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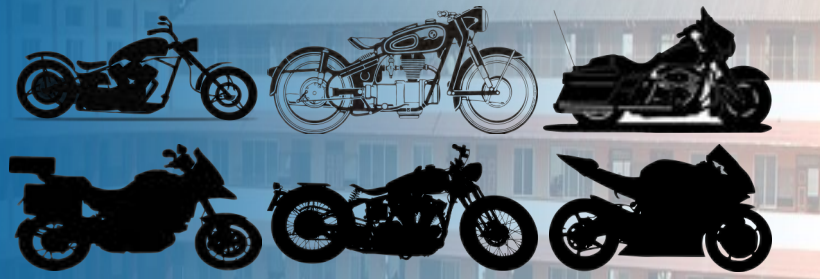
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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Kolman Fuzy



Hello all ABATE members,

It's hard to believe that the time to write another article has come , but here it is. We had our first board meeting with me at the helm and I'm pleased to report that no animals were harmed in the making of the meeting. Seriously, I would like to thank the board of directors for taking time out of their day to travel to Columbus to take care of ABATE business. It was a productive meeting. Thanks again to everybody at the regional and county levels who have assumed officer positions as well. I have finally gotten my chair of board e-mail issues resolved as far as access is concerned. Now I have to learn how to navigate my way through the various ways to get what I need to accomplish done. I am technologically challenged. Thanks to all of you who have helped me out in this area. And I am starting to plow my way through a backlog of emails. I'm coming across contacts from members regarding various topics. To all of you who have emailed the chairman of the board e-mail address, I apologize if you have not received a response, but I'm working on it. If your situation has been resolved, a response, however tardy, will at least let you know you have not been ignored.

While navigating my emails I came across an e-mail from a life member who had been inactive for a period of time but would like to become active again. It made me wonder - what kind of member are you? Are you active? Do you go to meetings? If you go to meetings, do you participate? Or do you just absorb what is happening. I realize everyone has things going on in their lives but ask yourself, is there anything I can do to strengthen the organization and help it in the fight to preserve motorcycling as we know it? If you live in an inactive region, you can still be involved. It might take a little effort but reach out to me or any ABATE officer and we can help you out. An excellent source for the ABATE officer roster is the OutSpokin', our newsletter, which is available at www.ABATE.com. Inside the first couple of pages, there's a list of all the ABATE officers. Reach out to any one of us. We can point you in the right direction. Speaking of inactive regions, we are making efforts to get them up and running.

As the official riding season is fast approaching, get your motorcycles ready to go and maybe consider taking a Motorcycle Ohio refresher course to hone your riding skills. Go out and practice your low speed moves and your high speed braking. Don't forget about the Awareness Rally (May 3rd). It will be a modified version this year but it is still happening.

Check out the ABATE website - www.ABATE.com and the ABATE Facebook page for info as soon as it becomes available. The OutSpokin' also has valuable information about upcoming events and what is happening in the organization. Please check it out.

There are certainly many more things that I can write about but that will be for another article. In the meantime, I hope you all stay safe and healthy. Get out and enjoy the better weather coming our way, and ride, ride, ride!

Respectfully submitted

Kolman Fuzy

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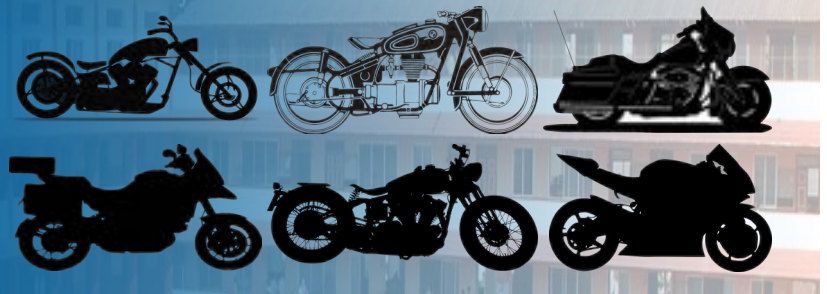
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ed Schetter



The weather's getting warmer and I'm seeing more and more bikes on the road, mine included. Remember people in cars have gotten a little rusty on their ability to look for us. That is those that developed the skill in the first place. Give them a little more time and space to see you and remember our skill may have gotten a little rusty too. Make sure your "LOOK TWICE SAVE A LIFE" sign is properly displayed. If you don't have one or it needs replaced. Get ahold of us. I really don't want to spend time in the ER, Hospital or worse visiting my friends this year. I have also noticed in my riding around the state a lot of deer carcasses in the ditches off to the side of the roads. Deer season in 2024 did not bring in the expected harvest. SO, there are a lot more of those critters running around out there and Bambi doesn't "LOOK TWICE" and can't read the signs

This brings us to May being Motorcycle Awareness Month. Let's get out and get as many proclamations as possible this year. It puts us in contact with the local powers that be and that's where grass roots advocacy starts. The Awareness rally happens on May 3rd this year, we will be putting out a flyer soon so keep an eye out. We will be rallying at Ohio Brewing Company this year. Let's take all those proclamations to the State House and show how our local communities support motorcycle awareness. Let's remind the Government and the people of this great state what ABATE of Ohio is. We have a lot of work to get done this year. This is open to anyone, so bring a friend. If they're not an ABATE member, ask them why. We don't mind fighting for their freedom too, but a little help couldn't hurt. And back to Ohio Brewing for the After Rally Rally and see what Chris and the fine folks of Region 9 have in store. Rain or shine I'll see you there!

Enjoying the ride

Ed Schetter

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Editor's **NOTE**

I am not one to be at a loss for words, but apparently, I think better when I can't sleep. I know, keep a notepad by my bed, if I could just FIND a notepad and then there's that proverbial pencil!

Anyways, I just want to say that my first board meeting was very interesting and was run very well. Everyone was there for a common goal (besides the donuts) and that's "to monitor legislative activity in regard to laws affecting motorcyclists, especially those designed to limit our freedom of choice, and to encourage all members to become politically involved in order to effect positive legislation and deter that of a negative nature." A mouthful, I know, but that came directly from Google, couldn't have said it better myself. If you didn't start at the front of the magazine, go back and read Kolman's article. What kind of member are you? Active? Passive? Right now, we're just glad you ARE a member. And even non-members can access this publication. After all, it's on the 'interweb' it must be true. As for me, I'm off to find a notepad...

Donna Sam

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ABATE of OHIO

Region 16

Ashland, Holmes, Lorain, Medina, Richland, Wayne

Out of Hibernation Run

APRIL 26th

ABATE Region 16 is hosting its annual Out of Hibernation Run on April 26th, 2025
Starting at: American Legion in Holmesville (9150 State Route 83). Registration will start at
11:00AM. First Bikes will be departing shortly after.

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You are invited to attend the monthly meeting for Region 16 which occurs on the second Sunday of every month at 12 noon at the Wooster Muddy's.

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SAFETY EDUCATION

Hello from the Safety & Ed Director Desk,

Hopefully Donna can load the "Safe Communities List" into the OutSpokin'. If she cannot, contact me and I will get you your Regions list of counties. I really was very serious about every Region reaching out to the Safe Communities in your counties. They are a great resource that we can work together with! Get our name out there!!!!

By the time you read this I will already have attended a Safe Communities meeting in Stark County. By the way, I work about 48 hours a week and I must take off work during the day just to attend these meetings, but I do it because I believe in the cause!!!!!!!!!!!! Thank goodness I have an understanding employer.

The next Motorcycle Working Group meeting will be held at the Union at OSU on May 20th approximately 2pm. The first meeting was very successful, and I look forward to this one being even better.

By the Fall of 2025 we must come up with items to be included in Ohio's strategic highway safety plan. This happens every 5 years as it does on the Federal side. In our first meeting we hit on bullet points to elaborate on for the May meeting. Those points consisted of what is vitally important to motorcycle road users. Signage, road condition, other road users etc.

I feel privileged to be participating in this very important endeavor. My job as your State Director for Safety & Education is just that, to work at a State and local level for the safety of all motorcyclists across this great state.

With that being said, I need all your help as well. It can start with the Safe Communities across the state.

Example: I am going to Stark County Safe Communities Coalition meeting March 13th at 10am. It will be filled with OSHP, City, Twp, and Village Police, and the Stark County Sheriff's Department. Along with others relating to safety. I am going to try to get us to volunteer at the Stark County Fair in the Safe Communities booth. It costs money to get booths at the local Fairs but if we can volunteer to work at the booth with them, we can do it for no cost. This will get our name out and that is what we need to do!

I cannot do everything, and I need your help!

