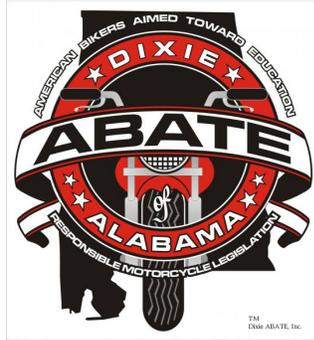


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MEETING NOTES: 10/17/15: Bush's BBQ, Greenville, AL 2:00 PM

In attendance:

Larry Lindsey
Shane Coker
Matthew Schroeder
Steve Barclay
Nancy Garmon
Micky Moss
Myra Moss
Tommy Holliday
Anita Luckie
Ashley Toldon
David Fail
Larry Holton
Alicia Howard (prospective member)
Mark Pickart
Gene Powell

A treasurer's report was given, handed out, and approved.

Notes from the last meeting were read, handed out, and approved.

LaTere Jones, of AirMedCare Network, spoke to us about membership in the network. Dixie ABATE members get \$10.00 off the normal \$65.00 annual fee, but they have to write a check to Kris and she has to write AirMedCare a check from Dixie ABATE, for the discounted fee to apply. LaTere noted that in some states, there is an automatic flight if you have a bike accident. The average flight is between \$30 and \$35K. Blue Cross Blue Shield pays between \$6 and \$8K for a flight.

They fly coast to coast, and your membership is good anywhere there is a participating base. There are no medical restrictions, and you can use the service as many times as you need it. For the annual fee, all your family members are covered, as long as they live under your roof. AirMedCare is solid, since they were just bought out by the largest investment group in the world, one that flies Lear's all over the world. If you have a major health emergency, it is critical that you get to a hospital with a trauma center within that first "golden hour" after the event.

Larry talked about the autocycle legislation that was quietly passed during the legislature's second special session this summer. Basically, it says that an autocycle (like the Polaris Slingshot) driver does not have to get an "M" endorsement to drive it, but the vehicle itself is tagged as a motorcycle. This was passed so quickly and without fanfare, because Polaris has invested in a manufacturing facility in

north Alabama. Our concern is mostly about lumping their crash statistics in with motorcycle crash statistics. We have enough trouble getting complete and detailed statistics, without this added opportunity for fuzzy numbers.

Per Larry, we need to write a letter on our letterhead to Charlie Angel, in the Alabama Insurance Commissioner's office, to ask for statistical separation for autocycle wrecks, injuries, and possible fatalities. Gene asked if we intend to support the rights of autocyclists as well as motorcyclists. Matt recommends we monitor the situation. Larry said if the state can keep the statistics separate, we should be ok with it. Steve observed that the state doesn't separate 18-wheeler statistics from passenger car statistics, so the aren't very likely to heed our request to keep autocycle statistics separate from motorcycle statistics. Nancy recommended we monitor only, because there won't be another autocycles sold to make an impact one way or the other.

Larry extended appreciation to all of our Share the Road presenters. He said we have up to four opportunities a year in certain high schools. Larry has taught in twelve schools so far this year. He estimates that he has reached nearly 3,000 students.

The new M endorsement bill goes into effect January 1, 2016, for new riders. We are working toward a skills evaluation. ALEA wants to see a skills evaluation be required for a new rider to get an M endorsement. The MSF will come and set up the skills evaluation. Junior college campus parking lots would be good places to do the testing.

Matt discussed the breakout at the Meeting of the Minds, regarding what to do if pulled over.

Shane reported that the Noccalula Falls chapter is planning a spring raffle. We talked about having a state rally. Jimmy Burch (Rainbow City) is willing to have one, on his 3 acres.

Steve asked Kris to take all Tri-County membership renewals off of the Dixie ABATE calendar.

We took nominations for State Director, State Assistant Director, Treasurer, and Secretary. No one had any nominations for any position. The holders of these offices will serve for another two years.

Larry Lindsey was nominated for Education Director, and Gene Powell was nominated for Legislative Director. Both were elected by unanimous vote.

The Tri-County chapter asked Kris to send the membership spreadsheet to Nancy.

Proposed changes to the organizational documents were tabled until the December meeting.

The Tri-County chapter asked Kris to give them the materials to make ten new/renewal packets.

The Tri-County chapter discussed possible legislative items to work on in 2016, including the laws concerning auxiliary lighting on motorcycles.

Shane would like to see us pursue the Dead Red bill again. The big thing will be preparing our legislators for us pushing a skills evaluation requirement for the M endorsement. And we need to discuss pushing for stiffer penalties for ROW violations that result in a motorcycle crash. We need to look at the laws in other states. In Alabama, a ticket cannot be written unless the LEO actually witnessed the accident. That makes it hard to prove culpability in that type of accident.

Next meeting will be at 2 PM on Saturday, December 12, at the Original Oyster House, 3373 Battleship Parkway, Spanish Fort, AL. 251-626-2588