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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD NIIKE STOCK

Hi Friends,

Why do we need to stay VIGILANT (meaning keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties "the burglar was spotted by vigilant neighbors")? We are under attack. Read Lionman's, Sherry's, and Ed's articles. From all directions we are under attack; autonomous cars, E15 gas, right of way, profiling, right to repair and some states wanting to take our freedom away and put helmets back on our heads. What will be next?

We are not being vigilant for just our organization, but for all motorcycle riders. We must keep educating motorcyclists and show them that they must get involved. When the time comes it will take all of us to fight these battles. Please, when you talk to fellow riders and you explain to them all that is going on, direct them to our website and have them sign up. When it comes down to the last push, numbers will win. If they need help have them call me, 800-25 BIKER & leave a message if I don't answer.

I am going to post this in every article I write until I feel that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Read and stay up to date on the following issues: **Right to Repair** and **Right to Modify**. "Those two things are what a lot of us do for fun". **Clear labeling for renewable fuel** is what we need so we know what we are putting in our internal combustion motors, so we can have fun riding. **End of Life Directives** must be kept at bay so that we can keep having fun. And we need to **Protect the Motorcycle Ecosystem**. If we lose the Ecosystem, we will lose everything. Call your Legislators.

Make a note when you are out riding in another state to seek out an ABATE event. Support that state and let them know where you are from. You can meet some of the nicest people. Years ago, Kay and I did the Insane Asylum Run and we had a great time in the hills of West Virginia. It is fun to get out and see how others are getting together and spreading the word of ABATE. Also, state seminars are a great way to make new friends and get to see how others work.

Motorcycle Ohio is taking registrations. You can click on a link on our website or go to motorcycle.ohio.gov. Get a friend and go take the course - you will learn something. We need to get these stats down.

	Crashes	Fatalities	Speed Related
2024	199	10	48
2023	190	11	34

Top crash road in Ohio this year is Interstate 75

Top Crash Counties; Frankin and Hamilton with 20 each

Cuyahoga and 19

Lucas and Stark 10 each

Ride safe out there, please don't speed, don't drink and ride, and be aware of your surroundings.

Ride Within your Limits Mike Stock Chairman of the Board 419-654-5446



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Ed Schetter

When I give the shoutout "Helmet Laws Suck," many just think it's a throw back to the old days. You know old freedom fighters and all that jazz. Well.... Here we are in 2024 and had two helmet bills drop within a week.

First our friends from ABATE of Illinois reached out about Illinois HB5620 that would require all motorcyclists riding in the state to wear a helmet. Illinois is one of only three states do not have any law regarding the use of motorcycle helmets. The other two are lowa and New Hampshire. The call went out to submit witness slips opposed to the bill. The committee hearing was March 6th and last I looked there were 20 witness slips in favor of the bill and over 1200 opposed. Thank you for all that submitted one. Keep an eye out for a call to action if Illinois needs our help.

Then the Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association identified helmet legislation within HB5330. This was tucked away in section 19(b) on page 22 of the 29-page bill. This bill covered many issues including wetlands, building permits and bicycles. It would require a newly endorsed rider to wear a helmet for 3 years after earning their motorcycle endorsement. The wording also would require an experienced rider to wear a helmet for 3 years after moving to Connecticut. Stay tuned on this one also.

All this while states like Nebraska and Missouri have recently fought for helmet choice while riding. This leaves only 17 states without some level of choice when it comes to helmets and it would be easy to assume that these fights are leaning toward rider choice.

This is why we must stand guard of our freedoms in DC, Columbus and locally.

ABATE of Ohio will be joining many other states at the MRF Bikers in the Beltway May 20 and 21 in Washington DC. We will hit all 16 of Ohio's Representatives and both Senators offices. A lot of steps that day but well worth it. I'm sure there is a flyer somewhere in this publication about it. If you have a chance to come join us, it is worth every minute we spend there. People definitely look at us differently as we walk the halls. If you decide to come please drop my a line so I know who all to plan on being there and who to send to what offices. We can hit them all, but if someone in the room can actually vote for them sometimes they pay a little more attention. You know job security and all.

May 4th will be ABATE of Ohio's Awareness Rally in Columbus. Let's remind the powers that be here in the Buckeye State that we are keeping an eye on them too. We have things pretty good here and would like to keep it that way. It also is a great chance to remind people that we are on the road and to put away the distractions and look for us.

