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Hi Friends,

I hope everyone is having a great riding season. Kay and I have been very busy, and having fun, doing biker stuff. First stop last month was the AMA 100<sup>th</sup> year bike night at the Heritage Museum in Pickerington. It was very well attended by the local community. Then we made our way to Ohio Bike Week. It was a little different this year, but we had a great time and made some new friends.

I want to thank everyone that came out and helped at AMA Bike Night. The ABATE Products Trailer, MRF booth, ABATE Safety and Education booth and Region 9 booth were all set up in the same area and made quite an impression. And a big thank you to all that came out and supported the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary event.

Ohio Bike Week was a great time, was very busy and the weather was on our side. This year, the Margaritaville parking lot was run by the OBW committee. It went well for the most part but hope for better next year. I want to put a big *thank you* to the boys and girls of Region 7 who helped cover for Kay and I so we could go to Cardington and introduce Levi to this world. Thank you all!

Sometimes we need to know that we are not the only country dealing with getting the government and our representatives to know that we are very concerned and need their help. This is from the UK - please read it.

## **International News**

Leicester, U.K. — The *National Motorcyclists Council* (NMC) has launched an important campaign to put motorcycling on the map in parliamentary constituencies in advance of the general election. A "Motorcycling Matters" manifesto and campaign website has been created by the NMC's members, which aims to inform the post-election government about the greatest needs of motorcyclists in the country. It presents a manifesto for a positive vision for the future of transport and the role of motorcycling within this. There are seven key themes:

Transport Choice: Bringing motorcycling into the mainstream of transport policy The introduction of improved and simplified licensing, training and testing

Safer roads for riding, tackling potholes and proper investment in motorcycle safety

Adoption of a "technology neutral" approach to decarbonization, preserving rider choice

Default access to all bus lanes, continued free parking and protecting motorcycle access to the full road network, including sealed and green roads

## CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD NIKE STOCK

Ensuring greater recognition of and support for the UK motorcycle sports sector Recognition of the cultural importance of the classic bike sector and protection for the UK's motorcycling heritage

Motorcycling is a key part of the future of transport. If supported by the government, it will foster social mobility, quality of life, economic growth and improved safety. The choices riders make about the bikes they want to ride, plus how and where they want to enjoy motorcycling, also need to be protected.

This is a campaign where every rider can make a difference. The NMC and its members are calling for all motorcyclists to be a part of shaping the views of the election candidates from the parties who are standing in their local constituency. Riders are urged to ask candidates to <u>sign the NMC's pledge</u> to support motorcycling.

We need every biker in the United States to get involved and be a part of this fight as it is also happening in our country. If you have a friend that is not a member of a SMRO (State Motorcycle Rights Organization), they need to be. We want to keep our fuel, work on our bikes, be able to purchase parts, and to purchase the type of bike that we want to ride.

If you don't know Gary Sellers, you need to and understand that he is one of many that fought for our right to ride free and to enjoy our lifestyle the way we know it today.

"Gary Sellers – Leadership & Rights: Since the 1970s, Gary Sellers has given his life to motorcycle education and advocacy in his home state of Ohio and throughout the country. Sellers was one of the founding members of ABATE of Ohio, and he served as legislative agent for the organization for a decade. He was awarded the honorary Life Membership Award by ABATE of Ohio in 1997.

Alongside John "Farmer" Eggers, Sellers built a successful motorcycle safety training program in Ohio; it is estimated the program has saved thousands of lives over the years. Sellers is also a member of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Freedom Fighters halls of fame."

Finally, a little good news. We are about halfway through our riding season and the stats are down, but we have to remain vigilant. So, keep up the great riding habits and be safe out there.

	Crashes	Fatalities
2024	1307	59
2023	1473	76

Just a reminder, we still have some bad roads. I 75 is the worst with 25 crashes from the first of the year, St Rt 24 with 16 and St Rt 6 with 14. My last word is please ride alert and keep the speed down so you will make it home!

Ride Within Your Limits,





It's been a busy last 30 days.

First there was the National Coalition of Motorcyclist Convention in Kansas City. I must say a great decision on the location by the organizers. Great barbque and a ton cooler than Phoenix on Father's Day weekend last year. I have nothing against Arizona or the great people out there, but June heat is take your breath away heat out there. There was representation there from the club community, the MRF, COIR, NCOM (of course), many SMROs, many COCs and other rights people were there. The message was one of unity. In these times where we have a whole lot of people standing divided we are much stronger standing together. Many of the issues discussed were similar to the ones the ones we lobbied as Bikers Inside The Bikeway. So, I'll save some space and only go over them once.

