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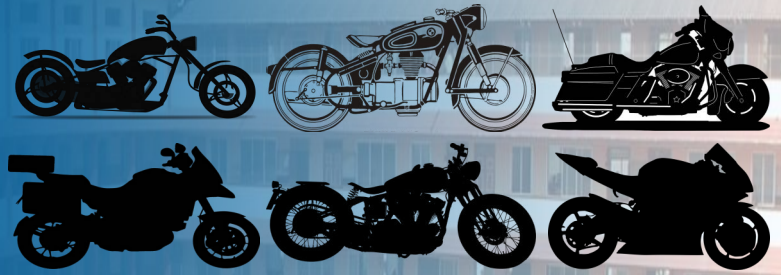
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# CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Mike Stock



Hi Friends,

The first thing I have to tell you is that Kay and I are very happy grandparents to Levi Walker Stock. He is a big boy already and I can't wait to introduce him to all of you. So now the happy Grandpa can move on with this article.

Motorcycle Awareness Month has been very busy. We ran into a problem with the Awareness Run to the Capital, but worked our way through it and did everything at Farrows. Representative Brian Lorenz presented his Proclamation and we read of names of towns that we received proclamations from. Farrows North was a great host, as usual, so please say thanks if you stop in.

We are currently at Ohio Bike Week with the products trailer and the Foundation raffle bike. The weather has been off and on so far but we're expecting better weather coming up. We have had a lot of conversations about what ABATE stands for and what we do. We work hard on signing up new members.

The ABATE website is off to a good start. You can become a new member on the site or renew your membership. There were limitations converting the old membership database to the new one so if you're having trouble getting a login, send a message to the member help section or call me and I'll get you to the right person. Also, you can do almost anything on the website without logging in. One important feature is in the "Who We Are" section. If you click on State Board of Directors, you will find the phone # and the email of every officer. If you have a problem, someone in that list can help you. The products section of the website is now open and we are adding merchandise as fast as we can. Keep checking back to see what's new.

Riding season is well under way. These stats show January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>. Crashes are still down a bit, and fatalities have dropped down from last year.

	Crashes	Fatalities
2024	843	35
2023	901	42

Speed accounted for about 170 crashes in both years. Rarely talked about but a bigger factor than speed is age. Drivers over 45 years old were a factor in 44% more crashes than speeders. Please, ride safe, slow down and be alert.

Ride Within Your Limits,

**Mike Stock**

Chairman of the Board  
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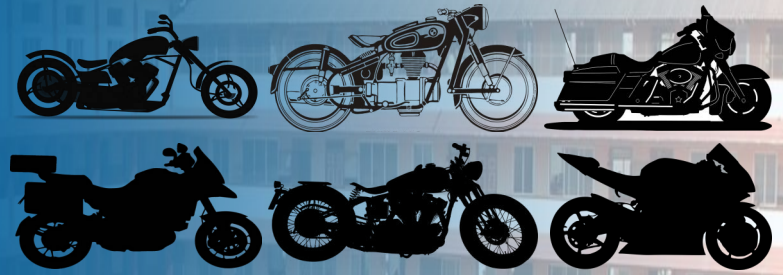
# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!





# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ed Schetter



I want to start this month by thanking everyone that joined us at Farrow's HD for the 2024 Awareness Rally. We lost our police escorts and we might have gotten a little wet but we made the best of it. And a big thank you to Rep. Brian Lorenz for bringing the proclamation for the Ohio House of Representatives. We also take a minute and recognize all the political subdivisions that gave us a proclamation and those that took the time to collect them. We may be making some changes to this event for next year. Police escorts and parking have become issues over the last few years.

This month (May, I have to get these done in time to publish) turned busy on me in a hurry.

I just got back from the NCOM Convention in Kansas City, MO. Great conference: NCOM, MRF, COIR, many SMROs and COCs were there. It's refreshing to see so many standing together and working together for motorcycle rights and safety. Especially in this time where there seems to be a great separation happening in this country. Remember the first part of "Divide and Concur" is "DIVIDE."

