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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD Kolman Fuzy

Greetings, All ABATE members:

again to all who assisted.

First some unfinished business from the month of May. The Mike Stock Run was held on May 17th. We met in Cadiz, Ohio and rode Route 9 to Salem Ohio. The ride was led by Harley Stock and he did a great job leading us on an interesting ride to Salem. I can see why Route 9 was one of Mike's favorite rides. If you have not ridden it, I heartily recommend it-lots of twisties. While we were having lunch in Salem, it rained, but it stopped by the time we headed back home. Mike's ashes were scattered on the route behind us as we rode on 9. A fitting tribute to Mike, his life and legacy.

After Mike's run, we hauled ass back to Columbus to set up an ABATE presence at the first AMA Bike Night of the season. The event was well attended by bikes of all types, and we spoke to a variety of riders about ABATE and motorcycle issues. Good job by Chris Lappert and the Region 9 crew for manning the booth. The MRF was also represented by Sherri and her MRF set-up. Thanks to her as well. On the 19th, it was off to Washington DC for the MRF's Bikers inside the Beltway Event. The ride to DC was pleasant, sunny and a little cool, but uneventful. I arrived at the hotel, got checked in, and attended the briefing session. Got our information packets, got some grub and met up with Ed later in the evening. The next morning, it was off to the Hill to meet with our appointments, and to drop off info packets to those offices we could not secure appointments with. We covered all 17 Ohio offices, either in person, or with packet drop-offs. Then it was back to the hotel for debriefing, food and rest. The next day, it was back to Columbus for me. It was raining when I left, it rained almost the entire trip back to Columbus, except for a brief spell in PA. Got home, soaked, put the MC up and it was looking pretty sad. At the end of the month, it was time for Ohio Bike Week. The raffle bike and product trailer were at the Barrel House, visible to all. A special shout out to Brian Jordan for getting the trailer on site and for getting it back to where it resides. I would like to thank Kay Stock for all her time working at the trailer. Also, Brian, Carrie, Tim, Claire, Kay's sister Sharon, Terry from Reg 10, and Red all helped work the trailer, and thank you to them all. We sold some product, got some memberships, both new and renewals and sold a butt load of raffle bike tix. We also spread the word about ABATE and motorcycle issues. In my opinion, the results were well worth the effort. Thanks

As this article was written on June 10, the next big thing on my radar is the Board Meeting on June 14th. Hopefully, there will be some good news about the Right Of Way Bill.

One more thing-there are a lot of Bike Nights springing up all over the state. Please support the establishments that support motorcyclists, not the ones that are just trying to cash in on the motorcycle dollar. And if you go to a BN, please wear some ABATE gear and carry some membership apps with you-you never know, you might be able to sign up a new member.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Ed Schetter

Executive Directors Report July 2025

"But when the final word is read
Maybe something could be said
For all the brothers of the road
Just like you, we bear a heavy load
Been through hell and back again
If we don't lose we're bound to win"
"Brothers of the Road"...The Allman Brothers Band

As I may have mentioned before these reports have to be in about 20 days before you get news of the Outspokin' in your inbox or just go to ABATE.com to check it out. So, this is about the busy May we just finished up.

Started the month with the ABATE Awareness Rally. Mike Stock used to refer to the Awareness Rally as the "Wet Socks Ride" and this year it more than achieved that goal. The parade left Ohio Brewing and went to the State House where a group of dedicated and very wet riders proclaimed it Motorcycle Awareness Month. Thanks to Chris and Region 9 for setting it up and thanks to all that attended.

Then off to the NCOM Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi. Lots of great info and great contacts. It is really a recharge being around people with so many years of fighting the fight. Unity continued to be the theme, and a very diverse group of bikers discussed the issues important to motorcycling today. The wet theme continued in May. And I may have eaten too much seafood down on the gulf, but that's just a rumor my stomach was spreading.

I had the privilege of taking a great ride with friends and family of Mike Stock on the East side of Ohio to spread his ashes along his favorite route to ride. He is now forever in the wind on his favorite ride. Miss you brother.

Next, a quick 500 trip to Washington DC for Bikers Inside the Beltway. The MRF national motorcycle rights lobby day. Kolman and I were able to visit all 17 offices (2 Senators and 15 Representatives.) My feet still hurt from all the walking. Please take the time to drop your federal Legislator(s) a line and thank them for taking the time to meet with a representative from ABATE of Ohio. The right to address your legislators is one of our Constitutional Rights and one many other countries

do not have.