I feel like I need to close with a "Helmet Laws Suck!!!" or "Let Those That Ride Decide!!!" Enjoying the Ride,

Ed Schetter Executive Director

Out of Hibernation Run

April 27, 2024

Abate of Ohio Region 16

Ashland, Holmes, Lorain, Medina, Richland & Wayne

Starting @ Holmesville Legion Post #551

Registration starts @10 last bike out @ 12:30 9150 Sr 83 Holmesville, Ohio \$25.00 per couple \$15.00 per person RAIN / SHINE ALL VEHICLES WELCOME



Contacts: Cowboy 330-201-1330 & Kevin Ketcham 330-600-1080

50/50 Raffle Breakfast & meal after

Dice (best & worst hands)

Abate of Ohio Inc.

(American Bikers Aimed Towards Education)

A non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the rights, improving the image & promoting safe operating procedures.

All donations are not tax deductible. Events are subject to 30% Administration Fee.

You are invited to attend monthly meetings the 2nd Sunday of each month 12 Noon @

Muddy's Grill & Café W. Liberty St. Wooster, Ohio

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JULY, 5th ,6th,7th , 2024

GATES OPEN 12:00 NOON FRIDAY/ OPEN ALL WEEKEND

PRIMITIVE CAMPING

CARROLL GO. VETERAN'S PARK/ 2038 BRENNER RD.

LIVE BANDS ALL WEEKEND

RV CAMPING (reservations required)

CARROLLTON, OHIO 44615

VETERANS VIGIL FRIDAY NIGHT

\$30.00 WEEKEND PASS

PUBLIC WELCOME !!!!

SATURDAY

INCLUDES GAMPING

BIKE RODEO/ BIKE SHOW / TATTOO CONTEST

\$15.00 DAY PASS

18 AND OVER ID REQUIRED

FOOD/VENDORS

INCLUDES 1 NIGHT CAMPING

CASH ONLY/ATM ONSITE

SAVE THE DATE

EMAIL: freedomrallyregion8@gmail.com CONTACTS: TIM 330-243-4273/ KELLY 330-327-3513



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ABATE of Ohio, Inc. Region 8 is pleased to announce our 28th Freedom Rally, July 5 thru 7, 2024, at the Carroll
County Veteran's Park, 2038 Brenner Rd NE Carrollton OH 44615. The Rally is a fun filled weekend event consisting of
Bike Games, Live Bands, Stage Shows, Vendors, and the Highlight: A Vigil honoring our POW/MIA's. Proceeds from this
fundraising event benefit local USA Military Veterans charities and ABATE of Ohio Inc.

ABATE (American Bikers Aimed Towards Education) of Ohio, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to:
"Preserving the rights, improving the image, and promoting safe operating practices of Ohio motorcyclists".

Region 8 consists of Carroll, Stark, and Tuscarawas counties. Some ABATE of Ohio, Inc. accomplishments include:

- Involved in creating the Motorcycle Ohio Enrichment Program, of which each year helps train thousands of new riders and provides continuing skills for the experienced rider.
- Work with ODOT to help raise public awareness of motorcycles.
- > Stage fundraising events to benefit many different charities
- Work to be sure the motorcyclists' interests are represented on legislative issues.

We are asking for your help to be able to continue these accomplishments and help area Veterans.

We offer two forms of Sponsorship to choose from: our Traditional Sponsorship levels, or Promotional Sponsorship opportunities! Promotional sponsorship allows you to provide promotional/give-away items rather than cash for one of our many events! (Please see reverse side for more information.)

Deadline for sponsorship is May 5, 2024.

Platinum Level Only - Respond by December 31, 2023, and

have your logo included on our event flyer!

For questions contact: Tim Cordray at 330-243-4273 or freedomrallyregion8@gmail.com .

Stay up to date on the Rally at our Facebook page: (Please Note - This event is for those 18 years & Older!)



ABATE of Ohio, Inc. is a 501 € 4 "not for profit" organization. As a sponsor supporter, your contribution is deductible as a business expense for advertising, however, cannot be used as a charitable contribution.



ABATE of Ohio, Inc. Region 8 is pleased to announce that Freedom Rally #28 will again take place July 5 thru 7, 2024 at the Carroll County Veteran's Park, 2038 Brenner Rd NE Carrollton OH 44615. Gates will open at Noon on Friday and close at Noon on Sunday. We hope to see you there!

