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## CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD NIEWS STOCK

Hi Friends,

Just where did summer go? Kay and I have been keeping very busy ABATE stuff and spending a little time here and there with the kids and Levi, he is now 3 months old and getting his own personality. "Just loving the boy"

This month the State Board of Director will be meeting on September the 14th. If you have anything to bring up to the board, please give it to your region director so he can present it. Also, this is a very important meeting that we start election for state board members, we will be electing half of the board as we elect half every year.

With the new website I have been getting email of members that want to get active. This a great time to get to a meeting and throw your hat in the ring, get involved. I'm now getting into my slower time and will be working on these members to get the rolling. So if you want a job check in and get working, we can use you.

We will be heading to the MRF Meeting of the Minds on the 26<sup>th</sup>, this year it is in St Louis. Sherry Hill has been doing a great job recruiting members so hope we can bring home some awards. As every year we always bring a lot of great information back with us.

When I'm out talking to bikers, and I ask do you have any concerns about Protecting the Motorcycle ECOSYTEM they say what? Well, it is very important if we are going to continue to Ride and collect motorcycles as we know them today. Everyone needs to get into this fight and protect the Right to Repair, Right to Modify, get Renewable Fuel, keep our Internal Combustion Engine and to stop End of Life Directive. I think everyone can relate to one of these.

	Crashes	Fatalities	Alcohol	Speed
2024	2319	114	168	456
2024	2485	143	203	476

Everyone says why look at the stats, it tells me that if we work on getting speed down with signs and advertising, and it works let's do more. This is getting to the end of our season, and we always have a rise in stats so remind everyone that keep riding Safe and Smart.

Mike Stock Chairman of the Board 419-654-5446

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Ed Schetter

Wow, here it is September already. Planning is started on Toy Runs and the other Fall activities. The Buckeyes will be back on the field and kids are back in school. Then it will be time to pack up and head for Meeting of the Minds in St. Louis. This one really helps recharge the old batteries.

I'm beginning to think the best about it being September is we are starting to see an end in sight to the political season. I have never seen the political land-scape so divided or just down right goofy (no this is not a reference to a former State Deputy Director.) To start with I do not endorse any candidate. I don't care who you vote for: the right or left side of the aisle, a third party candidate or the lead singer of your favorite band. Do your research on their positions on the issues important to you. Do your research from credible sources. Then cast the educated vote your conscience tells you to. There is no such thing as a wasted vote that way.

The goofiness I am talking about is the complete polarization of people today. Don't get me wrong, I understand the passion for an issue (mine should be pretty clear based on where you are reading this.) But, the opinions of the far sides of the issues are causing such a divide fueled by the media. Both traditional and social medias are guilty of this. We have watched the discussion degenerate from:

"I respect your opinion, now please listen to mine"

To: "I cannot agree with you and here is why I feel like I do"

To: "You are wrong and I'll tell you why you are wrong'

To: "You are stupid, and your side is stupid, you drive a stupid car and you live in a stupid house with a stupid dog" (no dogs were actually made stupid for the writing of this article)

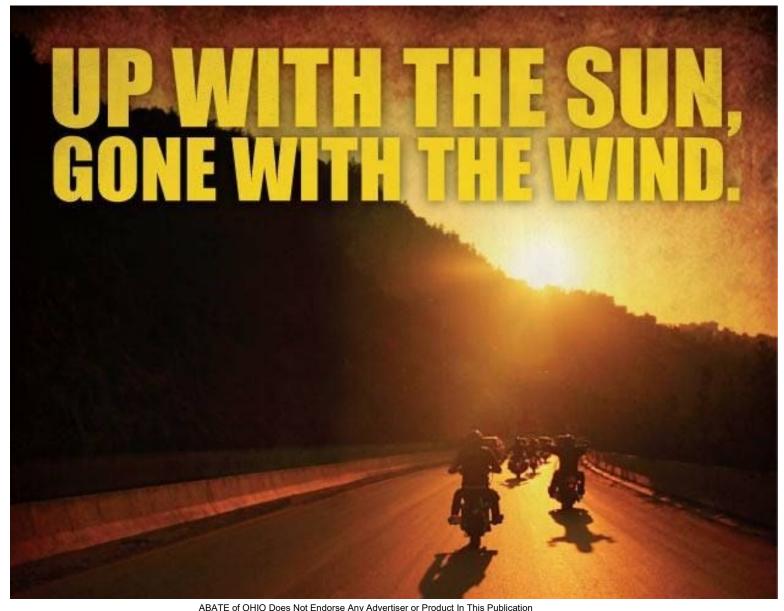
I have seen this happen in many blogs and forums. Not only with the motor-cycle rights groups but many others. Dividing those that came together for a love of something and letting issues that have nothing to do with that thing break the group up into smaller groups. I once heard it said that, "Righteous indignation is so invigorating." Yes it may feel good to stand up and make a very pointed statement that leaves no room to turn back or compromise.

