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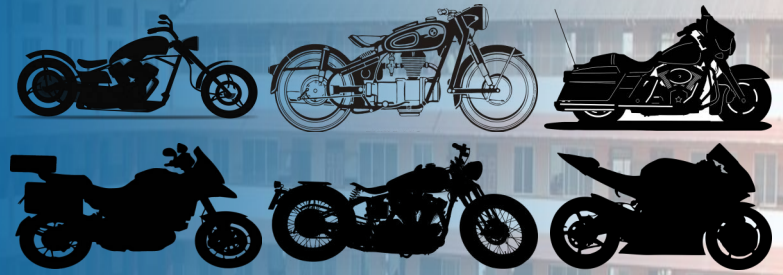
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Mike Stock



Hi Friends,

I hope everyone is having a great riding season. Ohio Bike Week was a great kick-off and we've been busy since then. We have had really nice weather this summer so events have been fun and successful.

You can tell by now that I'm a very proud Grandpa. We got to spend a week camping with Levi and he sure likes being outside. Step one to being a future biker!

The State Products trailer has been busy this summer. We were at Fremont Swap Meet, AMA Bike Night, Ohio Bike Week, Buckeye Motorcycle and Music Rally, Freedom Rally and a table at the Wauseon Antique Motorcycle Swap Meet. We will be at the Foundation Raffle Bike Give-away at the Barrel House in Sandusky next. Stop by and buy something. We have some new t-shirt designs and new hats. We are working on getting more items on the website store also. Stay tuned.

Chris Lappert was instrumental in getting us set up at the new Buckeye Motorcycle and Music Rally. This new event featured big-name acts and lots of vendors. We hear that they are anticipating having it again and we'll be sure to have a presence there. The second week of July we shuttled Motor Maids in Dublin. See the article in this magazine about our adventures. We had a great bunch of volunteers from Region 9 who helped and we all came away from the experience respecting these ladies more than ever. When I was at Wauseon, a couple Motor Maids saw me selling tickets to the raffle bike and both bought six packs!

Wauseon was a little unusual this year because we had NO rain! I can't remember the last time that happened. There were a ton of people there and we sold a few products and a bunch of raffle tickets. Thanks to Art Miller for manning the booth most of the weekend. By the time you read this we will have participated in the AMA Vintage Days at Mid-Ohio. Sherry Hill has been the driving force for this event. This is a national event that we missed for a few years. Thanks to Sherry for getting us back in and organizing volunteers. Keep in mind for next year, anyone who volunteered got a free day pass to the event. You can't beat that!

We're giving the Raffle Bike away this month. Get some tickets if you haven't yet. Better yet, get another one and increase your odds of winning. Due to Margaritaville being closed for the summer, we've had to move to a different location. The drawing will be at the Barrel House in Sandusky, on the waterfront. There will be music, food and fun.....just like always.

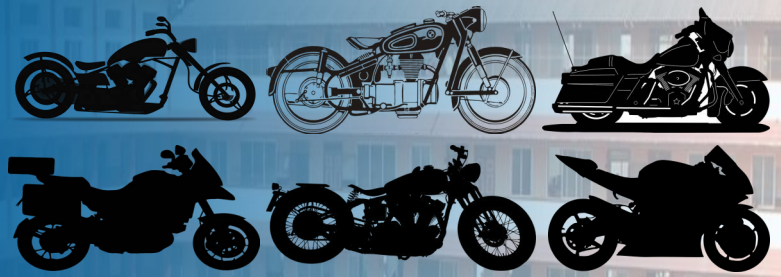
Watch the calendar on the website for the upcoming events. Sometimes they happen fast so we don't get them posted a lot in advance. Keep looking, and while you're online, read a news item or two. Look around the website because we have some interesting things on there.





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The stats aren't awful right now, but speed is a big, big issue. Don't be afraid to slow down.

<u>cohol</u>	<u>Crashes</u>	<u>Fatalities</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Al-</u>
2024	1,699	84	329	107
2023	1,849	102	348	149

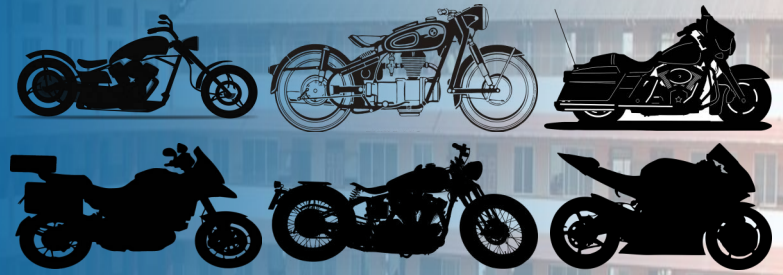
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Old's Bike at the Motor Maids Convention

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ed Schetter



Here we are in the dog days of summer. It's either hot or raining buckets, except when it's hot and raining. Hard to believe the Bike Give Away is right around the corner and then the end of summer (have you bought your raffle bike ticket or 6 yet.). I'm sure you have heard about the change of venue. If not, I'm sure there is a flyer in here somewhere.