While in DC, I was invited to do a White House and Capital tour with a group from ABATE of Minnesota. It ended up that the night of the tour the Budget bill was still being worked on so got a tour of the Eisenhour Office Building instead. Wow, the history inside of that building was awe inspiring to a history geek like me. Thank you to ABATE of Minnesota for including me in the group.

A relaxing ride Memorial Day weekend with the Region 14 Memorial Run. Always a nice 100 + mile ride through mostly farm country. A welcome break in the action.

Not getting ready to host the scale Vietnam Wall and Monuments in my home town.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Freedom Rally. Busy and Lovin' It,

Enjoying the ride Ed Schetter

Proud & Grateful Executive Director ABATE of Ohio Inc.





Tresha Wilder. She met us at the awareness rally. Simon Johnson was her son and he was killed in a Right of Way violation. She wants to raise awareness of motorcycles.







Ok, who knows how you can get 50% off the price of your safety classes with Motorcycle Ohio? I mean, I know, but do you realize how easy it is? Is anyone here a new life member? We'd like to recognize you. Do we have enough pics submitted of us doing

what we love to do? (Ok, I'm thinking riding my motorcycle, not whatever it was that popped into your head.) Click here donnasam@zoominternt.net to let me know if you're reading this on a phone or computer. If you want to text me instead... 330 540 6210. Or call me and chat. Let me know if you'd be interested in getting YOUR bike pic on the cover? And final question of the month, how do I get my microwave to NOT smell like popcorn? Inquiring minds want to know, these and other trivial facts. (Who invented pillows, for instance?) Oh, and the State meetings are very interesting, anyone can attend. They're held every 3 months, next one is September, it'll be noted on the www.ABATE.com calendar site. And yes, I do want to utilize the calendar on the back 'cover'. That means I might please need a little help from all y'all. (Thanks in advance!)

At your service....

Donna Sam

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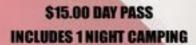
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REGION 3















Hello from the Safety & Ed Director Desk,

Happy 4th of July and all that!

As I am writing this, we have had numerous motorcycle fatalities, and TOO many this year so far. While I understand some of those involved possibly another source of risk a lot of these were one vehicle crashes.

What can I say that we need to SLOW DOWN and be hyper AWARE OF OUR SUR-ROUNDINGS. We need to make sure that our motorcycle is road ready and that we are as well.

Here in Stark County, we continue to work with Stark Safe Communities at the QSL Bike Night the first Monday of every month through August. We are also looking forward to running the safe community booth at the Stark County Fair the entire week! For FREE!

This is what I have been asking all our Regions to do, is get with your local Safe Communities (Donna posted them all in a prior OutSpokin'). I cannot express enough that this is a FREE resource to us, and we can really get our foot in the doors, opening new ways to reach the masses.

Motorcycle Ohio is getting close to offering Advanced Classes; you will need your own motorcycle for this type of class. They still have plenty of openings across the state. Go to www.motorcycle.ohio.gov to see all the counties that have current classes.

REMEMBER: if you are a current member in good standing, ABATE will reimburse you half of your class cost. Contact me for more information on this.

I attended the 2025 Safety Summit held at The Union on the OSU campus in Columbus in May. It was another great time of being educated regarding safety here in Ohio. When that was over, we (Motorcycle Working Group) had most likely our final meeting for our part in going over the motorcycle part of Ohio's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. I will post more of this in a later OutSpoken but we had a great meeting and what we came up with we will be presenting in September.

REMEMBER: Take your time and enjoy life, it is fleeting and goes by in an instant.

Sherry Hill
Safety & Ed State Director

Hundreds of bikers from all over the country assembled in Washington DC for the MRF's Bikers inside the Beltway to lobby and discuss the issues important to bikers today. All 535 legislative offices were visited. Chairman of the Board Kolman Fuzy and Executive Director Ed Schetter visited all 17 offices for Ohio. Here is Kolman and Ed with Rep David Taylor.







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REGION ZERO

Hello all Just want everyone to know that we are currently putting the annual Veterans Outreach Run committee together. If you'd like to participate in the planning, please contact me or any officer. That activity will take place Saturday, July 26 from Masters Bar and Grill in Liberty Township. Also I would like to report that we have had a strongly involved member step up and volunteer to take on the region's treasurer duties. I look forward to working with Elizabeth Roller and Kay to finally get all of this put behind us and moving forward.