I have a feeling after this very; very negative election cycle is over there are going to be rifts in many organizations.

Let's make sure that it doesn't create divide here. No, we are not going all agree on everything. We are not always going to be in a great big sunny kumbaya circle around a camp fire. But we are all bikers with a passion for motorcycling. We can't forget that and let other issues tear us apart. When we are fighting with each other we can't fight with those looking to take away our rights.. We need to stand together as one, Brothers and Sisters standing strong.

Remember: once this crazy election is over, there will be a new legislature seated and we have work to get done at all levels of government.

Ed Schetter **Executive Director** ABATE of Ohio, Inc.



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The Motor Maids held their 84th Annual Convention in Dublin, OH the second week of July.

448 ladies rode their motorcycles a total of 588,089 miles, from all over the United States and Canada. 86 guests (mostly husbands) also attended. That's an average of over 1,300 miles each!

ABATE volunteers shuttled them between hotels in Dublin, plus a shopping day to Iron Pony.



I, personally, did not realize that the Motor Maids were such bad-asses. They are the oldest all female motorcycle club, officially chartered by the AMA in 1941. In the 40's, the AMA invited them to parade around the racetracks before race events. They still parade at events today, and also during their convention.

To be a Motor Maid you have to own and operate your own motorcycle, or one owned by an immediate family member. You receive awards for years of service, miles ridden and attending conventions. In order to be considered attending a convention, you must ride from your home to the convention—no trailering. Can you imagine the adventures they have had? The woman who rode the most miles last year rode over 38,000 miles. That is livin' the life!

They are just like us in one respect. After riding all the way to Dublin and going on scenic Ohio roads to see attractions the second day, by the time a trip to Iron Pony was scheduled and it was raining and windy, most decided to take the shuttle and let us drive. We heard many stories and much laughter.

One thing I guarantee they will all remember about Dublin, OH.....the field of concrete corn!



Thanks to the Region 9 volunteers who drove the vans:

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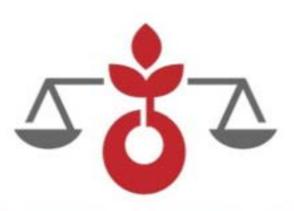
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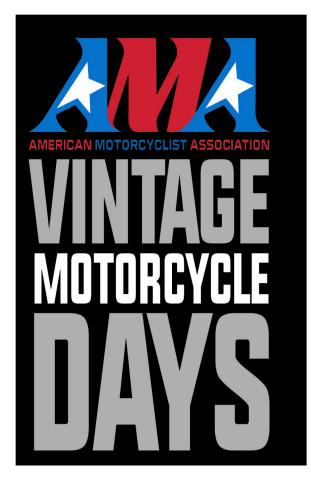


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Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 9090, Peoria, IL 61612

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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## 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.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation is proud to present their annual conference for politically motivated motorcyclists! Spend the weekend with some of motorcycling's most educated and dedicated activists. Learn what issues will impact bikers today and in the future!

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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!

## ALL ROOMS NEED TO BE BOOKED BY SEPTEMBER 4, 2024.

## **OTHER INFO**

Pre-Register: MRF

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Peoria, IL 61612

Members: \$100 | Non-Members: \$120

Registration Includes: All Workshops, All Workshop Materials and

Saturday Banquet

## Pre-Order T-Shirts cutoff date is September 4, 2024

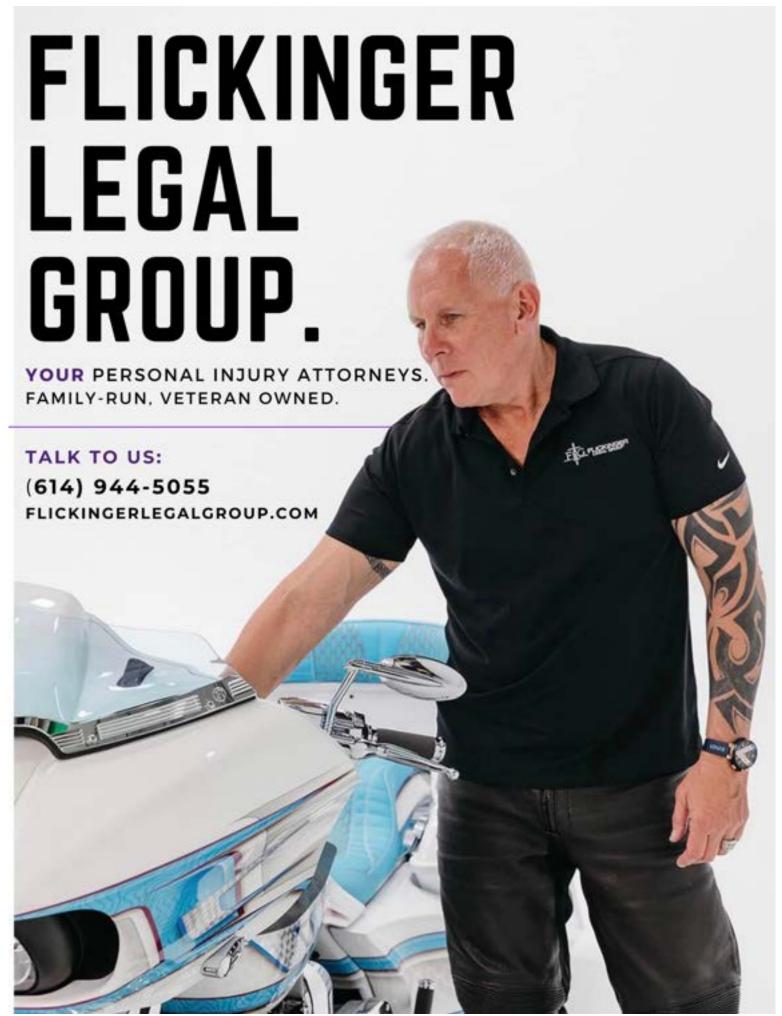
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## Toy Run 2024

To benefit Toys for Tots and Children's Christmas Charities in NW Ohio



Starting at:

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September 21, 2024 Noon Ride Out Sign In 10:00



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## Hello from the Safety & Ed Director Desk,

Number one on the list is that Motorcycle Ohio is finalizing the new ARS Curriculum launching Spring 2025.

In the ARS course, you'll encounter new content and approaches designed to enhance your Cornering, Braking, Body Positioning, and Perception Skills. The course includes a 2-hour classroom session and a 5-hour range training component, with an hour's break for lunch. This class will require you to provide your own motorcycle and full gear. Try it next season!

Next is Riding in the Rain. I know some of you will give me flack for saying what I am going to say but so be it. If you don't ride in the rain you aren't a biker! Well that is a bunch of bull crap in my book. Riding in the rain is dangerous for everyone, even the most seasoned rider with the best equipment. Now if you are not a seasoned rider and have sub-par equipment you are riding into dangerous territory. Let's go back a bit and look at your tires. Are they in great shape meaning they are not slicks or showing the cords. Think about what a small patch of tire (front & rear) that is always touching the pavement. You have a very small amount of traction area on clean dry roads, now add water into the mix and it can be a disaster. Also have you thought about the yellow & white lines are very slick when wet. So here are a few tips when having to ride in the rain:

GEAR: Choose the right gear, having a good rain suit, gloves and a full-face helmet (or Modular) will make riding in the rain so much safer and more comfortable. INPUTS: One word is SMOOTH! When it's wet outside, everything you do on your motorcycle should be smooth, from throttle adjustments to braking to cornering. A lot of bikes out there today have ABS and traction control. Even with these you need to go back to the basics and be smooth.

Increase your following distance and use your engine to help decelerate, braking smoothly (there's that word again) instead of stabbing at the lever.

SURPRISES: Keep an eye out for manhole covers, tar snakes, painted lines etc. These can be like black ice when wet. Be ware of grease and oil on the road. Standing water is another potential hazard as this could lead to hydroplaning. Over time and as you practice riding these tips, you will find that riding in the rain can be a lot less scary and you will build your confidence.

Remember be SMOOTH & SAFE out there and just take time to get where you are going, we all want you to be enjoy the ride and get home safely!

