion to accept: Randy, seconded by Hippie. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Paula "Rose"

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are also available on the Officers' table. She asked if there were any corrections or questions. None. Motion to accept: Radar, seconded by Randy. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President – Rob

- Rob thanked Richard for going with him to the Oklahoma Challenge yesterday. Then Rob explained what OK Challenge is: we go to the schools, and talk to the kids who are driving age about motorcycle safety and awareness. It makes a real impact when you explain that someone died on the wrecked motorcycle we have on display. If anyone wants to help with this worthwhile program please see Art.
- Here are a variety of future events you can volunteer at:
 - 10/5 Oklahoma Challenge at Edmond at 1:30pm;
 - 10/7 Mounds is having a Car & Bike show that I will be bringing the Share the Road truck & trailer to with the wrecked motorcycle;
 - 10/10 we will be at Cycle Gear for Bike Night 5-7pm, everyone please come out;
 - 10/17 Oklahoma Challenge in Norman at the Embassy Suites;
 - 10/19-22 at Sparks for the Halloween Bash. Everyone not going to the Mid-South Mile, please come come.
 - 10/23 Oklahoma Challenge at Minco;
 - 10/24 Oklahoma Challenge at Apache; and,
 - 11/16 Oklahoma Challenge at Claremore at the Tech School.
- Rob reminded us Raffle tickets for the firepit are still for sale, & the winner will be picked at Sparks.
- Rob added a Safety Tip: when riding on curvy roads, ride single file.

Road Captain – Scott

- Scott informed us the “Outsiders Ride”, Outsiders House/Museum, then visit spots around Tulsa where filming took place, and end up at the Admiral Twin Drive-in to watch the movie, is being postponed until Spring.
- We have had several ride suggestions, and one I was looking at doing is to Ft Gibson National Cemetary.

State Board Meeting – Art

- The State Report is non-existent, as there was a poor turnout of the Chapter Reps, and we barely had a quorum. The only business we got taken care of was the Secretary’s position due to the current one retiring. Lindsey has volunteered to fill the position. Art went onto say that the next State Meeting is 10/14, and if you want to know what is happening across the State, that is where you want to be. Yes, Rob & I can give the report, but you learn a lot more there. The meeting starts at 12 at Forman HD’s Roadhouse, & if you get there early, there’s breakfast for you.

MRF – Art

- Art informed us he just returned on the weekend from the Meeting of the Minds in Harrisburg, PA. Here are some of the highlights of the weekend:
 - The first announcement made on the first night of the event was that BMW has ceased sale of new and used motorcycles in the US, supposedly on a temporary basis. However, this does not affect their electric motorcycles.
 - I have told you in the past, that our rights and freedoms as Motorcycle Riders were being threatened, but that is no longer the case, they are being flat out attacked! They are going after our bikes, our rights, our freedoms whether it be through shutting down the plants, emissions control, through upping the Ethanol content, our right to repair our own vehicles, and the right to buy a gas motor.
 - The MRF has joined forces with the National COC, the National Coalition of Motorcycles, the National Coalition of Independent Riders, the Independent Aftermarket Alliance, the Modified Motorcycle Association, and FEMA (Federal European Motorcycle Association).
 - It was suggested that states who are trying to pass Lane Filtering Bills needed to work with local Sport Bike groups, who especially benefit from such bills.
 - Also, we were trying to get a plain Jane, 1 paragraph Profiling Bill passed, and it was strongly suggested by one of the states who has a Profiling Law, that we add meat, responsibility and accountability to the Bill to make it work the way we want it to.
 - I heard a quote at the meeting that really sticks with me as to what we are facing, “We have to stay strong and united at this time in history, or there will be no future history.” In other words, we have to get together and protect our rights to ride our motorcycles, or we will lose our future rights to do so.
 - The most important thing I took away from the weekend was this: We as individuals, we as a Chapter, we as a State Organization need to put together a strategic plan to help us get to where we want to get within this Organization to save our Rights and Freedoms. It is a fluid situation, so we have to adapt our plan as change comes along.
- Mark your calendars for these dates:
 - Sept 19-23, 2024 Meeting of the Minds will be held in St Louis, MO.
 - Sept 2025 Meeting of the Minds will be in Shreveport, LA.
 - Sept 2026 & 2027 are open for a location, so we might consider hosting it in OK one of those years.
 - Oct 20-22 Mid-South MILE is in Springfield, MO.
 - Oct 21 “Save 2 Base Poker Run” hosted by our Southwest Chapter.
- Art concluded by asking current Members of the MRF to come see him if you are not sure when your Membership expires, or if you want to become a NEW Member to see him after the Meeting.
- Rob added that Art forgot to tell us that when he left for the Meeting of the Minds, he was the Assistant State MRF Rep, but he came back as the OK State MRF Rep.