Vendor prices for the weekend event :

- 10'x10' space \$10.00 per space with submission postmarked before June 15, 2024/\$15.00 after June 15, 2024 (ABATE Members receive a 10% discount). No credit cards accepted.
- Vendor worker weekend pass admission \$25.00 per person (Workers must be 18 years & Older)
- Worker pass includes primitive camping (No electric hook-up; No pets please.)

NOTE: All Food & Tattoo vendors must obtain proper permit(s) from the Carroll County Board of Health prior to the event and will be subject to inspection by a Health Board Representative. Call the Board of Health at 330-627-4866 for more information.

Food vendors must supply their own food grade hose for water hookup.

Vendors may begin setup on Thursday (July 4, 2024) at Noon.

Food/Tattoo vendors must be set-up by 9:00am Friday (July 5, 2024) for Health Department inspections.

There are no full RV Hookups, No one under 18, No Pets, No Refunds, No Exceptions.

Stay up to date on the Rally at our Facebook page:



Questions? Please contact Kelly Oyer by Phone (330-327-3513) OR Email (kellyo7654@gmail.com)

FREEDOM RALLY VENDOR FORM

10x10 Space (Qty) @ \$10.00 (\$15.00 after June 15, 2024) per space =	\$
Abate Member 10% Discount (Applies to Vendor Space only)	\$
Vendor Worker(s) (Qty) @ \$25.00 per person (18 years & Older) =	\$
Optional Electric Hookup (Limited Availability & Vendor to supply their own 100' cord) Food Vendors (\$50.00 per cord) Non-Food Vendors (\$30.00 per Cord)	\$
TOTAL:	\$

/endor Name :		
/ending Product :		
Contact Person :		
Address :		
Phone :	Email :	

Checks Payable to: Abate of Ohio, Inc / Region 8

Mail Payment or Correspondence to:

Kelly Oyer, 6089 Indian Run Ave SE, Waynesburg OH 44688

DO NOT WAIT TO REGISTER!





SEPTEMBER 26-29, 2024 ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, Saint Louis, MO 63134-3307

Hotel direct line 314-429-1100. Mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation for conference room rates (deadline Sept. 4, 2024).

Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612

Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 4, 2024): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member)

Registration rate after Sept. 4, 2024: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member)

Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.

Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

(614) 944-5055

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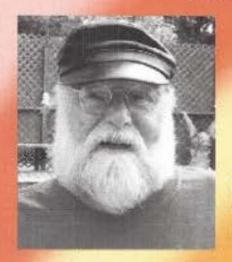
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ABATE Of Ohio, Region Zero's SUMMER OF BUMMER PARTY 2024 Saturday, June 8th 12:00pm-8:00pm Yellow Dog Saloon

2242 Greenville Rd. Cortland, OH

ADMISSION: \$20

Admission Includes Meal



In Memory Of: Robert "Bummer" Baldwin

Motorcycle Rights Advocate
Author of "Onward Through the Fog"

Bummer's ABATE Belt Buckle Winner Drawn at 6PM

Proceeds from raffle will go to the Motorcycle Memorial Foundation and The ABATE of Ohio Foundation.

See Any Officer For Tickets Or Find ABATE of Ohio, Region Zero on Facebook

Randy: 330-428-2083

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SATURDAY Rally

May 4, 2024

9:30-11:00am REGISTRATION

12:00 noon Ride to Statehouse

- = Meet at Farrow H/D at Northstar 7754 St. Route 36/37 E., Sunbury Oh I-71, Exit 131
- = \$5 donation per person "for the cause"

= Parade departs at 12 Noon sharp for an escorted parade to the State Capital Rally at the **Ohio State House**

After Rally Party

2:00 - 5:00pm

Join your host, ABATE of Ohio, Inc. Region 9 for the After Rally Party Ohio Brewing Company - 421 E. 2nd Ave, Columbus, Oh. 43201





HARLEY DAVIDSON



For more information: Mike Stock 419-654-5446, mikestock419@gmail.com

After Rally Info Chris Lappert 740-963-2738

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Hello Abate Friends!!!

I want to introduce myself as your new Safety & Education Director for Abate of Ohio. Most all of you know me by now but I have been involved in Abate of Ohio for over 9 years. In that time, I've met so many wonderful people and have made lifelong friends. Thank you for that. For blessing my life with your friendship. In all this time I have also been

a motorcycle instructor for the Motorcycle Ohio program (BRS – Basic Rider Skills). That has been a very rewarding experience, as I love to teach people and see them grow. Back in 1992 I took an MSF course in Florida to attain my endorsement and have never looked back. I've gone thru some motorcycles and a few men! LOL But I've kept around one guy for almost 27 years, and we have added to our motorcycle collection. It is a passion that we both share.