For ABATE of Ohio two critical things happen at the upcoming September State Board of Director's meeting: ( I know I say this every year)

Event Sanctioning. Get your events planned and on the schedule for next year. Plan early and get our events on people's calendars ahead of all the other events that are put on every weekend. Get to a region meeting and volunteer and help make our events the best they can be. And remember this many times gives us the public visibility we need.

Nominations of Next year's officers. A time to thank those who have served as an officer at any level. Also, a time to welcome those stepping up and saying it's my turn to take the reins as an officer. If you think it's time to step up and be an officer, get to region or state meeting and get your name on the ballot. Or go to the meeting and goat rope a friend you feel would be a benefit to the organization into being on the ballot. (don't worry, getting goat roped happens to the best of us at one time or another)

The Meeting of the Minds is in St. Louis, Missouri this year. The flyer is somewhere in this great magazine. This is a great place to polish the skills needed to defend our rights and spend time with like-minded freedom fighters. And I'm looking forward to a fall ride.

I'm setting here watching the events unfold on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The divide in this country keeps getting bigger and bigger. At the same time, the Biker Community is coming together. We need to stand as one when it comes to our rights as bikers. Although we are involved in politics, we can't let today's political divide make us ineffective at our job standing up for all bikers here in the Buckeye State. That's all I have to say this month.

Until next time.....

Enjoying The Ride,

Ed Schetter  
Executive Director  
ABATE of Ohio, Inc.

Hello Abate Friends!!!

By the time you read this in August 2024 OutSpoken AMA Vintage Days will be over. I hope to report that all my volunteers showed up and we talked to a bunch of likeminded individuals! Hopefully we made new friends and new members!! I will thank those volunteers who most likely sweat to death as it normally is hot at Mid-Ohio. In the September issue I will elaborate on what went on.

The end of June took Bob and I down to the Buckeye Motorcycle and Music Rally. They had nice vendors and good food to be had. The bands outside the arena were good on Saturday. With the threat of storms all day, that may have held back the crowds we were hoping for. Thanks to Chris Lappert Region 9 Director for inviting us down to help with the Raffle Bike and the products trailer.

Speaking of the Raffle Bike, it is a pretty shade of blue and that trailer is nice! Get your tickets and remember it only takes 1 to win! See you on August 24<sup>th</sup> when we draw the winning ticket!

Talking about Safety for a minute. Remember to check you bike out before you head out every time you ride. Once you get a routine down it should only take a couple minutes to:

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### **Abate of Ohio Seminar 2025:**

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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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# RIDE WITH THE LEADERS!



Thousands of motorcyclist rights activists have attended MRF sponsored annual regional and national workshops since 1985. These workshops provide the nuts and bolts, "user friendly" subjects and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening their grass roots organizations.

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40th Annual Meeting of the Minds T-shirts can be pre-ordered now with your registration. Guarantee your shirt size, color, and style now, by ordering today!

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# 40th Annual Meeting of the Minds

September 26 - 29, 2024

## ENHANCING YOUR SKILLS TO KEEP THE NIGHTMARES AT BAY

In the real world, few people wake up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat thinking about the future of motorcycling. The future of motorcycling is under attack today and a few of us do wake up in the middle of the night with the future of motorcycling on our minds.

In the early days of motorcyclists' rights activism – fifty years ago for some – mandatory helmet laws at the federal (and later the state) level did not keep us awake or stop us from riding. It was always a matter of choice and there were no attempts (then) to restrict us from riding or to kill motorcycling and related businesses. Then came federal legislation to outlaw sports bikes, along with insurance company “blacklists” of the “super bike” genre, and the nightmares of over-regulation began. The MRF moved rapidly to turn back the federal legislation and the super bike blacklists, and we slept easy – for a while.

**Motorcycling is under attack.** The attacks are more subtle than late-night bans of motorcycles riding through neighborhood parks, more subtle than profiling motorcyclists on the side of the road, and more subtle than a deliberate omission from the Road to Zero Coalition.

But not as subtle as “end of life directives,” not as subtle as trying to run a successful aftermarket business without the “right to repair,” not as subtle as legislation to eliminate the internal combustion engine, and not as subtle as driverless or autonomous vehicles killing motorcyclists.

