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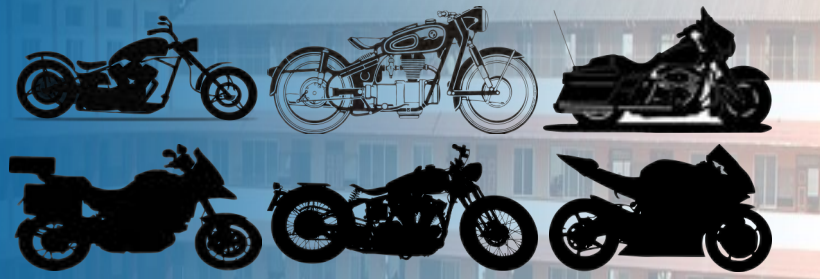
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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD Kolman Fuzy



Hello, fellow ABATE members:

As we all know, the weather is finally starting to break (albeit slowly). This of course means that those riders who put their motorcycles up for the winter will be putting them back on the roadways. This in turn means that ALL roadway must now concentrate on the presence of said motorcycles. The Awareness Rally is the key piece in the onset of the campaign "May is Motorcycle Awareness Month". As we all know, this is a life or death proposition for riders. Sadly, there have already been fatalities, as we continue the battle to be seen on the roads. Always assume you are invisible when you ride.

Being in an organization such as ABATE is akin to being in a relationship. Sometime you will not always get along or agree on things. Personalities may not mesh, perceived slights may escalate, and yes, sometimes punches may be thrown. The manner in which they are handled has an effect on the organization as a whole. When these situations arise, sometimes no thought is given to the impact on the organization and its goals. Unity of purpose is a key component of realizing our goals. We MUST remain united, or we will splinter and become ineffective. Minor pissing matches (or major issues) have to be resolved in constructive ways to avoid negative impacts on the organization.

After the Awareness Rally, the next important event is the Mike Stock Memorial Ride on the 17th. of May. Details in the OutSpokin'. After that, the Freedom Rally up in Region 8 in July. Details also in the OutSpokin'. Speaking of the OutSpokin', thank you to Donna Sam for her efforts in making it the outstanding magazine that she has made it. THANK YOU, DONNA!! I urge all members to read it, if you do not already do so. Lots of great content in there.

Thank you again to everyone who contributes to making ABATE as great as it is.

Kolman Fuzy

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THE FOUNDATION

Hey everyone,

We have this year's raffle bike and trailer all ready to go so if you have someplace to set it up at let me know and I'll work on getting it there. Some dates have opened up in May so let me know. Six packs of tickets have been mailed out to the members but if you need more contact me.

Thank you for all you do,

Tim Cordray

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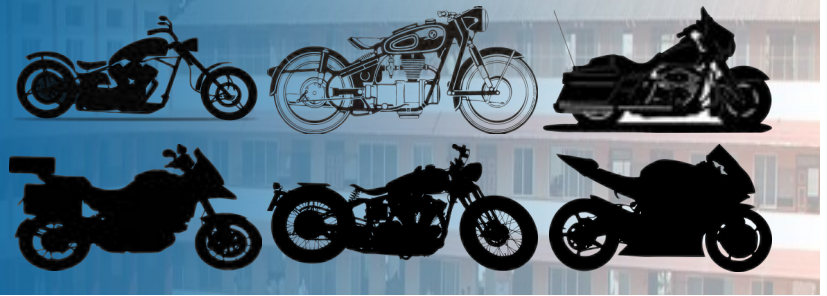
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BARREL HOUSE SALOON

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ed Schetter



Here we are going into May and after this Winter and Spring it will be nice to take a ride where I don't have to wear a snowmobile or scuba suit. Gearing up for a busy May.

We will kick it off with our annual Motorcycle awareness rally. I'm sure there is a flyer in this magazine somewhere for it. We will be getting an escort to the Statehouse again this year. Let's remind the state that we are back on the road. Thank you to Chris and his crew for all the help on this one. Remember, we are meeting at Ohio Brewing this year.

Then off to the NCOM Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi. Get together with the National Coalition of Motorcyclists and see what is going on all over this great country.

Then Mike Stocks Ride.

Then off to the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation Bikers Inside the Beltway. Watch as hundreds of bikers from just about every state descend on Washington DC and the task of visiting all 535 offices. We will be discussing issues important to the motorcycling community.

Then back to my home region (14) for the Memorial run.

Then we are into June and Ohio Bike week.

Guess I'll sleep in July (Maybe).

Back to May, it also brings us Memorial Day. When we need to pause and give thanks to not only those that gave it all to protect our rights, but also their families that have sacrificed so much in the absence of their loved ones.

I was following a car that I believed contained the parents of a U.S. Marine. It's either that or they enjoyed collecting and displaying U.S. Marine Corp scarlet and gold bumper stickers on their car. One of them really struck a chord with me. It read, "You Only Have The Rights Someone Decided Were Worth Fighting For." Wow, what a statement and so true.



All the freedoms we have are because someone laced up their boots to fight for them.

Then it becomes our job as a motorcycle rights organization and proud Americans to stand up and make sure that they are not taken away by the same government whose interests so many have served to protect. We cannot allow our rights to be nibbled away at. Quite the contrary, we must defend our rights while expanding them and regaining those which have been lost. Be ready when a call to action goes out. Some issues can be settled quickly and some take years of work. Let's not lose focus. Rights, education and safety are the reasons we are here. Yes, your Rights and Safety are my business.

Enjoying the ride

Ed Schetter

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Editor's *NOTE*



Just in case you don't know where you belong, you belong here. Don't forget, anyone with a computer and a mouse, or a phone and a finger, can access our magazine. Some might not know what region you could or should join so we're here to make it easier for you. Find out what county you're in, go back to page 2 and look up who to contact and voila'! You have new friends! Maybe next month we can get a little info from our State Membership secretary, Chris Winchester, and then you'll have another new friend.

Donna Sam

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Region 8

Dice Run



MAY 17, 2025

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On March 27th State Legislative Director Lionman Dodge and Executive Director Ed Schetter Were invited to the Office of State Representative Chris Glassburn to discuss issues important to the Riding Community. In this instance an aide to the Representative reached out to us to find out more about us and our issues. Thank you Rep. Glassburn. And while in Columbus we checked the status of other legislation we are working on.





SAFETY EDUCATION

Hello from the Safety & Ed Director Desk,

Thank you, Donna, for getting the list of Safe Communities locations into April's Outspoken. I have not heard from one person except my Safety & Ed Officer from Region 7. How can I explain that this is a FREE RESOURCE for all of us! As your State Director I can only do so much. I can bring it to you, but you need to drink it.

Again, I am asking ALL REGIONS to contact the Safe Communities in your region to see if you can work together for the common goal of making the roads safer for ALL OF US!

I will give you an example if you do what I ask of you this could happen:

I contacted Stark Safe Communities. I already went to a meeting in March. During the meeting they allowed me to introduce myself and discuss what ABATE is all about. I was asked to stay after the meeting and Laura Miller, who runs Stark Safe Communities, talked with me and we came up with having another meeting just about motorcycles. Thursday April 3rd, I went to the Sheriff's department and met with her, 3 OSHP Troopers, Sheriff Deputies etc. We came up with a plan to have MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH on May 2nd in Stark County (since we are on the edge of Summit County, we are inviting them as well). I secured the DJ for sound and the venue at Bair's Powersports. We will have our Sheriff open, then the OSHP Troopers will comment on last year's safety stats, and we are hoping for a Saved by the Helmet presentation through Motorcycle Ohio. Then I will go over all the training offered by Motorcycle Ohio and hopefully I can have a victim (ROW violation survivor) and one of our own who had an accident that was their fault. I want them to tell everyone what happened and why it happened. The OSHP Media Dept will do a media blast over all forms of TV, Radio, FB, Instagram etc to get the word out.

By the time you read this we will have had our day, but this is what Mike Stock, and I discussed last June. To have a media blitz from ALL regions at the same time. I will let you know how it goes.

Also, regarding Safe Communities I have already worked it out that ABATE will man the Stark County Fair booth under the grandstands every night of the fair, for FREE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I cannot thank Stark Safe Communities (Laura Miller), OSHP Canton, Stark County Sheriff's Dept and a host of others for coming together in a month's time to work saving motorcyclists' lives.

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Be Safe – Stay Educated

Sherry Hill

Safety & Ed State Director

REGION EIGHT SPRING FLING



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MARCH 2025



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REGION ZERO

Greetings Region Zero, I hope all is well with everyone and if not, I am wishing you the best get well soon wishes and speedy recoveries.

As April showers and springtime gets moving, we as riders all want to get out and let our trusted iron steeds stretch their legs, we must not forget to make our safety and maintenance checks to make sure the ride is fun and safe, not a surprise start to the new riding season. Motorcycle Ohio even offers a returning Rider course to help get the dust blown off of our skills and even reduce our insurance rates some. Every little bit helps nowadays.

As far as Region Zero goes, we are beginning to get our summer events planned and scheduled. We have several committees at work and look forward to some great and successful events; especially the Zip It Up dice run in October. It will be our 25th consecutive yearly run from Faces Lounge in Newton Falls. Hats off to the owner and staff of Faces for putting up with us all these years! Mark your calendar for that one and I look forward to seeing a bunch of our Brothers and Sisters there. Well, that's it for now. Hope you will make it to our monthly meeting April 19, 2025, at 1:00 PM in North Jackson at CHC. Till then, Ride hard, ride safe.

T A
Director, Region Zero

REGION 9

Hello all and welcome to the return of the riding season.

Last month we had our annual Daytona North event and chili cook off we had a good turn out and Congrats to Beth Bogard for taking the win with her white chili .

As I write this I have also been working on this year's Awareness Rally event and I am looking forward to seeing everyone on May 3rd . Also coming in May will be the AMA Spring Bike Night on 5-17-25 at 5pm Region 9 will be set up at that event with Bike raffle tickets and membership info for everyone.

Please be safe out there and I'll see you all on the road Ride safe

Chris Lappert

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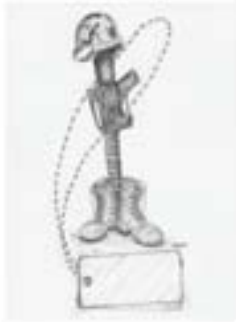
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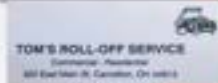
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H.R. 1566 - The REPAIR Act Right To Equitable And Professional Auto Industry Repair

April 4, 2025

Should you have the choice of where to bring your motorcycle for repairs or to do the work yourself? Should you have access to the parts, tools and service information required to maintain, service and modify your bike? Do you want to control who may access the data from your motorcycle and its use? If you answered yes to these questions, it is time to contact your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 1566, the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act", known as the "REPAIR Act."

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

A similar bill was introduced during the last session of Congress and cosponsored by 56 Representatives. We need to surpass that number during this session. Help us today!

Contact your member of Congress and make a difference in D.C.

Go to: <https://www.mrf.org/federal-legislation-issues-1>

To Join Our Call To Action!

Support H.R. 1566

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Write Your Representative TODAY!

HR 1566 Repair Act

(Representative)
(Address).....

The Honorable Representative (.....)

As your constituent and a motorcyclist, I need you to cosponsor H.R. 1566, the REPAIR Act. The REPAIR Act ensures that vehicle owners or repair shops can access the information, software or tools required to work on vehicles. The proposed law also establishes rules regarding vehicle data access. This commonsense law will help preserve consumer choice and a fair marketplace.

Whether I am working on my bike or a trusted repair shop is doing the work, having access to the parts, tools and information needed to do the job is critical. I am pleased to see that a bipartisan group of lawmakers came together to support this bill. I hope you are considering joining them.

Thank you for your consideration,

(Your name and address)

A BILL

To amend the Clean Air Act to ensure that tailpipe regulations do not limit the availability of new motor vehicles.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Choice in Automobile
5 Retail Sales Act of 2025".

Support H.R. 2165 - The Choice In Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act Of 2025

March 19, 2025

Congress is currently on a one-week recess, but before they left town, Rep. Tim Walberg of Michigan introduced the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act of 2025. This bill is similar to legislation Mr. Walberg introduced in 2023, which was passed by the U.S. House. The Senate failed to move on that bill, so it died at the end of the 118th Congress. U.S. Representatives Russ Fulcher of Idaho, Gus Bilirakis of Florida and Rick Allen of Georgia have joined Mr. Walberg as lead cosponsors for the 2025 bill.

This bill focuses on protecting the internal combustion engine. It does this in two ways. First, the bill prohibits using authority under the Clean Air Act to issue regulations that mandate the use of any specific technology or would limit the availability of new motor vehicles based on the vehicle's engine type. Second, the legislation requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to update any regulations that result in the limited availability of new vehicles based on the engine.

This legislation would overturn a 2024 EPA rule, which, if not revoked, would cause about 56% of new vehicles sold between 2030 and 2032 to require electric motors.

If you want to save the internal combustion engine, ask your Representative to cosponsor H.R. 2165.

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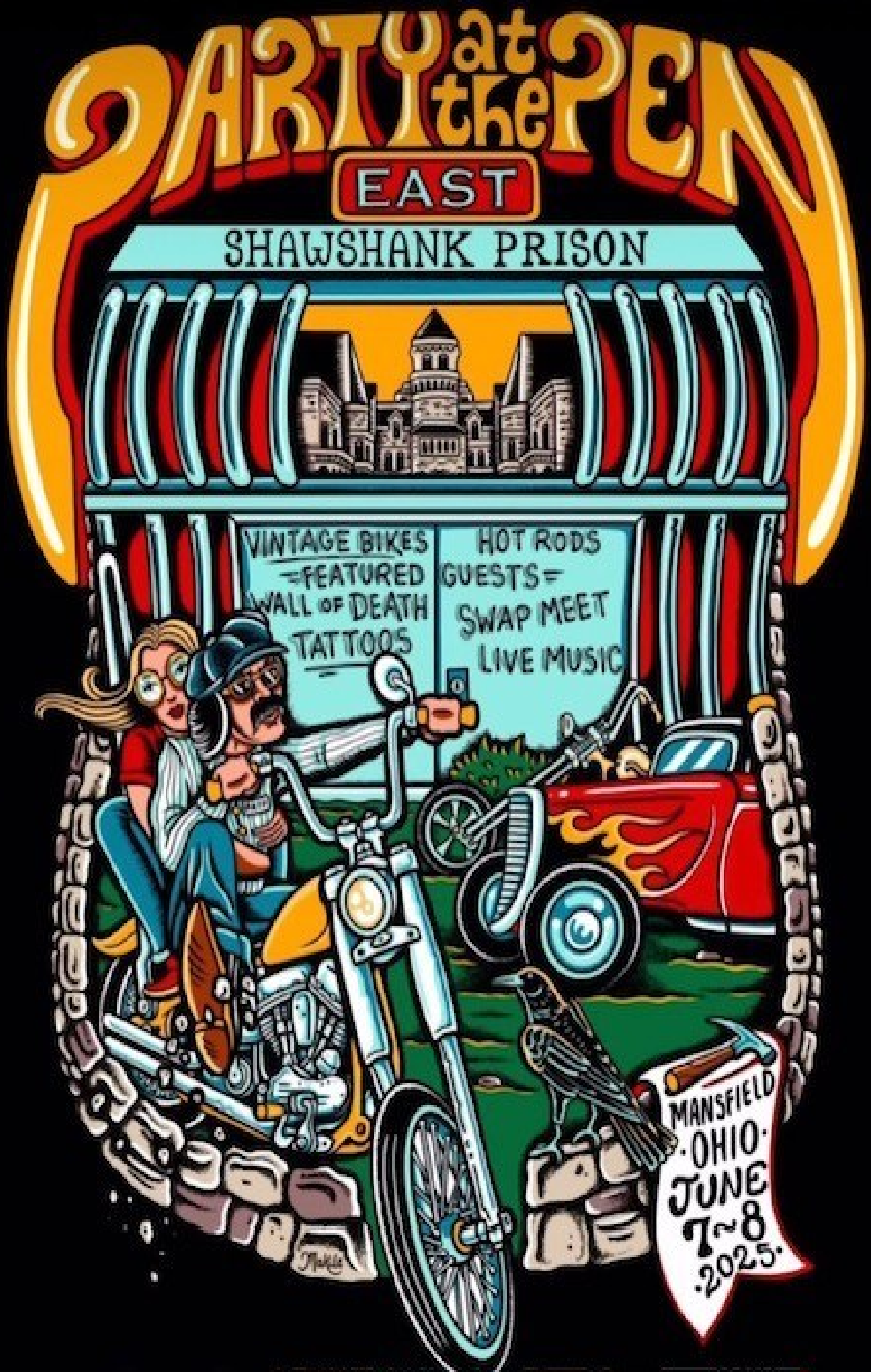
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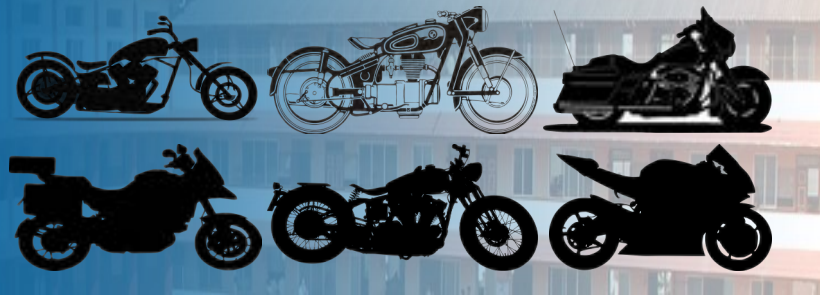
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LEGISLATIVE NEWS



Greetings from my little slice of Northeast Ohio. Well, this month I had hoped to have a bill number to give you for our Right Of Way bill. Unfortunately, there has been a delay in this proposed bill getting submitted to the Legislative Service Commission who writes the bills.

There is some language that one of our sponsors wants clarified on before signing off on the submission. I talked to the one legislator and to the other's aide and we have set up a meeting for next week to iron out any problems. Previously, I have significantly stressed that I want this bill to be assigned a number so we can get going on it. All three of us agree that this bill is stronger with bipartisan joint sponsorship so hopefully we can get things completed very soon.

I will keep you informed and check in on the ABATE of Ohio Inc. website for any breaking news or contact your Regional Directors as they will know shortly after I do.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed Ohio's \$11.4 billion transportation budget Monday, April 7th funding infrastructure projects throughout the state and eliminating speed cameras.

The transportation budget, or House Bill 54, allows the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to continue pursuing its highway safety programs as well as some new initiatives. More than 90% of the Ohio Department of Transportation's new budget will go toward maintaining and improving the state's roadway system, such as bridges, culverts, street signals, road signs, traffic lights, and snow and ice operations.

Governor DeWine did not veto any items in House Bill 54, including a measure that puts an end to speed cameras in counties or townships, nixing a department's ability to send a driver a ticket in the mail for a violation captured on a traffic camera. Cities, however, may still use speed cameras because they operate under Home Rule.

The budget goes into effect July 1.

Fatal traffic accidents in Ohio increased significantly in the last decade, however in recent years they have gone down as the state targeted distracted driving.



Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine says mandatory drivers education in the state could save even more lives. Ohio had a 26% increase in fatal accidents between 2013 and 2023, according to a report from TRIP, a national transportation research group. Gov. DeWine wants mandatory driver's education for new license applicants no matter what age they are.

Currently, driver's education is only required for Ohioans younger than 18, but today more people are waiting until they are an adult to get their driver's license meaning they can avoid driver's education training altogether and simply pass an exam. New Ohio House Speaker Matt Huffman said he discussed the potential change to the state's driver's training requirements with members of the majority caucus. Ohio Senate GOP spokesman John Fortney said the change could be debated as the Legislature discusses the transportation budget in the coming months. He also pushed to make driving without a seat belt a primary offense.

Last session, the 118th U.S. Congressional Session seen H.R. 906, the REPAIR Act introduced and was signed by 56 Representatives. This year, the 119th Congressional session has already seen the reintroduction of the REPAIR act. We need to surpass that number during this session. Please look for a form letter templet in this Out-spoken and make your own letter, sign and mail it to your congressman to make this happen.

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If you are an MRF member you should have received last month 2 Calls to Action. Being a member gets them sent right to your email and Policy Engage makes it SO easy to fill in your info and a form letter is already to go to your Senator or Representative. It uses your address to know whom to send it to in your district.

Support H.R. 2165 - The Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act of 2025

Rep. Tim Walberg of Michigan has introduced the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act of 2025.

This bill focuses on protecting the internal combustion engine. It does this in two ways. First, the bill prohibits using authority under the Clean Air Act to issue regulations that mandate the use of any specific technology or would limit the availability of new motor vehicles based on the vehicle's engine type. Second, the legislation requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to update any regulations that result in the limited availability of new vehicles based on the engine.

This legislation would overturn a 2024 EPA rule, which, if not revoked, would cause about 56% of new vehicles sold between 2030 and 2032 to require electric motors.

you want to save the internal combustion engine, ask your Representative to co-sponsor H.R. 2165.

As of April 10, 2025 there were 1350 of 2000 (goal) messages sent.

Support H.R. 1566 - REPAIR Act (Right to Equitable Professional Auto Industry Repair)

Contact your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 1566, the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act", known as the "REPAIR Act." The REPAIR Act ensures that vehicle owners or repair shops can access the information, software or tools needed to work on vehicles. This proposed commonsense law establishes rules regarding vehicle data access and will help preserve consumer choice and a fair marketplace.

A similar bill was introduced during the last session of Congress and cosponsored by 56 Representatives. We need to surpass that number during this session. Help us today!

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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. Please reach out to me, I am a resource of information to your new members.

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".

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Till June

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March 21, 2025

In recent years, California has implemented policies that require rapid growth in market share for electric vehicles and threaten the survival of the internal combustion engine. These plans and others threatening older and classic cars have begun to face increased pushbacks in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento.

Lawmakers in Congress have set their sights on revoking many regulations approved at the end of the last presidential administration, some of which have allowed California to shape custom emission standards. Using the Congressional Review Act (CRA), Congress has the power to overturn rules and regulations issued by agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) if they fall within a specific "lookback window" for review. To do this requires a simple majority in both the House and Senate, so the Senate filibuster rule does not come into play.

While the CRA process deals with rolling back regulations already in place, there is growing talk of revoking the unique power the State of California wields to set its own standards to begin with. Increasingly, lawmakers are discussing options that would revoke the ability of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to seek waivers from the EPA permitting them to craft their own emission rules outside of federal guidelines. Revoking this waiver process would mean California must comply with the same rules as the other 49 states.

California state lawmakers are also looking at rolling back some of the state rules regarding emissions. Under current law, vehicles manufactured before 1976 are exempt from biennial smog checks. Cars at least 35 years old may also be exempt, provided they are insured as collector motor vehicles, comply with emissions standards for their time and pass a functional inspection of the fuel cap and a visual inspection for liquid fuel leaks. The proposed legislation would expand the exemption to all vehicles at least 35 years old, so long as they are insured as collector motor vehicles, no fuel cap or leak inspection required.

Senate Bill 712, as it is known, has gained some national headlines due to support from comedian Jay Leno, a lifelong car collector with a collection of more than 180 cars and 160 motorcycles. Leno said of this issue, "California's smog check laws for classic cars need to be updated - they vary too much from state to state, and California's rules don't match up with neighboring ones."

There is no question the discussion surrounding the survival of the internal combustion engine is evolving. Both federal and state officials are starting to rethink the rapid electrification of our transportation network and the need to preserve the internal combustion engine. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to see the debate on this topic change and will fight for your right to ride whatever type of motorcycle you want.

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LENA HORN IS ALIVE AND WELL

Long time ABATE member Alan Parish had multiple questions as to a real estate and tax matter. After explaining that I am a motorcycle and big truck crash lawyer I answered his questions like a real estate and tax guru. He has my cell. Also learned that he is the proud owner of a longhorn cow- who can say that and what bar bragging rights he owns. She - the cow- is 19 and gives up a calf every year. He described her rack magnificently and even claimed someone sawed a foot off each side at a point in her life as they tired of untangling her.

Made the mistake of asking her name. "Lena" was the reply. How did she get that name I asked? "Lena Horn dumbass". Learning every day.

BEHIND ON MY MORTGAGE PAYMENT

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A: Call your mortgage company ASAP. When and if you get a live person, get a name, number and mailing address for that person to confirm all of your questions and their advice to you. Here are your options:

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2. Do nothing. Of course, the mortgage company will foreclose and put you out of your home. Depending on the equity in your home there could be a deficiency judgment. Of course, there will also be attorney's fees, interest and costs awarded against you, as provided in the mortgage. This process could take from 2 to 6 months, but ultimately, they will put you out on the street.

3. File bankruptcy if your overall financial situation warrants such a drastic action. This allows you and your family to start over. A fresh start is the right of all Americans and is guaranteed in the Constitution.

Good luck. There but for the grace of God go all of us. If you have any more questions, call me.

CLEAVER THE REAL DEAL AND HE WON THE NEB AWARD

If you want to be happy for a year, marry.

If you want to be happy for a lifetime, ride a motorcycle."

From time to time, this column will feature lives of motorcyclists who have made a difference in what we do. Today it is in vogue to claim the title of motorcyclist, but most of those claimants are just wannabes. A million miles on a motorcycle is the equivalent to 16 years of working on a job, so I believe Cleaver is wonderfully well qualified for the title "biker". First, let's start with some background as to how Cleaver got his start. In 1957, his dad, Donald Yeager sold his 1950 Panhead Harley Davidson for 10 acres of timber land in Pearl City, Illinois and adopted a baby boy with his wife Jeannette, whom they named Dennis. Dennis would one day come to be known as "Cleaver." By the tender age of 8, Cleaver was already tooling around on a Briggs & Stratton minibike. Soon, he graduated to a Honda 90 cc and in 1969, he bought a 1969 Harley Davidson 125 cc with his first money. He managed to blow up the engine in only 4 months! Ah, misspent youth. Next came a 125 cc Yamaha dirt and then a 250 cc Yamaha dirt. And finally, in order to keep up with the boys in the Beowulf M.C. LTD, he picked up a 650 cc Yamaha Street bike. By October of 1976, Cleaver had become a fully patched member of the club and in the spring of 1977, he picked up a 1976 Harley Davidson Super Glide FXE.

In the following decades, he enthusiastically rode the motorcycle merry go round, driving each bike into the ground (acts of creative destruction, if you will) and subsequently rebuilding them while clocking a great many miles, adventures, and misadventures. He slept under the stars, took the Hoka Hey Challenge from Key West Florida to the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska and thus riding the World-Famous Alaska Highway, and once even inadvertently bought hot motorcycle parts on a jaunt out west which resulted in a friendly visit by the FBI, ATF, and various other law enforcement agencies. He and his 1988 FLHTC Electra Glide even ended up in the local rag, the Freeport Journal Standard. Somewhere in between, he found the time to get married, divorced, and father a youngster named Dillon.

So far, Cleaver has put over 325,000 miles on his '88 FLHTC. It's been in every US state but one and 5 Canadian provinces! He put over 300,000 miles on his 1969 FLH before that, 56,000 on a 1986 FLTC, 90,000 miles on a '83 FXRT, and about 12,000 miles on a '76 FXE. And who know how much was not counted on his other many motorcycles - totaling close to a million?

In March of 1986, he helped start the Abate of Illinois Freeport Chapter where he became the Northwest Region Coordinator, FEDPAC Committee Chairman, and Freeport Chapter Committee Chairman. Since then, he's shaken hands with Governors, Senators, Congressmen, alongside many folks just like you and me. It is fair to say that Cleaver is the real thing when it comes to motorcycling.

MOTORCYCLE NATION

The year 1909 was a time when there were no cars, generally speaking. Just trains, horses, bicycles and most significantly motorcycles. For a biker that meant almost nothing to watch out for. It was August of that year and a guy by the name of Fisher (famous as founder of the Indianapolis 500, Miami Beach and Presto-Lite) was holding the first race at the Indy 500; it was a motorcycle race. William Harley and Walter Davidson were there along with their chief line foreman, and everybody that was anybody in motorcycling.

How do I know this? While at the Indy Motorcycle Expo, I took in the Old Timers area. There, the old flat trackers, hill climbers, and Daytona veterans were in force. Some bring artifacts from the glory days, like Kenny Staughton. For the last several decades the equivalent of the painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence for motorcyclists has hung above Kenny's living room couch. It is one of those seven foot long – one foot high, brown-toned photographs of old. The photograph looks North on Meridian Street from the base of the Monument Circle. (The site of the Motorcycles on Meridian that happens each summer) Positioned on about a third of the Circle are 250 motorcycles. I can identify two-cylinder Indians and one cylinder Harleys. In those days Harley was not into speed, but endurance. Indian was into speed. So, two races were to happen. One was the speed race at the Indy 500 and the other was an endurance race starting in Cleveland, down to Columbus, over to Dayton, Richmond, just below Sky Castle Airport, Rushville and finally Indy. Bill Harley and Walter Davidson won the endurance race and came together with the Indy racers for the photograph. I can identify William Harley and Walter Davidson and the Harley Davidson factory foreman – I think. Or at least that is my story, and I am sticking to it. I thought about having a contest and naming it "Looking for Walter" after the kid game.

What is striking about the photo is there are almost no cars in the photo – maybe a lonely handmade Buick, but that is about it. Around the sea of motorcycles are horse and carriages and a bicycle or two. In 1909 we were truly a motorcycle nation. Not till 1912 when Henry Ford implemented the assembly line in Detroit City did that change. Bob Schulteti of Harley South-Side believes that Motorcycle Nation existed into the late teens before there were enough cars to make a difference.

While admiring Kenny's wonderful photograph, I wondered aloud where the motorcyclists got gas, since there were no cars- no gas stations. Bob Schulteti knew the answer – drug stores. Imagine – a land before gas stations and no place to get a Big Gulp.

Kenny allowed us to get copies of his living room treasure. I gave one of the copies to Andre Lacy, a fellow motorcyclist, friend, owner of Tucker Rocky, Biker's Choice, and Board Member of the Indy 500 operation. When the folks at the Indy 500 discovered they did not have that photo – of the first race at the Indy 500, and never knew it existed, Andre's copy was repositioned. Next time you are in my office, take the time to gaze at a photograph that captured a time when America was a "motorcycle nation" – with not one gas station.

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- 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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