That passion for motorcycles has led me down wonderful paths to all of you. I am your current Ohio MRF Rep, Region 8 Safety & Ed Officer as well.

I do believe in safety and education. Education (taking riding classes) can make you a much safer rider. Believe me, if you take a class, you will learn something, I guarantee it!!! Right now, Motorcycle Ohio is registering students for classes beginning April thru October. They are \$75 this year and they provide the bike and helmet if needed. It is a win/win!!! So with all good things some things must come to an end and that is Half Helmets. Per NHTSA guidelines we (Instructors & Students) can no longer wear "Half Helmets" on the range. We all must wear ¾ or Full-Face helmets. No I don't like it either but there are some things that cannot be changed and this is one of them.

I encourage you to take a class or contact my friend Mike Wiesenbach with ProRider Columbus (814-322-5265) to take an advanced course. I am going to go out of my comfort zone hopefully this summer and take his class!

Reach out to your Region Directors as they will have a petition to sign. We are moving forward with getting Abate of Ohio an Organizational License Plate for Ohio. We must have 150 original signatures on the petition and then I have to do some more work to get it to the finish line. Any questions about it ask me or your Region Directors.

It is my privilege to be your new Safety & Ed Director and I will do my best to bring safety information to you or offer you safety tips along the way.

Ride SAFE - Ride SMART!

Sherry Hill 330-415-6272 harleyhill65@att.net



LOOK Twice! Save a Life!







MAY 18, 2024

FOR
HIGH/LOW
ROLL SCORE

START/FINISH VAUGHAN'S PUB & GRILL 10983 SR 212 BOLIVAR, OH 44612

VALENTINE
ENTERTAINMENT
DJ NINA
STARTS 4:30 PM

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 11:00 AM / LAST BIKE OUT 12:00 PM LAST BIKE IN 5:30 PM/ \$15.00 SINGLE/ \$25.00 COUPLE

PUBLIC WELCOME!

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AVAILABLE UNTIL MAY 5, 2024

SEE YOUR COUNTY COORDINATOR OR CALL CONTACTS BELOW

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CONTACTS: Mike 330-280-3932 Kelly 330-327-3513

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

As I write this it is just over a week before the Ohio Primary Election, and the only thing that is happening in Columbus right now revolves around re-election issues. There are no committee hearing occurring and things are at a dead stop. Prior to this I did hear some feedback from a couple or Representatives regarding our right of way proposal, and I will be setting up sit down discussions with them as soon as possible to discuss this issue with them. I did hear some good things from them, which is encouraging, so we shall see where this leads.

Our anti-profiling proposal is ready to go, however I am waiting to set it out there until after I get more feedback from the ROW proposal.

The newest action on the federal mandates to eliminate the Internal Combustion Engine have occurred. The U.S. EPA introduced new emission standards which would effectively require 67.5% of U.S. vehicle sales to be electric by 2032.

Recognizing that this was in direct contrast to H.R. 4468 (Passed on 12/6/23) and S. 3094 referred to as the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Acts, NHTSA proposed changes to the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for passenger cars and light trucks. This is the government telling manufacturers how many miles per gallon their cars must average out to. The new standards will increase fuel efficiency 8% annually for model years 2024-2025 and 10% annually for model year 2026 and continuing until 2032, when the requirement will rise to roughly 58 miles per gallon. Can you imagine making that much change each and every year?

Just a sneaky roundabout way to make internal combustion engines not sustainable, without saying it.

Autonomous cars have had several complaints about their technology not recognizing pedestrians. During this discussion, it was discovered that police officers cannot write tickets for driving errors the car makes because the ticket must be handed to the driver of the vehicle. To counter act this, a politician in California, has introduced a bill that would allow police to cite the owners of these vehicles.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, in San Francisco, a robotaxi from Alphabet's Waymo was set on fire by people celebrating Chinese New Year. This happened after one of their taxi's hit a cyclist at a city intersection. This occurred after a major accident in October where a GM Cruise robotaxi hit and dragged a pedestrian 20 feet.

We must always be on the watch for the stuff politicians come up with.

Lion Man



Ask Our Lawyer



by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

SPRING CLEANING

It's that time of year. While there are lots of things outside of your control while riding a motorcycle, safety gear, recalled products, and bike condition do not have to be among them.