Kolman Fuzy and I will be traveling to Washington DC to participate in the MRF "Bikers Inside the Beltway" event. I will have more on this when I write next month's article. We will be visiting all 17 of the Ohio offices. Yeah, we lost one due to the last census. We will even be visiting the one that is vacant due to Bill Johnson moving on to another position. This event is a monumental task. Last year we had a few hundred bikers from forty ish states that visited all 535 offices of the Senators and Representatives in DC. It's great to live in a country where we have the right to travel to the Capitol and address our legislators directly. This doesn't happen everywhere. Take the time to send your legislator an E-Mail thanking them for taking the time to listen to the issues that are important to the motorcyclists of Ohio. Remember, your vote keeps them in a job and mine only has an effect on my district. The legislators are always welcoming to us and I think they are a little bit jealous about us not having to wear a tie. How do you like mandatory equipment now....

We have always said that we want to preserve motorcycling for our kids and grand kids. With the changes going on in transportation and the current inability to get anything done politically, that need to fight to preserve our lifestyle has never been greater. People want to change what I ride, How I ride, How I dress when I ride, Who I ride with, Where I can ride and if some had their way When I can ride. And all I want is left alone because we have it pretty good right now.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Freedom Rally and the MAHRA Rodeo.

Enjoying The Ride,  
Ed Schetter  
Executive Director  
ABATE of Ohio, Inc.

Nice job on keeping this magazine organized Mike Stock.

# FREEDOM RALLY

# #28

## ABATE of OHIO, INC.



### Region 8



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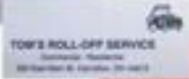
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# FREEDOM RALLY

ABATE of OHIO, INC.



Region 8

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](mailto:freedomrallyregion8@gmail.com) .

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



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# FREEDOM RALLY

**ABATE of OHIO, INC.**  
  
**Region 8**

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](mailto:kellyo7654@gmail.com))

**FREEDOM RALLY VENDOR FORM**

<b>10x10 Space</b> _____ (Qty) @ \$10.00 (\$15.00 after June 15, 2024) per space =	\$
<b>Abate Member 10% Discount</b> (Applies to Vendor Space only)	\$
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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](mailto:fred@mrf.org).

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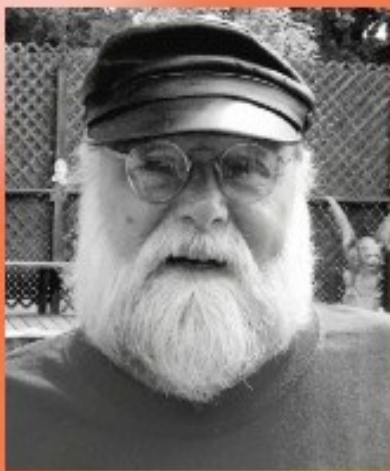
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# 2024 ABATE of Ohio, Inc. MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS

SATURDAY *Rally* May 4, 2024







Insurance Institute for  
Highway Safety

## IIHS Updates Crash Ratings

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) announced updated ratings for vehicle-to-vehicle front crash prevention tests to address crashes that occur at higher speeds and those in which the struck vehicle is a motorcycle or large truck. This is the first time the IIHS has done this type of test involving motorcycles. The IIHS is an independent, nonprofit scientific and educational organization

dedicated to reducing deaths, injuries, and property damage from motor vehicle crashes through research and evaluation and by educating consumers, policy-makers, and safety professionals.

The trials involving motorcycles positioned the bike in the center of the lane and offset to the left and the right. Tested vehicles were evaluated on forward collision warning and automatic emergency braking (AEB) systems. In each test run, an engineer drives the test vehicle toward the target at the selected speed and records when the forward collision warning occurs and how much the AEB system slows the vehicle to prevent or mitigate the impending impact. Tests are conducted at three different speeds, 31mph, 37mph and 43mph.