I got home from KC and a week later it was off to DC. To summarize Bikers Inside The Beltway: We Came, We Saw, The Voice Of Ohio's Biker's Were Heard. (and we walked a lot too)

I met Kolman Fuzy at the Embassy Suites in Old Town Alexandria. It was the evening before we lobbied, and we were prepping for the pre-event meeting. What a turnout. 38 states were represented this year and a couple hundred people turned out. All 535 DC offices representing all 50 states were visited for this event. Just like the NCOM Convention, there were many different groups represented in this crowd. Hardtail, Jay and Rocky all spoke about the strategies for the next day and we were given this year's info packets from the MRF were distributed.

The next morning Kolman and I rallied up to hit Capital Hill after a proper breakfast. I hear talking to legislators on an empty stomach is very dangerous. Then a quick walk across the street, a minimal amount of swearing at the pass machine for the train in and we were on our way to DC.

We cleared security into the office buildings on the House side and we off on our schedule of appointments to visit all 17 Ohio offices. We even visited the one that is vacant now waiting for a special election to fill the seat. I felt a little sorry for the young woman who's responsibility it was to collect information from people to be handed off once the office is filled again. I was able to uses the tunnels between the 3 House Office Buildings; Rayburn, Longsworth or Cannon to keep from having to go through security again. Kolman wasn't so lucky. We had to split to make all of the appointments and he got to go to the Senate side.

## The policies/issues we discussed were:

Protecting the Internal Combustion Engine. (With Ohio HB 201passing I think our opinion is clear. HR 906 Repair Act. Protect our ability repair or modify the vehicles we buy or use an independent shop. Remain Vigilant on the Profiling of Bikers.

Automated Driving Systems. Make sure we have a safe spot on the road as transportation advances into the future.

Update The Definition of a Motorcycle. This has not been amended since 1967. Have things changed in 57 years?

Fuel Transparency and Consumer Protection. Proper labeling of ethanol content and education on what levels are safe for what application and making sure we have safe fuel for our motorcycles. Joining the Motorcycle Caucuses.

Our final appointment of the day was in Rep. Troy Balderson's office. It's always good to see him. He is one of us and it's more like visiting with a friend than an official visit. When you have a chance drop your Rep and both Senators and letter or Email thanking them and/of their staffs for taking the time to see us. Remember we are one of the few countries in this world where citizens have the right to address their legislators.

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Ed Schetter

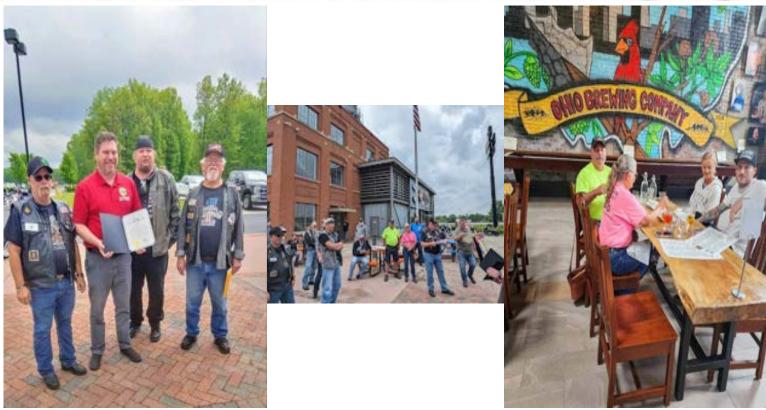
By the time we got back to the hotel it was time to get some food, put our tired feet up and maybe have an adult beverage or two.

My thanks go out to Kolman for joining me on the adventure. The pace is hectic. We have an appointment (or two) every 30 minutes all day long and have to present a lot of information in 15 to 20 minutes, that's all the time you get. And a whole bunch of walking. Ohio had a great day and I look forward to next year and welcome anyone wanting to join.

Looking at how long I've rambled on about BITB and NCOM Convention. I'll keep anything further for next month.

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

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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)