Ride hard, ride safe. T A Director, Region Zero







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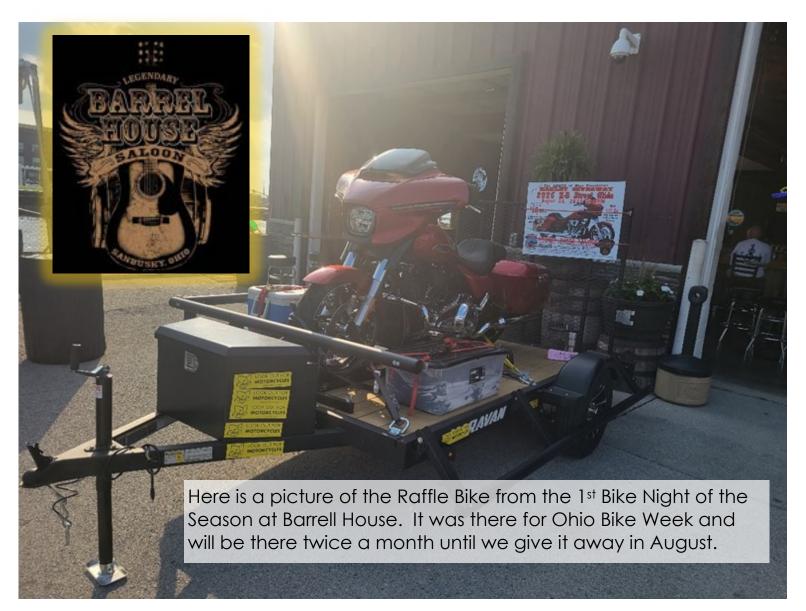
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High-level briefings on autonomous vehicles, profiling, emissions crackdowns, federal overreach, and developing our legislative agenda for 2026.

Tactical workshops on grassroots lobbying, digital warfare, and legislative strike force building Direct access to MRF leadership, national partners, and powerhouse voices in D.C.

Real talk. Real action. No sugar-coating.

This year, the stakes are higher than ever. Bikers are being pushed off the road — figuratively and literally — by disconnected bureaucrats and tech overlords who've never ridden a mile in their lives. If you think your freedom is safe, think again.

"You don't ride on the sidelines. Neither do we."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has been the tip of the spear in protecting motorcyclists' rights for over four decades. The Meeting of the Minds is not just a conference — it's the future of motorcycling. If you're serious about defending your rights, your ride, and your voice, you'd better be there.

Register now — before someone else decides your future for you.





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"The only national motorcyclists" rights organization dedicated to on-street riders"



May 5, 2025

The Honorable Sean Duffy Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

Re: Executive Order 14219, "Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementation of the President's 'Department of Government Efficiency' Deregulatory Agenda," issued on February 19, 2025, and Executive Order 14192, "Unleashing Prosperity through Deregulation," issued on January 31, 2025.

Docket Number: DOT-OST-2025-0026

Dear Secretary Duffy,

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) submitted comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) as part of the Trump Administration's executive order regarding efficiency and deregulation. Within the framework of the request, the MRF submitted comments on rules instituted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and fuel economy standards.

As you may remember, the attack on the Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) is occurring in three ways. First through emissions regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, second through the power of the California Air Resources Board and finally through increased fuel economy standards issued by NHSTA. Our comments in this submission related only to NHTSA's new fuel standards as that is where the DOT's jurisdiction exists.

We highlighted four concerns the MRF has with the new fuel economy standards which would threaten the Internal Combustion Engine, in an attempt to promote more electric vehicles.

- Reduced availability of affordable support technologies and fuels for motorcycle riders
- Distorted market dynamics and limited consumer choice
- Decreased relevance and impact of the aftermarket parts industry Rural motorcyclists will be disproportionately impacted due to insufficient infrastructure We also offered three actions the DOT could take.
- Repeal or rollback of the 53.5 mpg target
- Consideration of non-EV pathways to efficiency that respect consumer diversity
- Protections for ICE technology development that support the motorcycling community

These comments are another example of how the MRF is fighting to protect your rights and freedoms in a variety of different ways. No matter where the fight is, the MRF will be there. Stay vigilant.