Now, every motorcycle owner should be losing sleep or waking up in a cold sweat wondering just how long we will be able to ride if we do nothing to stop the legislation and regulation that exacerbate our nightmares. How long will we be able to ride if the calls to action go unanswered? How long will we be able to ride if the lessons and tools made available at the Meeting of the Minds conferences go unused?

**The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is working on the lesson plans and will bring the tools needed to enhance motorcyclists' rights advocacy to the 40th Annual Meeting of the Minds in September 2024!**

A Meeting of the Minds general session panel discussion --- with industry leaders and influencers-- will certainly keep you awake during the presentation. The panel, aptly titled “*What about the future of motorcycling that keeps you awake at night,*” may even keep you awake in the middle of the night as it does us. However, the panel will give you something to consider, more tools to turn back the attack against motorcycling, and, with action, help stop the nightmares.

The nightmares are real, motorcycling is under attack. Your attendance at the Meeting of the Minds may not end the nightmares. However, your attendance and taking the lessons home to your riding partners will help keep the nightmares at bay.

Take action now to attend the 40th Annual Meeting of the Minds conference, September 26-29, rest easier and make your reservations now!

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## Motorcycle Myths – Train Your Mind

by Jenie Miller

1. a traditional story, especially one concerning the early history of a people or explaining some natural or social phenomenon.

2. a widely held but false belief or idea.

We all have run into another rider that shares with us a motorcycle fact that they believe to be the truth, based on either their experiences or having heard it from another. As we listen intently, our minds have a choice: either accept this fact as true or do a little research to determine if it's correct or not. Sometimes our findings may result in either a much more nuanced understanding or the determination that the shared fact is actually a motorcycle myth.

There are many articles that cover common myths that try to educate the riding population, but the best solution to prevent the spread of these myths is do your own search for the truth using trusted resources. Some examples myths and results are shown below:

I had to lay it down => Accidents are typically caused by a rider's error in judgement.

Interstate highways are dangerous => According to NHTSA, interstates have the lowest fatality rates per mile traveled compared to other road types

Cars cause the most motorcycle accidents => NHSTA reports that over 40% of documented motorcycle accidents are single-vehicle crashes, so no car there. Of the remaining 60%, rider skill, speeding, and alcohol usage are all common causes of accidents involving a motorcycle and another vehicle and of those only 18% indicate that the car was in part or fully responsible.

The front brake is dangerous/The rear brake stops the bike better => 70% of the braking force for a street bike comes from the front brake.

Once you set the correct tire pressure, you can forget it => it is natural for your motorcycle tire to lose about 1-3 psi of air pressure within a month.

Slicks make you faster => This one is true, if you're on a racetrack. However, slicks require a LOT of heat to maintain grip, and to get that heat they require a lot of constant high speeds, constant lean in both directions, and constant aggressive braking. This type of riding is not possible on a public road at legal speeds.

Full face helmets block your field of view => The DOT has required a minimum of 210 degrees of visibility for any legal road-going helmet sold since 1997. The average maximum human field of peripheral vision is no greater than 180 degrees.

So, take some time to listen to your local motorcycle guru, but also invest a bit more of your time in confirming their facts.

Police came around  
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told me my dogs were  
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# Sturgis Rally History

How the largest biker party in the world began!

Today, the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally continues to reap the support and attendance of both participants and motorcycle fans all over the United States and in some parts of the world. In 2015, a record 739,000 attended the rally's 75th anniversary, including entire families who came with their RVs and rode the few last miles to Sturgis on their motorcycles.

In Sturgis, S.D., on August 14, 1938, a group of nine men raced their motorcycles with a small group of people watching. The bikers were known as the Jackpine Gypsies Motorcycle Club which later organized the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally along with a fellow member and owner of the Indian Motorcycle Shop, J.C. "Pappy" Hoel. Pappy Hoel worked for his family's ice business before buying a motorcycle franchise and becoming one of the most successful dealers in South Dakota. Since then, the rally has continued every year since that first race in 1938 -- with the exception of two years during World War II. Now, seven decades after the first rally, the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is still going strong and doesn't show any signs of slowing down.

An event that started out as a small group of racers has turned into the largest motorcycle gathering in the world. All types of motorcycles are represented at the rally as well as all different types of people. In 1960 the attendance of the rally topped only 800 people and in 1970 that number grew to 2,000. The Rally mentions in its official guidebook that after 1970 the attendance of the weeklong event grew exponentially. In the year 2000 about 550,000 people attended the rally. Of course, Daytona Beach, Fla., is infamous for its Bike Week event, but one of the things that makes the attendance of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally so exceptional is that the city of Sturgis normally only has a population of about 6,000 people. In addition to the city of Sturgis' small population, the entire state of South Dakota nearly doubles its population when the rally bikers show up each year.