Membership – Lyndon

- As of 11:59 last night with Tulsa Members who have Retired, Renewed, and are New, we have a total of 186 Members. We went up from last month in: Recruitment 18 to 23% and Retention 80 to 81%.
- Get with me after the meeting if you want to check the status of your Membership, or would like to join.
- Art added that everyone of us is a Recruiter, and should be bringing in at least 1 Member to ABATE & MRF.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- Frenchy informed us that on 9/20, State vs Cabral CF2022-4045 Mr Cabral was not very cocky this time due to the fact that we filled the courthouse with Bikers. Those who attended from Tulsa: James Chambers Clark, Richard Beal, Randy, Carla Evans, Frenchy Marnne, Andy, and Paul Brinker, and from OKC: Quentin “Q” Dunn, Lotus Dunn, Chris Lee & Jennifer, DBA Executive VP-Wayne Smith, DBA Referee-Terry Warner, DBA Curtis Wraders, CMA Jack & Frances Thomas.

- The next trial date is 11/20 at the OKC Courthouse at 9am. We are hoping he enters a “blind plea” because the DA still will not add any more charges than “causing an accident while driving without a license”, and we can’t find out why.
- James asked Frenchy to explain why Cabral was arrested. Frenchy explained that Clifton Howard a US Air Force Veteran, a Patriot Guard Rider, and was active in his community & his church was hit and killed while riding his motorcycle. The OKC District Attorney will only charge Cabral with causing an accident while driving without a drivers license, and bail was only set at \$5000.

Downed Bikers – Jeff

- Tulsa’s Chapter Meeting is the 1st Monday of the month, so it is 10/2 at 7pm at the American Legion.
- Our next Benefit Poker Run is for Duane Gann on 10/14, and you will find flyers for this on your tables.
- Our November Benefit Poker Run was moved from the second Saturday to 11/18 due to Veteran’s Day.

CMA – Andy

- The Tulsa and BA Chapters are having a Fun Run & BBQ at Haikey Creek Park on Sat Oct 7th. The Fun Run begins at 10am, followed by the BBQ & Potluck at noon, and from the Park we will move to Divining Hope Church’s parking lot for 2pm biker games. Then at 4pm, we will go to the BA Elks Club as they finish up their Veterans Christmas Poker Run. There are flyers for the events on your tables & ALL are invited.

OK Biker – Radar

- The newest OK Biker Magazines are available, and Hannah, our cover girl is here and can autograph your copy.
- Rob said he was selling the Raffle tickets, but make sure you buy your ticket from me, as Rob is not very reputable, but I am since I sell for the Oklahoma Biker.
- Rose and I wore these shirts (neon yellow “I VOTE Motorcyclist (checked)” to the Federal Capitol Building and many Senators and Congressmen came up to us to compliment us on our shirts. Today, I wore it to the VA Center, and at least a dozen people commented on it, or gave me the thumbs up. So, if you get a chance, buy this shirt and you will get a lot of attention when you wear it. (Art added that we could place an order from the State, and Rob could pick them up at the State Meeting.)
- While I was at the VA, I picked up a flyer on an upcoming Military/Veteran’s Job Fair. So if you are a Vet and looking for a good job, they are going to have 20+ companies interviewing. It will be held on Wed Oct 11th from 11am – 3pm. I only have one flyer, so if you are interested come by after the meeting and take a photo of it.

