



Dirty Side Down

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Another New Year

I was sitting around after the November meeting and jawing with some friends I hadn't seen in some time. We were talking about what was going to happen to Region Zero after the first of the year. Officers were stepping down on regional and county levels to have a much deserved break. The Region Board was actually considering doing away with the County meetings and going with Region wide meetings.

After a few beverages, Jeff Beatty looked at me and said, "You should consider the Trumbull County Coordinator position again". I don't know if it was me or the beverages talking, but I replied, "I'll do it if you'll be the Co-coordinator". Angie chimed in, "I'll continue being the Secretary". Scot raised a glass and proclaimed, "I will be the Road Captain!" Lionman, with a tear in his eye (well not really, but it makes for good drama huh?), said, "That's the spirit! Let's do this!"

So to let you all our Trumbull County members (and our members in Ashtabula and Lake Counties) know, we are here for another year with renewed spirit! We have plans this year to grow our dwindling membership. We need the help of every member of ABATE. Get out there and tell someone about us! If you don't know what to tell them, bring them to a meeting or get in contact with me and I'll get you some literature. I was so glad to see the growth of Lake County. Looks like many new members up there for last year. Also impressive were the new members for Trumbull County. The sad part is for every new member added to the roster, one, two or three drop off the roster. Not a good thing. I was glad to see Congressman Tim Ryan still among our ranks. He is a good friend to ABATE and hopefully will continue to be.

The Trumbull County Officers have planned an Officers meeting early in January to lay out meeting places for the year and get a "plan of attack" to bring new members to the fold.

As always, if you need information, have question or concerns, please contact me. Stay tuned folks.

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New County Officers

Here are your County Officers for 2008:

Lorne DeYoung	Coordinator
Jeff Beatty	Co Coordinator
Angie Beggs	Secretary
Tammy Blanton	Treasurer
Lionman	Legislative
Ron Blanton	Sgt at Arms
Scot Beggs	Road Captain
Bummer	Trustee

Election Year!

This is going to be a huge election year in our beloved Country. Lionman is scheduling candidates and speakers for meet and greets at our meetings and events. Get informed and take an active role in your government.

Tell a friend about ABATE!

WANTED

If anyone wants to step up in Lake or Ashtabula County and break out on your own, contact me!

Your name or business here! Call Lorne to find out how!

Next Meeting

**Everyone Invited!
Bring a Friend!**

January 19, 2008 6:30 p.m.

RC Sports Lounge

2422 South Canal Street

Newton Falls, Oh 44444

ABATE at the IX Center

For the second year in a row, ABATE of Ohio will be represented at the Cycle World International Motorcycle Show. The event will be held at the IX Center in Cleveland January 25, 26 and 27. We are in need of volunteers to help out with setup, tear down and manning the booth. Contact our Region Director, Vince Dowdy (home) 330-680-3545 (cell) 330-428-0220 (email) badnews@neo.rr.com

Words from Lionman

Welcome to 2008! 2007 gave me some of the most fantastic moments and some of the biggest lows of my life. Trumbull County ABATE almost folded! Region Zero is in trouble and Trumbull County, which I have always thought of as the cream of the crop, was almost gone. I will make this simple for you! Who do you think will be there fighting for your individual and motorcycle rights if ABATE folds?

Think about it! You are getting this message because you are still members, but our membership has shrunk! We need all of you to help spread the word that if we don't get some help, you will all be riding water cooled bikes that can not be more than 10 years old, wearing reflector-ized vests with air bags in them, if you are allowed to ride at all. Do you know of all the legislation we have been

fighting and proposing so that you can continue to ride the way you do?

ABATE of Ohio Inc. has been fighting for your motorcycle rights for many years and we cannot continue without your support!

As I said ABATE of Ohio Inc Trumbull County almost folded but several people stepped up to pledge one more year to try to turn this trend around. If you care about your rights and freedoms, I am asking you to change your attitudes and attend our Trumbull County ABATE meetings. Don't support us and we will no longer be there to support you. Then, just to be honest, you will be left to the honesty and support of the insurance and government industries!

So here are the facts! You start coming out to the meetings, you start getting your friends as members or you will be at the mercy of all those who do not want motorcycles on the road. Start becoming part of the solution or prepare your motorcycles for permanent garage ornaments!

As I said, Trumbull County ABATE almost folded! The current officers have pledged one more year of dedication to try to turn things around! Come out and support us or be prepared to suffer the consequences!

Thank You CMRO Region 13

Big thanks to our friends from CMRO Region 13. They heard we were having attendance problems at our meetings and came out in full force to our November meeting. This was a great show of camaraderie and support for the common cause. I will be e-mailing this to them as a thank you and to let them know they are always invited.

THANK YOU CMRO!

Your name or business here! Call Lorne to find out how!