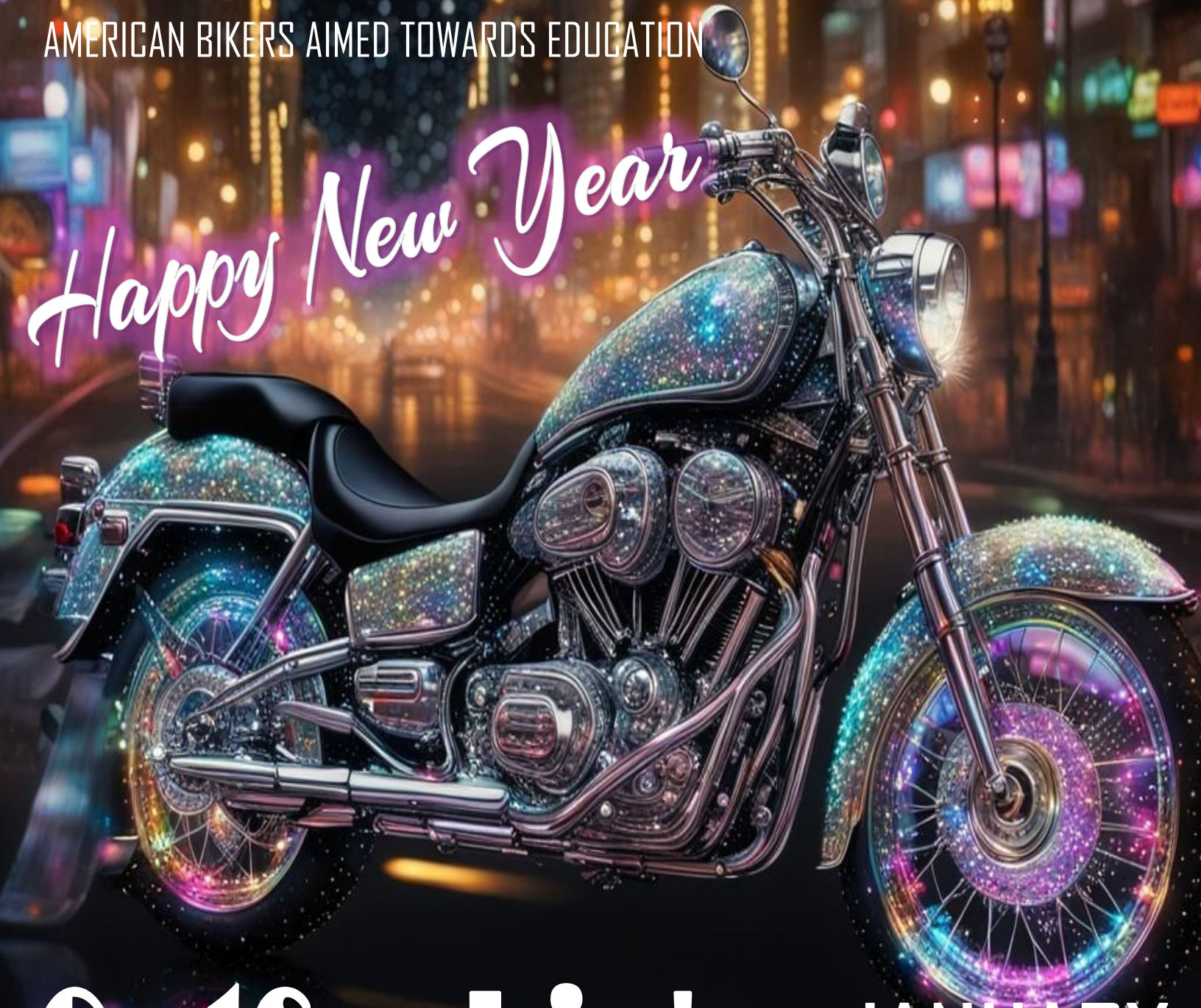


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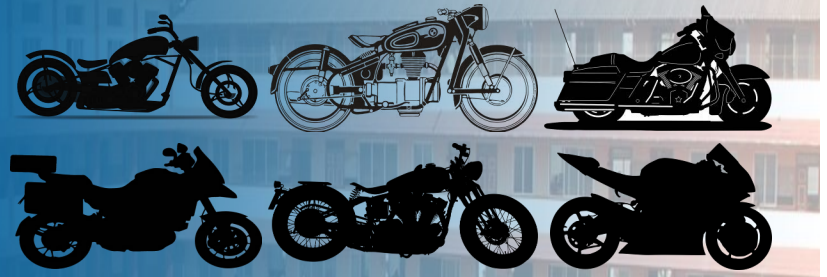
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ed Schetter