NATIONAL NEWS

Congressional Ride To Work Day

June 10, 2025 - Washington, DC

Monday, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) joined several other members of the Washington, D.C. motorcycling community to celebrate the annual "Ride to Work Day." To kick off the evening, members of Congress rode to the U.S. Capitol to cast votes on several pieces of legislation before joining a larger ride to Mt. Vernon, home of our first president, George Washington.

2025 is the second year the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus has hosted the event, which is growing in popularity! This year, eight members of Congress attended the event, six of whom led the ride. We are most grateful to the United States Park Police, with a Motor Unit established in 1917, for escorting the ride. The MRF thanks Representatives Tim Walberg (MI), Don Bacon (NE), Troy Balderson (OH), Mike Bost (IL), Mike Collins (GA), Warren Davidson (OH), Claudia Tenney (NY) and Derrick Van Orden (WI) for joining the festivities. The MRF joined with representatives from the American Motorcyclist Association, BMW, Buell Motorcycles, Harley-Davidson Motor Company and Indian Motorcycle for this fantastic event. Working with like-minded motorcycle organizations is important for achieving our legislative goals.

In the words of Congressional Motorcycle Caucus Chair Tim Walberg, "Today was a great day!" We at the MRF couldn't agree more. Any day you can get on a motorcycle and ride with others who truly want to make things better for all riders is indeed a great day.

Motorcycle Tax Credits

June 17, 2025 - Washington, DC

Monday, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) sent letters to leaders in the U.S. Senate supporting motorcycle ownership provisions in the House passed H.R. 1, better known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill." The letters were sent to Majority Leader John Thune of South Dakota and Senate Finance Chairman Mike Crapo of Idaho.

The provisions make interest on loans used to purchase American-made personal vehicles, including motorcycles, tax-deductible. There is concern that this provision may be changed in the Senate, applying the tax deduction only to automobiles. This change would not allow those purchasing new, American-made motorcycles that same benefit. The MRF believes that by making the interest on loans for American-made motorcycles deductible, more money will be put back in the pockets of U.S. middle-class riders while further strengthening U.S. manufacturing, U.S. dealers and after-market repair and mechanic shops, ensuring a solid, safe, and strong motorcycle industry.

Expanding opportunities for Americans to purchase motorcycles is a good thing! The MRF is proud to support the efforts of companies like the Harley-Davidson Motor Company as they seek to grow the community of riders.

NATIONAL NEWS

CALL TO ACTION! Definition Of A Motorcycle

In the last week of May, Congressman Derrick Van Orden of Wisconsin introduced a bill that directs the Secretary of Transportation to update the nearly 60-year-old federal definition of a motorcycle. In recent years, a new type of vehicle has entered our roadways, commonly referred to as an autocycle. These autocycles are classified as motorcycles at the federal level but have little resemblance to a motorcycle and the operational characteristics are vastly different.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation believes this ambiguity about autocycles has created an unnecessary patchwork of rules and regulations regarding licensing, insurance, safety statistics, registration and training courses from state-to-state.

Updating the definition of a motorcycle has been on the MRF's legislative agenda for several years. We are grateful that Rep. Van Orden has taken the first step to address this concern. H.R. 3385 will bring the federal definition of a motorcycle into the 21st century.

H. J. Res. 88 Passes On To President

May 22, 2025 - Washington, DC

Today, the U.S. Senate passed by a vote of 51 to 44, H.J. Res 88, a resolution that would overrule the Environmental Protection Agency's rule allowing California to effectively mandate the sale of electric vehicles over the next decade. This plan by California threatens not only the Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) in California but also the entire country, as several other states have tied their rules to those implemented in Sacramento.

You may remember that earlier in the month, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) put out a call to action urging the U.S. Senate to vote on this resolution as the House of Representatives had passed it in April.

A vote today and two other planned votes on similar Californian proposals are major victories in the defense of ICE. Protecting ICE is a key part of the MRF's 2025 legislative agenda and we are pleased with the actions taken today in the U.S. Senate. This victory, coming the same week as hundreds of bikers met with lawmakers on this same topic, is a sign that we are being seen and heard in Washington, D.C. Thank you to lawmakers for understanding the need to provide consumers a choice in the type of engine they buy and to all the bikers who spoke up in defense of the Internal Combustion Engine.

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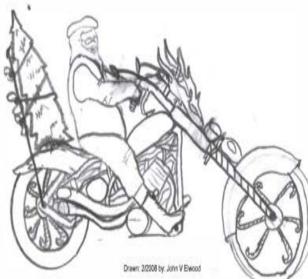
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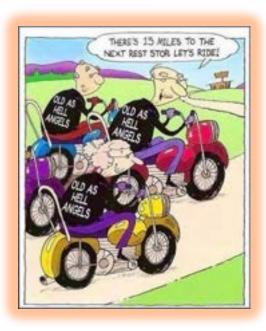
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Motorcycle Humor









- What's a motorcycle's favorite type of food? High-octane fuel!
- Why did the motorcycle become a doctor? It wanted to heal engines!
- How does a motorcycle relax after a long ride? With a kickstand and a cold drink!
- What did the motorcycle say to the scooter? "Get on my level!"
- Why did the motorcycle go to the concert? It wanted to rock out!
- How does a motorcycle keep its cool? With a coolant system!
- What did the motorcycle say to the sidecar? "You're my ride-or-die!"
- Why did the motorcycle become a teacher? It wanted to educate new riders!
- How does a motorcycle find inner peace? With a quiet engine!
- What's a motorcycle's favorite type of music? Biker rock!
- Why did the motorcycle become a chef? It had a burning passion for cooking!
- How does a motorcycle tackle obstacles? With wheelie good balance!
- What did the motorcycle say to the motorcycle gang? "Let's ride together!"

GOT FUNNY STUFF?

SEND IT IN !



Hopefully you have had the opportunity to get out and get some warm fresh air through your hair or across your face.

Be watchful and careful while out there. From what I have seen this is going to be a bad year for motorists to being aware that motorcycles are on the road and have rights to road use. Here in Northeast Ohio I have already seen more motorcyclists being hit with some getting killed because someone in a cage was in too much of a hurry to look twice.

With that in mind, we did get our R.O.W. bill reintroduced into the Ohio House of Representatives. The new House bill is <u>H.B. 357</u>. As of this writing the bill has not been assigned to a committee. By the time you are reading this it will have a committee assignment. You can simply google Ohio House Bill 357 135th Assembly to find which committee the bill is in. You can call me, text me or email if you prefer that course to get this information. We need to flood the offices of all committee members to get the bill into committee hearings.

There is no way to force people to pay more attention on the road but hopefully this bill will make them more aware of the need to pay more attention. This bill increases the penalty for vehicular manslaughter and vehicular assault, both which as of right now is a minor misdemeanor, and makes them a misdemeanor in the first degree, allowing more heftier fines and possible jail time.

It is now up to us to get this bill heard and passed! If you're tired of having friends and fellow riders go down because of inattentive drivers, if you understand the next one can be you, then let's get this bill moving!

Peace be the journey!

Lion Man





Hello MRF Members & Future Members!

Happy 4th of July!

Some things that have been happening in the end of May beginning of June on the MRF front. Joining the MRF you will receive all these important notifications straight to your inbox.

H.J. Res 88 Passes onto the President

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A vote today and two other planned votes on similar Californian proposals are major victories in the defense of ICE. Protecting ICE is a key part of the MRF's 2025 legislative agenda and we are pleased with the actions taken today in the U.S. Senate. This victory, coming the same week as hundreds of bikers met with lawmakers on this same topic, is a sign that we are being seen and heard in Washington, D.C.

Thank you to lawmakers for understanding the need to provide consumers with a choice in the type of engine they buy and to all the bikers who spoke up in defense of the Internal Combustion Engine.

CALL TO ACTION - DEFINITION OF A MOTORCYCLE H.R. 3385

May 23, 2025

Last week, Congressman Derrick Van Orden of Wisconsin introduced a bill that di-

rects the Secretary of Transportation to update the nearly 60-year-old federal definition of a motorcycle. In recent years, a new type of vehicle has entered our roadways, commonly referred to as an autocycle. These autocycles are classified as motorcycles at the federal level but have little resemblance to a motorcycle and the operational characteristics are vastly different.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation believes this ambiguity about autocycles has created an unnecessary patchwork of rules and regulations regarding licensing, insurance, safety statistics, registration and training courses from state to state. Updating the definition of a motorcycle has been on the MRF's legislative agenda for several years. We are grateful that Rep. Van Orden has taken the first step to address this concern. H.R. 3385 will bring the federal definition of a motorcycle into the 21st century.

Congressional Review Acts SIGNED!

June 13, 2025

Thursday, President Trump signed three (3) pieces of legislation, H.J. Res 87, H.J. Res 88 and H.J. Res 89, which revoke waivers granted to the State of California, allowing it to set its own emissions standards. These resolutions were passed by the U.S. Congress in recent months and are a strong sign of the commitment by some in Washington D.C., to push back against the attack on the internal combustion engine. Support for actions like this has been a key part of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) legislative agenda. During the recent Bikers Inside the Beltway event, MRF members spent time advocating for the passage of these bills in the U.S. Senate, where they had temporarily stalled after being passed by the U.S. House earlier in the year. Additionally, the MRF wishes to thank the thousands of you who answered recent online Calls to Action on this topic.

A process known as the Congressional Review Act was the mechanism by which these bills were passed. Because of the unique way they moved through Congress, opponents are already signaling their intent to file legal challenges. While this battle will now likely continue in the courts, it is nevertheless important to celebrate this victory for the survival of the internal combustion engine. The fight will go on... and the MRF will be here for that fight.

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 source 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".

I WILL BE SET UP AT THE FREEDOM RALLY – STOP BY SAY HELLO AND JOIN IF YOU ARE NOT A CURRENT MEMBER. THERE MAY BE A PERK INVOLVED WHEN JOINING AT THE RALLY!

In closing, be safe & educated!!!
Till August
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by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

A TRIBUTE TO MOVER AND SHAKER SUZANNE ECKERT, YOU WILL BE MISSED

It is with great sadness that I disclose that ABATE of Indiana has lost Suzanne Eckert, Region 10 Director, who passed away at the end of May. Suzanne was a fierce leader and an example of leadership to many.

An ABATE member for over 15 years, Suzanne wore many hats in her time with ABATE, which no doubt contributed to her being the 2020 Wanda Hummel Award winner. Suzanne

was passionate about motorcycling and motorcyclists. Both her husband Preacher and son Dillon are members of our ABATE family. Please let them know how much Suzanne made an impact in your life. Please also keep her three daughters, Allysa, Christina and Jordan, in your thoughts and prayers. With about 100 bikes at her funeral, we gave her a well-deserved send off. My last memory of her, she moved to adjourn the April Board Meeting... fitting.

BEING NICE FOR A REASON - UNDUE INFLUENCE AND A PARENT'S WILL

Q: My mother lives out of state and has been assisted in her day-to-day 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 changing her will to leave the estate to the next-door neighbors who have been helping her. What can I do to prevent her from doing that? ABATE 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 your mother is declared legally incompetent, you can't prevent her from changing her will.

However, there are alternatives. A will can be disregarded by the Courts in probate proceeding if there had been "undue influence" on the testatrix during the drafting of the will. That is, if the writer of the will was being manipulated or coerced into changing the terms of the will or the beneficiaries of the will, then the will can be challenged in court. If you can produce evidence that your mother was being unduly influenced by her neighbors to change her will, then the new will may be thrown out and you may be able to use the previous will.

DIY - DO IT YOURSELF

Small Claims Courts and How They Can Work for You

You are riding down the highway from heaven that turns into the highway from hell. Despite due diligence you miss the old man pulling out in front of you. You escape without injury, but it is going to cost you \$1500 to get your bike "buffed" out as John Candy says. You do not have collision coverage and there are not enough damages to get a lawyer and sue. What do you do? SMALL CLAIMS COURT MAY BE THE ANSWER. Here is how you go about it.

- 1. Get on the internet and find the nearest small claims court in your area. Go visit the court and talk with the clerk as to how you file a complaint against the adverse. Usually forms you need can be found on the internet or the court will have them if you can't get them on the internet. Make sure the court can handle the amount of your losses. Get the clerk's name and direct number in case you need to call and ask more questions. Good luck on getting the clerk's number. But you get the idea get to know the court's staff and ask for help. They can give you tips as to what the judge expects. Try going to the court late in the afternoon or on their slow days so the court staff will have time to talk and teach. Most will oblige.
- 2. After you file your complaint, the court will set your case for an initial hearing. This is to see if the other side will show up. If they don't show, the court will default the other side, which means you will get a judgment. There is no chance that the adverse will be a no-show, so you might try talking with the adverse about skipping the initial hearing and getting a firm trial date. That will also be a good opportunity to discuss settlement. Offer to show the adverse your photos of the road defect and give them the name and numbers of your witness(es) who support your claim. Give them a copy of your repair bills/estimates. Tell them what you will take to settle your case, but remember to calculate your loss of use and expenses related to getting your bike repaired in other words give them a complete list of your damages. Check your state as to any special notice requirements required by the state before you can file your claim. These are on the internet.
- 3. Remember this procedure should work with most claims within jurisdiction of the court. Small Claims courts by definition are limited in the dollar size of the cases they handle. Check with your court as to that amount and the nature of your claim before deciding if this court will work for you.

- 4. If your case goes to trial, do not panic. Remember that you are telling the story of how you were damaged and why the defendant is responsible. Start your story at the beginning and go chronologically to end. Before you go to court, practice your story before your family and friends. Document everything. The rules of small claim courts are relaxed so that regular folks can present their claims. Do not be intimidated this is your court and is designed to work for you.
- 5. Let us know what and how you did. We would like to write about you and how you did in court. Of course, if you have questions during the process, call us. Good luck asserting your rights.

THE ROAD TO HAPPINESS

"If you want to be happy for a day, drink.

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.

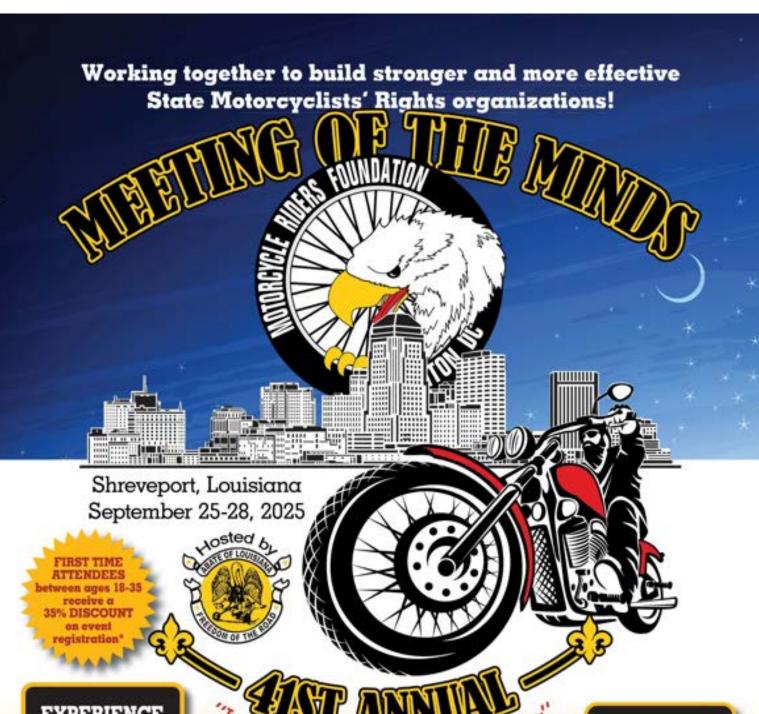
In the following decades, he enthusiastically rode the motorcycle merry go round, driving each bike into the ground (acts of creative destruction, if you will) and subsequently rebuilding them while clocking a great many miles, adventures, and misadventures. He slept under the stars, took the Hoka Hey 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 knows 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 is now 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.

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Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet.

Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org. *See registration form for details.

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Thousands of motorcyclists' rights activists have attended MRF sponsored annual regional and national workshops since 1985. These workshops provide the nuts and bolts, "user friendly" subjects and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening their grassroots organizations.

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

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- 1)... To initiate, endorse and sponsor educational programs such as rider safety, public awareness, legislative and affirmative action and, individual freedoms and rights.
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- 3)... To encourage goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel and the general public.
- 4)... To serve as an information source on matters pertaining to current laws, pending legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials and their constituents, and voter awareness.
- 5)... To act as a central responsive agency to devise and coordinate recreational, legislative, educational, and charitable activities



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The MRF's primary goals include:

- Monitoring and influencing federal legislation for any impact on the motorcycling community at large
- Representing street motorcyclists by participating in federal research and advisory committees
- Protecting street motorcyclists from unfair or burden some federal agency restrictions and regulations
- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American roads



WHO WE ARE

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



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