I know I'm preaching to a very in tune choir, but it never hurts to repeat the obvious. Before setting out this spring, it is always good to do a once over of your preferred motorcycle safety gear. For instance, if you're a helmet wearer, then it makes sense to do an inspection of your helmet to make sure it hasn't taken a beating during winter storage. Make sure to inspect for any cracks, dents, and other damage and to replace if necessary. Some with your other safety gear.

Also, it is always good to check for any recalls on your safety gear and on your motorcycle. If there have been recalls, make sure to take your bike in to have the recalled parts replaced, or whatever the case may be.

Lastly, before heading out, make sure all annual maintenance and inspections have been completed on your motorcycle. The last thing you need to encounter while riding is a blown tire or an engine stall on a busy road.

What is that old saying about the 7 P's? Prior Proper Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance. Not exactly my favorite word choice, but the message is solid. - Attorney Hilary Barnes

TIS THE SEASON FOR POKER RUNS AND GETTING WAIVERS IS A PAIN

Q. Rod, we are having a Poker Run in early spring. Each year we have more riders and handling the number of waiver documents is becoming more difficult. I have been to rides where they staple a waiver to the front of a legal pad. Participants are then handed the legal pad and are asked to read the waiver and sign on the next available line on the legal pad. This would save us a lot of work. We only need a few waivers and three or four legal size pads to get everyone's signature. Can we do it this way? A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois member

A. It would beat nothing, but here is what I fear would happen. Judges strictly construe the waiver of legal rights, as they should. Afterall, we are asking a fellow motorcyclist to give up his sacred right to go to court and sue us if we are negligent and cause him harm in exchange for our permission to allow him to go on our poker run. What I fear is that a participant on our poker run would say that he thought he was "merely signing a sign-in sheet" and did not see or notice there was a waiver attached to the front of the legal pad (it may have been honestly folded back so one could sign on the lines of the legal pad). I am not buying that argument but several courts have and have agreed that the waiver may have been overlooked. Since waivers are strictly construed, many courts would hold that the waiver was ineffective as it was not knowingly signed. In other words, the guy gets off the hook for the waiver he signed, and we may get screwed in any claim/lawsuit. So, the better way to accomplish getting a knowingly signed waiver is to have a separate waiver for each participant.

WAIVER OVERSEERS ARE A MUST FOR RUNS

- **Q.** I was at your seminar presentation put on by A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois. What is the best way to make sure waivers are properly signed? I have noticed that some people do not sign their true names, or they sign it illegibly. A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois member
- **A.** A waiver overseer should be appointed at all events for which you are requesting a waiver as a condition of participating. The only time we need the signed waiver is when there is an incident. When that occurs, we need someone to go through what may be several hundred/thousand waivers in the hopes that the proper waiver can be identified and produced. Issues concerning legibility can be solved by requiring a printed name below the signature. But what do you do if a participant questions the signature? The solution is simple. A waiver overseer can initial each waiver that is signed during his "shift" and in his/her presence. That way, I can obtain an affidavit from the overseer that affirms that he saw the person sign the waiver. This is critical to have, in case the validity of a waiver comes into question.

TRESPASSERS ON RIDES AND WHAT TO DO

- **Q.** Hi Rod, a question came up regarding liability waiver forms for our runs and activities. Question is this: What if a person jumps in on the run (seeing a buddy having fun), crashes the gate or just refuses to sign in? How does the law look at this if the person (God forbid) is harmed in some way during our activity? Is this person "trespassing?" Who's got our back on this one? Or, how do we cover our backside? ABATE of Ohio member
- **A.** A sign that declares that all participants in the ride must sign a waiver works. Wrist bands are the best way to mark those that have paid and signed the waiver. All others are not authorized (trespassers) and should be admonished to stay clear of the ride/activity. Rides should be escorted by police officers, so a simple gesture from them is usually all it takes. If they stay with the ride and are injured, evidence that all participants were required to sign a waiver will be significant to the court in deciding responsibility, and testimony from the escorting police officer will be helpful in establishing the unauthorized (trespassing) status of the interloper. Recently a California Appellate Court decided a case that may be a good precedent for us. In that case, a couple attended a poker run for several years and signed the required waiver. Then one year, they did not sign the waiver and were seriously injured in a crash on the run. Of course, they sued the run organizers for damages. Interestingly, the court held that there was an expectation of required waivers and held that the couple was bound by it and dismissed the case. While Ohio has not decided a case with those facts, you can bet ABATE LEGAL will be pointing at that California case and arguing that Ohio should adopt such a good rule. Same for Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, and New York as well.