James added 2 comments:

- We are done on time, as promised.
- I didn’t want to neglect my manners, and welcome our friend from Lakes Area, Chrissie and also our friend Spur.
- Steve, a Member asked if he could pass along a compliment. He shared that he had breakfast with someone he went to high school with who is a Representative of the OK Legislature, Jeff Boatman He asked Jeff about the Profiling Bill, and Jeff admitted he didn’t know anything about it. Then he asked Steve if he was a Member of ABATE, which he responded yes, he is. Jeff then said “Steve, I gotta tell you when your group comes, they are the most commanding presence we have, and the politest, and that says alot about you guys.”

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Hannah – \$25 QT gift card

Cody Newton, Jr – White River Fish Market certificate

Andy – 50/50 raffle: \$48 / \$48, Winner / VFW

Motion to adjourn: Radar, seconded by Hippie. Adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2023**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by James "By God" Miller.

The Opening Prayer was given by Preacher Dennis.

The National Anthem was not played due to CMA Roadrunner's absence at the beginning of the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James "By God" Miller.

The Mission Statement was recited by James "By God" Miller.

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President's Opening Remarks – Rob (in James Clark's absence)

- This is a quote I found from Benjamin Franklin: "Tell me and I forget, Teach me and I remember, Involve me and I learn." That's what we are all doing here, getting involved and learning.
- I'd like to welcome New Members and Guests: CMA Broken Arrow Shelly "Little Bear" & "Walking Bear", Gary "Sugar Bear" & wife, Stephanie "Shorty", and Guests Angela Engel with her sons Austin & Mason.
- We are all about the "Watch for Motorcycles" signs as we want to get drivers minds on not running over us. Well, let me tell you a story that happened a couple of weeks ago. I was at my Dad's house and put this sign up at the end of his driveway by the street. Late one night, there was a knock on the door, and a lady said "Can you give us a jump, our bike broke down?" She went onto explain "That right before our bike died, our headlamp caught your Watch for Motorcycles sign, so we knew this house would be Motorcycle friendly." It is a good thing Dad lives next to a motorcycle mechanic who helped them out.

Treasurer's Report – Leta

- Leta stated that detailed copies of the Treasurer's report are available on the Officers' table, then she read the October report.
- She added that Toy Run Sponsorships & Expenses are starting to come in. Much of the money in our Savings Account will be deposited, along with these new ledger items into ABATE Charitable Services, our 501C3 Account.
- Leta asked if there were any questions. None. Motion to accept: Randy, seconded by Radar. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Paula "Rose"

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are also available on the Officers' table. She asked if there were any corrections or questions. Lyndon corrected the spelling of Joe Clem's last name begins with a K, not a C. Motion to accept: Lyndon, seconded by Joe Klem. Passed.

Guest Speaker – Angela Engel with American Income

- My name is Angela, and I am with American Income Life. We have partnered with ABATE of Oklahoma since April of 2010. In that partnership, we provide \$3500 in Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy to every Member in good standing of your organization at no cost. Our AD&D Insurance is stacked, so if you are a Member of DBA in Oklahoma you are covered by a \$3000, and of the MRF the coverage is \$4000. So, you would collect all 3 amounts should you be a Member of all 3 organizations. If you were to lose your life, or both hands, feet or eyes, we would pay the amount in full. Should you lose 1 hand, foot or eye, we would pay out half of the policy amount.
- We send out a mailing every 15 to 18 months, which includes a letter, and a response card. The response card includes your name, address, phone number and your beneficiary. When you send that card back, you will be contacted by one of our Representatives. First, the Representative will confirm your Beneficiary, as sometimes there may be a change you want to make in beneficiaries since you mailed in the card. Along with the AD&D Insurance we provide, the Representative will tell you about our AIL Plus Discount Plan, which is not an Insurance, but Members will get a 10 – 85% discount on Vision, Dental, TeleMedicine Program (only one that there is a fee for), that covers your whole household, and there is no limit as to how many times you use it. There are many other benefits. They then do a "Needs Analysis", which is what no one wants to talk about, Finances and Death. They do a very good job of asking questions about Life Insurance, Term or Whole Life, and educate you as to the difference if you don't know. There are 10 – 12 supplemental policies we offer that we can discuss with you.
- Through our partnerships with these 3 organizations, we have paid out in AD&D and Supplemental Policy claims:
 - since 2009 to the MRF, we have paid out \$128,916;
 - since 2001 to DBA of OKC, we have paid out \$9,000;
 - and, since 2010 to ABATE of Oklahoma, we have paid out \$39,222.

