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# CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD Kolman Fuzy

Hello, All Abate Members:

I hope everyone is managing to survive the heat and you are having some great rides. We finally got a bill number for our Right of Way bill, it is HB 537: and it was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee. Hopefully, by the time you read this, it has been placed in the committee agenda, and there is some movement on it. Lion Man has worked extremely hard on this bill, now the heavy lifting begins, getting it out of committee, and to the entire House for a vote.

The Freedom Rally was held over the July 4th. Weekend and the weather was hot, sticky and dry (for a change). This was my first Rally, and a huge THANK YOU to Tim Cordray and the entire Region 8 crew for putting together an excellent event. A lot of hard work and effort was put into the Rally, and from what I gathered, everyone had a great time. Thanks again Region 8! Thank you to all who attended as well. Special thanks to those who helped man the product trailer-Brian for getting the trailer there and working, Carrie, Ed, Cowboy and anyone else who helped, but I may have forgotten.

As usual, there have been motorcycle related accidents and deaths here in Columbus and in the entire state. Please remember to ride within your abilities and assume you are invisible and ride accordingly. Hone your braking and defensive maneuvering skills, maybe take a refresher course with Motorcycle Ohio and ride with your head on a swivel.

On the horizon, the Foundation Bike Raffle is quickly approaching, I hope you all are buying your tickets and selling them as well. Abate continues to have a presence at Bike Nights across the state, it is an excellent way to get our message out there, and a good avenue for ticket sales. Thanks to all who attend Bike Nights for the cause.

Finally, In September, the MRF Meeting of The Minds will be held in Shreveport La. Hopefully, I will be able to ride there, but either way, I will be in attendance. Respectfully submitted,

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Ed Schetter

Here we are in the corn growing days of summer. My grandfather was a farmer and used to say that. I guess it was trying to find a positive in the hot and sticky days of August. It's either hot or raining buckets, except when it's hot and raining. Hard to believe Labor Day is right around the corner and then the end of summer (have you bought your raffle bike ticket or 6 yet?

For ABATE of Ohio two critical things happen at the upcoming September State Board of Director's meeting:

- 1)...Event Sanctioning. Get your events planned and on the schedule for next year. Plan early and get our events on people's calendars ahead of all the other events that are put on every weekend. Get to a region meeting and volunteer and help make our events the best they can be. And remember this many times gives us the public visibility we need.
- 2)... Nominations of Next year's officers. A time to thank those who have served as an officer at any level. Also, a time to welcome those stepping up and saying it's my turn to take the reins as an officer. If you think it's time to step up and be an officer, get to region or state meeting and get your name on the ballot. Or go to the meeting and goat rope a friend you feel would be a benefit to the organization into being on the ballot. (don't worry, getting goat roped happens to the best of us at one time or another)

Nationwide only 3 percent of Americans belong to a freedom fighting organization (explains the 3% and III% logos people wear). I recently ran into someone wearing a III% logo and asked him if knew it's history. He gave me a story about a group who are tired of the government and rambled on for about 15 minutes and never did say where it came from. I let him know. This reminded me of how important a job we do here in ABATE. Only 1 out of 33 1/3 people (it's tough if you're the 1/3 person) are willing to stand up and defend the rights and freedoms of all motorcyclists.

Many of the issues we fight or want to change may seem motorcycle related to most, but taking away any form of freedom might open the door on a bigger issue. Good thing most ABATE members I've run into are neither shy nor quiet.

The Meeting of the Minds is in Shreveport, LA this year. The flyer is somewhere in this great magazine. This is a great place to polish the skills needed to defend our rights and spend time with like-minded freedom fighters. And if I can't find a good sea food/crab/craw fish boil, I just am not looking hard enough.

Enjoying the ride Ed Schetter

Proud & Grateful Executive Director ABATE of Ohio Inc.







First of all, I really do like this "Editor thing". Once a month, I get to be sort of important and nag people to send me stuff so that I can supply the publisher (if it were only \$\$\$\$ that they were sending ... sigh). But more importantly, we get to hear from all the people who put in the time and do the work to keep us informed of what's going

on in the MC community. If you haven't read Lion Man's article lately... READ IT NOW. Seriously, scroll around and find his words of wisdom to us. This is one of the most important fight of all fights – HB 357. This is honestly exciting.

Click here à https://www.leaislature.ohio.gov/leaislation/136/hb357

Seriously, click it, because I can watch you through that little camera hole on top of your laptop, unless you tape a piece of paper over it.

On another note, a bunch of us went to Presque Isle in Erie, PA. Nice ride from Youngstown with great friends. Bad weekend to go, must have been 125 degrees or at least it felt like it AND it was 4th of July weekend. Double whammy. But it was a simply awesome ride home. I turned the music way up and started singing with Jelly and Teddy. If you don't know who they are, look them up and give 'em a listen. They are just like this magazine, they supply us with really important words so that we can think really important thoughts.