Of the ten (10) vehicles tested in the “Small SUV” category just one, the Subaru Forester, received a “good rating.” It achieved this rating by avoiding a crash with the motorcycle at the two lower speeds and slowing from 43 mph to 13 mph before making contact with the bike.

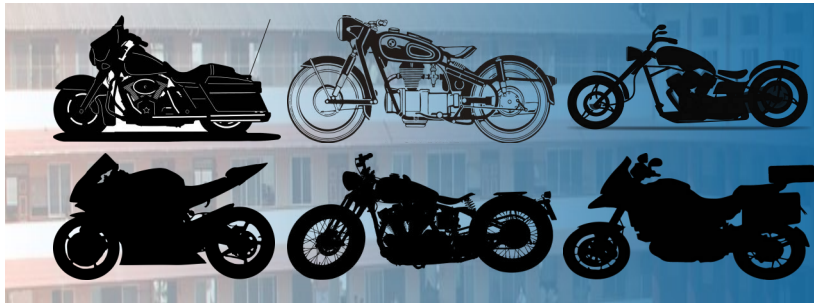
Unfortunately, four of the vehicles tested into the bottom “poor rating.” The Chevy Equinox for example, which was rated poor, “Failed to give a warning, or gave it too late in most tests with the motorcycle target.” To make matters worse its AEB was ineffective, causing the IIHS to state “With the motorcycle target it barely reduced speed at all.”

IIHS Senior Research Scientist David Kidd, who led the development of the new evaluation, pointed out why these new tests are so important, “Motorcyclists are frequently killed when they’re rear-ended by a passenger car since their bike offers no protection from the impact.”

Last December, the IIHS estimated that if the front crash prevention technology worked as well detecting motorcycles as it does for cars and light-duty trucks, 500 fewer rear-end crashes involving motorcyclists would occur annually.

However, challenges remain, as Dr. Kidd stated, “Motorcycles are smaller and narrower than cars, making them more difficult for camera and radar-based systems to identify, especially at higher speeds.” The Motorcycle Riders Foundation thanks the IIHS for beginning to include motorcycles in this testing regimen. We hope these ratings and further tests help educate consumers about what their vehicles can and cannot do, as well as motivate manufacturers to build technology that protects everyone on the road equally.





# LEGISLATIVE

Well, the summer is starting. Be careful out there, because there has already been way too many accidents, and deaths! Cagers not paying attention, weather conditions and motorcyclists poor choices appear to be on track for a record setting year. Your family, your friends and your ABATE organization need you to hang around here for a while more.

To support our right to have unhindered access to public roads I am continuing to work on the Right of Way (ROW) bill. Representative Brian Lorenz has been championing this bill proposal. I was presented with an initial draft that was drawn up by the Legislative Service Commission. It was not even close to what I had drafted, and I told Representative Lorenz that I could not support this draft in any way. I was just provided a copy of the second draft, and I glanced through it but have not had time to really review it. My initial look at it does not look good for this draft either.

This is a process but at least it has started.

Once we get a ROW bill introduced, we will start pushing a proposal that is already written regarding our desire for an anti-profiling bill.

In other news, Rep. Jon Cross (R-Findlay) has proposed a bill that would make not wearing a seat belt a primary offense.

Ohio's seat belt usage dropped to 80.8% in 2022, its lowest level in 18 years, according to an annual observational survey by the Department of Public Safety's Ohio Traffic Safety Office. Ohio is one of 15 states that has a secondary seat belt law.

Cross stated, "We say that the law is a teacher and strict enforcement is one of the keys in changing drivers' behavior," pointing to the state's new distracted driving law. He said "Since that law took effect about a year ago, distracted driving in Ohio is down 8.6%. That's prevented 3,600 crashes, 2,000 injuries and 17 deaths just in that short period of time."