- We sent out our last mailings at the first of the year, so if you have joined recently, I can give you the website where you can fill out that card, or you can give me your information, and I will fill out the card for you. Several expressed that they don't use or have a computer, or know how to do a zoom call. Angela suggested she could have an Agent meet as a group with those who need a face to face meeting. She asked those interested to contact her, and passed out her cards to them.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road Captain & Safety Report – Scott

- Ride: We had a ride to Talimena planned for this Sunday, but the weather isn't going to cooperate for us. We will put it off until next Sunday 11/5.
- Safety: I am going to speak tonight on Traction, and we all know that a motorcycle has a lot less traction than a car has. There are 4 types of traction: acceleration traction, braking traction, cornering traction, and traction reserve. This last one, traction reserve you never know when you will need to use it. When you are driving into curves or different types of driving, you need to be smooth in your transitions using your throttle, it gives your tires a chance to re-adjust to change. Driving aggressively and over using your throttle is when you get into trouble with traction. Newer motorcycles have ABS braking, which really only helps you out when you have emergency braking, which brings you down slowly and safely. There are new motorcycles coming out with traction control, which I haven't seen yet. And lastly, watch out for conditions on the road: oil on the road when you pull up for stops; moisture from the air conditioning and morning dew; road markings that are painted or laminated; mud, grass clippings, leaves, and pine needles on the road; and rain, the first 15 minutes are the most dangerous, as that is when it washes the oil off the road.

State Board Meeting – Rob

- The State Report: it was a long meeting, and not much got accomplished. Garry Cannaday resigned as our Legislative Representative at the Capitol. We mostly talked about our Bylaws and how we handle things.
- The State Bike Rally was at Sparks. Thank you to Randy and Richard for helping me set up our tent there. Also, congratulations to the Raffle winner, Randy Knox who won the ABATE Firepit. I didn't sell that many tickets, but thanks to Radar, we did make \$200 above what I owed for the Firepit. Those funds go to ABATE of Tulsa. We signed up 2 new Members. It was a good rally, but I wish more ABATE Members would have shown up, as ABATE of OK had paid for 120 Members to get in half price. There were maybe 40 ABATE Members that attended.

Membership – Lyndon

- As of 11:59 last night with Tulsa Members who have Retired, Renewed, and are New, we still have a total of 186 Members.
- Lyndon clarified that the 2 new Members Rob mentioned from the State Bike Rally were actually a Renewal from another Chapter, and an At-Large Member. He also stated that we will be getting credit for getting these.
- Get with me after the meeting if you want to check the status of your Membership, or would like to join.

MRF – Art

- Art informed us that as of October 5th, ABATE of Florida is now backing Motorcycle Riders Foundation. This is significant because Florida has the 2nd largest number of motorcycles in the country by a long shot.
- On October 6th, House Resolution 906 was to have been heard by the House Committee, but due to there not being a Speaker of the House, it was delayed. Now it can be heard.
- Our motorcycle freedoms are under attack so much so, that NCOM, NCOC, AMA, NCOIR, After Market Council, and among others are all getting behind the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. They all know that if the MRF fails in DC, our Motorcycle lifestyle as we have known will be lost.
- NITSA is taking another look at the CAFE, the Corporate Average Fuel Economy to raise the minimum Miles Per Gallon. Right now the minimum MPG requirement is 49 as of 2026, but they want to raise it to 58 by 2032. That is great for gas mileage, but the problem is by getting the better gas mileage the Fuel Tax to take care of our roads is dwindling down very quickly.
- They are also talking about providing a Credit for each electric vehicle sold in a Model year. That is just another push from an Internal Combustible Motor to an Electric Motor.
- Senate Bill 29 preserving your Right to purchase a vehicle with the motor of your choice. This Bill circumvents the Clean Air Act which trumps those States who are trying to ban Combustible Motors. There is a Call to Action on this Bill, and Senator Markwayne Mullin is the only Oklahoma Senator on board with this Bill. So, we need to contact Sen Lankford to get him on board also.
- The icing on the cake for all of this is the email I received today: (the full email follows)

California Suspends Self-Driving Car Company, Cruise 10/26/2023 9:06 PM

Tuesday, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) notified Cruise, a self-driving car subsidiary of General Motors, that the DMV is suspending Cruise's autonomous vehicle deployment and driverless testing permits, effective immediately.