Rod Taylor

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Hello Friends!

Here is April and luckily, we have had a very mild winter here in Ohio. I hope all my Abate and MRF members are having a great new year so far!

There is continuing news on Right to Repair, Right to Modify, ICE – Internal combustion engines, EV's – Electric Vehicles, and AV's – Autonomous vehicles.

One big news item is E15 gas!! Normally we only have it around for the summer months. BEWARE!!! Beginning April 2025, they will be selling E15 fuel year around. We can thank our Ohio Governor for pushing this in Ohio. The other states you will need to watch if you are traveling through them are: Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

There is ongoing pushback from auto makers and buyers regarding EV's. Automakers are not making money; therefore, stakeholders are not making money. Hit someone in the pocketbook and we will stand up and look. One recent article I read is that EV's may cause more harm to the environment. Here is an excerpt from that article:

EVs are, on average, 30 percent heavier than traditionally powered vehicles. This means brakes and tires wear out faster than on standard cars - and produce more particulates per mile traveled. From: Daily Express US

The MRF was down in Daytona and had their 3rd meeting with the IMA (Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Council). Sounds like it was a great meeting with furthering progress on sharing updates on the MRF's relevant legislative issues to combat threats to the aftermarkets Industry. Topics included Right to Repair/Right to Modify and preservation of the ICE. Talk regarding the CARB Act (which thankfully DeWine did remove Ohio from that). All these things that they spoke about hit home in our backyard. We all have local repair shops that are on the front lines of being extremely limited in repairing or modifying our motorcycles that we bring to them.

I ask everyone to please follow my Facebook page as I put on there all the MRF information that comes across my desk as well as relevant articles I think is really important to read. I will end this month's article with letting you all know I will be attending my first Bikers Inside the Beltway May 20th & 21st. If you would like to attend, just go onto www.mrf.org and click on Events. Scroll down and you will see a blue button that says "Register". Follow along and fill in the blanks. We will all be staying at the Embassy Suites in Alexandria VA and the group code cost is \$260 plus taxes (my 2 nights are \$603). Also looks like you may have to pay \$35 to park per night but don't quote me on that one just yet. Take care and RIDE SAFE!!!!!!!!

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Playin' in the Dirt

by Jenie Miller

Admit it, you've seen the crazy things people do on dirt bikes and said, "That doesn't have anything to do with me, I ride on the street". However, some of the techniques that dirt bike riders use could be lifesavers on the street if you have a need to apply them.

One of the aspects of motorcycle riding that is most important is managing traction. However, there are times when situations occur that compromise traction. How would you know what to do? Would you let that panic response kick in? Tense up, hold the handlebars tightly, apply the brakes, and roll off the throttle? Any of these actions are natural, instinctive survival responses to that fear of loss of traction. However, If you had practiced loss of traction on a dirt bike in a low risk environment, an understanding of how to manage the situation could have been developed and practiced. This practice would give you a skill in your rider "Toolbox" to override the instinctive reactions.

Dirt bike riders develop skills to better understand the bike's reaction of weight shifts by managing the center of mass as part of managing traction. Fancy words for saying: one won't tip over if center of mass is balanced. Given that motorcycles are on two wheels, the rider is required to assist in that balancing act. So how can we learn to manage this better? Because dirt bikes are lighter, the rider uses more of their own distribution of weight on the foot pegs for both fore-aft and side to side control of the bike. This can be helpful in learning how center of mass adjustments will impact managing that loss of traction when it occurs. They are trained that hands/arms should be light on the grips to allow the front suspension to work and to manage skids. If they are braking when a skid occurs, they release and smoothly reapply the front brake, or stay on the rear brake if it's a rear tire skid. Practicing these skills will give you the experience to understand and improve your traction management.

Last year I had the opportunity to take several dirt bike classes early in the season. One focused on low-speed skills on a trials bike and two others on basic dirt bike skills and trail riding. We spent significant portions of time learning techniques to manage the rider component of active balance and how to manage loss of traction at the front, rear and with both wheels. These skills help me when I find myself on a street bike when riding a road that turns into a gravel lane or my local township applies the stone and tar surfacing to improve our Ohio rural roads.

So, come on out, look for a dirt bike class in your area and learn some valuable methods for traction control.





