

- **Call to Order – President Bob Dresser (Sgt. At Arms Jack K out sick)**
- **Pledge of Allegiance – President and Group**
- **Prayer – Chaplain Rita (Please keep Jack in our prayers)**
- **Please remain standing! Grab your Blue ticket (no phones or paperwork allowed)**

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- **Any New/First Time Members:** none
- **Introduction of Guests/Guest Speakers:** 4 guests/ Guest Speaker Jim Koelle
- Jim Koelle here on behalf of OK Biker Magazine has new owner and now have some new columns which are inclusive to Oklahoma and ad offers we maybe interested in for ABATE of Tulsa. In the past through the workings of John Pierce and the original founders we have set many standards. JP was first lobbyist; also helped with Tulsa's formation of Share the Road; setting up the Charitable 501/3c, and many more committees. Tulsa ABATE may want to take an ad not only for the largest State Toy Run but also to continue one of the important Motorcycle Community information channels. Motion made to include in 2020 budget: 2nd by Rita All in favor
- **Treasurer's Report: Treasurers report given by Cheryl** -copy on file
 - **Accept by – Art**
 - **Seconded by – Hippee motion passed**
- **Secretary's Report:** (mailed out prior to the meeting – any questions on them)
 - **Accept by – Scott**
 - **Seconded by – Rose; motion passed**
- **Presidents discussion on:**
 - ABATE's Past State (what did our forefathers do as Freedom Fighters)
 - A discussion was held on all those before us who fought for freedoms (some have come here tonight to still carry the cause) and tell of all that it took to have brought ABATE to where it is today with a good image and not without a lot of work on their part to get here. And even the burning of a helmet on the State Steps which lead to meetings with State Legislature. (Plus; meetings on how to interact and get more State meetings to work on Motorcycle Issues unheard of back in that time period).

ABATE Current State (what do we do today as Freedom Fighters) Todays involvement we have Rick C who is going after safety riding and working towards more Watch for Motorcycle signs to raise awareness in the surrounding areas. We have other members working on getting new members while also contacting current members what needs or responses are still needed with the State Legislature and Public.

ABATE Future State (what will our future state look like as Freedom Fighters)- This will be determined by All of Us – Larry C. reminded us of Legislative Day coming up March 5, 2020 and the still never-ending Helmet Law which is a CHOICE that should be made by the Motorcycle Rider. Don't forget the MRF needs help on the Government side also. More on this to come in the future like our Founding Fathers demonstrated and we hope that all see that vision and turn out.

State and Committee Reports

- **VP Scott Bunch** - none
- **Scott Bunch** –
- **Larry Check** – Reported 13 new members
- **James Clark** – Reported May is Motorcycle Awareness Month/ and has a spot in LaFortune Park for their event. Also, working on a future event 1st weekend in May – Larry hoping to have a band and Wavey Dave may attend.
- **Art Ryan-Reminder Legislative Day March 5, 2020 2nd flr. Rotunda 8:30AM to 12noon. Hotel arrangements to be set up. Also, SMILE is coming up so any SPUR Award papers need to be turned into Art or Lucy at State ABATE-Sgt. At Arms**

Items at SMILE up for auction on different things also some from JP Collection graciously donated by Chris P.

- **Share the Road Report:** Art reported it's a very busy March and start to the New Year. Looking for any instructors available for extra learning techniques or time to teach.
- **Downed Bikers Report:**
- **Rick - Safety Presentation:** Safety report this month is stressing tires with air and looking at for signs of wear or possible nails imbedded or stones from the roads which may be a puncture issue. Also, Bob D. pointed out there are now frozen areas under the leaves or them themselves which is a danger. Doug noted sand a big issue in areas from last storm. Larry noted just kicking the tires is no longer okay and check the weather forecast while doing this; along with not trusting those water- looking puddles.
- **Old Business:** Frenchy mentioned staying up on the Court Watch of Cases still out there pending.
- **New Business:** Rita suggested tabling looking for any Activities Person for things other than Toy Run until next month.
- **Announcements:** SMILE – auction items needed-before March.

Brother to Brother Ministries' meeting in Glenpool have 5pm service check Facebook or with Roadrunner

- **Tips: collected for Mazzio's** – accepted
- **Biker Beltway donation** - accepted
- **Motion to Adjourn:**
 - Motion made by Rose
 - Seconded by – Hippee

Hope to See everyone next Month February 27, 2020 7PM here at Mazzio's

ABATE of Tulsa – Chapter Meeting Minutes

February, 2020

- **Call to Order – Jack King, Sgt. At Arms**
- **Pledge of Allegiance – Jack King, Sgt. At Arms**
- **Prayer – Chaplain Rita**
- **Please remain standing! Grab your Yellow ticket (no phones or paperwork allowed)-** Number drawn & Joe C. knew the answer

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Any New/First Time Members: Juanita from DBA

Introduction of Guests/Guest Speakers: Guest speaker unable to attend due to a close family member who had an accident

Treasurer's Report: Treasurers report given by Bob D. (Cheryl unable to attend)-copy on file