Cross notes that violations involving taillights, headlights or mirrors are primary offenses in Ohio.

House Speaker Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill) and Senate President Matt Huffman (R-Lima) haven't embraced the idea of a primary seat belt law.

Ride save, watch out for those who aren't!





Hello MRF Members & Future Members!

The big news always in May is Bikers Inside the Beltway! I know there is a flyer in this magazine telling you all about it. Sadly, I cannot make the trip this year as I have a 2-day Safety Seminar in Columbus at OSU to attend. I really wanted to attend my first BITB!

The MRF continues the established legislative agenda set at last years MOTM. The board members have been attending Abate Seminars across the country and attended STEAM, which is another one I want to try to get to.

The best part of going to different states is to meet new people, make friends, and see what they are doing differently in their home state. Then use what you learn and apply it in our state!

We must continue to think outside of the box if we are going to make any future headway in attaining and retaining new members. To continue to fight for everyone's rights we need many voices!

I will be at the AMA Spring Bike Night on May 18<sup>th</sup> with my new MRF Booth. If you can, please attend. Stop by and chat with me as I will be making this a solo trip as Bob will be riding Region 8's Look Twice Save a Life Run the same day.

Please take the time to follow my MRF page on Facebook, I post all the latest news from the MRF as well as articles I think is pertinent to what is going on in the world today relating to all of us bikers.

I urge you to join the MRF, just call me, email me, text me and we will get you all set up. It is worth your time and money!!

Right now, Ohio is sitting in 5<sup>th</sup> place with new members. Thank you to all those who have renewed and joined recently. Let's keep OHIO in the top 10 when we head to MOTM St Louis!!!!

In closing, please keep a fellow longstanding MRF member in your prayers as she recovers from a motorcycle accident.

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Hello Abate Friends!!!

As I write this article a dear friend is in ICU due to a motorcycle accident. No one pulled in front of her, no animal ran into her path, something just happened. This woman has many more miles under her belt than I will ever have but it shows you that shit happens. It can happen to any one of us at any time, when we are least expecting it. So how do we prevent it, well there is no perfect answer. All the training in the world can sometimes not make a difference. With that being said, I STILL encourage you all to practice all the time no matter how long you've been riding. When you leave or are coming home, swing into a parking lot and do figure 8's, swerves and quick stop braking. You always need more skills in one bucket than risk in the other!

Remember you can contact my friend Mike Wiesenbach with ProRider Columbus (814-322-5265) to take an advanced course. You need to be intimate with your own motorcycle. You need to know how she will react at anytime. Stay Safe my friends!!!

We still have the Organizational License Plate petition out there in your regions! REGION DIRECTORS – I have not heard anything from any of you. We need to keep this moving!!!

**May was Motorcycle Awareness Month** and that means we are on the roads. We need to stay vigilant! Use the following as a guide as you ride:

## SIPDE

SCANNING: aggressive purposeful search.  
IDENTIFY: hazards in your immediate path  
PREDICT: WHAT IF? WHAT WILL THEY DO?  
DECIDE: What will you do?  
EXECUTE: Act on what you decided

All the above must be done in a very quick amount of time. Keep your head and eyes always moving. This will help you see hazards early and give you the most time to execute your plan!

**REMEMBER:** AMA Vintage Days July 26<sup>th</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup>. I will be working on a Volunteer sign up sheet, so make sure you keep those days open if you want to volunteer. Those volunteers will get that day's entry free of charge. I would like to have different volunteers each day as we will have the Abate of Ohio booth and the MRF Booth on sight.

They do have camping available, but I do not know currently if you volunteer for a day you get to camp for free all weekend. I will let you know all the specifics soon.

Ride SAFE – Ride SMART!