The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally keeps its traditional racing roots by offering a half-mile (.8-kilometer) motorcycle race similar to Hoel's first race. Other races, competitions, concerts and far more entertainment than the original founders ever planned have been added, too.

A motorcycle ride through the Black Hills and Badlands offers thrilling experiences and fantastic scenery. From north to south and east to west, the entire region is dotted with epic rides. It's no wonder hundreds of riders make the annual pilgrimage to Sturgis for the motorcycle rally each year. For skill-rated scenic rides, view or download the Black Hills Motorcycle Map.

The region hosts tons of concerts and special events throughout the rally week, as well as pre- and post-rally events.

*This years event...  
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This undated photo shows Neil Hultman riding a motorcycle with a sidecar in Sturgis, S.D. Hultman is the second-oldest surviving member of the Jackpine Gypsies, the motorcycle club that started what is now the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.









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## **Don't Tell Me It's Raining Again?**

Do you make it a point to ride when it's raining? Many motorcyclists don't, for any number of reasons.

But some motorcyclists don't have a choice, such as when they are on long-distance trips, riding in organized events, or just caught miles away from their destination when the skies turn ugly and the water starts falling.

There are many considerations when riding on two or three wheels during a precipitation event, but they boil down to three categories – the rider, the bike, and the environment. Let's take a brief look at all three and highlight a few areas where we can make wet-weather travel safer for everyone.

With regard to the rider, preparation, experience, and confidence play a large role in riding safely in rain, fog, or even light snow. The type and quality of riding gear a rider chooses can make the difference between staying (mostly) dry and getting soaking wet. Water, wind, and air temperature combine to potentially cool a rider's body temperature down to the point of adversely affecting their judgement, reaction time, and comfort. Cold, wet hands and feet make the operation of controls more difficult. Cold, wet legs and upper body can bring on chills that cause the shakes. And a cold, wet head is an invitation to danger.

Besides good quality wet-weather gear to keep your body dry, you'll need good vision gear to keep your eyes dry. Wrap-around sunglasses for daytime riding and goggles for nighttime riding are not just for comfort, but to keep your vision sharp in reduced visibility situations. A helmet visor can also protect you.

Experience is another factor during liquid sunshine rides. Besides the obvious dangers one recognizes during many years of riding, a rider's normal speed, cornering, and braking routines change during wet conditions. The irony is the only way to learn wet-weather riding skills is to ride in the rain.

A rider's confidence during inclement weather is a huge factor in making the critical decision to press on or sit it out. How many times have you seen motorcyclists gathered under an interstate overpass during a rainstorm? Perhaps they stopped to gear up, or they plan to wait it out. Either way, they decided to stop and analyze their options for reaching their destination safely.

And don't forget about your passenger. What might seem like a perfectly-normal light shower to you might be a frightening experience for your passenger, seasoned or not. Getting wet, getting cold, getting fatigued, and getting angry isn't the ideal state for your passenger if you choose to focus only on your own well-being. When in doubt, stop and ask. Then listen closely before deciding to press on toward your destination.

With regards to your bike, think about the most important component for safe wet-weather riding – your tires. Without good, properly-inflated tires, you're gambling with your coefficient of traction on road surfaces that may not only be wet, but may be coated with dirt, oil, antifreeze, leaves, you name it. Under ideal conditions, good tires provide enough starting, stopping, and cornering traction to maneuver safely. But when wet, asphalt, concrete, tar & chip, and dirt roads increase the danger of partial or complete traction loss during even routine maneuvers, let alone emergencies. Yes, ABS (Anti-lock Braking Systems) add a margin of safety during less-than-ideal conditions, but it's bad science to rely on technology to save your bacon every time.

Another side effect of wet-weather riding is reduced visibility, both seeing and being seen. How many lights should a motorcycle have on it? Perhaps enough to not only allow the rider to see what's ahead when the weather turns ugly, but what about the double whammy of riding in the rain at night? And what about other vehicle operators seeing the rider during reduced-visibility conditions? A good set of fog lights for the front and multiple running lights on the side and in the rear make a motorcycle more noticeable day or night, rain or shine.

Motorcycles equipped with windshields or windscreens may help a rider during rain events, not only by deflecting water but wind as well. When a rider doesn't feel like they are sitting in front of an open fire hose, they may be able to focus more clearly on their environment and other roadway users.