- **Accept by –**Lynden G.
 - **Seconded by –** Hippee
 - motion passed

Secretary's Report: (mailed out prior to the meeting – any questions on them)

- **Accept by –** Art
 - **Seconded by –** Rose;
 - motion passed

State and Committee Reports

VP Scott Bunch – nothing right now to report on committees

Toy Run Committee -James Clark not here

Membership Report: – Larry C. not here for Membership Report

Board Member Liaison Report by Art Ryan-

- **Reminder Legislative Day March 5, 2020 2nd flr. Rotunda 8:30AM to 12noon. Hotel arrangements to be set up. Also,**
- **SMILE is coming up so any SPUR Award papers need to be turned into Art or Lucy at State ABATE- Sgt. At Arms.**
- There will be Items up for sale at the SMILE for auction on different things from John Pierce's Personal Collection graciously donated by Chris Pierce.
- Rose offered items & Frenchy; Bob D. has items also.
- If anyone has items for the Auction, but IS NOT GOING, please give them to someone who is going.
- Also, ABATE of Tulsa agreed to pay for 1/2 of a Smoker along with the Chisholm Trail 412 Chapter as an Auction Item, and also for presenter fly into town.
- **Share the Road Report:** Art reported it's a very busy March and start to the Year. Still looking for any instructors available for extra learning techniques or time to teach.

Downed Bikers Report: Art no new info

Safety Presentation: Rick Cassidy.

Old Business:

- Discussion held on ideas for fund raising- Rick Cassidy is head of committee /suggestions given by several members Members suggested ideas such as MC show to possibly trying for a Swap Meet in fall. Rick C. will get his group together to work on ideas. Asked if everyone could try and come up with one idea to try, Bob D. said it would be great to try just one idea at a time, and if doesn't work move to another suggestion.

New Business:

- President Bob Dresser resigned his position as President effective at the end of the March 2020 Tulsa ABATE Board Meeting. President Bob also stated he has notified the State Board of his decision as well. President Bob explained his reasons for his decision.
- President Bob Dresser then held the first of two open nominations for President.
 - Jack King made a motion to nominate James Clark, but he is not here to accept nor decline. Jack.
 - Frenchy made a motion to nominate Art Ryan, but he thanked Frenchy and the group but stated he could not accept.
 - Art R. made a motion to move nominations to next month's meeting.
 - 2nd. By Frenchy
 - Motion Passed
 - Frenchy held a discussion about Court Watch. Stated that there will be a new Court Watch Case and that he and Rita would be keeping up with it (a Dr. Perry case out of OKC who was DWI and left the scene of a motorcycle accident leaving behind a 2mile long debris field). Frenchy further stated there is a need for more of us to show support for these Court Watch Cases.
 - Rita also commented how important these are to her. Ever since Gunner was killed she has had keen interest in Motorcycle accidents and she has finally realized that her passion for this probably stems back to when we were in court for each appearance of the man who killed Gunner, but we haven't done anything like it since then, until recently, and that was years ago.
 - Another case will be coming up soon & they will let everyone know of the particulars.
- **Announcements:** SMILE – auction items needed-before March 18th if not able to attend -see members going Brother to Brother Ministries' meeting in Glenpool have 5pm service check Facebook or with Roadrunner About their other fundraisers.
- **Tips: collected for Mazzio's – \$22.00**
- **Biker Beltway donation – \$49.88 collected-**
- **Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion made by Lynden G.

- Seconded by – Doug

Hope to See everyone next Month March 26th, 2020 7PM here at Mazzio's

Submitted by Nina Dresser, Secretary

ABATE of Tulsa

Chapter Meeting Minutes

28 May 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:12pm by Jack King

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jack

The Opening Prayer was given by Rita T

Secretary's Report was given by Carol

Cheryl offered 1 correction, which had already been incorporated

Motion to accept – Art

Seconded – Chris P

The Treasurer's Report was given by Cheryl

The motion to accept – Lyndon

Seconded – Rita

State Board Report – Art

No meeting last month

SMILE date unknown

Freedom Fighter Rally will be at the Route 66 campground date to be announced

Committee Reports

Membership

5 new member

Lyndon will take over membership for the chapter.

Cheryl will get the membership

Road Captain - Scott

The ride to the Wall in Enid was a success. In total there were 25 to 30 riders from Chisholm Trail 412 and about 20 from Tulsa, an 2 cages.

Followed by a feast provided by Chisholm Trail

Toy Run – James

(Passing around a picture of the 2020 T-Shirt)

T-shirts are once again from Eskimo Joe's.

This year they will be glow in the dark

There is a picture of the shirt on Facebook

The route will probably be the same as last year.

Donations will probably be down due to COVID 19

Change to set up at the Fairgrounds

Old Business

Meeting of the Minds scholarship is still available. Currently has \$500 in it.

This was followed by a brief discussion. Rita asked when applications were due. At this time there is no deadline. No formal application form.

Election of President and Secretary

James Clark was nominated for president. There were no further nominations at this meeting. Rita moved to suspend the ballot rule, seconded by Rick, and passed. James was voted in by acclamation.