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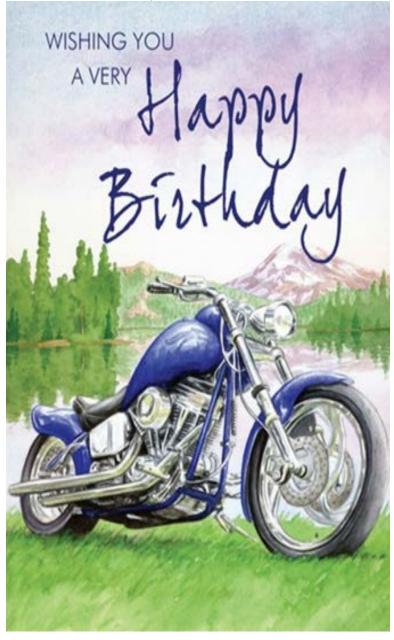
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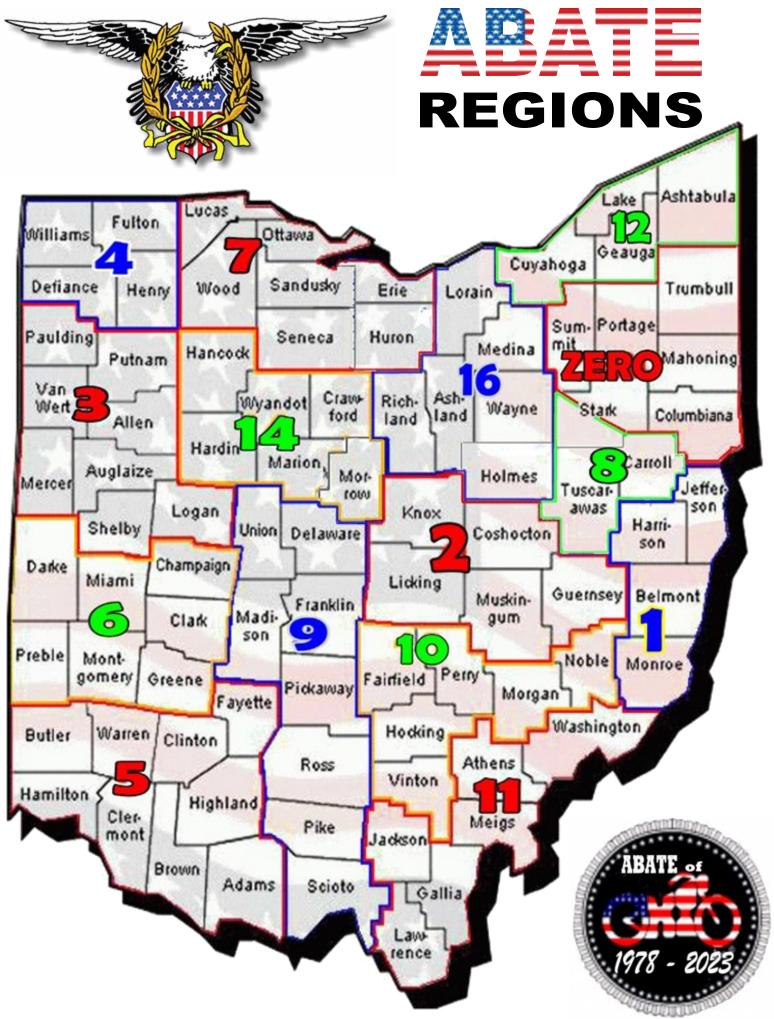
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As usual the nice weather brings out the motorcycles. Plenty of riders are already flopping them on loose gravel, wet roads, and because of their own lack of skill. I can't say I am surprised, this happens every year.

The worst part is that the warm weather brings out the dicks who like to blast AC/DC, Kid Rock, and Nickleback while revving their engines at red lights. The idiots revving their bikes are all on injected motorcycles which will not stall. I guess they didn't get the memo. Don't forget the jerks riding way faster than the posted speed limit. Now, I'm not one to always play by the rules and follow the laws made up by man, but full throttle banging gears down a 25mph residential area is ridiculous.

Even though plenty of fools are out on the roads and in bars pretending to be Sons of Anarchy we at Region Zero don't pretend at anything. We know who we are, what our mission is, and how to execute it. Our meetings are full of information, our people are deeply ingrained into the local and National motorcycle scene, and we do things that the regular everyday motorcyclists don't know about.

Want to hear, learn, and know more about what all we do? Then come to one of our monthly meetings or events. You'll be glad you did and more informed than the rest of the pretenders. Stay safe and spread the word. Thank you.