The environment itself presents perhaps the greatest challenge during rain events because so many things change when the clouds roll in. It's easy to create a long list of things to avoid in the rain, but potholes, metal utility system covers, metal bridge and temporary construction plates, and construction zones become new threats to all roadway users, not just motorcyclists.



How about painted roadway lines, crosswalk markings, and curb step-ups and step-downs? Yep, another short list of threats under normal operating conditions, let alone ugly-weather rides.

As the riding season winds down during autumn, tree leaves become even more dangerous on a road surface. It may be easy to blow through a pile in front of you on a good day, but “Danger, Will Robinson!” when the leaves are wet.

Recent New England storms have highlighted yet another roadway hazard during inclement weather – road and shoulder washouts. Imagine the pucker factor when traveling during torrential downpours and having the road or shoulder in front of you buckle or disappear. Or when tons of sand, gravel, and stone suddenly appear in the lane ahead. Any type of roadway damage throughout Vermont and New Hampshire during the height of the riding season should put all riders on high alert.

There isn't enough time or space to list all the threats a rider faces during their travels, but it's important to consider the ones that can be addressed before, during, and after the ride. Before, *preparation* is the word; during, *caution* is the word; and after, *analyzing what went right and what went wrong* is the phrase to live by.

For those old enough to remember, years ago BMW Motorcycles ran an ad with a headshot photograph of an obviously soaking wet motorcyclist staring off to the right with the tagline “Does riding in heavy rain count as bathing?” Can you picture yourself in that ad? More than once?

It goes without saying that if you ride long enough, you'll get wet. How wet? That's up to you, your riding gear, your motorcycle, and your riding environment.

**“Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass: it's about learning how to ride in the rain!” - Anonymous**

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Happy Summer,

The 4th of July was a hot and humid day, but it came and went as always. I hope all were able to enjoy themselves and celebrate. Speaking of celebrating, come to our 10 annual Veterans' Outreach run. It is sure to be a great time.

Region Zero has memorial patches in stock for Bummer and Bones, so get your hands on them while supplies last. Keep in mind that Region Zero has individuals able to sew your patches and repair your leather goods.

Short and sweet for today. Be careful out there or you'll need stitched up yourselves or worse. Thank you!

Randy Kilber  
Director Region 0



Hello and wow August already where does the time go? Well June and July were busy in region 9 we had a great time @ Buckeye Motorcycle & Music Rally we sold some Merchandise through the State trailer and moved a lot of Bike Raffle tickets. I would like to Thank everyone who came out to help with the Trailer and the Raffle. Special Thanks to TJ and MaryAnn who came to Columbus and stayed the entire weekend for the rally that was huge. Next up was the National conference for the Motor Maids of America they were here in Dublin for 3 days we were able to assist the state in providing drivers for the shuttle vans between the host & overflow Hotels again a shout out to the region 9 members that answered the call to help Myself Al Grubbs, Bill Balach, Sue Nisley, Clayton Mosley, Harold & Pam Davis, Leeanna Thornton. All helped as drivers to assist Mike & Kay Stock with this event.

We will finish July with the Vintage Days event at Mid-Ohio raceway. I will be @ the booth on Saturday to spread the word on ABATE and our efforts to keep riding free.

Ride safe and FREE  
Chris Lappert Reg 9 Dir.





## **Hello MRF Members & Future Members!**

First, I want to congratulate Jay Jackson MRF Vice President for being appointed to the MAC Motorcycle Advisory Council. He is a dear friend, mentor, and counsel to me and there could be not one better to serve!

The MAC was reestablished by Congress with the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in 2021. Yet it has taken nearly two and a half years to select members and begin its work.

The purpose of the MAC is to provide a critical forum for policymakers, roadway engineers, and motorcyclists to discuss how roadway and barrier design, construction, maintenance practices, and intelligent transportation systems can better meet the safety needs of the millions of motorcyclists in this country. The council will provide a report to the Secretary of Transportation on its findings and recommendations.

Most recently I setup at region 8's Freedom Rally. Got to speak to a lot of nice people. I worked hard to win the 50/50 and I did!!! I was SO excited to win \$376 dollars and I donated that back to the MRF in memberships. When they called my name, I got down to the stage and let people know about the MRF and what we stand for and what we are working on. It cost \$35 for an individual membership so with that money I could give away 10 memberships. Nathan, President of the Yellow Jacket MC came up to me with \$100 to join their club with the MRF. I cannot begin to tell you how excited and thankful I am to him and his members! Welcome to the family Yellow Jacket MC! We need more clubs to join the wagon train!