Since June 2022, Cruise has been offering commercial driverless car service, which means no driver behind the wheel. There have been reports of Cruise vehicles clustering at intersections, blocking traffic, and engaging in worrisome interactions with emergency vehicles.

In the release, the California DMV said, *"The department's autonomous vehicle regulations provide a framework to facilitate the safe testing and deployment of this technology on California public roads. When there is an unreasonable risk to public safety, the DMV can immediately suspend or revoke permits."*

The agency cited four reasons for the suspension.

- Based upon the performance of the vehicles, the Department determines the manufacturer's vehicles are not safe for the public's operation.
- The manufacturer misrepresented information related to safety of the autonomous technology of its vehicles.
- Any act or omission of the manufacturer, or one of its agents, employees, contractors, or designees which the department finds makes the conduct of autonomous vehicle testing on public roads by the manufacturer an unreasonable risk to the public.
- The department shall immediately suspend or revoke the Manufacturer's Testing Permit or a Manufacturer's Testing Permit – Driverless Vehicles if a manufacturer is engaging in a practice in such a manner that immediate suspension is required for the safety of persons on a public road.

This step by the State of California is dramatic for a state positioned at the forefront of deploying this recent technology. In the past week, federal regulators at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) opened an investigation into recent incidents involving Cruise vehicles. However, the action by regulators in California is a powerful move to push back against the deployment of these vehicles, which many believe are not yet ready for our nation's roads.

MRF added: The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is committed to collaborating with federal policymakers to ensure the detection of bikers by self-driving technology. The lack of action by officials in Washington, D.C. remains frustrating. However, we are pleased to see regulators in California taking a stand in the face of growing incidents with Cruise vehicles. We will continue to watch other states and hope they will also fill the void left by federal inaction.

- Art encouraged those who are not a MRF Member to join, and those who are not sure when your Membership expires to come see him after the Meeting.
- The next Meeting of the Minds is September 19 – 22, 2024 in St Louis. Let's get a group together and go.
- In conclusion, Art said Angela asked him to tell us about Jim Barr, who re-instituted the National Coalition of Independent Riders (COIR). He encouraged us to go online and sign up to receive the latest information on what is going on in DC and all the States. There are no dues, and this is an avenue to hopefully reach the 9 million bikers in the US, who are mostly Independent Riders.
- Rob asked Art to tell us how the Mid-South Mile Meeting he and Scott attended. Art said "We were blessed to have the President of the MRF, the Executive Director of the MRF, and the DC Representative of the AMA who gave presentations on different subject matters. These 2 MRF Reps have been invited to our SMILE event in March. One of the break-out sessions gave an Overview of what took place at the Meeting of the Minds. Another session was Perpetuating our Organization by developing good Leaders. The AMA Rep gave a session on what the AMA is doing in DC, which in most part coincided with what the MRF is also working on.

Share the Road – Art

- Art informed us Share the Road is alive. There is a Challenge Event coming up 11/17 in Claremore, and volunteers are needed to speak to the teenagers about Sharing the Road with Motorcyclists, and what happens when they don't.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- Frenchy informed us that on 11/20 @9am at the OKC Courthouse State vs Cabral CF2022-4045. Let's all be there!
- Court Watch is on the ABATE of Oklahoma's website where all of the court cases we are following is listed, and is kept up to date.

Downed Bikers – Bruce

- Tulsa's Chapter Meeting is 11/6 at 7pm at the American Legion.
- Our November Benefit will be our Turkey Shoot on 11/18 @4pm at 102 S Main St in Owasso.