Take care, Sherry Hill, Safety & Ed Director

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Well, the big news this month is that I have to make some very important decisions regarding the (ROW Right Of Way) bill. Decisions I don't want to make but after talking to some people, it is looking like it will have to happen. I am going to hold out until after our meeting so come out to the meeting and hear what they are. I have been working on this strenuously for about a year and a half, so I don't take changes on this lightly.

The anti-profiling bill is ready and I will be introducing that at the beginning of the year. If you regularly attend meetings you know what that is, but I have not talked about it much in a while so if you want an update, attend the meeting.

Ohio HB 56 which was signed by the Governor, and goes into effect on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and is entitled Increase penalty-fleeing police; regards motor vehicle pursuit; also creates new criminal offenses for "stunt driving" – such as performing doughnuts, wheelies, burnouts, drifting and allowing passengers to ride outside the vehicle – and organizing underground "street takeovers" that impede public thoroughfares.

The new crime will be a first-degree misdemeanor, punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Offenders could also have their driver's license suspended for up to three years and be assessed six points on their license. Anyone "rendering assistance" (which includes being a spectator) to street racing, stunt driving, or street takeover could be "equally charged as the participants," according to the bill language.

Across the great state of Ohio, there have been 588 fatal vehicle crashes in the state this year from January 1<sup>st</sup> until July 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. For the same time last year there were 641 meaning that for this time period, 2024 has 51 fewer representing a deduction of 8%. Drive and ride safely.

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## Hello all you wonderful people!

The beginning of July was the Freedom Rally by Region 8. Had my booth set up and got to talk to people in attendance. Sorry to the person who lost the Chicken Cock on the tip boards. I prayed that I would win the 50/50 and I did. With that I got the microphone and told everyone out of the \$376 dollars I won that I could pay for 10 individual MRF memberships and they just had to come up to me and ask to be a member. All in all, I donated out all 10 and I was very excited to have Nathan (President) of the Yellow Jacket MC walk up to me with \$100 to join the MRF as a sustaining Club! Thank you so much for that and let us all welcome a great group of people, Yellow Jacket MC!

AMA Vintage Days 2024 is in the books and what a great time we all had. The place was packed with people from all over the US and most likely abroad. Mid-Ohio offers a fantastic venue for all types of racing, so if you've never been there, I encourage you to attend. Make sure you bring sunscreen and air conditioning! It is HOT in July!

An awesome amount of thanks goes out to Bob Davis, Makenzi Martin, and the AMA for allowing the MRF and Abate of Ohio to set up booths at Vintage Days. They also allowed all our volunteers free entry to work at the booths that weekend. It makes you feel good when they come up to you and give you a hug, thanking you for being there. All the while it is I who offer the thanks to them. It makes your heart feel good when others in your profession recognize you and you become friends working together towards a common goal. That is what the AMA, MRF, and Abate of Ohio did at Vintage Days. We all came together as one understanding that it will take all of us to move the mountain.

We were set up beside Motorcycle Ohio and Rob Brookman always does a great job with his hoard of volunteers. We even got some extra items to give away from MO, thanks Rob. Our Chaiman of the Board was in attendance on Friday then he drove all the way back Saturday morning to bring us all the stuff we ran out of on Friday. Thanks Mike! Mike Poole & Tenna Anderson volunteered Friday & Saturday, thanks for hawking those tickets and promoting Abate of Ohio and the MRF. Thanks to all my other volunteers (Bob, Chris, Kevin, and Barb) for the weekend. Thursday Bob and I set almost everything up with the help of one of my Motorcycle Ohio Instructors. Many hands make light work. I rented a golf cart, had food, and water for all to partake in. Hope you all had fun. We got to talk to a lot of people and sold a decent amount of Raffle Bike tickets for Abate of Ohio Foundation.



Remember MOTM Meeting of the Minds is coming up September 26<sup>th</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup> in St Louis. It is a time to meet up with all your counterparts from all over the US. It is like a charging station that you plug into for the next year. I will be there and hope you will be too!

Please take 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. 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 October.....

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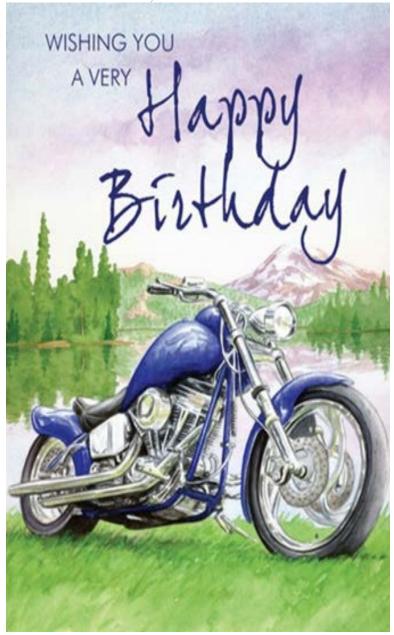
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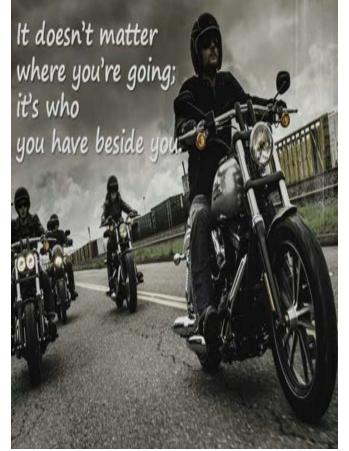






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### HIGH SPEED WOBBLES AND WHAT TO DO

Many of us have been there and the wobble usually catches us unaware.

Then the tank slapper happens. The sound of the semi's air brakes confirms you are in trouble. Here are rules for avoiding disaster - or worse. If you find yourself in a full-blown wobble, immediate action is required. Experiencing a high-speed wobble is one of the most frightening events of motorcycle riding. If you find yourself in the midst of a wobble, try this for salvation:

- 1. Securely hold the handlebars. Do not try to manually correct the wobble; that can make it worse.
- 2. Reduce Throttle: Gradually release the throttle, halting any further acceleration. Given that these wobbles happen at higher speeds, accelerating would intensify the wobble.
- 3. Avoid Braking: Continue slowing down by easing off the throttle but refrain from hitting the brakes as this can cause the bike to wobble more intensely. Reducing speed gradually is typically the safest way to get control of the wobble.
- 4. Shift your weight over the gas tank. Try leaning forward so that your weight is over the gas tank which puts more weight onto the front wheel. This helps to stabilize the motorcycle when it is wobbling. The engineers claim that the wobble is caused by too much speed and not enough weight. This position helps the motorcycle's aerodynamics and hopefully reduces the wobble. Pull over once the motorcycle stabilizes. Then navigate to the side of the road and stop. Check your bike for any damage that may have been the cause. You are now a veteran of the wobble. **RULES FOR AVOIDING A CRASH**

**Practice with that new bike.** If you just recently purchased a motorcycle, you may be itching to get that ride out on the road. Always take the time to practice with your new bike. With practice you will learn the instincts that could save your life like helping you make a split-second decision to veer, break, or accelerate away from an accident.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 1/3 of motorcycle operators killed in a crash are not properly licensed. This means that many of these riders operate motorcycles without the necessary training.

An intersection is the room where it will happen. Intersections are lethal road hazards for motorcyclists, as they're the usual spot for motorcycle crashes. 40% of all motorcycle accidents occur because a driver took a left directly in front of the motorcyclist's path. Often, the driver claims not to see the motorcycle or judge its speed. So, they pull out in front of you. Knowing this, prepare for that left turn at all intersections. Ready on the brake! Because that is the room where it will happen.

**No Alcohol.** Forty three percent (43%) of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve alcohol. This should go without saying, but don't ever drink and ride outside your rules. Doing so greatly increases the chances that the ride will end poorly and prematurely since alcohol impacts your reflexes, judgment, and riding behavior.

Target Fixation and no Excess Speed. Drivers, especially inexperienced drivers, encounter a common phenomenon known as target fixation. In other words, riders see and fixate on a specific object or obstacle in the road—like another vehicle parked on the side of the road—and then are unable to react or steer away from it. The eye is drawn to movement. So, when we see something we wish to avoid, our eyes tend to fix on that object, which can cause a rider to unintentionally steer towards it. To prevent this look ahead and focus on where you want to go. Keep your eyes moving, look for your riding path, and then steer the bike to that point. In other words, look ahead or if you look down you will go down. And always run the speed limit and with the traffic.

### THEY HAD MY BACK - THANK YOU TO ABATE LEGAL

We wanted to say thank you as our car insurance company was taking advantage of us after a no-fault accident. We dropped Rod's name during a discussion with them and the problem was resolved within an hour. You must be famous! - Lisa and Darrell Best

ALL ABATE MEMBERS - Feel free to drop my name anytime! - Rod

### GEORGE TINKHAM, THE THOMAS JEFFERSON OF MROS

I met George T. over a quarter of a century ago and we have practiced law together for many years. Brutally honest and brilliant, no lawyer was better equipped to create the organizational elements of the modern MROs. He was a founder and creator of what we see at A.B.A.T.E. OF IL-LINOIS and has advised and nurtured scores of motorcycle organizations throughout his life. He invented the chapter basis that many MROs use today (he was worried about lawyers suing us and decided he would make them pick off a Chapter at a time). He has been decorated with just about every motorcycle award possible, including the highest award presented by A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS. And he has served as the de facto general counsel to scores of ABATE organizations.

George bleeds motorcycle fuel and knows just about every biker song, movie and the words/lines thereto. He even put together a listing of each of the above. He is the real thing when it comes to riding. His garage is full of just about every motorcycle on anyone's top ten list, including a Honda 160 (with original tires) which sits next to an WWII Indian drive shaft propelled model, which is next to the Italian collection. His favorites - the Harleys - are out front. When he gets bored with his collection, he retreats to the Tinkham family farm and motorcycle shop owned by his brother. The world of motorcyclist rights would not be the same without him. If your motorcycle broke down miles from anywhere, George T. is the man you want to be there with you. What a lucky day it was when he came the motorcyclists' way.

## MARVELS OF MARVEL MYSTERY OIL - A SECRET MUST FOR MOTORCYCLE WINTER STORAGE

I know it is only September, but the cold is on its way. When it gets so cold out you know you will not be riding for a while, get a quart can of Marvel Mystery Oil. Pour almost the whole can in the gas tank (save about 4-6 tablespoons for later), and then fill the tank up completely with fuel. The Marvel Mystery Oil will act as an upper cylinder lubricant. (This stuff has been around since the 30s, and I still don't know how it works. Air cooled airplane engines love the stuff. And we all know that the airplane guys got the idea for aircraft engines from us motorcycle guys. If you want to unstick some valves or lubricate sticking valves, this stuff works like magic. Paul Romine, the guy who remanufactured Ford engines for Ford in the Midwest and a NHRA Champion, swears by the stuff, and that's enough for me. -Rod)

Remember that 4-6 tablespoons of Marvel Mystery Oil we held in reserve? Now comes the time to use it. Pull the spark plugs out of the engine, pour a tablespoon of Marvel Mystery Oil in each cylinder, and turn the engine over by hand several revolutions to spread the Marvel Mystery Oil around the cylinder walls. Reinstall the spark plugs. Simple steps like these will keep your bike ready for this spring and many more to come! Especially if you own a shovel.

### PEO-TAZ COMMENTS ON ABATE LEGAL - SHE CAN CALL HIM "BACK PAY" ROD

Dear Rod, I contacted you some time ago about my long-term disability. It was not the Social Security Office but the insurance company from my previous employer. I have been disabled for over 20 years. And although I was used to having it periodically reviewed, this time around was a nightmare. Having someone else confirm my suspicions, that I was dealing with an overzealous new person who was probably getting incentive to cancel people was more than comforting.

After terminating my payments, I did ask for an official review. I jumped through all the hoops (metaphorically of course). Even so far as to go out of state for an independent medical review. Which took all of about 20 min for him to confirm what should have been obvious. Thank you so much for your advice and encouragement. Your call just to check and see how things were going, meant more than I can put into words.

I am happy to say that they have reversed the termination. I told you at the seminar I was just waiting on the money. Yesterday, they paid me my back-pay. Thank you again for all your help and thank you for lunch once again at the seminar. A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois member.

Ride Safe.

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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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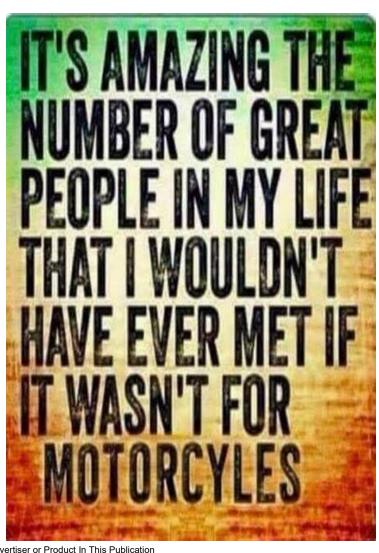












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- Protecting street motorcyclists from unfair or burden some federal agency restrictions and regulations
- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling 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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