Keith Roller ... Deputy Director

Well, with the recent weather it seems we may get an early start to riding season. I got in a quick 300 miles on Sunday, as I had a meeting in Columbus. I just want to remind everyone, even though I'm sure you know, about a few safety tips. Tires lose pressure over the winter and are likely to need air. I hope everyone put a fuel stabilizer in their tanks last fall. A spring oil change is always a good idea. And most importantly, cages are still ignorant about us. Be safe and keep the rubber side down.

Lion Man ... Legislative Director 330.718.3066

I hope that everyone that receives this newsletter is reading it. There is so much information in here, but it is only a small glimpse of what you will hear about when you attend a meeting. So plan to come to a meeting to see and hear what is happening that directly affects your freedoms and your motorcycling life!

For instance, spring is right around the corner with summer following close behind. How many times last year did you hear or know about motorcyclists being hurt or killed because a cager was in too much of a hurry to make sure it was safe to make a left turn? Right of way crashes are already happening **THIS YEAR!!!!**

I am hearing back from legislators regarding our proposal to amend the Ohio Revised Code to increase penalties for those cagers, in the hope they will take a few more seconds to look for motorcyclists, bike riders and pedestrians. Come to the next meeting and hear what they are saying.

Do you know what motorcycle profiling is? Being pulled over just because you're riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle apparel! Come find out what your ABATE organization is doing about that.

We live in a free country, yet there are elected officials that are always trying to pass laws taking freedoms away from you. Helmet laws are a prime example. At the meeting you will discover just how close to Ohio mandatory bills are being proposed. Remember Freedom is not free!!! You have to fight to keep it!

And just what are these speed limiters, and how will they directly affect you? You know about E-15 gasoline, but do you know how recent legislation will directly affect you and your scooter very soon?

Miss the meeting and you will miss a lot. Your ABATE membership allows us to speak up for you in our fight to remain free, but we want and need your intellect and voice at the meetings to truly know what is important to you.

An informed membership is a stronger membership! *Lion Man*

TA Brown ... Road Cap-

tain 330.727.8286

Greetings fellow Abate brother and sisters'

March certainly came in like a lamb and it looks like Phil was correct in his prognostication. Let's hope March doesn't go out like a lion and we can get our knees in the breeze early and often.

Hope to see you all at the monthly meeting and I'm always looking for ideas of where we can ride to as a region. I am looking forward to the new riding season and hope we can cover some miles together. Until next we meet, Take care. Later, TA

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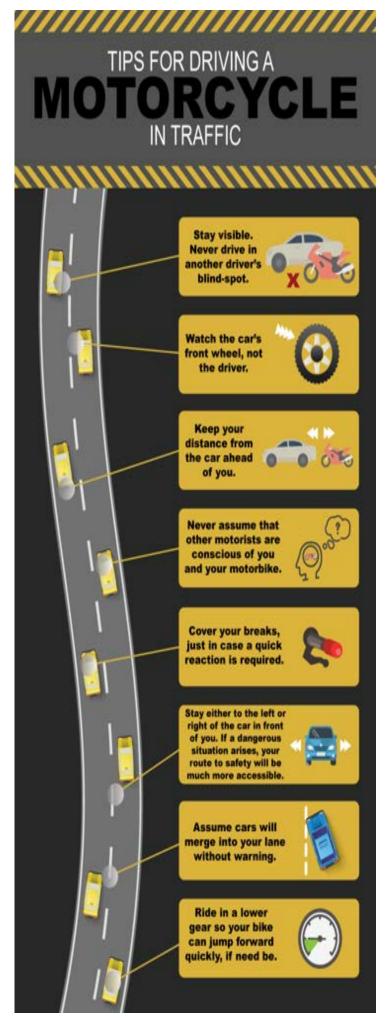
My goal is to have everyone with a

bike have a membership to ABATE. While that is probably not possible, how 'bout we have everyone that we all care about who rides have membership? You can get an application, fill in their name and number, give me \$20 and I'll take care of the rest. What a nice gift for someone, don't you agree??

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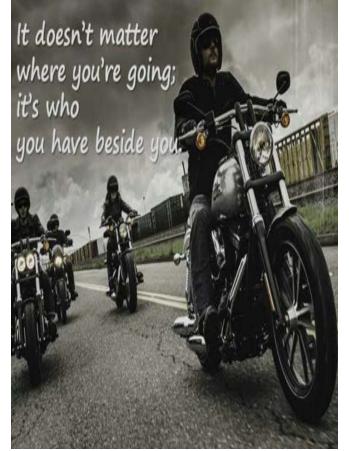
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- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American roads



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