BACA – Mouse

- Last year, Leisure Park Elementary School asked us to do a toy pickup, after the students collected toys as their Fall Community Project. They chose this as their Project again this year, and have invited BACA, ABATE of Tulsa, and the Marines to pickup the toys on 12/8. It will be in the afternoon, and I will have the time at the next meeting. We will need a vehicle to load the toys in, and as many motorcycles as possible to escort the vehicle, and make a show for the students.

New Business:

- Scott reported there is a meeting on 11/8 at the VFW for the Veteran's Day Parade, and a Robo Call will be sent out with details for those who want to ride in the parade on Friday 11/10.

- Rob announced that nominations were open for Vice President and Secretary. Scott nominated Rob as Vice President.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Carla – \$25 QT gift card

Paul – White River Fish Market certificate

Jeff Brock – HD flask

Lyndon – \$100 HD gift card

“Shorty” – 50/50 raffle: \$33 / \$33, Winner / VFW

Motion to adjourn: Hippie, seconded by Hannah. Adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2023**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by James "By God" Miller.
The Opening Prayer was given by CMA Andy.
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James "By God" Miller.

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- We talked about blessings, well you all have been a blessing to me. I want to thank each of .We have a very strong and healthy chapter, and I am so glad for that.
- I'd like to welcome: Gary Phillips, who is a friend of Tim McDaniels (Tim added that Gary just joined tonight); Mark who has been a Member for a while, but this is his first meeting; and Royce Kirk who signed up Saturday when he bought his Toy Run t-shirt.
- Earlier this month, we lost a member, Josh Newsome, who had just signed up early this summer. I spoke to his mother, who told me "I don't know how I am going to get my son to California." Cheryl contacted Angela Engel from American Income, who spoke to us last month, and she was able to send his mother a check for \$3,500! James then asked Cody to tell us more about his friend. Cody said Josh was a big guy with a bushy beard, who had a heart of gold, and was the sweetest man. He added that Josh was a good man and a good friend, and that Josh's Mom knows we are behind her, and wanted him to thank us for supporting her in this trying time. James then let us know after he talked to Josh's mother, he asked Doc Platner to give her a call to help her through her grief. James also mentioned he noticed Cody already had a memory patch for Josh and asked how many others would like to order one. There was a show of hands and James said we would order a bunch. BACA Mouse offered to make the patches and that she would not charge the usual set up fee. James said that would much appreciated.
- The first sale of Toy Run T-Shirts was last Saturday at Route 66, and it went great. Next Saturday, we will be at Myers Duren selling shirts and the following Saturday we will be at Churchill's Cigar Lounge. Torchy's next door to Churchill's will be furnishing food, and Budweiser will be there so it will be kind of a party. We ordered an additional 150 shirts so hopefully they will all sell.
- We have the fire trucks again this year, as initially I was told that they don't raise the flag anymore on Sundays. Captain Stan May, who is a member of this chapter and a State Representative pulled some strings, so we will have the American Flag draped by the 2 fire trucks as we had last year.
- I have wanted for some time to get a World War II Veteran in our parade. At the Veteran's Day parade I ran into a gentleman by the name of Irvin Postier. He is a 97 years old and served in the Philippines. He has agreed to be in the parade with us. Our good friend and car dealer Mark Allen has agreed to provide us a convertible which Mr Postier will ride in. We've had made magnetic signs for the sides stating his name, rank, where he served.
- Surprisingly, our same Santa will be joining us, as he has been released by his doctor after having back surgery.
- We do not have a meeting in December so our next meeting will be the end of January.
- James acknowledged that Art Ryan has been recognized in the Biker Journal as being one of the Top Ten Recruiters for the MRF.
- Lastly, we will have a raffle in January for a hand-held air compressor.

Nominations & Voting – James "By God" Miller

- James announced that final Nominations would be taken tonight for Vice President & Secretary. He asked If anyone had a nomination for Vice President. Randy nominated Rob, and it was seconded. James then asked if there were any nominations for Secretary. Franklin nominated Carla Evans for Secretary. James Clark then asked if there were any other nominees for Vice President or Secretary.
- Since there were none, James Clark just said "Let's just cut to the chase." He then stated "All in favor of the nominees Rob for Vice President (everyone raised their hands). James said "It's unanimous. And, for Carla as Secretary (hands were raised). Again it is unanimous, and you will both serve for 2 years."