I just had to hang a 2025 calendar on the wall and yes I still look at a wall calendar and in a few days I'll have to start writing 2025 on the top of checks. We will have a new legislature to work with and a group of officers to get the work done (and a few recycled ones) at all levels of ABATE. This is kind of a time to start anew if you will.

With the seating of the 136th general assembly here in the great State of Ohio comes a new set of goals and challenges. Maintaining and strengthening the relationships we have developed in the past. Developing new relationships with those who will stand with us in the future, these are necessary to increase our numbers and replace allies that are no longer in the legislature by their choice or by the choice of others. Working with other like minded organizations to further motorcycling here in the great state of Ohio and Nationwide.

ABATE of Ohio had some big victories in 2024. Ohio is leading the fight for choice when it comes to how you power your motorcycle and Ohio finally had a Right of Way Bill introduced (Thank you Lionman.) Everywhere I went and met with other freedom fighting bikers: DC, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Missouri, California and more, the message has been the same. Work together for a common good. It doesn't matter how you ride: club, independent or some other way. It doesn't matter what you ride: sport bike, electric or cruiser; American, British, or metric. It matters that you ride.

We also face the challenge of introducing new legislative action and reintroducing the bills we have not been able to get passed. Let's hit the ground running from the beginning and see how far we can advance motorcycling with the 136th general assembly. We have a lot of work to do.

Thank you to all who stepped up and took a leadership roll for 2025 in ABATE of Ohio Inc. We had some big changes last year. I look forward to working with all of you on our quest for freedom in motorcycling. We have the best and most dedicated membership of any organization I've ever worked with. Let's spread the passion for motorcycling that we feel and increase the membership to the numbers we deserve.

I look forward to seeing everyone at seminar (I'm sure there is more info in this newsletter.) If you want to hear me ramble on I'm sure someone will stick a microphone in my hand there or I'm sure there will be many a conversation over a cold malted adult beverage. Look out 2025 here we come.

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SAFETY EDUCATION

Hello from the Safety & Ed Director Desk,

We are continuing to move forward with plans for a Motorcycle Advisory Council here in Ohio. I am so proud and excited to help get this off the ground with Michele Piko from Motorcycle Ohio and Bob Davis with the AMA. It is a great feeling when you can all work together towards a common goal of making the roads safer for motorcyclists and work towards lowering the fatality rate here in Ohio. It is our goal to form a Motorcycle Safety Working Group with approximately 8 of MO's (Motorcycle Ohio) stakeholders. This group will be assisting in creating the motorcycle strategic plan for the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). As of now our recommendations for the group are: ODOT, OSHP, AMA, Abate of Ohio, MRF, Driver Training, BMV, Military Representative, and MSF.

Our plan is to meet quarterly and then meet with all stakeholders as we do now once a year. Michele is working on formal administration approval, then she will be reaching out to formally invite those mentioned above.

The old saying that it takes a village to raise a child holds true for this as well. It will take a village but together we can initiate change here in the great state of Ohio. The other news for this year is the 2nd Ohio Traffic Safety Summit! It will be held on May 19th & 20th, 2025 back at the The Ohio Union at OSU. Last year was the first and it was well received, and I am hoping we can get at least a couple breakout sessions for motorcycles this year. Last year there was one. My only sadness about all this is that it conflicts with Bikers Inside the Beltway at the same exact dates. Lastly, we have the Abate of Ohio State Seminar coming up January 31st through February 2nd, 2025. We always have a great time and Embassy Suites is a beautiful hotel. Remember every room has a living room and a bedroom, so if you have a friend, you can split the room cost and it makes it VERY affordable to you! Ed, Kay, and Kolman have been working hard on the seminar so PLEASE plan to attend, you will have fun and learn something!!