Earlier in June I was at the Cambridge National Road Bike Show. It was a lot of fun and windy!

Meeting of the Minds (MOTM) is coming up and the MRF every year does a new and renewal membership count for all those who sign up members. The term is August 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Last year I was blessed to come in 9<sup>th</sup> place, thanks to new Ohio members. This year as of May I was in 5<sup>th</sup> place. It is recognition for the hard work everyone puts into attaining members which we are so ever grateful for.

Along with that if you place in the top 10 the MRF gives you one free membership to give to whomever you choose.

I took time to decide on who I would give this membership to, and I chose Chris Lappert Region 9 Director. He stepped up this year to be a new Director and has not looked back. His passion and hard work in this position is what I prize so highly. Let's all congratulate Chris Lappert!!! Thanks for all you do for Abate of Ohio and being a FREEDOM FIGHTER!!



Remember MOTM Meeting of the Minds is coming up September 26<sup>th</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup> in St Louis. I will be there and hope you will be too!

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 are pertinent to what is going on in the world today relating to all of us bikers. I'm also trying to post more on X, Instagram, and YouTube as well. So, follow me on those social media channels!

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!!

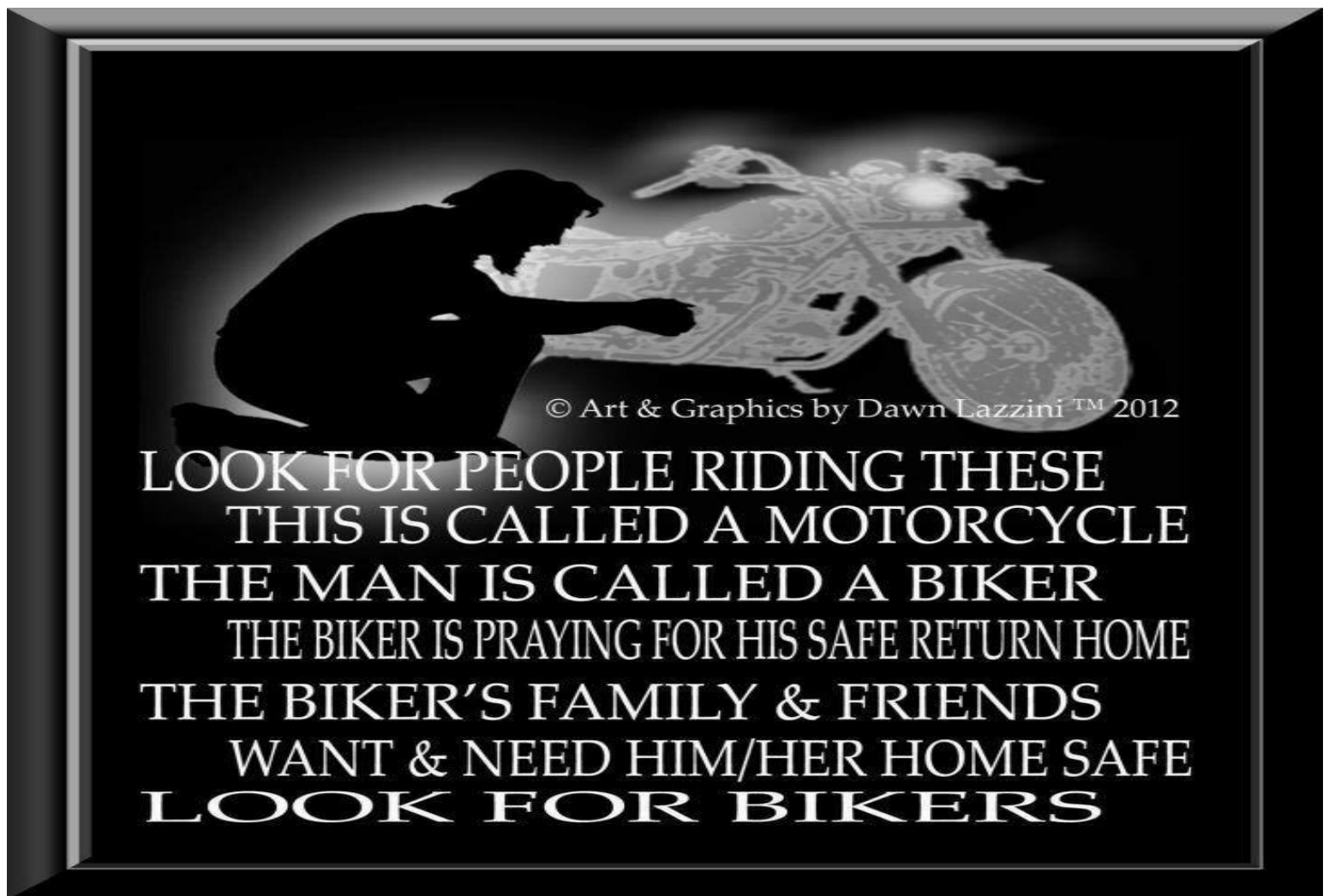
In closing, be safe & educated!!!

Till September.....

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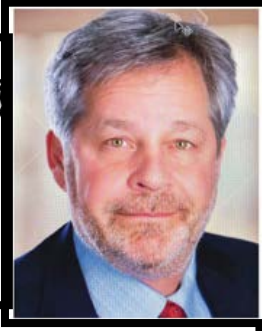
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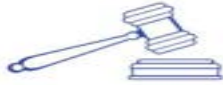


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## Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

### JAY JACKSON EXPLAINS THE SUBTLE RULES OF RIDING A MOTORCYCLE:

Occasionally I am asked by wannabe motorcyclists about special tips for riding. I want to say "no such good thing, take the ABATE riding course." But that is not me as I am compelled to share my riding experiences. I would tell them that the subtle rules of motorcycle riding teach:....

1. Never look down. You should know the location of the brake and clutch. If you don't, stare at them till you do. Know where everything is on the bike - throttle, brakes, clutch, gears and basically how to start and stop the bike.
  2. Never ease the brakes. Either use them or not. Slowing to a stop creates a balance issue. Especially for us older riders.
  3. Faster always helps with balance. So don't fear faster when you need it for balance.
  4. Always stop with your front wheel straight or you may likely drop your bike meaning square your bars with your bike when stopping.
  5. Practice the clutch at certain RPMs. Listen to the engine and note the RPMs. This practice will help you from stalling out.
  6. Always look toward where you want to go. You don't care where you have been.
  7. Never drag your feet as they belong on the pegs once you are balanced.
  8. Safety gear - always. Never, "I am just going around the block on this sunny day in January, so I don't need safety equipment." I know of cases where a leg was pressed against a primary with bad results and worse.
  9. Practice all the above in a safe area. Parking lots are good places.
- Balancing on the bike is a good one to get the feel of the weight and balance. Do this while practicing starting and stopping. You will also become an expert on the clutch the more you do this.

### I WORKED IN THE COMPANY OF A HERO ONCE AND HE LOVED MOTORCYCLES.

Getting travel brochures advertising cruises and motorcycle trips to Vietnam, Thailand and Laos, bring mixed emotions, especially this time of year. Here is why. I worked the night shift at a factory that manufactured fuel and water pumps for cars. It was during the Vietnam War. Of course there was much conversation as to the political issues back then. One of the local guys would stop and visit as we would say. His name was Kenny Kays. When we got done talking about the war, we talked motorcycles. Japanese motorcycles, British motorcycles, Harleys and so on into the night. He liked them all, and especially Cushman Scooters. He predicted that when the war was over, cruise ships would be docking in South Vietnam with tourists and all would return to normal, so why don't we just skip the war part.

In 1968, the draft was on and Kenny had definite ideas about the morality of the war. His philosophy was easy. As a conscientious objector, he was not about to shoot someone that he didn't have anything against. If drafted, he was going to Canada. While I disagreed with his views about the war, I was impressed with his stand, especially since we lived in the land of John Wayne. And so off to Canada he went. Only after his WW II vet dad begged his return, did Kenny come back for the draft. While he claimed conscientious objector status, he must have not given the right answers as he was drafted anyway and sent to the 101st Airborne to serve as a medic.

Kenny was a medic when it happened. North Vietnamese sappers killed seven (7) of twenty-one (21) soldiers in his unit and wounded others. Even though Kenny lost the lower part of his left leg, he dragged his comrades to safety and treated their wounds and shielded the more severely wounded from incoming enemy fire. For his bravery, this conscientious objector medic was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Sadly, he took his life years later, unable to cope with all that he had been through. Whenever I see advertisements for motorcycle trips in Vietnam, I think of Kenny's prediction - and he was right.



## I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH!

*It's only mid-summer and we've ran into this problem for 4 ABATE members who have called in. Call your agent and find out your UM/UIM (Uninsured/Underinsured) coverage today!*

If you have been to the ABATE State Seminar in Illinois, Indiana, or Ohio, you have heard me discuss the need for carrying adequate **Uninsured/Underinsured** (otherwise known as **UM/UIM**) Coverage. Unfortunately, this subject matter is once again in need of repeating.

This past month we received a phone call from a new client who was run over on his motorcycle. The first words he said to me were, "Rod, it's okay! I listened to you at the State Seminar and got the maximum insurance coverage I could get!" The problem is, while he did get the maximum insurance coverage he could carry for the other guy, he obtained the minimum **Uninsured/Underinsured** Coverage for himself. Now he is left with \$25k in coverage for his losses.

What he should have done is sign up for **as much** uninsured/underinsured coverage he could get - but he did not. Instead, he opted to cover the other guy for 500k and leave himself with minimal coverage in the event of an un/underinsured driver. In decades of representing bikers I have yet to see a serious claim injury against a motorcyclist. It just doesn't happen. (When have you ever heard of the driver of the Mack truck suing a motorcyclist for personal injuries?) So the rule is to take care of yourself with decent limits of **Uninsured/Underinsured** Coverage. That is the insurance motorcyclists need most as it protects us when someone injures us, carrying the state minimum, or worse yet, no insurance whatsoever. Most insurance companies only allow the motorcyclist to buy insurance for themselves that is equal to or less than your coverage for the Mack truck guy. Minimal limits are inadequate, and just enough to cause great irritation and financial grief. Give Hilary or myself a call if you would like to discuss what best fits your needs.

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**Rod Taylor**

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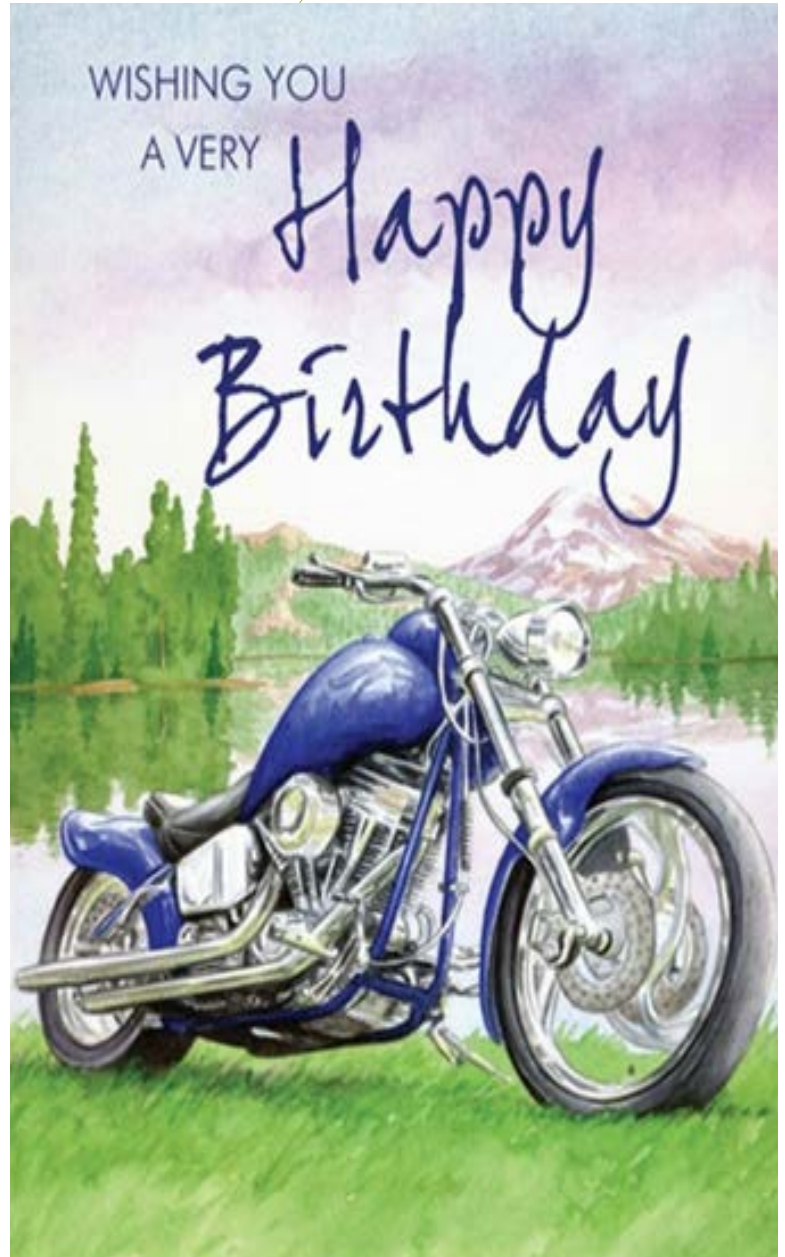
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- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American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



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