Treasurer's Report – Leta

- Leta stated that detailed copies of the Treasurer's report are available on the Officers' table. She read the November report. Leta asked if there were any questions. None. Motion to accept: Lyndon, seconded by Harry. Passed.
- Cheryl remarked that ABATE Charitable Services is a 501C3 was set up so we could receive tax deductible sponsorships for our Toy Run Expenses. The Tulsa Chapter now has control of ACS back. We have a Board of 5 Members: Franklin, Carla, Radar, Nelson, and myself. We have received about \$23,000 in Sponsorship monies this

year. We will also have T-Shirt sales of about 12 to 13 thousand dollars, which will go into this account. Expenses will then be paid out of this account and what is left is given to the chapter for our operating expenses.

Secretary's Report – Paula “Rose”

- Rose stated that the Minutes were sent out by email, and copies are also available on the Officers' table. She asked if there were any corrections or questions. None. Motion to accept: Cody, seconded by Andy. Passed.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Road Captain & Safety Report – Scott

- Ride: We had a really good time on that ride to Talemina earlier this month. Winter is coming up but do have some good days. Each month, I will pick a destination, and if we have a good Saturday or Sunday, I will call James, and let him do a blast on the ride. We will try to get in 1 ride a month.
- Safety: With the weather changing, we always talk about making sure your bike and tires are in good shape. Watch out for leaves on the road. It is getting that time of the year where you have to watch out for yourselves too. Make sure you have the right equipment in case the weather changes, and you need to cover up.

State Board Meeting – Rob

- The State Report: Legislative Day is at the Capitol on Feb 14, and we want to make sure we have a good showing. In Oklahoma, we have 175,374 registered motorcycles. Understand that some owners have multiple bikes. We need to increase our Membership to reflect a better representation of these ownership numbers to our Legislators. So, when you are out getting gas, and see another biker talk to them about ABATE. James C added that we are ambassadors of ABATE, and our cause. The chapter will pay to have business cards printed with your information to give out, and not to just hold onto. He added “A lot of people see us as just being one dimensional, the Toy Run, and don't know what we are really about.”
- ABATE SMILE is March 8 – 10 in Oklahoma City. Come and learn, as a lot of good information is shared.

Membership – Lyndon

- As of 11:59 last night with Tulsa Members who have renewed or are new, we still have a total of 185 Members. So far tonight, I have five renewals.
- I took it upon myself to have a little fun and made some awards to present to the three top recruiters of members for our chapter. I took the new memberships the State provided from November 2022 through October of 2023, and all three of you are here. We had a two-way tie for 2nd with Mr. Elrod and myself, bringing in six Members each. I gave him 2nd Place (silver), and myself 3rd (bronze). The 1st Place (gold) should be no surprise to anyone as it goes to our President, Mr. Clark. He brought in 26 new Members.
- Get with me after the meeting if you want to check the status of your membership or would like to join.