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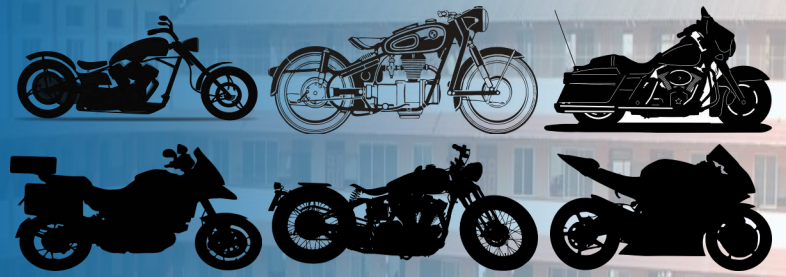


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Well, the elections are over, and ABATE of Ohio Inc. is making contact with new legislators to inform them of who we are and what we do. We have reached out to those who were re-elected to congratulate them and to reaffirm our connections with them. Our legislative successes, such as HB 653, will have to be reintroduced after the new congress has been seated.

Once this is completed, we will inform you of the new bill number so that you can call your state legislators to inform that that you want this bill passed.

So take a deep breath and relax a little bit. Enjoy time with family and friends and enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year's celebrations. And then get ready to jump in and continue with our fight to ride and/or drive what we want when we want to and to ride free from government mandates. Remember that the officers can't do it alone. We need all of you, the core of motorcycle freedom fighter's, to make our goal become reality.

I hope you had a positive 2024 and that your 2025 is beautiful!

Lion Man





Hello MRF Members & Future Members!

Happy New Year 2025!

I am confident going into this new year that the new administration who takes office on the 20th will work hard to correct the past issues plaguing this country.

The following excerpt was from the MRF on December 6th, 2024:

The final breakdown of the US Senate will be 53 Republicans and 47 Democrats. The House will also have a slim margin, with 220 Republicans and 215 Democrats. Complicating these margins in 2025 (2) Republican Senators and (3) house Republicans will be leaving to assume positions within the Trump Administration. Those 5 seats will be filled with appointments by Governors in the case of the senate and special elections for the house seats.

We have a lot of work to do introducing the MRF and our legislative priorities to these new lawmakers.

You can help us meet these new legislators by joining us in Washington, D.C. for Bikers Inside the Beltway on May 19 & 20, 2025. In January the MRF website will have updates on registration and travel details. We need bikers to show up, be seen and be heard!

Breaking News from December 2024:

CARB Withdraws Electric Motorcycle Plan – December 6th, 2024 Washington DC

In a dramatic move, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced they would not be proceeding with the proposed standards requiring half of all new motorcycles sold in the state to be electric within the next decade. In a statement, CARB said, "the proposed amendments to on-road motorcycles (ONMC) emission standards and test procedures and adoption of new provisions relating to ONMC's have been withdrawn."

This is a MAJOR victory for those who believe consumers should be free to choose whatever engine type they want. This move to withdraw the proposed plan comes after two hearings, one in January and one in October on this topic were cancelled.

The MRF is pleased by CARB's decision to withdraw a plan to mandate the sale of electric motorcycles.

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!! If you sign up online, please write my name in "referred by".

In closing, be safe & educated!!!

Till February.....

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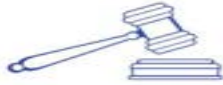
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greatly for the support, wisdom, encouragement and advice!

Meeting current and gaining new members shows there is a pulse of liberty seeking like minded people in our part of Ohio. We aim to reach out and find many new members soon with the help of Ed to remind people of all the causes we stand, believe and fight for. This quote was read off during the meeting and I would like to leave it here for you all to enjoy.

"Freedom is not defined by safety. Freedom is defined by the ability of citizens to live without government interference. Government cannot create a world without risks, nor would we really wish to live in such a fictional place. Only a totalitarian society would even claim absolute safety as a worthy ideal, because it would require total state control over its citizens' lives. Liberty has meaning only if we still believe in it when terrible things happen and a false government security blanket beckons."

- Dr. Ron Paul

In these coming months, we in region 10 wish you all a safe (and hopefully ride filled) winter! We will see you all at the state seminar!

- Terry Wiseman Jr

region 8

ABATE of Ohio Region 8 participated in Christmas Parades in Dover and Carrollton this holiday season. Thank you for promoting motorcycle rights, safety and education in Region 8.



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FLY AND RIDE OR TIE AND RIDE - NATCHEZ TRACE

Long before the Fly and Ride Program that made motorcycling across the country easier, long ago, others had an idea that made traveling the Natchez Trace workable.

Back in the 1820's Midwesterners needed to haul the corn crop to New Orleans. Economy required that the corn crop would be distilled (easier to transport) so they would flat boat the current of the Ohio and Mississippi all the way at about 4-5 mph. Steering away from the shoals and other water hazards. Once in New Orleans, these whiskey pioneers would sell the flat boat for scrap. As an aside many buildings in New Orleans were built using flat boat timber from Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. Most hiked back to the Midwest taking the Natchez Trace, which runs from Natchez to Nashville Tn. and is still the perfect motorcycle run. During the depression, the WPA tackled the road and turned it into a national treasure. No large vehicles or semis are allowed. Just passenger cars, small trucks and of course motorcycles. It is one of those roads you need to ride before you die.

Back to the story of "Tie and Ride". Rather than walking back to Illinois, Indiana, or Ohio some would pony up for a mule or donkey and split the bill. One would start out riding the mule/donkey and would soon be far ahead of the walker. The deal was - at noon the rider would tie up the mule/donkey and start walking. When the first walker reached the tied-up mule he would ride until he caught the walker that tied the mule. At nightfall the travelers would camp for the night, have supper, and start the "tie and ride" all over again the next day. Hence the term "tie and ride".

Have wondered if one of the Harley execs knew the history of the Natchez Trace and just modernized it to 'fly and ride'?

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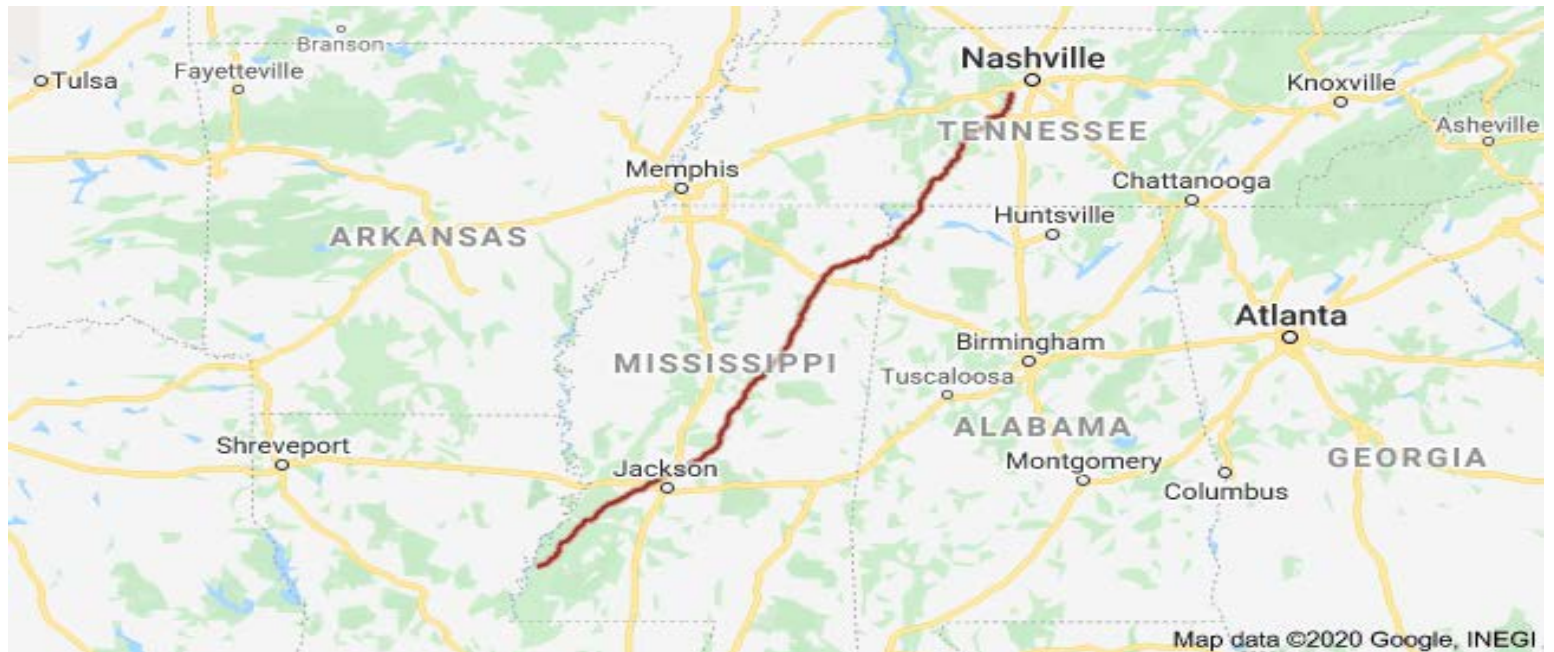
444 fabulous miles and no commercial traffic. That means no semis, no billboards, no lawyer advertising, no power lines, no road alligators, no crossroads to get hit in - just pure backroad riding for 10 hours at 50 mph. Plan on two days and if you are heading south, start in Nashville and if you are heading North start in Natchez.