Be Safe – Stay Educated,

Sherry Hill

Safety & Ed State Director

Ohio Safe Communities

Ohio Safe Communities is a data-driven initiative to save lives and reduce injuries through collaboration among state, county and local partners. In FFY 2025 there are 42 county wide community-based programs. Each program has five primary goals:

1. Increasing seat belt usage
2. Increasing seat belt and impaired driving awareness
3. Increasing motorcycle safety awareness
4. Coalition building
5. Fatal data review

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Atrium Medical Center	Warren	Ann	Brock	ambrock@premierhealth.com	(513) 974-4713
Bethesda North Hospital	Hamilton	Sharon	Garry	sharon_garry@trihealth.com	(513) 865-1738
Bowling Green State University	Wood	Faith	DeNardo	faithy@bgsu.edu	(419) 372-2481
Clark County Combined Health	Clark	Maggie	Reuber	mreuber@ccchd.com	(937) 390-5600
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Mahoning County Sheriff's Office	Mahoning	Susan	Viars	susanviars.msc@gmail.com	(330) 747-8657
Medina County Health Department	Medina	Michael	Metcalf	mmetcalf@medinahealth.org	(330) 723-9688
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Pickaway County Public Health	Pickaway	Betsy	McGraw	bmcgraw@pchd.org	(740) 477-9667
Pike County General Health District	Pike	Heather	Legg	hlegg@pike-health.org	(740) 947-7721
Portage County Health District	Portage	Kylee	McCracken	kmccracken@portagehealth.net	(330) 296-9919
Portsmouth City Health Department	Scioto	Belinda	Leslie	belinda.leslie@portsmouthoh.org	(740) 354-8946
Safety Council of Southwestern Ohio	Butler	Aubrey	Woods	aubrey@safetycouncilswohio.org	(513) 423-9758
Sandusky County Public Health	Sandusky	Charlotte	Stonerook	cstonerook@scpublichealth.com	(419) 334-6377

Sidney-Shelby County Health Department	Shelby	Tia	Toner	tia.toner@shelbycountyhealthdept.org	(937) 498-1145
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Toledo-Lucas County Health Department	Lucas	Natalie	Haase	nhaase@co.lucas.oh.us	(419) 213-4143
UH Geneva Medical Center	Ashtabula	Sandy	Pulsifer	sandra.pulsifer@uhhospitals.org	(440) 563-3410
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Wyandot County Health Department	Wyandot	Callan	Pugh	cpugh@co.wyandot.oh.us	(419) 294-3852



REGION ZERO

Greetings fellow ABATE Region Zero members. I have just returned from Pickerington where the ABATE quarterly board meeting was held; it being my first as Director. Aside from the drive to the AMA Museum where the meeting was held, it was a very interesting meeting, and I really enjoyed putting faces to the many names I have seen and read about over the years. It was good to see and hear the items and issues the Board is currently working on to keep the organization healthy and strong. As far as local region news goes, don't forget to make plans to attend the March membership meeting (Sat. March 22) at CHC restaurant in North Jackson at 1:00 pm. Come early and order a good breakfast or other brunch items prior to the meeting and/or a drink from the bar if that's your cup of tea. We will be discussing and planning the 2025 events for the year any items of interest or concerns the general membership may have. Remember....this region is yours to command, we officers just try to steer it in the correct direction so we don't hit the rocks and sink the ship. Come help us on that journey. Until next time
Ride hard, Ride safe.

T A

Director, Region Zero

REGION 2

Hey we're back! Hello I'm Adam "Ace" Trembley and we went to the state board meeting in Columbus and requested to reopen Region 2. I'm happy to report they approved!

We will be looking for people to be involved "boots on the ground" and help bring Region 2 back to life. What we do sets the tone for motorcycle riders to be free to enjoy our passion, free from harassment while working within the law.

We will be looking to start having meetings in the near future. We would like to find locations and county coordinators for each country as well as regional officers, our strength comes from our numbers. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns @ adamtrembley74@gmail.com or call, my number is on the Regional Directors page.

Ride free and be safe!
Ace

REGION 8

Hello Everyone,

As Spring rolls in and Summer will soon be here, I want to invite everyone to Region 8's, upcoming events. Our April meeting will be April 6th at Whiskey Stop, in Louisville. The May meeting will be on May 4th at Stone Creek Bar, meetings start at 1:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Look Twice, Dice Run will be May 17th starting and ending at Vaughn's Pub in Bolivar. Registration at 11, first bike out at Noon. Last bike in at 5:30, come out for a nice ride, good food and music.

Get out and catch some wind, Ride safe.

Mike Poole
Director Region 8

REGION 10

Region 10 has alerted its members of its activity for the coming year! We are also making strides in gaining new members and creating awareness for our 6 counties. If you know anyone in the Fairfield, Vinton, Perry, Hocking, Morgan and Noble counties please let them know we want their support!

Let's get the dust off and keep the rubber down this riding season!

Terry Wiseman, Director



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REGION FOURTEEN

Hello Everybody,

Welcome to the riding season. Region 14's season usually begins January 1st. This year was an uneventful NYD ride on account of the weather. Also on account of the fact we're getting older and wiser. I believed we logged a whopping 70 miles. The famous Last Weekend in February ride was altered slightly. As the last weekend was pretty darn wicked this year we ran the Last Week in February. Highlights include the longest slow race in history. Although my math may need critiquing, all in all I believe we rode two hours under 20 MPH and one hour under 5 MPH. I have never seen I 65 with this wonderful assortment of accidents and other miscellaneous slowdowns. Hickman, the resident music aficionado, recognized a sign pointing to the sleepy little town of Pascagoula. This is where Ray Stevens lost his squirrel in the First Self-righteous Church. Though we didn't see Ray nor his rodent friend, we did find the church. (look it up)

Biloxi was warm and enjoyable, nestled calmly on the shore of the Gulf of America. So, if you're bored or just like the freedom to ride your 'motorsickle' the way you wish, join ABATE. ABATE helps ensure the "Man" must leave you alone without just cause, gives you the right to operate and maintain the pesky internal combustion engines, and gives you the freedom to keep those annoying lids off your head and in the closet where they belong.

Pete

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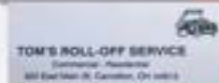
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Dunn Reintroducing REPAIR Act

February 26, 2025

Tuesday, Congressman Neal Dunn of Florida announced the introduction of the Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act or the “REPAIR Act,” a bill that would ensure vehicle owners have access to important repair and diagnostic data. Congressman Dunn introduced a previous version of this bill during the 118th Congress that garnered the support of 56 bipartisan cosponsors.



With this introduction, Congressman Dunn said, “American consumers deserve full control over their vehicle repair and maintenance data to ensure they can find the best service for their vehicle at a reasonable price. Unfortunately, vehicle manufacturers are standing in the way of American consumers accessing their own data to use the repair shop of their choosing, limiting consumer choice.”

He further added “Your vehicle belongs to you, not the manufacturer. I am introducing the REPAIR Act to provide a binding, workable solution to anti-competitive behavior in the auto repair industry to reaffirm consumer control over their vehicle maintenance data and empower them to work with repair shops big and small.”

The right to repair and modify your motorcycle is an important part of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) 2025 Legislative Agenda. The MRF looks forward to seeing the text of this latest bill. As we review this bill and others that may impact the Right to Repair, we will be mindful that this is a priority for bikers. Access to the parts, tools and technical information required to work on products you own is something all bikers should support. Our partners in the aftermarket and independent shop industries are key parts of the entire motorcycle ecosystem and their survival is crucial.

Stay tuned for potential calls to action at the federal level on the Right to Repair/Modify. Stay engaged back home, as state legislatures begin to examine Right to Repair/Modify laws across the country.

Stay vigilant!

Ride Safe and Ride Free

Read Congressman Dunn Press Release at:

<https://dunn.house.gov/2025/2/congressman-dunn-puts-vehicle-owners-in-the-driver-s-seat-giving-them-control-of-crucial-vehicle-repair-data>



It's Almost Spring Advocates Soon Flocking To DC

February 28, 2025

There are two clear signs that springtime is coming to Washington, D.C. The first is busloads of school kids making the trip to our nation's capital to learn about how the government works and visit museums and monuments. The second sign is long lines of people trying to enter the U.S. Capitol complex.

The U.S. Capitol is surrounded by six office buildings that house the 535 members of Congress and their staff. Every year, beginning in late February and running through June, those buildings are packed with government officials, tourists, lobbyists, and most importantly, citizen advocates. These five months are the "busy season" on Capitol Hill. This is when Americans from across the country visit D.C. to educate lawmakers about issues that matter to them.

While many groups and organizations visit Congress to advocate issues, few are more visible or beloved than motorcyclists. For 15 years, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation has conducted our "Bikers Inside the Beltway" event. During this time, the annual event has grown in size and scope, with bikers from coast to coast making the trek to D.C. to advocate for their fellow riders. It has become a day that congressional offices prepare for and embrace!

As we exit winter and look towards Spring, it's time to get fired up about the 16th annual Bikers Inside the Beltway! This year's event will be May 19th and 20th. Without question, these two days are the most impactful days we have as motorcyclist rights advocates!

The countdown is on. In just 80 days, bikers will take our message to Capitol Hill.

Spring is coming - are you coming to Bikers Inside the Beltway?

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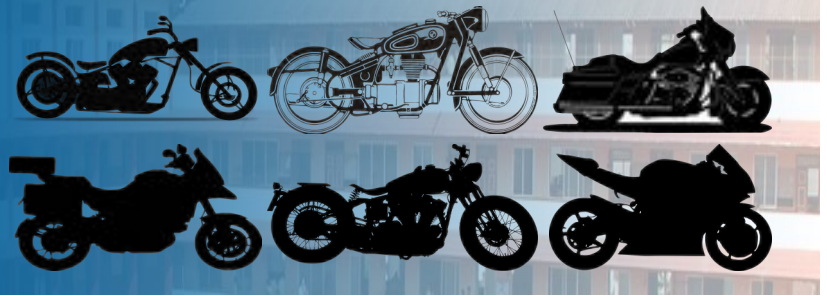
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LEGISLATIVE NEWS



We have joint sponsors for R.O.W. bill. If you are new to this information, then I will give you a brief summary of what the R.O.W. bill is all about. Basically, many people seem to be in too much of a hurry to look for motorcycles while they're driving, specifically when making left turns. Motorists are pulling in front of motorcyclists causing serious injuries or death. In Ohio, this offense is considered a minor misdemeanor with a penalty of \$100 - \$200!

We are attempting to rectify this injustice by increasing the penalties when serious injuries or death results from the motorist's negligent actions. We pushed for felonies especially when death occurs. Unfortunately, that was not accepted by the committee that writes the bills. But we were able to raise the penalties to a 1st degree misdemeanor.

Our goal with this legislation is to make people more aware that motorcyclists are out on the road and they need to look for us while driving.

Joint sponsors are important to identify the bill as nonpartisan which means both Democrats and Republicans support this bill. We should have a bill number by the end of March so in the next Outspoken we will notify you of that number, or you can check ABATE.com for more information. What we need you to do with this information is to call your local Representative and tell them you believe in this bill, and you would like to see it passed. Ask them to consider co-signing this bill and voting yes on it when it reaches the house floor.

We are also working on getting a bill introduced in Ohio that prohibits police profiling of motorcycle riders. This is happening but not openly talked about much. If you have had an incident of police pulling you over for some obscure reason or just pulling you over for no reason, if you see police running a motorcycle only check point or a checkpoint where every motorcyclist is getting checked, please contact me with this information. Help me, help you!

There are other issues that the state is considering working on and we will keep you informed of what we are doing. If you have any issues you would like us to work on, please contact me and we can talk about them.

Freedom is not free! We must fight for it and then fight to keep it! Let's get to work my fellow Freedom Fighters.

Lion Man





Hello MRF Members & Future Members!

This will be a very short article this month as there still is not a lot of movement from the new administration. Understanding that they are trying to get their footing, so hopefully soon we will see more things come down the pike.

Memberships are really lagging this season and this is not good. If you support ABATE, you should support the MRF as well. I encourage you to reach out to me and for \$35 dollars you can be a member of a great organization. A couple is only \$60 dollars a year. A Sustaining membership (Group or Region) is \$100.

I am looking into being able to afford to give a free T-shirt for every new membership. Would that entice you? It's my job to work hard at getting and retaining memberships. I feel it's worthwhile.

For our Regions that are trying to get started back up again, I can attend a meeting and speak about what the MRF is and does. Just reach out to me.

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 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!!!

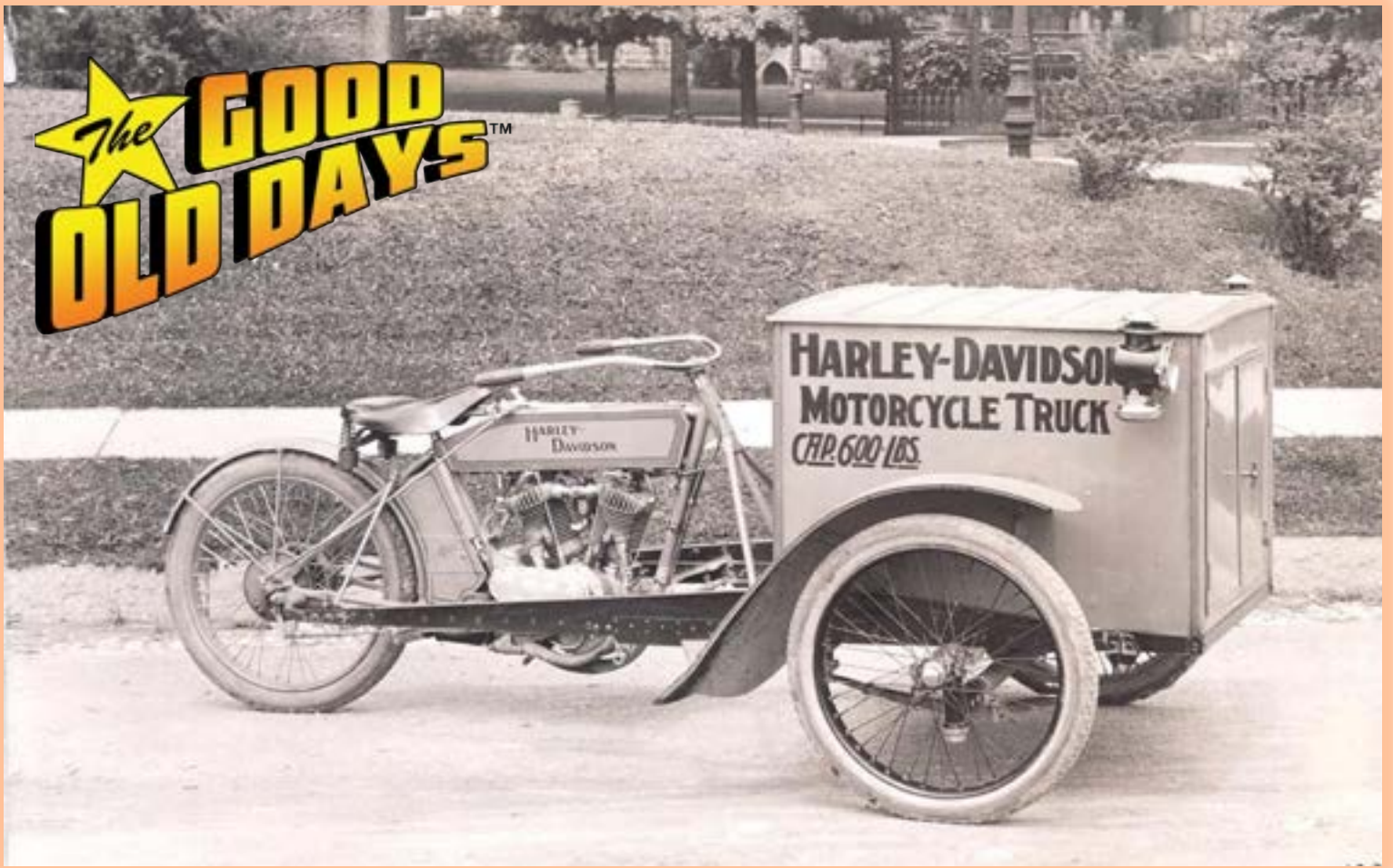
Till May.....

Sherry Hill, Ohio MRF Rep

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In the fall of 1912, Harley-Davidson engineers were just finishing up a new prototype dubbed the "Motorcycle Truck". This machine featured a unique two wheel front end with a cargo container nested between the front wheels. To power the motorcycle truck, HD engineers turned to the venerable V-twin motor, which had just undergone a major redesign the previous year. The V-twin was mated to a two-speed transmission which used a 5:1 ratio high gear and 10:1 ratio low gear. This new configuration allowed the motorcycle truck to haul 600 lbs of cargo in addition to a rider.

Harley chose to test the motorcycle truck in the winter of 1912-13 with the Milwaukee branch of the US Postal Service. Harley had previously fostered a strong relationship with the USPS, as their motorcycles were often used by rural mail carriers to travel rugged routes around the country. After successfully making it through the harsh Milwaukee winter, the motorcycle truck was put into production for the 1913 model year.

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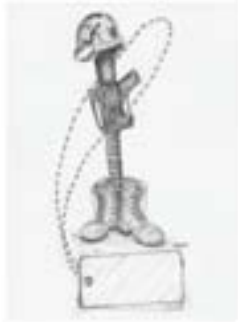
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THE SPARK

Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

Sat next to an ABATE member at the seminar who turned out to be inspirational. Michael Roberson from Richmond is the LINC Representative. His motorcycle friends surrounded him, but he didn't seem to know anything about motorcycles. And I wanted to know more about his involvement with motorcycles as the LINC REP. Here is how the questioning of Michael went. "So, Mike, how long have you been an ABATE member? Several years was the reply. You a Harley guy? No. What do you ride? Answer - I don't. What did you ride? Never rode. Did you take the ABATE Rider Course? No. Do you have a MC Endorsement? No.

This conversation was going nowhere. When I learned he was the LINC Rep and worked with Aaron Meyer on that well done effort, I thought I was on to something.

Somewhere in the conversation, he mentioned he admired bikers and the zeal of their cause. Like it was the "spark" that he was drawn to. Not the motorcycles - the "spark."

It dawned on me that this is the same reason that me and many others come year after year to the seminar. "For the spark". Thank you, Mike, for putting what we do in perspective. I needed that.

ABATE OFFICERS TEACH YOUR MEMBERS - IT IS YOUR JOB

At the seminar ABATE LEGAL presented information relating to UM/UIM (Uninsured/Underinsured) insurance and motorcyclists. That is insurance for the biker when the adverse person has little or no insurance. Many of us have been concerned about failures to effectively communicate the UM/UIM needs of our members. Here is my proposal for a fix.

Many motorcyclists do not have an understanding of their motorcycle insurance coverage needs. Bad results happen with a motorcycle crash involving an uninsured/underinsured adverse motorist. In some states, as many as 50% of drivers on the road are uninsured (treating underinsurance as no insurance for purposes of this article – for example, the state minimum in most states is not effective insurance and may be as little as \$25k). Try supporting your family and paying your bills with that when you are laid up in the hospital.

Significant numbers of our members do not even know the amount of the UM/UIM coverage they have on their motorcycle or even understand the need for that coverage. Our advice has always been to get as much UM/UIM coverage that you can. At the Seminar we argued that a motorcyclist should not care how much liability coverage they have for the other guy in the adverse vehicle. How often does a motorcycle do damage to a Mack truck or injure that driver? Due to a peculiarity in the law, your UM/UIM coverage is limited to the amount you carry for liability insurance. In other words, to get \$250,000/\$500,000 in UM/UIM coverage, you will need to carry \$250,000/\$500,000 coverage for your Bodily Injury & Property Damage Liability coverage for the guy in the Mack truck - a rip-off of motorcyclists. But it is the law.

At the seminar you saw us strike out the liability part (coverage for the guy in the Mack truck) of the insurance policy on the Declarations Page. The Declaration Page is a quick summary of coverage that is easy to understand. That page has all the information you need to know about your UM/UIM coverage in your motorcycle insurance policy. Recall I pointed to the Declarations Page for liability coverage for the other guy and crossed out that coverage as usually worthless. I then circled the UM/UIM portion on the DECLARATIONS PAGE. There you will find the amounts of coverage for UM/UIM. Quiz your members as to the amounts they have on their policy. You should do that at the next ABATE meeting. That coverage is critical to a motorcyclist and worth repeating.

As leaders of one of the most influential MROs in the country, you have a duty to inform. If you do your job, every one of our members should be able to retrieve the DECLARATION PAGE of their motorcycle insurance policy – and throw away the part they don't need – and point out the amount of their UM/UIM coverage. Recall we advised the seminar attendees to forget the rest of the policy - the multiple pages that even the lawyers never read. Even better throw those pages away as you most likely never need it. Save the DEC Page and teach them to memorize those numbers. If you find that you have the state minimum for UM/UIM, fire your insurance agent as he is not on your side.

SO HOW DO YOU DO YOUR DUTY AND EDUCATE YOUR MEMBERS? I PROPOSE AS FOLLOWS for your next ABATE Meeting:

1. Instruct all members to bring the Declaration Page of their motorcycle insurance policy to the meeting. The Declaration Page is easily identifiable. Usually is a single page with large lettering "Declarations" and is the first page of your policy - usually.
2. Quiz the front row at the meeting as to how much UM/UIM coverage they have on their motorcycle. You would be surprised as to the many who do not know.
3. Teach them to identify the amount of UM/UIM coverage they have. That should be found in the second paragraph of the coverage section and should be a minimum of \$250,000 per person and \$500,000 per incident. More if you can get it. Some companies will only offer \$100,000 per person and \$300,000 per accident. Fire that company and find one that will offer higher coverage. You may need it. AND IF YOU HAVE ONLY THE STATE MINIMUM - FIRE YOUR AGENT AS HE IS NOT ON YOUR SIDE.
4. Teach that the liability amount for the other guy is usually irrelevant in a motorcycle crash. No motorcyclist hurts a guy in a Ford 150.

SEAT BELT HELL FOR TRUCKERS?

Have you ever noticed a State Trooper standing on an overpass with binoculars aiming to tag those not wearing seat belts? Here is a case that shouldn't be. A long time ABATE member and a 40 plus year trucker with nary a traffic citation in millions of miles got one recently for not wearing a seatbelt. The officer gave him a choice - low cost fine (\$25) if he accepted the ticket or high cost fine (\$180) if he wanted to contest it. What's with that? Always thought requiring seat belts for truckers would be like requiring railroad engineers to wear seat belts.

This driver did want to contest the ticket as he was wearing his seatbelt. Didn't seem to matter to the officer that the seat belt was orange and the high visibility safety vest he was wearing (required by his employer) was orange, or that from the officer's point of view (on the overpass) he could not see the upper seat belt attach point because of the windshield tint and visor in the top part of the truck window. If he could have, he would have noticed the belt was being used.

The officer's parting comment was "who is the judge going to believe? Me or you? He knows me but he doesn't know you." This may be going to trial if the case is not dismissed. If so, the driver will bring a copy of his 40 year plus perfect driving record, and an enlarged photo of the seat belt with him wearing his orange safety vest. And a photo from the overpass showing that it is impossible to distinguish the orange seat belt from the orange safety vest especially thru a sun visor. Case over if there is justice in that court.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT IF YOU'RE ARRESTED

What do you do when the men and women in blue show up? We get many inquiries from parents, neighbors, and concerned friends about their rights and what to expect. The following tips should help:

- 1. When am I arrested?** You are arrested when officers deprive you of your freedom of movement in order to have you answer for an alleged crime.
- 2. The cops ask questions.** You have the right to remain silent. If you don't keep silent, anything you say can be used in court against you. If you start answering questions, you can stop at any time.
- 3. The cops detain me.** An officer can temporarily detain you to ask for identification and to get an explanation of your whereabouts. You can be subject of a search to ensure that you have no weapons if the officer believes you are armed. Once this detention is over, the officer must arrest you or let you go.

4. The arrest. Officers can make an arrest without a warrant if they witness the offense being committed. They can also make an arrest if they receive information from a credible person that (you) committed a felony and are about to escape.

5. How much force can they use? An officer is entitled to use reasonable force.

6. They want to search my house. An officer may conduct a search of the surroundings without a warrant. If you are in your home, they may seize stolen property, or evidence in plain sight. They may also check for accomplices. If you are in your car, they can search for weapons. But they may not conduct a broader search without a warrant.

7. The arrest. You are going to be taken to jail. There you may be required to participate in a lineup, give a hand-writing sample, give a blood or urine sample.

8. Bail. Bail may be set for your case, depending on the seriousness of the charge. If the charge is relatively minor, you may be released on your own recognizance.

TO ABATE LEGAL - RIDER SAFETY TRAINING EXPERIENCE - AN EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT

A reader reports: I participated in the ABATE Rider course in Indianapolis. I was hesitant to try something so new and extreme but found it to be an amazing experience. I would like to share what I gained from this experience that you, so generously, support. Before taking this class, I had no experience riding motorcycles, but sought to become a safe rider. With energy, enthusiasm, and some anxious nerves, I opened myself up for a long and exciting weekend. From the very start, I knew my instructors would make this the best experience I could ask for. They were thorough, patient, and enthusiastic about everything they taught me and my fellow students. With every step we took and skill we practiced, the instructors were by our sides guiding us, but also letting us learn how to do things ourselves. I not only enhanced my skills and knowledge about safe riding, but my confidence grew, too. The instructors saw that growing confidence and had me lead the group in activities to support it. I had such a wonderful weekend with my ABATE friends. I learned how to be a safe, efficient rider, but developed relationships and met friends, too. I cannot thank you enough for supporting such an amazing cause. Please continue to do whatever you can to keep the ABATE courses running so well. I would hate to see what would happen if the only means of learning safe riding was no longer in existence. Again, I thank you for your continued support!.....

Sincerely, an ABATE student

KELLY JACKSON IS THE ANGEL OF ORDER

Forgot to acknowledge Kelly at the Seminar. She is the one that keeps us orderly, happy and on schedule as an Administrative Assistant. We won't hold it against her that she is a Purdue grad and have to admit we could not do without her. Besides putting up with Jay and the two children that are clones of him, she has her hands full.

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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 burdensome 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



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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 globalization and harmonization that are proceeding under the United Nations and the World Health Organization.



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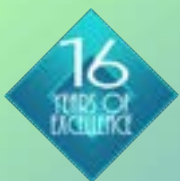
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