MRF – Art

- Art informed us that he is the State MRF Rep. Then went onto explain that the MRF, Motorcycle Riders Foundation is a National Motorcycle Rights group that works federally in DC keeping our Federal Laws, Rights, and Freedom in check.
- As of November 3rd, House Resolution 906, Right to Repair Act passed the Sub Committee, and is now in the Full Committee, Energy & Commerce.
- The new Speaker of the House is Mike Johnson, who is out of Louisiana, and is a good friend with ABATE of Louisiana. It is because of that relationship that they have been able to get a lot of good laws passed.
- On November 9th, Maine had a question on the ballot, and because it passed Maine is the 6th state to have Right to Repair on the State books. We need to keep an eye on our own Legislation as I have heard there is a Right to Repair Bill that is going to be hitting our House in OKC.
- As of November 13th on the Federal level, nominations have begun for the Motorcycle Advisory Committee, whose purpose is to make suggestions to the DOT to keep our bikes and lives safe. Jay Jackson the VP of the MRF has had his name submitted to be on that Committee.
- Also on November 13th, the Automobile Retail Sales Act is 2 Bills, 1 is in the Senate (S 3094) and 1 is in the House (HR 4468). On the 17th, there was a Call to Action issued for those 2 Bills so we can have a choice as to what kind of motor we want to purchase in our vehicles.
- On November 14th, IIHS, a big insurance outfit is pushing for all new motorcycles to have ABS braking. ABS braking is good, but shouldn't the type of brake system be our choice?
- As of yesterday, Connecticut who was on board with California's mandate of having all electric vehicles by 2035 has backed off that, which is a good thing.
- 3,000 auto dealers (of all makes and models of cars) representing all 50 states have sent letters to President Biden asking him to slow down the push on this battery electric vehicle. GM is adjusting their budget because of the uproar their Cruise vehicle has caused due to its poor performance.
- Get your calendars out to mark down the following events:
 - February 14 – Legislative Day in OKC (meet your Senator & Rep with ABATE talking points)
 - March 8 to 10 – SMILE in OKC (state version of Meeting of the Minds & includes State Board meeting)
 - May 20 to 21 – Bikers Inside the Beltway in Washington, DC
 - Sept 19 to 23 – Meeting of the Minds in St Louis, MO

- October – Mid South MILE (regional version of Meeting of the Minds)
- Lastly, see me after the meeting if you are interested in becoming a new Member of the MRF, it is time to renew your Membership, or you are not sure when it is time to renew your Membership.

Court Watch – Andy

- Andy informed us that on Monday 11/20 Rob and he were at the OKC Courthouse at 9am, but Cabral was listed as Failure to Appear. Later he learned on the OCR (Oklahoma Court Records), that Cabral did finally show up late and the judge postponed his hearing until January 17th. The Judge warned him if he is late again, that his bail amount (\$5000) will be re-evaluated. Andy did note that 2 other cases in which motorcyclists were killed, the bonds were set at \$95,000 and \$75,000. There is not any logic as to why the bond was set so low, and there is no reaching the district attorney for an explanation. Cabral did not have a driver's license, and shouldn't have been driving.

Share the Road – Art

- Art informed us there was a very good turnout for the last Share the Road event for 2023. There was a Challenge Event in Claremore on Nov 16th, in which Rob Jones, Richard Beal, Cody, Frenchy and myself got a chance to talk to the kids and educate them as to why inattentiveness could kill motorcycle riders. They seemed involved in what we were saying. Rob added that we take the wrecked motorcycle in the Share the Road trailer, and that visual makes a real impact on the kids.
- In the Spring, the Oklahoma Challenge Events will start back up, and we always need Volunteers. We do have Grant money from the Gunner's Fund, from which you will be reimbursed for mileage, and will be paid \$15 an hour for your participation during the Challenge Event.

Downed Bikers – Jeff Brock

- Tulsa's Chapter Meeting for December will NOT be on the first Monday, but it has been moved to Saturday the 9th to accommodate a short meeting, followed by a chili cookoff for \$5. After dinner, we will have Dirty Santa for those who want to participate. It will begin at 6pm at the American Legion.
- Art informed us that Twin Rivers DBA is having their Annual Christmas Party this Saturday evening 5:30pm at the American Legion in Vinita. They are also having a Dirty Santa and Potluck.

BACA – Mouse

- December 8th at 2pm, we will pick up the toys at the Leisure Park Elementary School in Broken Arrow. Every quarter the School picks a different Community Project to participate in. Last year, they picked gathering up toys for Toys for Tots. At the last minute the School contacted BACA to pick up the toys. I contacted ABATE, and we got the Marines involved. The kids had a blast. They chose this as their Project again this year. The kids do not know we are coming. I have 5 maps of our meeting place at 101st and Elm. We will be meeting at 1pm with KSU between 1:30 – 1:40pm.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Sprout – \$25 QT gift card

Jill Loganbill – White River Fish Market certificate

Cody – HD aluminum sign

Steve Bangston – \$25 Bass Pro gift card

Kim Smith – 50/50 raffle: \$63 / \$63, Winner / VFW

Motion to adjourn: Terry Smith, seconded by Hannah. Adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi