

ABATE of Tulsa Chapter Meeting January 27, 2022

Attendance - 25 members

Call to Order - Sgt. at Arms Roger Bryant

Prayer - Doc Platner

National Anthem - CMA Road Runner

Pledge of Allegiance - Sgt. at Arms Roger Bryant

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- **Introduction of Guests & New Members** - Garrett
- **Opening Remarks** - Garrett
- **Treasurers Report** - There was no report as Cheryl was absent
- **Secretary's Report** - Rose was not in attendance, but the last meeting was e-mailed to all members.
Accepted by – Scott, **Seconded by** - Lyndon

State and Committee Reports

Vice Pres. and Road Captain Report - Garrett had nothing to report

Road Captain Report - Scott. Planning a ride to National Cowboy Museum in OKC. Waiting for warm weather to set the date. Doc Platner said this ride had been suggested by Rita who had done so much for all motorcyclists in the state and this ride would be a great tribute to her if chapter members made the ride.=s

State Board and Share the Road Report - Art

- " The New State Coordinator Is Steve Stewart of North West 69
- " The state ABATE is beginning a new text service to keep members advised of important info.
- " ABATE is asking if the state should make an attempt to re-join the confederation of Clubs. Tulsa needs to discuss and vote at the next meeting.
- " There are Bills in the House to Eliminate the Ape Hanger Restriction on Motorcycles and there Is an Anti-Profiling Bill
- " Legislative Day is Thursday, March 3, 2022, 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the Oklahoma State Capital, 2nd Floor Rotunda, 2300 N Lincoln Blvd. For information call Kim Mobley at 405-761-8524.
- " Next state meeting March 4-6 at the S.M.I.L.E at the Wyndham in Stillwater. Room rate are \$62-65/nite. Call the Wyndham at 405-377-7010. Cheryl Needs Help with the Centerpiece. Friday is the crockpot dinner. Sat is the state meeting and Marketing 101 by our very own President, James Chambers Clark. Chapter and state awards will be presented at the banquet. Spur recipients need to submit their applications ASAP. State needs auction items.
- " Ride to Remember April 8 at 6pm in OKC.
- " River Run Jul 14 - 17. \$90/person is registered by May 1, \$100 after. Contact Shawna at 405-977-4279.
- " MRF - bikers need to support MRF. They protect our freedoms at the federal level. Bikers inside the Beltway, May 16-17. ABATE of Oklahoma might provide a van to DC
- " The Freedom Rally in April 8-10 at the Route 66 Biker Rally Grounds in Depew. Call Ronald Elliott At 405-205-2049 for additional information.
- " Share the Road is challenging all chapters to help StR events in their area.

" MRF is fighting for our rights in DC. California Is on the verge of passing a law that will outlaw Internal combustion engines. How will that affect motorcycles?
" Meeting of the Mind is in Des Moines September 22- 25.

Membership Report - Lyndon advised that we hade 144 Members

Down Bikers - Meeting Feb 7 at the American Legion Post #1, 1120 E 8th St in Tulsa @ 7:pm. Thgere is a new DBA app members are invited to download.

Safety Officer=s Report - Roger discussed protocols when interacting with 1%=er clubs. They are not looking for trouble, just respect. There was a lot of discussion on how to show respect to 1%=ers.

Court Watch Report - Frenchy said that Karen Gillespie has a court hearing on February 17 at 9 AM at the McAlester Court House. Gillespie was originally charged August 5,2020 with failing to yield for a motorcycle, driving without a valid drivers license, and causing the biker=s death. She has continually delayed her trial. All members are urged to attend to show the court that bikers are concerned about lenient handling of cagers who kill bikers. You will be receiving a robocall reminder. There is another hearing for Karen Gillespie in the Tulsa County Court House on March 28 at 9am.

Old Business - Garrett thanked all those who helped make the 2021 Tulsa Toy Run such a great success.

New Business - The Raffle Drawing was \$52.00, split between the winner and the chapter. There was also drawings for a QT gas card and dinner for two at White River Fish Market.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Scott at 7:55pm and seconded by Hippy.

No Meeting in February, 2022 because of icy weather conditions

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2022**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jack King
The Opening Prayer with remarks were made by Doc Platner
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack King

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President's Opening Remarks – James

- I haven't been at a meeting since November, so I hope I remember what to do.
- I want to introduce Representative John Waldron, who will be our Guest Speaker tonight.
- I'd like to recognize Stretch Campbell as a new Member.
- I just wanted to announce the estimate of motorcycles that attended the Toy Run was 6 – 8,000.
- The event for Saturday May 7th for Motorcycle Awareness Month has been cancelled due to bureaucratic complications.
- May 28th will be the Ride to the Wall in Enid, and this year we will have a Hwy Patrol escort.
- Sometime in the future we will have a Church Studio Ride, and the Chapter will pay for the first 12.
- At the SMILE awards were presented, but 1 person wasn't present to receive theirs. Will Cheryl Clark please come up to receive her SPUR Award? I also want to recognize Art & Frenchy as getting Awards at the SMILE. Someone also pointed out that James was Awarded the President's Award for his Outstanding Leadership.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl

- Cheryl reported she would be going over 3 months of financial reports, including the Toy Run, and that detailed copies were available upon request. Motion to accept: Randy, seconded by Carol. Passed.
- Cheryl then stated that Richard would pass out copies of the proposed Budget, but she wouldn't be going over them in detail now. Instead, she requested we take them home, and go over them, noting we have already paid out about ½ of the funds for 2022. I suggest we vote on the Budget next month, after everyone has had a chance to review it.

Secretary's Report – Rose

- Rose stated that the Minutes were taken in January by Radar, and sent out by email. She asked if there were any corrections or questions? None. James pointed out we did not have a February Meeting due to the weather. Motion to accept: Lyndon, seconded by Carol. Passed.

Guest Speaker – Representative John Waldron

- As a way of introduction, I am a State Representative from NE Tulsa. I am a Democrat. I live at 5th and Eerie. I was a public-school teacher, and had the privilege of teaching the Clark's daughter. I have been a legislator for 4 years, and that experience can be summed up as "Gosh, I miss the classroom." I do enjoy working with the people in my district, and the great people who make up the State of Oklahoma.
- HB #2667: It allows Motorcyclists traveling no more than 10 MPH, to pass between cars going in the same direction, if there is room between the cars. I was 1 of the 70 YES votes. There were 22 NO votes, and that is a considerable amount of NO votes. The opposition was not necessarily on party lines. Half of the Democrats were for it, and half was against it, and about ½ of the other NO votes were Republicans. That suggests a Bill that we are still thinking about. It has been sent to the Senate side

next. It has been referred to the Public Safety Committee. It has to go to the Committee, then go to the Floor before it can be signed by the Governor, and become law. So, it is about half way through the process.

- I am ready to take questions now about this Bill or anything else.
- After the discussion, James presented Rep Waldron with a plaque of appreciation from our Chapter.

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice President – Garrett

- In lieu of the Bill passing or not passing, I want to remind everyone of the Mission Statement of ABATE of Oklahoma (in red above, which Garrett read). He emphasized this includes “ALL makes and models of motorcycles”, not just Harleys or cruisers.
- We do have a Freedom Fighter Rally coming up on April 8th –10th, and we need a lot of help to put on the Bike Show. Jack, how much help do you need? After the meeting, get with Jack to sign up to help.
- My phone number is 918-370-1254, in case you need to reach me.

Road Captain – Scott

- Two Saturdays ago, we participated in Route 66’s “Spring into Riding” event by setting up a booth. We did get a couple of new Members!
- We will be doing Fajita Rita’s ride to the Cowboy Hall of Fame as soon as the weather allows us.

State Meeting – Rob

- As the Chapter Representative, at the State Meetings I get to vote on different issues, but in some instances, I am assigned to bring an issue back to our Chapter to get your opinion on how you want me to vote. At the March meeting, we voted on several issues:
 - ★ The Legislative budget was raised from \$200 to \$2,000. I voted YES on this issue.
 - ★ Lane Splitting was voted on, and I voted against it. We were asked to take this issue back to our Chapters, and at the next meeting I will report how you voted. A show of hands was asked for, and the Tulsa Chapter voted in favor of the Bill by a margin of 19 to 9.
 - ★ We increased the budget to \$5,000 to buy yard signs to give away. I voted YES on this issue.
 - ★ The State is pushing hard to increase Membership. Tulsa’s #s for 2021 were: recruitment was up 32% & retention was up 74%. The State wants the Chapters to give away Memberships, which the State will pay for. This was discussed, then a vote was taken, and our Chapter voted overwhelmingly to accept the State’s offer to pay 1st year fees for New Members.

MRF – Art

James stated Art wouldn’t speak up for himself, and that he was awarded the Paul Revere Award at the SMILE. Art corrected James, that it was Frenchy who was given this Award. Art then stated he was given the SMILE Award. He went onto say that James neglected to state he received the President’s Award. Also, Cheryl received her SPUR Award.

- We are a motorcycle rights organization, and it would behoove us to get behind the Motorcycle Rights Foundation, who are defending our rights in DC.
- They have 2 major events coming up:
 - ★ Bikers in the Beltway is May 16th and 17th, with the 17th being the primary day. If you want to go to DC, schedule an appointment with your representatives. They will probably not see you otherwise.
 - ★ Meeting of the Minds will be in Des Moines, Iowa on September 22nd – 24th. It is well worth attending, especially if you want to know what is going on across this Nation. Registration and hotel booking is online. I think it should be a Chapter Ride, and James agreed.
- There is financial help if you want to go to an MRF event, but can’t afford it. You can apply through the State or through our Chapter.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- Court Watch got stiffed again. The Court will not allow any more continuances for Karen Gillespie. Court is set in Macalester for April 21st at 9am. She has had 9 continuances. We will put out a robo call to remind you of the date. Wear your black Member t-shirt.
- On June 27th she has a Jury trial at the Tulsa Courthouse.

Membership – Lyndon Giles

- For March, after Members expired out, renewed, and new Members, we have 141 Members.
- Lyndon added: “If you want to check the status of your membership, get with me after the meeting.”

Downed Bikers Report – Art & Jeff

- Art informed us of the DBA Foothills Chapter is having the Big Hills Stomp in Tahlequah.
- Jeff informed us of DBA Tulsa’s 2 upcoming events:
 - ★ On the 2nd Saturday of the month, March 9th is a black shirt event for a boy who went down on his bike, and when he stood up, he was killed by oncoming traffic.
 - ★ On Saturday April 30th is the Memorial Ride to the Ft Gibson Cemetery.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Leta – \$25 QT gift card

Garrett – White River Fish Market certificate

Andy – 50/50 Winner of \$38 (same amount will be donated to the VFW) = Andy donated his winnings to the VFW

Motion to adjourn: Scott, seconded by Carol. Adjourned at 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted,
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi

**ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2022**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Roger Bryant
The Opening Prayer was given by CMA Andy
The National Anthem was played by CMA Roadrunner
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roger Bryant

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President's Opening Remarks – Garrett, VP (in James' absence)

- Garrett welcomed everyone, and stated he is not James.
- He read the Mission Statement of ABATE (in **red** above), then stated that is why we are here to make sure our laws are in our favor so we can ride safely.
- He then introduced himself, remarked on the crowd in attendance tonight, and invited any visitors who are new tonight to introduce themselves if they wanted to. Bandido Cookie stood and introduced himself as being from the Tulsa Chapter.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl

- Cheryl reported that detailed copies were available upon request. Motion to accept: Lyndon, seconded by Randy. Passed.
- She then stated that last month she passed out copies of the proposed Budget for us to review, and vote on this meeting. She asked if anyone had any questions or discussion about it. None. Motion to accept: Roger, seconded by Iris. Passed.

Secretary's Report – Rose

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

STATE & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Road Captain – Scott

- We still have on our "to-do-ride list" Fajita Rita's suggestion of a ride to the Cowboy Hall of Fame, which is now called the Western Heritage Museum. As soon as the weather allows us, hopefully this month, we will send out a robo call for a Saturday ride.
- Also, May 28th will be the "Ride to the Wall" in Enid. Afterwards the Chapter out of Enid will feed us. We will meet at the QT at the Gilcrease Rd exit at 9am, with KSU at 9:30am. Garrett added that we will be having a Hwy Patrol escort, and vehicles are welcome to follow if you want to carpool.

Membership – Lyndon Giles

- For April, after Members expired out, renewed, and/or we acquired new Members, we have a total of 132 Members.
- Lyndon added: "If you want to check the status of your membership, get with me after the meeting."

State Meeting – Rob

- The last State Meeting was held at the Freedom Fighter Rally, and the only purpose of the meeting was to vote on 2 issues:

- ★ “Giving away Memberships”: It was decided that the # of free Memberships per Chapter that the State would pay for would be determined by 50% of each Chapter’s current Membership. It will be up to each Chapter to retain these new Members after their “free” first year. Tulsa qualified for 66 free New Memberships.
- ★ “Officer Orientation Training”: It will be held next January, and will include Board Members and Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents.
- Garrett asked Rob to give us an update on the “Lane Filtering Bill”. Rob stated it passed the House, but was held up in Committee on the Senate side, and will be there until November. Garrett went onto explain to those who do not know what this Bill is, it originally came on the floor as “Lane Splitting”, but was changed to “Lane Filtering”. It is the same philosophy, but different terminology, which in essence means you can split cars going no faster than 45 mph, but not on a freeway.

MRF – Art

- Biden recently lifted the restriction on E-15, so be careful which nozzle you use.
- MRF has 2 major events coming up:
 - ★ Bikers in the Beltway is May 16th and 17th, with the 17th being the primary day. If you want to go to DC, schedule an appointment with your representatives. Issues that will be discussed: E-15, Autonomous Vehicles not recognizing Motorcycles, and Profiling.
 - ★ Meeting of the Minds will be in Des Moines, Iowa on September 22nd – 24th. It is well worth attending, especially if you want to know what is going on across this Nation. Registration and hotel booking is online. I think it should be a Chapter Ride, and James agreed.
- There is financial help if you want to go to an MRF event, but can’t afford it. You can apply through the State, or through our Chapter.
- If you are not a Member of MRF, I can sign you up. See me after the meeting.
- Rose announced she and Radar will be attending the Bikers Inside the Beltway.

Court Watch – Frenchy

- Last week, we went down to Macalester and met with our little friend Karen Gillespie. She saw us: Q, Lotus, Art, Richard, James, Andy, and me. She was shook up, because on May 19th at 9am the Judge is going to determine her sentence. At this next court date, her attorney wants to find out why she wasn’t served papers to notify her that her driver’s license was suspended. Good reason, she never had one.
- I want to award Richard for his “Court Watch” patch. These patches are earnable by attending a Court Watch event, smile at the judge, and be civilized.
- Garrett asked Frenchy to explain “Court Watch” to those who may not know what it is. We are not: vigilantes, not legal aid, and not lawyers. We go to the Courthouse for hearings involving motorcyclists’ death or injury accidents caused by motorists for the Court System to see that “Justice Done for Justice Sake”. The penalty for hitting a neighbor’s dog is higher than for hitting a person on the street.

Downed Bikers Report – Lurch

- Our meeting is next Monday. We don’t have a benefit for May.
- We do have the Memorial Ride this Saturday April 30th to the Ft Gibson Cemetery. Line-up begins at the Carousel at 9am, and KSU at 11am.

Safety Report – Roger

- Stated he would not spend much time on safety, but reminded us to check our bikes since Spring is here. Check that your batteries, tires, etc. are good, especially if you are going on a “group ride”.
- I want to also promote your participation in Court Watch, the DBA “Memorial Ride”, the “Ride to the Wall”, and the “Meeting of the Minds” event.

New Business

- Cheryl stated James asked her to share that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, and he is going to be making new PSAs, when he gets his voice back, that will be played on Griffith & Cox media.
- Garrett reminded us that in a few days is May which is Motorcycle Awareness Month, as Cheryl reminded us, and as Roger reminded us, check your motorcycle over before riding: tires, psi, kickstand spring, etc.
- Rick asked if the Chapter couldn't pay for more "Watch for Motorcyclists" signs that a Councilman helped get put up in Tulsa in the past. Cheryl said it is something the Chapter would have to vote on.

Announcements

- Roadrunner announced CMA's fundraiser will be a Golf Tournament at Mohawk Park on July 30th.
- Bandido Cookie stated that on May 14th (and every 2nd Saturday of the month), the Bandidos host at their Clubhouse 15510 E Pine St, "Steak Nite". The gate opens at 5pm, and everyone is welcome.
- Garrett reminded us that Bike Nites & Bike Shows would be starting up:
 - ★ Crude Roundup, who have worked with us in the past, has their Bike Nite on the first Wednesday of the month at Uncle Bentleys @ 51st & Sheridan 6-9pm;
 - ★ Scooters @ Hwy 51 & Oneta has their Bike Nites on the 3rd Thursday;
 - ★ Cancer Sucks will be having a Bike Show May 7th @ Jenks Riverwalk; and,
 - ★ Jamesville Y in Haskell has Bike Nites every Thursday @ 6pm beginning May 12th.
- Richard said the Big Wheels Group will be @ Greenwood on May 13th, and is willing to volunteer to set up a booth at the event. Garrett said he would be out of town, but Richard is welcome to set it up, and get help manning it.
- Radar informed us that Oklahoma Biker Magazine along with Scooters will be hosting a Fish Fry, all free on Saturday June 25th. It will be advertised in their next issue, which will be out in a couple of weeks.
- Roger wanted to THANK CMA, Bandidos, Downed Bikers, HOG Chapter, as we all have the same interests, and need to support each other. I just wanted to thank everyone for all the Clubs and Organizations represented here.

Raffle & 50/50 Drawing

Art – \$25 QT gift card

Iris – White River Fish Market certificate

Iris – 50/50 Winner of \$42.50 (same amount will be donated to the VFW)

Motion to adjourn: Hippie, seconded by Randy. Adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi

ABATE of Tulsa, Inc Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2022
President James Chambers Clark Presiding

Call To Order: 7:00 PM by Sgt at Arms Roger Bryant

Opening Prayer: CMA Road Runner

National Anthem: CMA Road Runner

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Sgt at Arms Roger Bryant

Mission Statement: President James Clark

Introduction of Guests: Josh Sanders & Janae Moss, first-time attendees Mark & Karen Reid, new members Ryan Rutledge & Jimmy Palmer

James asked Frenchy to give an update on the hearing that took place earlier in the day in McAlister. Karen Gillespie was sentenced to 11 years and was taken into custody at the conclusion of today's hearing. She will have another trial in Tulsa next month for the death of a biker.

Opening Remarks: James shared that PSAs have been running all month for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. A new PSA will start soon. The Enid ride to the Woodring Wall of Honor will be Sat., 5/28 and the Brookside Rumble & Roll benefitting Make-A-Wish will be Thurs., 6/2. He went to Eskimo Joe's in Stillwater today and met with the artist who designs our Toy Run t-shirts. They will also help us with merchandising ideas when the time is right. A reminder about business cards – if you want them, the chapter will provide. If you ask for them, please use them when you are out and about.

Treasurer's report: Cheryl Clark (Church Lady) gave the Treasurer's Report. Copies are available to any member upon request. Motion to accept: Randy Knox; Seconded: Leta Batgwell. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: The Minutes of the April meeting were emailed to members by Secretary Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi. There were no corrections. Motion to accept: Leta Badgwell; Seconded: Lyndon. Motion passed.

Vice President's Report: Garrett Marshall stated that he will be taking over the Toy Run this year with help from James. He asked for volunteers and said to see him after the meeting if you want to be on the Toy Run Committee.

Upcoming Events for June include: 6/1 Crude Round-up Bike Night at Uncle Bentley's; 6/2 Brookside Rumble & Roll; 6/11 Collinsville Hogs & Hot Rods; 6/16 Scooter's bike Night; 6/25 Okmulgee Native Event (Garret has info). Rob asked if ABATE can have a booth at the Brookside Rumble & Roll. James said the cost is \$300 and he will check to see if booth space is available. A discussion took place about

acquiring an ABATE of Tulsa tent with our logo. Law Tigers might be a possibility. Garrett will speak with Josh Dewberry about it.

Road Captain's Report: Scott Bunch talked about the upcoming ride to the Woodring Wall of Honor in Enid. He will be the road captain and he will be maintaining the speed limit. The trip to the Oklahoma Cowboy Hall of Fame, requested by Fajita Rita last year, is still in the works and we may try it this summer.

Membership Report: Lyndon Giles reports that there have been no new members added in the last month except the two who joined tonight. At this time we have 130 members on our roster. He sent 13 renewal email reminders. There are a total of 647 members statewide. We are #3 behind NW69 and Heartland.

State Board Report: Rob stated that there are no state meetings held in April, May or July.

Downed Biker Report: Foothills Chapter has a poker run on June 4. Tulsa Chapter has a poker run on June 11 and their monthly meeting will be June 6 – always the 1st Monday of the month at the American Legion, 7pm.

MRF Report: Art Ryan report that Bikers Inside the Beltway reported 200 face-to-face meetings with legislators. New Hampshire passed an anti-profile piece of legislation. Reminder that Meeting of the Minds will be in Des Moines September 22-24. This is an excellent opportunity to have a major ride to Iowa and for our chapter to have an impact.

Announcements: Doc Platner reminded everyone that anybody can join ABATE. It's not necessary to have a bike but anytime you see someone filling the gas tank on their bike, introduce yourself and tell them about ABATE.

Rick Cassidy asked to speak about his desire to have "Watch for Motorcycle" signs near motorcycle dealerships. He needs help talking to the City about the need for \$270 for new signs. Jimmy Palmer asked if we can put a message on the flashing signs over the highways. A brief discussion took place and James asked Rick to put together a proposal to present to the chapter about his idea and what it will take to make it happen. Rick agreed to work on it.

Jeff Brock reminded us of Jagers Law that states if someone is ticketed in a crash between a car and motorcycle, an additional \$1,000 fine is assessed to go towards motorcycle safety.

An announcement was made about the CMA golf tournament to be held at Mohawk on July 30. Information available on their website and will be posted on our Facebook page.

H.O.G. Bike Night is the 3rd Thursday of every month at Scooters. KSU at 6:30pm from Route 66 Harley-Davidson.

Safety Report: Roger Bryant had several items to share: (1) Oklahoma Biker Magazine now includes Dixie Biker; (2) Meeting of the Minds will be a great trip

for our chapter to make as a group, (3) as our prayers go to the people of Uvalde, TX, let's remember that guns are not the problem – if you know someone going through trouble, keep in touch – don't ignore them; and (4) he brings to the chapter again the idea of purchasing two adult trikes, drunk goggles and traffic cones. The cost would be approximately \$2,200 and we could use these at events to generate income for our chapter. However, we would need to have 10-12 volunteers who would commit to helping with these events. Following a brief discussion, James asked Roger to get information on the cost of insurance, looking at possible events, and recruiting some volunteers. Roger agreed to bring more information to our June meeting.

Drawing:

Winners:
QuikTrip Gas Card – Ziggy.
White River Gift Card – Jimmy Palmer

Adjournment:

James asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Leta Badgwell; seconded by Randy Knox with the meeting being adjourned by our Sgt at Arms Roger Bryant at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Clark in absence of Secretary Paula "Rose" Matteuzzi