Sherry Hill

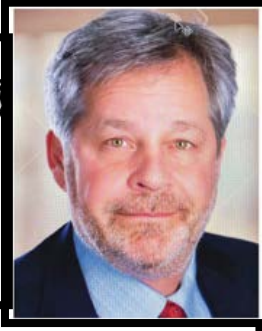
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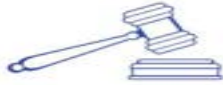


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# Do you See me Now? Vision Training

by Jenie Miller

When a Basic Rider Skills course is taken, the instructor may instruct the students to look in front, to the side, and behind every time before they start moving. These directions are a starting point in using your vision. Vision is one of the most important "Tools" in a rider's toolbox. Interestingly enough, vision is not static and we have different vision functions. Some of the types and an example of a use of it are:

**Central** - Our central vision is only about 3°. Unless we look at something directly, we can't see details. To understand this type of vision, try reading the numbers on a speedometer while still focusing on the car ahead. If your focus point is not using the central vision range, you simply can't read the numbers or hashes between them. Adjusting your vision to capture risks is necessary.

**Accommodation** - The ability to move the focus from near to far. Watching the vehicle right in front of us stop at a light and then shifting focus to a traffic signal to confirm when it changes color allows one to prepare to get underway. This is better than simply relying on the movement of the vehicle directly ahead as a method to start out. This method means we'll potentially have a delay versus using both the traffic light and vehicles around us.

**Depth Perception** - The ability to assess the distance to a target or object. Used when estimating braking force required when stopping behind another vehicle.

**Dynamic Visual Acuity** - The ability to see, interpret and react immediately to a rapidly moving object. Used by a rider to assess whether the vehicle coming the other way is likely to cross into the path of travel being followed.

Some of the different types of vision can be enhanced by doing simple exercises. How impactful would it be if you were able to avoid an incident because of practicing and improving your visual skills?

1) One common exercise involves focusing on a near object and then *quickly shifting focus* to a distant one; repeating this process will improve the speed of accommodation.

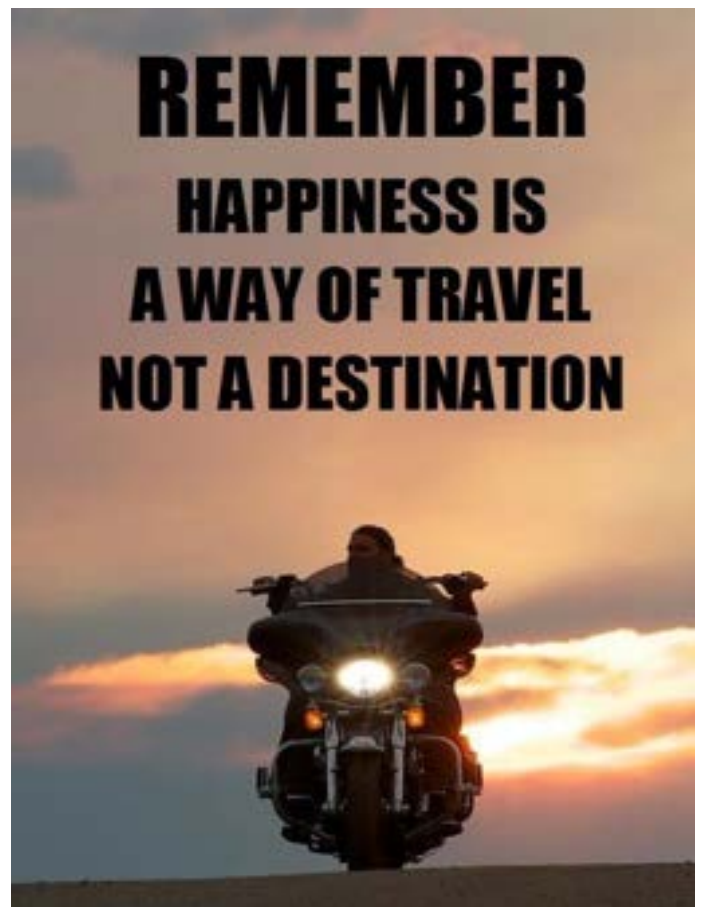
2) Another technique may involve *tracking moving objects* to enhance convergence and divergence abilities.