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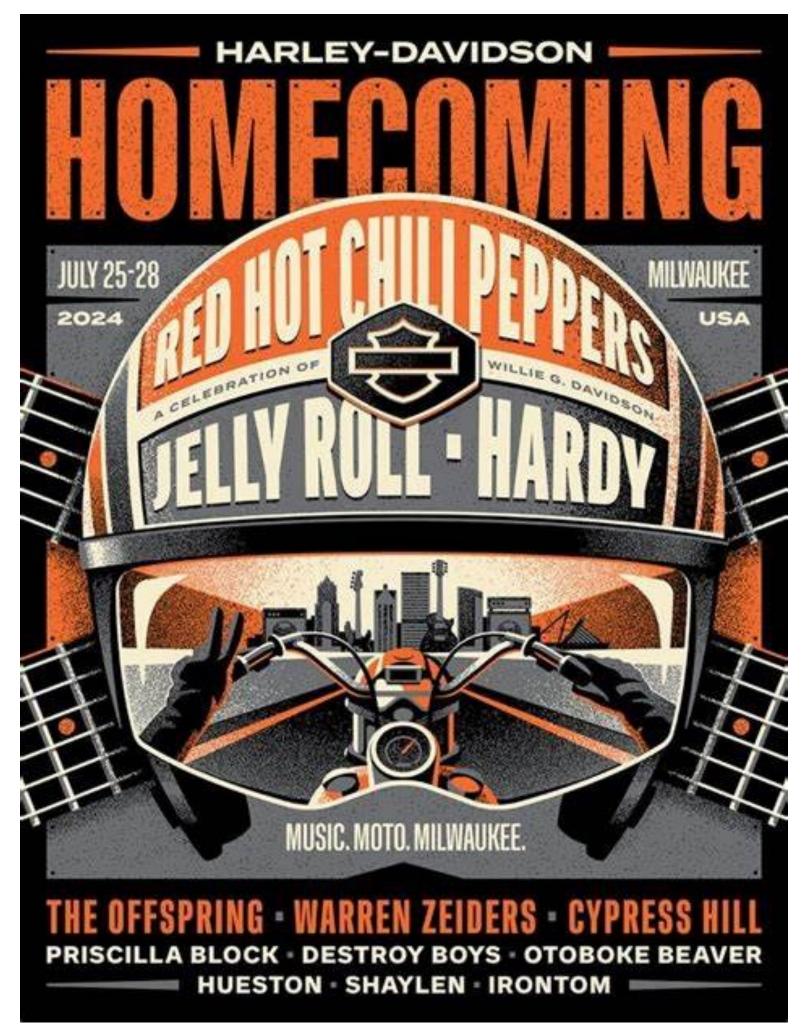


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Hotel direct line 314-429-1100. Mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation for conference room rates (deadline Sept. 4, 2024).

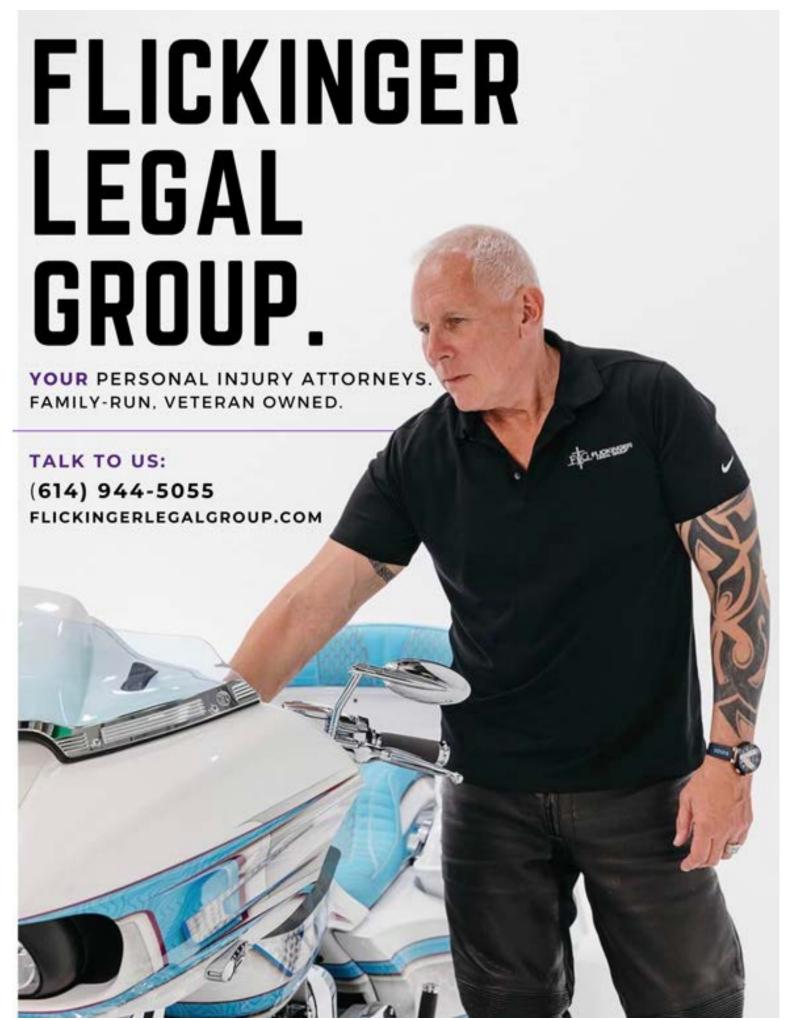
Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612

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.







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Hello Abate Friends!!!

In this July 2024 OutSpoken you will find my details on the Ohio Safety Summit 2024 that I attended in May 2024. I tried to make it as detailed as possible but as brief as possible. So check it out and if you have any questions at all or would like more information on anything I wrote about, let me know.

## Abate of Ohio Seminar 2025:

WE want to know what YOU want at the Abate of Ohio 2025 Seminar. Seriously I am asking YOU! What do you want all of us to talk about. Since we only have one day we need to make every minute count and I would love to have great speakers who will inform you!! Call, Text, or email me!

## AMA Vintage Days 2024:

AMA Vintage Days July 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>. Bob and I will be setting up the MRF & Abate Booths on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be located beside Motorcycle Ohio. I only have one volunteer for Friday and one for Saturday right now. I would like to have 2 more for each day. Remember you get in for free that day.

I would like to open the booths between 9am (gates open) and 10am at the latest each day. You will come into the entrance and go to the admission booth. They will have a list of names who are allowed entry. I will let the volunteers know more when we get closer.

A few items to keep note when attending:

Wear walking shoes

Bring cash

Snacks & Water (it gets HOT here)

Sunscreen!

Full Safety Gear (helmet) if you want to ride the Laps of History Go to the AMA website and check out all the things going on at Vintage Days, it is a lot of fun!!! Thanks again goes out to this organization because they are allowing Abate and the MRF to be there free of charge!!

Ride SAFE – Ride SMART!
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## What's the Next Step? I want More!

by Jenie Miller

Been riding for a while? Still on your temps or feel like you're ready to start carrying a passenger or just want to advance your skills from the entry level found in the Basic Riding Skills (BRS) course offered by Motorcycle Ohio? Want to take a course on your own motorcycle instead of using the smaller trainer bikes the state supplies? Time to take the Basic Riding Skills-2 Course (BRS-2)!

The goals for the BRS-2 include refining basic motorcycle skills, improving techniques, gaining more knowledge of risk including how to manage risk while riding, and carrying passengers. In addition to eight riding exercises, this course includes nine range-side activity discussion topics and a licensewaiver skill evaluation.

Experienced riders who take this course may be long time riders or riders who are relatively new to the sport, and skill levels may vary. Unlike participants in the Basic Riding Skills (BRS) course, BRS-2 riders are expected to have some real-world riding experience. Instructors will be skilled riders and able to adapt to your current skill set and specific motorcycle.

The course is built on a solid foundation of basic motorcycling skills, allowing an experienced rider to develop and refine more advanced life-saving skills: cornering, swerving and maximum braking in less time than it typically takes a novice rider to achieve the same. One of the most valuable sources of riding skill is often the sharing that happens between the "students".

Some may have ridden that dream trip you have of going to Alaska or have done routes to see the spectacular scenery our country offers. The course offers significant opportunities for peer-to-peer sharing, based on each riders' experiences. We'll talk about the following topics, along with topics that you, the student, brings to the conversation: Risk and motorcycling, passengers and cargo, traction and braking, traction and cornering, limited-space maneuvers, swerving, SIPDE and hazard avoidance and impairments.

Additionally, we'll focus on honing your riding skills doing exercises such as: stopping in shorter distances, cornering with confidence, stopping quickly in a curve, control in limited spaces, swerving, traffic interaction and U-turns. For those who still need to get endorsed, the Rider Skill Evaluation is offered at the end of the class.

What do I need to do to prepare for this class:

Sign up for a BRS-2 course <u>BRS-2</u> <u>Course Sign-up</u>

Get your Motorcycle Temporary Instruction Permit Identification Card (TIPIC), if not already endorsed

Complete the supplied motorcycle inspection document and bring your insurance card and your motorcycle registration to show the instructors

Please see the site for complete instructions/ details on unique circumstances

Want something more than this? Keep your eye on this space as info on the Advance Rider Skills course will be shared soon.



## Ohio Traffic Safety Office

## May 20th & 21st, 2024

## **Keynote Presenters & Workshop Leaders:**

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Monday, May 20 SCHEDULE:

Opening General Session Featuring Dr. David Harkey – Keynote Presenter for IIHS BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Elementary Seatbelt Program: Buckle up with Brutus

Law Enforcement Roundtable

Ohio Handheld Cell Phone Ban: Year One

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## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

Nonmotorized Road User Safety: The Pedestrian

**Teen Listening Session** 

Traffic Safety in the Age of Non-Medical Marijuana

Break.

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS:**

Establishing Equity for Youthful Drivers Expert Opinions: The Value of DREs **Scoop!** How to Encourage Media

## END OF FIRST DAY.

Tuesday, May 21 SCHEDULE: BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

Best Practices in Motorcycle Safety

Proactive Enforcement- Data Driven Approaches Putting Seat Belts Use First in a Secondary State

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS:** 

Older Road Users

Speed Management

Traffic Safety for Non-English Speakers

**CLOSING LUNCHEON feat. Torine Creppy, SKW** 

## **Opening General Session with Dr. David Harkey:**

This was extremely interesting as he reported and explained what the IIHS is and does. While we all think they just are all about cars they do perform tests on motorcycles and pedestrians. He noted that the Subaru and Volvo are still the safest cars to drive. A large part of his discussion was the change from "sedans" to SUV's etc. Those with a higher front end and that changes the dynamics considerably when it comes to frontal crashes.

## Law Enforcement Roundtable:

All 3 presenters offered very interesting information.

Major Nakia Hendrix OSHP spoke about Speed, Seatbelt, Distracted Driving, Impaired Driving. The OSP Operations Traffic Safety Circle is DATA – ANALYZE – OPERATIONS. What they do at the OSHP is Data Driven. When you see them out on the Interstates they are there because Data Drove them there. He was fair to say they are just wanting us to SLOW down and be safe and if we are not then they will have a chat with us. You can go to the OSP link below:

https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/dashboards-statistics/ostats-dashbo

Sheriff Maier spoke about statistics from Stark County from 2023. Told us about Safe Communities Required Safety Programs and a lot of counties across Ohio has them (county related). Discussed OVI Task Force held 18 checkpoints in 2023. Also having Community Engagement is key to making programs work. Having coalition partners across the county is key as well.

Lt Shawn Fryman with Hamilton PD discussed how they perform Data Analysis to identify the problems: Complaints, Crash Data, Speed Surveys, Community Meetings. Identify resources, have targeted enforcement and reassess. In conclusion all the things worked to change behaviors, slower speeds, less complaints, less crashes, safer streets.

## **Traffic Safety in the Age of Non-Medical Marijuana:**

There were 77 pages of PowerPoint presentations during this session. A ton of statistics by all 3 present-

Christine Frank with NHTSA gave us a National View of Drug Impaired Driving which included Current Data, NHTSA supported impaired driving training, Drug Trends, and NHTSA research. From 2021 to 2022 they saw a 1.7% decrease in fatalities.

Impaired Driving: 56% Driver tested positive for one or more drug

20% Road users who had 2 or more drugs

20% Drivers with BAC .08 or higher

Cannabinoids (25%) Stimulants (11%) Alcohol (23%) Opioid's (9%)

Impaired Driving Curricula: SFST Dry Lab Video's, SFST Refresher, ARIDE, DRE Drug Trends: Stimulants led the way over the past few years, ahead of cannabis. Additional research is ongoing including the National Roadway Survey, collecting data in 2025. Develop detection cues for cannabis, feasibility for a FST sensitive to cannabis impairment, and reports to Congress.

Summary from Sam Cole of Colorado: What is needed? Trusted messengers with credible & believable information that doesn't over-state the problem but helps cannabis consumers understand driving high is dangerous, can lead to arrest, and is avoidable if they plan for sober ride.

OSHP brought a strictly Ohio look to the session. 1150 Fatal traffic crashes in 2023 those crashes were impacted by 672 impaired, 381 alcohols, 507 drug, and 306 marijuana related. There were 9000+ distracted driving crashes and 472 unbelted deaths. He spoke about Green Labs, Oral Fluid, and referral programs. Oral fluids are a mixture of saliva and other secretions. OSHP is working on partnerships with the Behavioral Health Community.

## Scoop! How to Encourage Media:

The facilitator and all 3 on the panel said the same thing in different ways, which was you cannot think just putting something on FB is going to work everywhere. Just putting it on TV is going to work everywhere. You MUST put your message on every available media site. Facebook, Instagram, X, YouTube, Newspaper, local TV stations, Radio. Everyone doesn't just read or watches one thing. To hit the masses, you must hit everywhere and you must make relationships with those outlets.

## Best Practices in Motorcycle Safety:

Michele Atwell went over items from NHTSA regarding Motorcycles. She specifically brought up MAC, so in the Q&A at the end of the presentation I pressed her regarding MAC. Telling her who I was and that the MRF was truly wanting 3 motorcyclists on the panel of 13. She stated that there is only one, but she was not at liberty to say who any of the 13 are. But they had been chosen and it needed to go thru many processes to get approved by Washington. She did specifically state there were several from Abate that had sent in applications.

Glen Davis with Colorado DOT. He is also a NHTSA Motorcycle Safety Assessor, a panel member for NHTSA National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety, a Contributor and Subject Matter Expert for NHTSA Model National Administrative Standards for State Motorcycle Rider Training Programs. Actually prior to the Summit he assessed Motorcycle Ohio's Rider Program and it passed with flying colors. It was stated that NHTSA was very happy with our Saved by the Helmet award system across Ohio, and they would like to see this go National.

John Bolte, OSU Professor was very interesting to listen to. His presentation revolved around explaining that he uses crash test dummies and actual cadavers to simulate motorcycle crashes into cars. He was very graphic in speaking and in giving his presentation.

## **Speed Management:**

Lt. Eric Brown of the OSHP Canfield post, Lt Tyler Harris of the Hilliard Police Dept, and Ryan McMahon of Cambridge Mobile Telematics rounded out the panel.

Both Brown and Harris had the same idea: SLOW DOWN

McMahon's presentation was on a broader scope of the US. The State of US Road Risk in 2024. The owner of the company Cambridge Mobile Telematics works in large part with many Insurance companies etc. He spoke in length about distracted driving and how software can track those habits etc.

Attended by: Sherry Hill,

Motorcycle Ohio BRS Instructor

Abate of Ohio, Safety & Education State Director

MRF Ohio State Representative





Region Zero just finished up our first annual Summer of Bummer Party. We had bands, plenty of pork, brisket, bike games, and auction items. If we continue the party next year than it will be much more of a polished event. You never know, we may just revert back to the Not Just Another Damn Run.

July 27th is our 10th annual Veteran's Outreach run. We are looking forward to this event being that we have plenty of Veterans in our Region along with the outstanding work Veteran's Outreach puts out. As a Vet myself I am always leary of events put on in the name of Veterans. Many groups put on events for Vets when in reality it's all smoke and mirrors. Always look at the flyer and ask the hard questions when in doubt.

With this wonderful weather we are able to ride and be more active Ministers of our mission. To be a good Minister is to have the right information and facts and to be personable. Too many situations I hear people talking about things they have no idea about only because some other idiot told them or they read fake news on social media or on television. Older folks are just as guilty or more than the younger generation believe it or not. Just go to your local pub, hospital waiting room, or any other gathering place and old heads will be buried into their cell phones. Hard to be personable with heads sucked into a tiny screen. Hell, people will scroll through nonsense on their phones during meerings and others important professional gatherings. I find it terribly sad and disrespectful, so don't be that person.

Thank you all!! Until nextime, back off of the technology and get back to what's real and important.

> Randy Kilber Director Region 0



We are staying busy with events and Bike nights to attend. First a quick recap. We attended the AMA 100th Anniversary It was a great night with a good crowd. Then a group of us from Reg. 9 made the trip up to Sandusky for Ohio Bike week just a day trip but it was a good day except for the rain on the way home that night. We also set up a Table at Farrow Fest (Farrows North location) this was another great event talked to a lot of people about who we are and why hope to get some new members from that also sold a hand full of Raffle Bike tickets. Then On to the first Q FM 96 Bike Night @ Leons Garage was June 6th and runs every Thursday till Sept 19th our Guy Kolman will be on hand every Thursday to answer any Questions and he will have Tickets for the raffle bike as well.

Our next BIG event is BUCKEYE MOTOR-CYCLE & MUSIC RALLY (BMMR) we will be on site for all three days with the raffle bike and the ABATE merchandise trailer with all the latest hats T- shirts and swag from ABATE Of OHIO. Stop out and see us.

Ride safe and FREE Chris Lappert Reg 9 Dir.





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

## This was posted from Eric Ross our MRF Director of Membership:

If you are a current Motorcycle Riders Foundation member, thank you for your support. Because of members like you, we have been very successful in Washington getting legislation passed that benefits all motorcyclists. But our fight on Capitol Hill is just beginning! Our mode of transportation and our lifestyle are under constant attack. Here are some of our current legislative issues.

## Right to Repair

Do you enjoy working on your motorcycle? Do you want to guarantee access to the parts, tools and service information required to modify, service and maintain your bike? If you answered yes to these questions, it is time to contact your legislator in the House of Representatives and tell them to cosponsor H.R. 906, the Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act or the REPAIR Act.

The REPAIR Act will ensure that vehicle owners or repair shops will have access to the information, software or tools needed to work on vehicles. The proposed law also establishes rules regarding vehicle data access. This commonsense law will help preserve consumer choice and a fair marketplace.

## Internal Combustion Engines (ICE)

Earlier this year, the Biden Administration presented plans to shift this country to a majority Electric Vehicle (EV) market over the next ten years. In June, Senator Markwayne Mullin of Oklahoma introduced S.2090, the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act. This bill would amend the Clean Air Act to prevent a ban on the sale of Internal Combustion Engines, effectively trumping any state law that outlaws their sale. S. 2090 is the Senate's version of H.R. 1435, a bill that recently passed out of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

## Fuel choice:

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), including the following actions:

Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.

Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.

Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e., no multi-dispensing) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where a higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.

These are just a sample of legislative issues the MRF is currently addressing. The MRF cannot do this alone. We need all motorcyclists to help put pressure on our legislators. Toward this goal, I have a challenge for all currents MRF members:

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Toward this goal, I have a challenge for all current MRF members:

Recruit five new members and receive a free membership for yourself! You will also be entered in a drawing for a \$250 Meeting of the Minds voucher. I know you have riding partners, club members, SMRO members and friends who are not MRF members. Why aren't they? So, let's get out there and find new riders to push our message to new heights!

## Louisiana:

After eight (8) trips to Baton Rouge by ABATE of Louisiana to advocate for their 2024 Legislative Agenda, one (1) bill made it through the process to become law. ABATE brought the MRF legislative issue regarding Internal Combustion Engines (ICE) to Representative Dodie Horton. ABATE explained they would like to see Louisiana in the forefront of the battle to preserve the Internal Combustion Engine and consumer choice in the type of vehicle they are allowed to purchase. She liked it and introduced HB 515. It passed the House 98-4 and the Senate unanimously. Louisiana Governor Jeff Landry was among the sixteen (16) Governors who wrote a letter to President Biden asking him to reconsider his Electric Vehicle (EV) mandate. Because of this stance, he signed HB 515 into law on May 28. ABATE members were proud to stand with him as he signed. HB 515 is now Act 251 and becomes effective 08/01/2024. Louisiana stands proud to be the third state in the nation, after Ohio and Kansas, to have a law protecting Internal Combustion Engines and vehicle choice.

We are SO happy for ABATE of Louisiana in keeping this moving and winning!!! 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 is pertinent to what is going on in the world to-day 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 and educated!!!
Till August.....

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## JAY JACKSON SAYS "LAYING DOWN YOUR MOTORCYCLE IS NOT SAFE"

Laying down your motorcycle prior to a crash is a dumb idea, unless you are riding a pan or knuckle with brakes that almost work. Older motorcycles had inefficient brakes - kind of sort of - and were hard to maneuver, which often made laying them down a not so dumb idea. Brake systems of today's motorcycles are unbelievably efficient and are easier to maneuver.

Here are suggestions rather than laying the bike down.

Quick braking can avoid an accident. Squeeze both brakes. This will help you stop as fast as possible, which could help prevent a potential collision, but don't brake and swerve at the same time. We all know what happens then. As they say, "one at a time."

Swerve and avoid the errant driver. Modern motorcycles do that so well. As Sir Isaac Newton said, "whatever you hit - hit it as slow as possible".

So as Isaac says, slow your vehicle down. And to do this it is best to remain upright instead of lying down. Modern motorcycles provide better friction to slow you down.

### IF I BUY THE FARM

If I buy the farm how will that most likely happen? Jay says, "Intersections, intersections, intersections". Got it? Always assume that traffic coming toward you at an intersection will turn left in front of you.

According to the NTSB 72% of motorcycle accidents happen at intersections. Keep this in mind when you read that motorcycle fatalities are up 22% from '23. But also realize that a significant number of those fatalities are alcohol impaired (some say as many as 36%) and happen after midnight (remember dad's warning, "nothing good happens after midnight". You can imagine what some think about riding in Florida at night where many drivers are at the age of impaired hearing and sight. So re-read the article above and be ready on the brake, be prepared for a speed reduction, and your best Evil Knievel maneuver.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE COMPANY GOES BROKE? ARE YOU PROTECTED?

Not too long ago we were contacted by an A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Chapter President who explained that one of their members was involved in an accident almost two years prior and they were being sued. They explained that in the time since the accident, the member's Insurance Company had folded. "How should I tell them to proceed since they were insured at the time and had paid for coverage?"

The Feds are not involved. The state regulators are responsible for monitoring the financial health of the insurance companies that are licensed to do business in the state. So if your auto insurance company bites the dust, your state's guaranty association steps in. Similar to how the Fed's FDIC protects bank customers, these associations pay in the event that your insurance company is declared insolvent. State regulators will try to transfer your policy to a stable insurance fund. If that doesn't work, they will keep the policy active through the state's guaranty fund. For specific info see below.

https://www.iigf.org - Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund

https://indiana.ncigf.org/ - Indiana Insurance Guaranty Association

https://www.ohioga.org/ - Ohio Insurance Guaranty Association

## ANOTHER "W" FOR ROADHAZARD.ORG

We were contacted by an ABATE of Indiana member last month about a large pothole in an intersection on the southside of Indianapolis. We reported this pothole to the Mayor's Action Center and forwarded the email receipt to the member asking them to let us know if this is not fixed in thirty (30) days. Well, sure enough, that member reached back out after the thirty and said this nuisance of a pothole was still in the intersection, only bigger. We were able to contact the Mayor's Action Center by phone and give them the intersection in question, the Report No. and the date we reported it and asked that they escalate the priority on this matter (I also said I was calling from ABATE LE-GAL). What happened? The pothole was fixed the next day! Keep those RoadHazard Reports coming in, it helps to have a law firm report this and similar issues on your behalf.

## FOUR RULES TO FOLLOW ON A "GROUP" RIDE...

- 1. Escorted? How do you know? Many rides claim to be escorted but they are not legally. Attend the safety briefing and ask the tough questions or better yet send the ride organizer an email requesting details. In most states only authorized officers have the power to stop traffic and otherwise direct a ride. Don't go on any ride that is not professionally escorted.
- 2. Know the motorcyclists around you on the ride. If the bike next to you is new with low mileage, you may be riding with a newby not good. Learn about him/her when you are waiting for the ride to start. If the rider is a newby, ride next to someone who isn't.
- 3. Leave extra distance between you and the rider in front, so you can see the potholes from hell and the unrepaired railroad crossing. And get ready to make a lane change if necessary. Always have a clear lane to go.
- **4.** And if you don't like those escorting and the speeds they are using bolt. That way there is always next year.

Ride Safe.

**Rod Taylor** 

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- 1)... To initiate, endorse and sponsor educational programs such as rider safety, public awareness, legislative and affirmative action and, individual freedoms and rights.
- **2)...** To create and promote a positive public image of motorcyclists and motorcycle groups and to dispel and disprove media hype, unfounded propaganda and the "Hollywood" image.
- 3)... To encourage goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel and the general public.
- 4)... To serve as an information source on matters pertaining to current laws, pending legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials and their constituents, and voter awareness.
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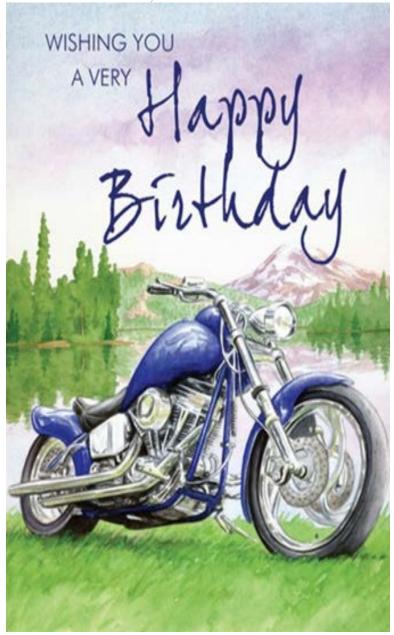
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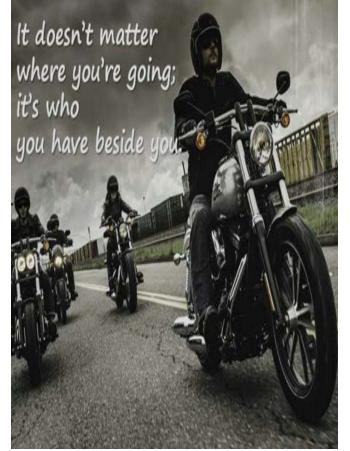






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- Monitoring and influencing federal legislation for any impact on the motorcycling community at large
- Representing street motorcyclists by participating in federal research and advisory committees
- Protecting street motorcyclists from unfair or burden some federal agency restrictions and regulations
- 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



### **WHO WE ARE**

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is the Nation's premiere motorcyclists' rights organization that is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. We are also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state and local levels. The MRF works together with street motorcyclists, State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), the motorcycle industry, the media and other organizations, assisting them with state and local agendas as well as working with them to influence action and policy in Washington, DC - from the Congress to government departments and agencies to the Office of the President of the United States. We also work with allies in Canada, Europe and Asia to influence talks on vehicle globalizationand harmonization that are proceeding under the United Nations and the World Health Organization.



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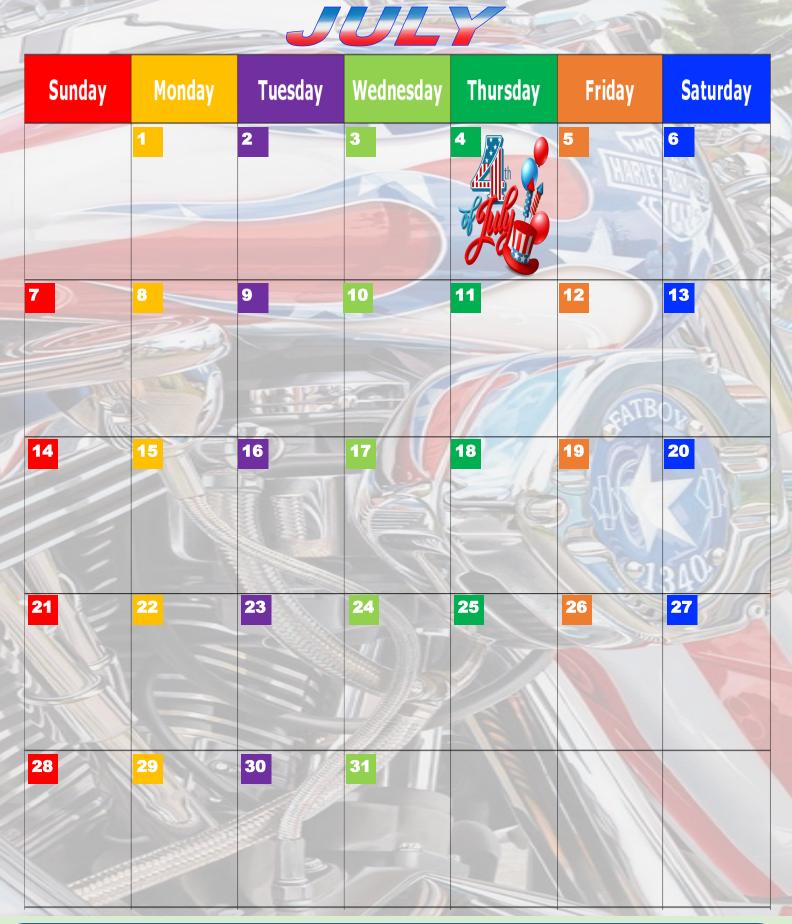
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