Rose was nominated for secretary, and accepted. Nominations were until next month The election will be next month.

New Web Master

Greg Talbott may know someone. Web master does not need to be a member.

Get a hold of Cheryl for the passwords, etc.

New Business

Proposed budget – Cheryl

(Copies available)

Discussion of \$3000 for merchandise as too much.

Research appropriate expenses.

Motion to remove the Line for merchandise til next year – Carol

Second – Frenchy

Passed. To be revisited with next year's budget

Further discussion of the proposed budget tabled until next month.

The QuikTrip card was won by Greg Talbott

\$235.34 was collected for the MotM scholarship fund

Next meeting on 25 June 2020 at the VFW on 6th St (hopefully)

Motion to adjourn by Lyndon

Seconded by everyone

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00p

Respectfully submitted Carol "CF" King

ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
25 June 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jack

The opening prayer with remarks by Rita T

The National Anthem played by Roadrunner

The Pledge of Allegiance lead by James

President's Opening Remarks by James

- Thanks to the VFW for allowing us to meet here, to Dana and the cook, Lucas.
- We will have a meal offered before every meeting at 6p. A good time for fellowship.
- First meeting as President.
- James' goal is to bring the chapter back to what it was. To have all members work in synergy to bring this chapter back to what it used to be, the premier chapter of ABATE that all other chapters tried to emulate.
- Everyone is an ambassador for both the state and local chapter. Business cards will be made up with member's name (for those who request them) and others with what laws we have passed that can be handed out.
- Have more guest speakers to talk about what's happening with the state; make meetings fun and informative
- Meal will be available 1 hour before each meeting. Soon the bar will be open upstairs. *(applause)*
- Meetings will be a conflict free zone. Any issues, and there will be some from time to time, will be dealt with before or after the meeting. *(approval & applause)*
- Plan on having more rides and social gatherings. A ride suggestion box will be provided.
- Plans are to keep the meetings under 1 hour, with 8 minutes for reports, and Jack has been asked to be timekeeper.
- *(applause)*

Guests: Bolt and Tazer with Women in the Wind/Twisted Sisters

Kim and Bob Mobley, Legislative Coordinator and Web Master for the state

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl

- Starting balance: \$14,333.97
- Income: \$125
- Expenditures: \$2,600.93
- Ending balance: \$11,600.02
- Scholarship fund (since Sept 2019): \$321.34
- Motion to accept: Lyndon 2nd: Radar passed unanimously

Secretary's Report – Carol

(copies of the minutes were sent to membership via email and hard copies were available)

- No additions or corrections
- Motion to accept: Art 2nd: Roger Passed unanimously

Election of new secretary

- Rose was nominated and accepted last meeting, no further nominations
- Motion by Rita T to suspend secret ballots and elect Rose by acclamation.
- Rose was elected new secretary to complete Nina's term. Congratulations, Rose!

Committee Reports

Membership – Lyndon

- As of 31 May the chapter has 96 members
- 2 memberships are un for renewal this month (June) and 1 next month. If any member wants to know where they stand, see him after the meeting.

Guest speaker: Kim Mobley, Legislative Coordinator, ABATE of Oklahoma

- She is also Secretary and Membership for Heartland Chapter
- Her husband, Bob Mobley, is president of Heartland Chapter and web master for the state
- Legislative session is over for the year, Art will have more information later.
- She has been working for the past week to redo the yellow information cards, that has a list of bills we have gotten passed. The card will have the name of each bill that was

passed and the date of passage. These cards can be handed out to someone new or the public.

- On the state website is a list of bills we have supported, that Kim could find, since 2006. It has the disposition(pass/fail) of the bills and how to research them
- Kim gave to each rep a booklet that has all the bills ABATE was watching in 2020, the disposition and status.
- She is asking for members' suggestions as to any legislation you want to see go forward. Call, email, FaceBook, via the web site, tell your chapter rep. Kim will present these ideas to the State Board for consideration. The Board makes the final decision.
- State Sen Stephanie Bice reached out to Kim. Sen Bice wants to be involved with the motorcycle community. She is running for the US House of Representatives from the 5th Congressional District. This coming Sunday (1 July), she will be speaking to the motorcycle community, sponsored by DBA (*Downed Bikers Association*), Heartland Chapter and ROCK (*Ride Oklahoma Charities*). Kim will be attending. She was impressed with the Senator. If anyone will be in OKC, please attend. There should be between 100 and 300 bikers. *(a side from Carol: As a 501C4 organization, ABATE of Oklahoma cannot endorse any candidate, it must be done as an individual. To do otherwise could put the not-for-profit status in jeopardy)*
- *Discussion on motorcycle friendly or not legislators and candidates.*
- Kim encouraged everyone to contact their legislators.

State Board – Art

- Perfect time to come up with ideas for legislation
- Almost time for the AIL insurance cards to come out, please sign and return them. Further benefits are available at no cost, called AIL Plus
- Officially a Court Watch Committee to be chaired by Q Dunn. Several watches underway now. For information contact Q. Cases watched are those regarding the death or injury of a motorcyclist. It helps to have as many bikers as possible filling the courtroom, sitting peacefully, respectfully and non-threatening.
- Next year, a new chairman will be needed to chair the SMILE. Anyone interested, see Art. Consider being on a committee or even chairing one. Plenty of opportunities state or chapter level?

Share the Road – Art

- About to get extremely busy. Everything scheduled for March has been shifted to September. There are 9 events scheduled, need help as them. You do not need to be a Share the Road instructor to help at events.

Old Business

2020/2021 Budget – Cheryl

- Revised by Cheryl as discussed at May meeting
- Current balances
- Recommended transferring unused money budget for advertising to Scholarship fund. Motion to accept by Art 2nd ?

Toy Run – James

- Already been out looking for sponsors. He is concerned this year that donations will be down due to the economy.
- Route will be the same.
- Handle the VIPs differently, station people in the street at exit to guide traffic; also at 21st St where it merges onto Riverside Dr.

Events

- ✓ This coming weekend (3-4 July) Chisholm Trail is having a fish fry, see James for directions if interested.
- ✓ John Pierce Memorial SMILE 31 July to 2 Aug. The hotel isn't open yet and is not taking reservations. They assured Garry they would be open. But in the event it is not, it will be held Saturday 1 Aug at Forman Harley Davidson Road House in Stillwater.
- ✓ River Run 17-19 July at Eagle Bluff Resort in Tahlequah.
- ✓ Freedom Fighter Rally 18/19/20 Sept at the Route 66 Campground in Depew.
- ✓ Meeting of the Minds 25/26/27 Sept in Indianapolis IN
- ✓ CMA Spirit Squad is sponsoring a bike blessing this Saturday 27 June from 11a to 2p. Rita put fliers on the table.

Announcement

- Rita T: If anyone is going to the Oklahoma Challenge events, she is going in her van anyone who wants to can ride along.

- Scott: The chapter is looking for a quartermaster to work with Jack setting up events, be responsible for the pop-up, storage, etc.
- Paul Brinker: The Motorcycle Training Center taught its last class 19 June, due to a lack of instructors
- VFW serves breakfast every Saturday from 8a to 11a and lunch on Wednesday from 11a to 1p for \$7.00.
- James got an email from a woman who is putting together a “Back the Blue March” on July 11th, originally planned for Centennial Square, but she heard Antifa was going to be there so it was moved to LaFortune Park. James isn’t sure about this but the last thing Antifa needs is to be around a bunch of bikers. She asked James to bring it up at the meeting, so he is. If anyone wants to go he has the information.

Gas card #1 went to Hippie

Gas card #2 went to Sam

Motion to adjourn by Carol 2nd by a lot of people.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05p

Respectfully submitted

Carol “CF” King,

Interim Secretary

ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2020

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

The Mission of ABATE of Oklahoma is to promote and defend motorcyclist freedom, safety and awareness through education and legislation to make Oklahoma the best place to ride.

President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- Our guest speaker tonight is Representative Ross Ford, he will be speaking after our reports.
- Housekeeping Items:
 - The Chapter will pay for business cards for members with the understanding that if you see another biker out, you introduce yourself, hand them a card and tell them what ABATE is all about. Doc Platner was the first, but if anyone else would like them let James know.
 - In addition to the \$25 gas cards from QuikTrip, we were given 10 certificates for dinner for two at the White River Fish Market.
 - At our officers' meeting last we discussed the possibility of having a chapter Christmas Party. The VFW is the perfect location, please be thinking about it and we can discuss it more at the next meeting. We can ask Larry to bring his band, although Larry suggested a DJ would be more fun. James last comment about the Christmas party was that we have it after the Toy Run.
 - Joe Cervantes walked in the door and James introduced him as one of the original Members.
 - New Member Packet – this is a folder that has information about who we are, our Mission Statement, the legislative districts and state calendars. These will be given to new members and any other members who want a copy. Just let James know if you want one.
 - Today a propane grill was donated to the VFW by Lowe's. Our chapter can use it to if we have future outside gatherings.
 - Reminder of breakfast at the VFW every Saturday morning 8-11am. It is \$7, all you can eat and is a great social time.
 - This Saturday August 1st is the State Meeting at Foreman's Harley Davidson in Stillwater. If anyone wants to ride down, Art could probably put something together.
 - Ordinarily, during the SMILE we give awards to our chapter members who have set themselves apart during the previous year. Since this year's SMILE has been cancelled, we will give those awards at our next chapter meeting on August 27th.
 - If anyone wants a Share the Road sign see James after the meeting.

Introduction of Guests: Hippy introduced his buddy Double D and the chapter welcomed him.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Clark

- The report was read aloud by Cheryl and a detailed copy was available at the meeting.

Secretary's Report – Rose

- James asked if having copies hard of the Minutes was helpful. Everyone affirmed it is. Rose pointed out the Minutes were taken by Carol last month and asked if anyone had any changes they wanted to make. No changes. Art Ryan moved that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Randy

State & Committee Reports

Ride Report – Scott Bunch

- On 7/25 we started with breakfast at the VFW, then headed to the JM Davis Gun Museum in Claremore. Wayne McCombs was our tour guide through the museum, then we took the scenic route to Spavinaw where we met up with the Heartland Chapter for lunch at Bradford's BBQ, a nice little place on Main Street.

State Meeting Report – Art Ryan

- There was not a state board meeting in July. The next meeting is this Saturday August 1st.
- Spur Awards will be given out at this next meeting, and they will also be recognized at the next SMILE with those who will be awarded next year.
- Freedom Fighter Rally 9/18 – 20 in Depew @ The Route 66 Campgrounds
- The following weekend 9/25 – 27 is the Meeting of the Minds, and several individuals from this chapter will be attending it.
- The thing to be stressed is the need for more members, not only for this chapter but all the chapters. Art emphasized that we are all getting older and we need some younger folks. He has a brochure for our Young Membership Program giving a young rider, basically 18 – 30 the 1st year free Membership. Bring them in so they can start getting acquainted with us, so they will be ready to step up when we step down. If you know someone, bring them to the meeting. It is a separate application and he has a few. That is really vital to ABATE of OK.

Share the Road – Art Ryan

- September's schedule is heavy with at least 8 “Challenge Meetings,” which brings 600 to 700 High School kids to hear the message to new drivers, “Do Not Run Over Us.” We need help with more volunteers – you do not need to be a Share the Road certified instructor. We have had the benefit of OHP Officers who filtered in, and it dove-tailed to a real nice presentation for those kids. They are paying attention, they want to be there, and they are the prime target we are looking for.
- The next state board meeting begins at noon, but there is breakfast served at 9am, and a potato bar following the meeting. If you want we can ride out there together.
- There will not be a Share the Road Committee meeting before the regular State meeting this Saturday.
- There will be an event to raise money for an Honor Flag for the Korean Vets that will be held on 10/3 at Pryor. Art has some flyers on the event.

Membership Report – Lyndon Giles

- Last month we had 96 active members with several that need to renew. With the two new members here tonight, we now 98 Members.
- Cheryl let us know Garrett Marshall renewed his membership tonight. Lyndon revised Tulsa's membership number to 99.

Downed Bikers Report – Larry Chek who gave the floor to Tim Lawson, Tulsa's President.

- Ziggy was introduced and he is now on the Downed Bikers National Board.
- There is a new chapter called Foothills. They successfully raised \$4,900 at their first benefit.
- The next DBA Tulsa meeting will be held at the Trade Winds on Monday 8/3, but it will be their final meeting there. The meeting in September will move to the American Legion.
- They have two of their biggest runs coming up. August 8th is the annual Bug Run. We will register at Meyers Duren, and it is \$1 a target. Our annual shuffleboard event is in September.
- James thanked Downed Bikers for being a BIG help with ABATE of Tulsa's Toy Run and blocking the side roads. Tim said it is rewarding for him to do it and shared a story about giving a bear he carries on his bike to a little girl who was watching the bikers go by from the upper window with her mama. He

said the Downed Bikers looked forward to helping us out again this year.

- Ziggy wanted to add a word. He advised us his cousin is a Tulsa Policeman who helps teach their Share the Road program and suggested we seriously consider taking the course, even more than once. The next classes are set up for 8/29, 9/12, and 9/26. But who knows what will happen with Covid.

Safety Officer – Roger Bryant

- This is a bad time of year for tires. It's hot. Be aware of deterioration, of under-inflation and over-inflation. Your bike will steer heavy and get squirrely on the bumps.
- Check your tire pressure. It is not carved in stone, it varies. The front takes 36 lbs & the rear takes 36 lbs in Rear (with passenger 40 lbs). Again, that is not carved in stone.
- If you have a patch or plug on your tire, do not go over 50 mph.
- Treads: 1/32nds inch depth. Use the penny trick to check your treads, if you can see Lincoln's head it is time to replace your tire.
- There is a lot of information on the sidewall of your tire. Go to the Motorcycle Safety Council's website and it will tell you what all of that means.
- Check the condition of your bike before you ride. These all need to be checked before going on a ride: sidewalls, air pressure, treads.
- Make sure you check your air pressure when the tire is cold. Then let the tire warm up before going fast out on the highway.

Guest Speaker – Ross Ford

- James introduced us to tonight's Speaker Ross Ford by saying they met when Ross pulled James over for an expired tag. James jokingly said the punishment for Ross was to remain his friend. Ross Ford is Representative for District 46 in Broken Arrow. He has been a friend of ABATE of Tulsa for many years and was a Tulsa Police Officer.
- Ross shared his background of being a Tulsa Police Officer for 27 years, 13 of those years were as a motorcycle policeman. He talked about his experiences as a police officer and, specifically being a motorcycle officer, including a bad accident he had. He has given up riding but he loved every minute of it.
- He stated that one of his responsibilities as a Legislator is to make sure our rights as motorcycle enthusiasts are protected. One thing we have to watch for is the grant money the Highway Safety Office is given. The State & Feds want to cut the funds back because they don't see them as productive. But if the funds go away, the Share the Road programs that the TPD and other agencies offer will also go away. They are very important to the beginner rider, even those who have been riding for years.
- Another area we need to stay on top of at the State Capital is our right, our choice, and our freedom to ride with or without a helmet. There should be no one at the Capital who is trying to take away our choice to ride without a helmet. When you talk to legislators, you have the right to ask where they stand on that issue.
- As Legislators they need to be listening to motorcycle riders and make sure they are not impeding on our rights. They need to make sure that we have the right to share the roadway as much as a vehicle.
- Ross asked if anyone had questions. Someone stated that recently Missouri just opened their state for motorcyclists not to have to wear helmets. Someone else said they are a trike rider and no one teaches safety classes for trikes.

(Scott spontaneously suggested Ross needed a trike.)

James presented to Representative Ross Ford an Honorary Member of ABATE of Tulsa plaque.

Old Business

Toy Run – James Clark

- So far \$8,000 has been committed from sponsors, but that is only about a 1/3 of what we need.
- He's very grateful to DBA for their help again.

- The route will be the same.
- There will be a change in the way VIPs will be lined up this year due to some issues last year.
- No idea how Covid might affect attendance at this year's Toy Run, T-shirt sales, etc.

Announcements – James Clark

- Ride Box - we now have a ride suggestion box. If you have a ride you enjoy, write it down and put it in the box. Every month we will select a ride from the suggestions.
- SMILE is cancelled for this year.
- September Meeting - Normally would be Sept 24th but since some of us will be going to the Meeting of the Minds, the September Meeting will be held the Thursday before on the 17th.
- Tip Jars - are on the table. Don't forget to tip our cooks!
- Storage - Jack is taking care of our storage facility. We are still looking for a quartermaster so if anyone wants to help keep track of our banners and other supplies, please let Jack know.
- Paul Brinker is now our Chapter Historian

Raffle Drawing

- Roger – \$25 gas card
- Diane – White River Fish Market certificate

Carol moved to adjourn, seconded by Lyndon

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm

See you at our next meeting on Thursday, August 27th

Respectfully submitted,
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi

ABATE of Tulsa
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2020

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The National Anthem was played by Roadrunner
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jack King

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President's Opening Remarks – James Clark

- Housekeeping Items:
 - This is the 3rd Meeting that I have involved with as President Pro Tem, and we have a great showing of new Members. Thank you for being here, and thanks to those who fixed dinner for us. Applause is wonderful, but the tip jars are better.
 - Voting is coming up soon, and we know what it is about. I'm not going to tell you how to vote, but it is important, and I hope everyone takes advantage of it.
 - We have a different way to sign into the Meetings. Sign in and get a ticket for the Drawing. For the meals, we will be on the honor system, paying \$7 in the jar for all you can eat.
 - We have some new Members tonight. Please stand up when I introduce you: Bruce & Michelle, Gordon & Rhoda, David & Jill, Bruce & Liz Slater, and John Walker. Also, Dave renewed his Membership.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Clark

- The report was read aloud by Cheryl and a detailed copy was available at the meeting.
- Cheryl also mentioned at the Officers' meeting 3 scholarship applications were approved for the Meeting of the Minds. Also, \$500 had been raised at previous meetings for the Meeting of the Minds scholarship.
- Randy moved that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Lyndon

Secretary's Report – Rose

- James pointed out that we have copies of the Minutes available.
- Carol wanted to thank Rose for the quality of the Minutes for last month.
- Art wanted to make a motion that we accept the Minutes as they are?
- Rose said she would like to make a change to her own minutes. That at the Officers' meeting she realized she had left off of the Minutes the Pawhuska ride. Rita also pointed out the real reason for date change for the September Meeting was due to our Bylaws requiring the majority of our officers are required to be at a meeting. Since 3 of our 5 officers would be traveling to Indianapolis for MRF's Meeting of the Minds, the meeting date needed to be changed. Rose will make those changes for the Minutes.
- Art Ryan moved that the Minutes with those changes be accepted, seconded by Carol

State & Committee Reports

Ride Report – Scott Bunch

- Scott reported that August 15th ride to Pawhuska was beautiful, we had great weather, and 17 motorcycles joined the ride. He described some of their activities, which made for a great ride.
- He reminded us to be thinking of ideas for rides, and that we have a Ride Box to write them down, and submit them.
- The ride for September is the 19th is already set. We are to meet here for breakfast at 8 o'clock. Then about 9 o'clock we will pack up our bikes, ride down to the Freedom Fighter's Rally down at Depew. The entry fee is

\$25. Jack added the Tulsa Chapter is in charge of the Bike Show. Larry Chek reminded us that the actual Rally starts on Friday night. Scott went onto add there is camping, biker games, people games, and a tattoo contest. Rose asked if there was a day rate, besides the weekend rate. Others answered her that there is only the one rate, and it is a Fundraiser for the State.

- One more thing, I promised I would bring up for someone. It is not a Biker thing. There is a Golf Tournament Sept 18th at Battle Creek Golf Course, if anyone is interested. It is a Fundraiser.

State Meeting Report – Art Ryan

- For those of you who don't know me, I am Art Ryan, your State Board Representative.
- Positions are open for Nominations for the State Board for State Coordinator and Treasurer. If you know of anyone who would be good for that position, please let me know, so I can nominate them.
- Also, we need suggestions of any laws effecting Motorcyclists you would like to see presented to this next Legislative Session. This is the time for us to do the research, write the bill, and find a Committee to hear it. It takes awhile to get this stuff done. As a matter of fact, it may take 4 to 5 years for us to pursue a bill until it becomes law. That is something to keep in mind.
- Back in July, we had the Illinois River Run. We had a great time, I was there. Also, it was officially renamed the Gus Johnson River Run, after a Member who passed, he lived for that event.
- As Scott said, we have the Freedom Fighters' Rally coming up, and Tulsa Chapter is in charge of the Bike Show. I recommend you spend the night Saturday evening, and participate in all the events. What's it going to hurt, you already paid to get in?
- We also have the Meeting of the Minds coming up. We have the benefit of 2 trucks going up, Cheryl and Doug. Doug has permission to drive the Share the Road truck and trailer, so we have ample room for all your extra stuff.
- Last but not least, the 2021 SMILE. It got canceled this year, which sucked, but it is tentatively scheduled for March 12th - 14th at the Wyndam Gardens Hotel in Stillwater. If you signed up already and paid, it is going to transfer over to 2021. No problem, you just have to re-book your room.
- He also added something not related to State, that on Saturday October 3rd on the Mayes County Fairgrounds there will be an event with car & bike show, BBQ, and all the good stuff. We have all heard of the Honor Flights for WWII Vets. This event from what I have been told is to raise funds for Flights for Korean & Vietnam Vets. It starts 10am - 6pm. I do have a flyer on it.
- Larry asked Art to explain to those who are new what the Meeting of the Minds & the SMILE are. Art explained that the SMILE is an acronym for State Motorcyclists Improving Legislative Effectiveness. It is a good time to meet like minded people who are wanting to improve our effectiveness at the Capital in OKC. There will be educational sessions, a banquet, good times, and awards. It is well worth it, and doesn't cost that much. The Meeting of the Minds is a Motorcycle Riders Foundation function. ABATE of OK is under the umbrella of the MRF. They do basically what we do here, except they are doing it in Washington DC. They are trying to keep the Feds at bay, and we are trying to keep our State under control. We have to pay attention to them, and give them as much support as possible. If the Feds pass anything regarding motorcyclists, it will supersede anything Oklahoma has. If they have it and it is against motorcyclists, we are going to have it whether we like it or not. Larry added that the Meeting of the Minds event is a yearly event. Art added to that this event takes place the last weekend of the September. Larry added , that State ABATES from all over the country attend it, and he has become friends with many of them. Carol stated she strongly encouraged everyone to support and become a Member of the MRF, as well as being a Member of ABATE.
- Joe Cervantes said that when he was working to repeal the helmet law in OK, Jim Inhofe was a go to guy for him, and he didn't know we all feel about Jim Inhofe, but he was in our corner to help repeal the helmet law. Art agreed, and said he is still in our corner.
- Scott said we have flyers for both the Freedom Fighters Rally & the Meeting of the Minds on the front table. James added that we have 9 Members from our Chapter going to the Meeting of the Minds, and it will be a leisurely ride to Indianapolis. Rita mentioned there were still a limited # of rooms available at the main hotel for the Meeting of the Minds, but you have call between 8am to 4pm and ask for Jessica.

Membership Report – Lyndon Giles

- Lyndon stated that the 1st of July we had 98 Members. At the end of July, we were up to 102. At the Bike Show this weekend, we (I was unable to attend) registered 8 New Members & a renewal. So, with that, and those who joined tonight, that should put us at 115 Members for this Chapter.

Share the Road – Art Ryan

- Share the Road is an intricate part of ABATE aimed at getting people to stop running over us.
- Our Share the Road program is getting State recognition. I have on our Facebook an award our Coordinator received. A Governor's Commendation "On behalf of the State of OK, I extend my appreciation to ABATE of OK Share the Road Program, and in recognition to your service in Oklahoma, and in your participation of the OK Challenge Teen Safe Drivers Program. Thank you for your commitment to drive distraction free, and for sharing this important message. I wish you well in your future endeavors." And is signed by Governor Stitt, and the award is hanging at Forman's HD in Stillwater.
- September's busy schedule I mentioned at our last meeting, has been canceled due to Covid.
- The folks who do the Share the Road Program do a lot and put a lot of miles. There will be times we will need help with the Share the Road program, and we could use your help. The good thing is you don't have to be a StR Instructor to help us.
- We attended Crude Roundup, upon the invitation of Garrett Marshall. Set up a booth, and signed up some new Members.
- Our Share the Road Truck and Trailer is a "rolling billboard". Rose asked where the truck came from. Art said the truck was a generous gift from a couple of individuals, who also donated having it wrapped.

Downed Bikers Report – Larry Chek

- ABATE would like to put Downed Bikers out of business, BUT bikers do go down.
- For the Tulsa Chapter there is: a Shuffleboard Run, but I don't know what it is, but it is Sept 12th. It is a Black Shirt Event, which mean it is for a brother or sister biker who expired.
- The next meeting is at the American Legion, which is near here.

Safety Officer – Roger Bryant

- Kudos go to Art, Rita and Frenchy, who through the Share the Road Program have put on a total of: Art 5,000 miles, Rita 2,400 miles, and Frenchy 1,800 miles. This has paid off as Motorcycle deaths have dropped in the last 3 years: 2017 – 89; 2018 – 89; and, 2019 - 66. That is a darn good drop. Like you used to use slug bug in counting Volkswagons, teach your Grandkids to count motorcycles.
- Art brought this up to me. If you know you are going on a long trip, and it is about time to have your bike serviced, get it serviced. Stay on top of that. Do what you need to do, when you need to do it.
- In the event of a blowout: feel sluggish or vibration, determine as best you can which tire blew out; use neutral & get in on your clutch & let it slow down by itself. Don't slam on your brakes, or it will get squirrely by itself. Ease it off to the side of the road.
- Check your clutch. Look at your cable. Use your friction on your clutch, taking off, slowing down.
- One other thing. I have a cousin who lives in Ft Worth, they have a '94 Wide Glide, with a trailer, fully restored, with a lot of new stuff on it. They are raffling it off. Let me know if you are interested. The tickets are about \$75.

Old Business – James Clark

Toy Run

- We got an email from the Fairgrounds asking us how we are going to deal with the Covid. Then after the Fair was canceled, we got another. I wasn't sure how to reply, but then at the Crude Roundup, I met the lady we usually work with at the Fairgrounds, who advised me to just get something down on our letterhead: we will have masks available, we will encourage people distance themselves from others 6', etc. Don't worry she said, that will be the end.

- Scott and I went to Eskimo Joes to discuss what would happen if we run out of Toy Run T-shirts. We worked out with them, that interested parties can go online to Eskimo Joes and place the order. Eskimo Joes is going to ship the t-shirt to them. This will alleviate us having to take the money when people placed their orders, which we did 2 years ago. Or, as we did last year, to just take the orders for shirts, without payment, then sitting at the Harley shop waiting for people to show up to pick up their orders. Some never did.

Business Cards

- I have brought up business cards for those who wanted their names printed on them. I see you as Ambassadors for ABATE. You are in support of our Mission. Help try to build us up.
- James passed out 3 orders that had come in for Members, and informed those who want to order the cards to see Cheryl.
- Someone suggested we order some with blanks so we can all write our names on them. James said we had that, but thought it more professional to have our names already on them.

Announcements – James Clark

September Meeting:

- Reminder, due to the Meeting of the Minds, the September Meeting will be held on September 17th.
- Next month's guest speaker is Chris Collins.
- We need nominations for 3 officer positions in Sept: President, Treasurer, and Sgt at Arms.

2019 ABATE Awards Presented at the August 1st State Meeting:

- Three “Wear & Tear” Awards were given to Art, Rita, and Frenchy, for their efforts and miles in promoting Share the Road. Together they put about 10,000 miles on their vehicles, and this an all-volunteer program. They held up the awards, and pictures were taken of them.
- The Freedom Fighter Spur Award was presented to former VP Frenchy. The current FF Spur Award winners of our Chapter were asked to stand, and 5 Members stood up: Rita, Diane, Art, Larry, and Frenchy. Art was asked to give a brief explanation of what it takes to earn this award. Art summarized it stating “There are a series of obligations to meet. You fill out an application, and there are about a dozen different things to complete. Someone mentors you (already has SPUR Award), and verifies you have completed the list.” It cannot be bought, can only be earned, and carries a certain amount of respect. It is usually presented at the SMILE.

Chapter ABATE 2019 Awards Presented:

- “Above & Beyond” Award for 2019 presented to:
 - Art Ryan “For doing a lot of things, and doesn't ask for anything in return.”
 - Cheryl Clark has been Treasurer for 5 years, sometimes putting in 40 hours in a week during the Toy Run, and other times of the year.
- Previous President John Pierce created an award, the Magic Member Patch. I want to carry on that tradition, and presented the Magic Member Patch to Rita, Art, Cheryl, and Nina (in absentia).
- A Hidden Star Award is for allowing others to shine, and was presented to Diane Finley & Nina Dresser (in absentia).
- Rita asked to make a comment: Mike Sholten, a member in another Chapter had this to say about us “Tulsa was a do nothing Chapter, but it is now it is a do everything Chapter.”

Tip Jars – Are on the Table, don't forget our cooks!

Raffle Drawing

- Bruce – \$25 gas card
- Mandy – White River Fish Market certificate

James opened the floor for any other announcements:

- Broken Arrow CMA “Horse Soldiers”
- October 11th Scoot and Shoot, Range in Beggs. Competition
- Everyone is welcome at the Brother to Brother Biker Church every Saturday at 6pm
- Roadrunner - September 12th Brother Biker Church 1 year anniversary
- James - We need help cleaning up
- James - Please take the signs home

Carol moved to adjourn, seconded by Lyndon
Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Paula “Rose” Matteuzzi