3) You blink less when you're focused on riding and that is compounded by the air drying your eyes. Practice taking opportunities to *intentionally blink frequently* as you move your head from side to side when scanning.

4) To improve depth perception, practice this as you relax after your ride. *Roll your eyes around your line of sight*. Keep your head stationary and move your eyes deliberately. Focus on items within your vision as you do this. Doing this regularly can help you see noticeable depth perception improvements with time.



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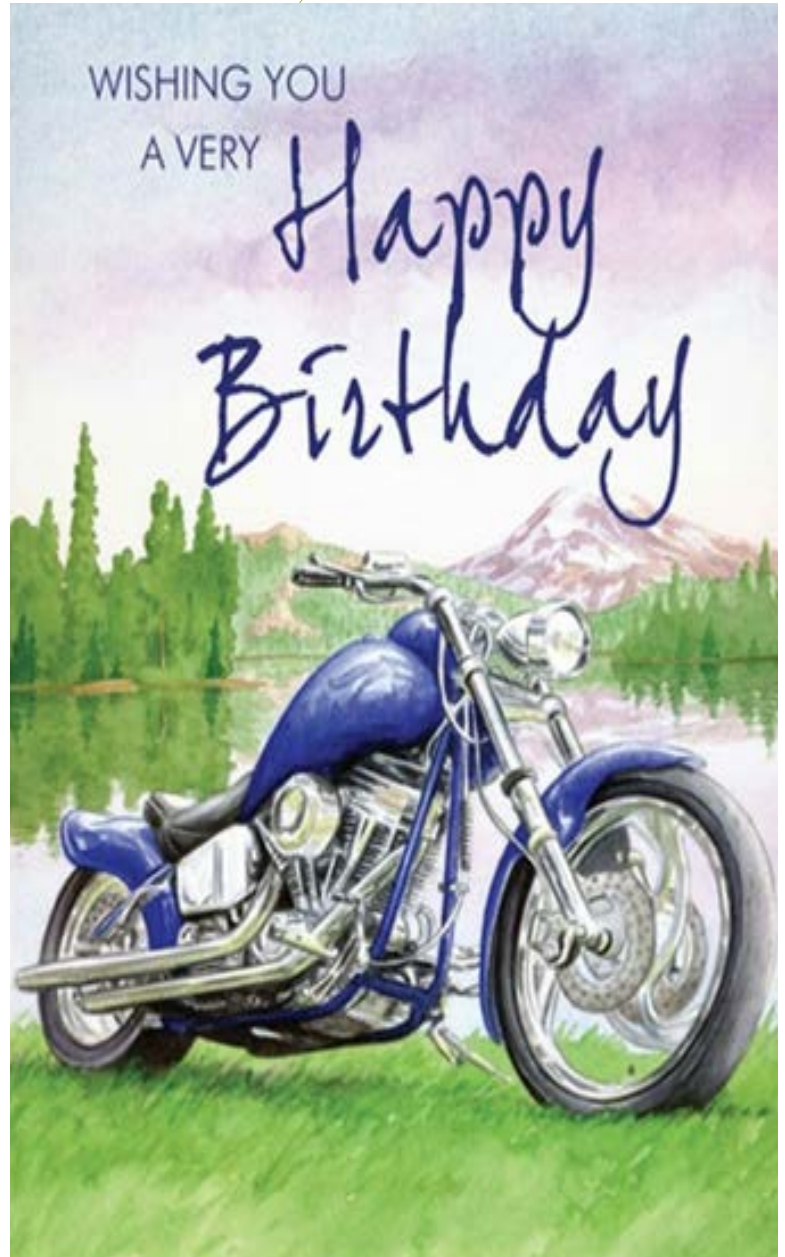
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