If you want food or a hotel you have to get off the Trace, there are no gas stations or convenience stores. Some of the restaurants are famous and good. Fried chicken is the best-ever and the barbeque is a close second. You can visit a cypress swamp with real alligators - not the road kind. Windsor Ruins is a treat, and the old town of French Camp is a step back in wonder. Stop in Tupelo and pay your respects to the birthplace of Elvis. Morgan Freeman's place is just off the Trace and stopping in Vicksburg is a must as it was a key battle during the Civil War. The town reigns as a crown jewel for southern style cooking. If you are a biscuits and gravy person, you might not leave. And you can visit the stand where Meriwether Lewis of Lewis and Clark fame shot himself. Once you get to Natchez you might as well head on down to New Orleans following the Great River Road. Almost Heaven.

MAP OF THE TRACE IS NEXT PAGE

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Q. As a board member of a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that raises money for injured bikers, are board members liable for injuries that occur during the event? ABATE of Illinois member.

A. Good question. Normally Board members would be immune from lawsuits concerning an incident involving the charitable corporation. But make sure that the charitable organization is acting like a corporation and complying with its legal requirements.

Most states including Illinois, Indiana and Ohio provide immunity to those who serve on charitable boards. Otherwise, the fear of personal liability would deter many from serving worthwhile causes. As an aside most homeowner insurance policies provide coverage when a board member is sued personally. So, call your insurance agent to check for coverage. If your insurance agent says you don't have coverage - consider getting another insurance agent. At least call your agent and inquire if you have coverage, and if not can you get it? It should be dirt cheap as there is little exposure to the insurance company. - Rod

QUESTIONS AS TO TRAILER LIABILITY

Many ABATE/MRO'S own trailers that are used for ABATE/MRO business only, but many do not own towing vehicles. The concern is, how ABATE should handle potential liability when it is alleged that the trailer was a cause of an injury/crash. Most MRO's maintain trailer tires, lights, brakes and the like and are responsible if there is a failure of those items that causes a problem. Meaning if there is a failure, your organization could get sued. Usually the insurance policy of the volunteer towing vehicle for ABATE provides primary coverage for any occurrence alleging a malfunction of the trailer, but a key issue is – how much coverage? If the driver has the state minimum, that may be woefully inadequate to take care of serious injury/significant property damage. You know – like the investment banker in a 300k Ferrari.

I recommend the following: 1. Maintain an ABATE/MRO policy that prohibits non-ABATE/MRO use. In other words, the trailer is not loaned out for use by others. 2. Establish minimum limits of insurance policy coverage for those who tow the ABATE trailer and to provide evidence of this coverage (a copy of the Declaration Page of the policy is fine).

3. Make sure that the General Liability Policy of ABATE/MRO provides excess coverage above the limit of the towing vehicle. If it doesn't, your MRO is exposed and your MRO should investigate the cost of acquiring such a policy. If you can't afford one, then require higher limits for your volunteer tow vehicles.

PLUMB AND SQUARE AND LEVEL? – NOT IN THE WORLD OF MOTORCYCLING WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GET TO THE EDGE - JAY JACKSON

Q. The other day a semi came up behind me and passed me a little too close for comfort. The wind blast pushed me off the road onto the shoulder. Since I am a long-time biker, I was ready for a change in pavement. What I wasn't ready for was the sharp drop-off between the highway and the shoulder. The highway department had replaced the pavement and milled the top layer of the shoulder. Creating a three-to-four-inch drop from the highway surface to the shoulder. When I attempted to climb back onto the roadway, the bike got caught on the lip resulting in loss of control. What is the best way to climb uneven pavement on a motorcycle? ABATE OF INDIANA member.

A. No doubt that trying to get over a raised pavement is difficult. Often the best thing is to stop, wait until there's a break in the traffic, and slowly bring the bike back onto the roadway. Come at it at as close to a 90-degree angle as possible. The closer you are to going straight at it, the better the bike will climb the drop-off. Conversely, the closer you are to paralleling the drop-off, the more likely you are to catch the wheel on the drop-off and dump the bike.

Jay Jackson, Executive Director – ABATE OF INDIANA, suggests some good ways to handle similar situations. He notes that the Motorcycle Safety Foundation recommends a process for going over objects that we are unable to avoid by stopping or going around. You must determine if it is possible to surmount the obstacle. You should be able to ride over a two by four from a contractor's truck, but obviously that won't work with a sofa that fell off a furniture truck. You want to approach the object at an angle as close to 90 degrees as possible. If you don't have your protractor handy, just try to contact it close to square. Control your path of travel by looking to where you want to go. Look well ahead and toward your escape route, don't look down or at the obstacle. If it is that important, go back and look at it after you've gotten over it and parked.

Jay also says to use a specific method to surmount the obstacles. Rise slightly off the seat. Keep your knees bent and against the tank. Bending your knees has them working like shock absorbers and allows the motorcycle to move beneath you without bouncing your feet off the pegs. Roll on the throttle. A slight bit of acceleration just before the obstacle, combined with shifting your weight to the rear, will lighten the front wheel to provide for more travel in the suspension. When the front tire contacts the obstacle, roll off the throttle. Now you can breathe again.

Once you've gotten back on the road, you should do a couple of more things. The first is to inspect your bike and then contact your ABATE Legal Services team and report the hazard. As you know by now, the Legal Service team maintains a website, <https://www.roadhazard.org>, to track these problems and report them to the proper authorities. Our experience has been that once the government entity is on notice, the hazard gets corrected quickly.

GOOD HEARTED NEIGHBORS? FINAGLING FOR MY INHERITANCE – REMEDY

Q. My mother lives out of state and has been assisted in her activities by the next-door neighbors. My mother has a will that leaves her estate (not large, but a nice chunk of change) to her children and grandchildren, but I recently found out that she may be attempting to change her will to leave her estate to the next-door neighbors. What can I do to prevent her from doing that? ABATE OF OHIO MEMBER.

A. Unless you want to take drastic measures, there's not much you can do to prevent someone from changing a will. Any competent person can execute a will, so unless you can have your mother declared legally incompetent, you can't prevent the execution of a new will. There are alternatives. A will can be disregarded by the court if there has been "undue influence" with your mother during the drafting of the "new" will. That is, if your mother was being manipulated or coerced into changing the terms of the will or the beneficiaries of her will. If you can produce evidence that your mother was being unduly influenced by her neighbors to change her will, then the court may throw out the "new" will and probate your mother's "old" will. But that usually involves litigation and is an uncertain and expensive process. I suggest your mother needs more attention and love.

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NATIONAL NEWS

CARB Withdraws Electric Motorcycle Plan

December 6, 2024 - Washington DC

Friday, in a dramatic move, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) announced they would not be proceeding with proposed standards requiring half of all new motorcycles sold in the state be electric within the next decade. In a statement, CARB said, "The proposed amendments to on-road motorcycles (ONMC) emission standards and test procedures and adoption of new provisions relating to ONMCs have been withdrawn."

This is a major victory for those who believe consumers should be free to choose whatever engine type they want. This move to withdraw the proposed plan comes after two hearings, one in January and one in October on this topic were canceled.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is pleased by CARB's decision to withdraw its plan to mandate the sale of electric motorcycles. MRF President, Kirk "Hardtail" Willard stated, "It's nice to see policymakers admit a mistake and withdraw a plan that was flawed from the outset." He also added a note of caution, "Let's remember CARB reserves the right to adjust, amend and resubmit similar plans like this in the future. We won a battle, but the war rages on. We must stay vigilant, in defense of the internal combustion engine."



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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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