# Donna Sam

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# TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT BIKERS GETTING HIT BY INATTENTIVE DRIVERS BEING SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED?

Then you must be tired of the people causing these crashes getting a slap on the wrist and then going about their lives like they never did anything, leaving the victim's families in turmoil.

Now there is something you can do about it. No, unfortunately we can't make people slow down and look for motorcyclists.

But what we can do is make the penalties more substantial and hope that the public awareness that comes with the increased penalties will give them reason to "look twice and save a life"!

ABATE of Ohio Inc. has begun the hard work to make this happen. After 2 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  years we got a bill introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives, House Bill 357, that if passed, will increase the penalties for vehicular assault and vehicular manslaughter from being a minor misdemeanor (a slap on the wrist) to misdemeanors of the first offense, which will allow for stiffer fines and possible jail time.

So, to be a part of the solution to this right of way violation issue, all you need to do is send some letters to House members. *First, you need to write a letter to your state*Representative and request that they sign on to be a co-signer of House Bill 357.

The second thing you need to do is write letters to every member of the House Judiciary Committee and request that this bill be heard in an expediate time frame. This is the committee the bill was assigned to. The committee chairperson must put the bill on the schedule to be heard. If the chairperson doesn't, then the bill dies in committee. With a large number of people asking for this to happen it is more likely to be heard.

ABATE of Ohio has active regions around the state, and we need every person in these regions to send letters or call your Ohio House of Representatives.

Don't wait for a friend or relative to get killed or seriously hurt before you take some actions to make a difference.

Attached to this letter is a copy of a form letter that you can base your letter to the Representatives on. Also there is a copy of this area's House of Representative's names, mailing addresses and phone numbers.

If you do not know who your House member is simply google "Find my Ohio House of Representative" then select "District Map: Enter your full address below to find your district". This will show you your house member and the district they represent. Then click on their name and you will get their mailing address and office phone number.

Get your friends, family members and any acquaintance do to the same thing. You don't have to be an ABATE member, you don't have to be politically active to make this happen. All you have to do is realize this change needs to be made and you want it to happen.

# Letter for **your** Representative

# Representative ......

As a motorcyclist and a constituent, I am asking you to cosponsor House Bill 357. This bill will increase the penalties for vehicular assault and vehicular manslaughter. There have been so many people making left turns in front of motorcyclists causing serious or fatal injuries and currently this offense is a minor misdemeanor.

I do understand that accidents happen and if there are no serious injuries or fatalities, there is the right of way violations infraction that will cover these types of incidents, (ORC 4511.42). But if a fatality occurs, or if a serious injury occurs (as defined in ORC 2901.01 5 a,b,c,d,e) then penalties should be more severe than a minor misdemeanor.

Motorcycle organizations have been instrumental in many ways, to educate motorists as well as motorcycle riders as to the safety aspects of sharing the road, but unfortunately people are in too much of a hurry to really look down the road for oncoming traffic, especially motorcyclists.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact William "Lion Man" Dodge, ABATE State Legislative Director at <u>Abatelionman@gmail.com</u> or 330-718-3066.

Thank you for your consideration, Your name, address and (phone number optional).

For committee members use the same letter except **change the first sentence to:** 

As a motorcyclist and a voting Ohio resident, I am asking you to hold hearings on House Bill 357 immediately.

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Hello Riders,

As I am writing this, we continue to have numerous motorcycle fatalities. While I understand some of those involved possibly another source of risk a lot of these were one vehicle crashes or they were our fault and not the other person. I just came from the Stark County Fatal Review meeting and there've been June fatalities that were rider error. Drinking, combining that with drugs of any sort don't mix.

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. We need to make sure that we ride sober!

Motorcycle Ohio will have a new location next season and that is here in Stark County. The Stark County Sherrif's department will be the Grantee. Classroom will be at the Sherrif's office in the training room and the range will be at the south end of the Kent State campus parking lot off Frank Road. We used to have a site and then for the past years we haven't. So this is great to add another site for training.

There are still plenty of openings across the state. Go to <a href="https://www.motorcycle.ohio.gov">www.motorcycle.ohio.gov</a> 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. Lastly, I want to congratulate Lion Man on getting the ROW a number for this legislative session. HB 357 Contact your representatives in Columbus to get behind it!

**REMEMBER:** Take your time and enjoy life, it is fleeting and goes by in an instant. Be Safe – Stay Educated,

Sherry Hill
Safety & Ed State Director







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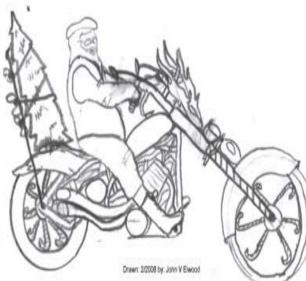
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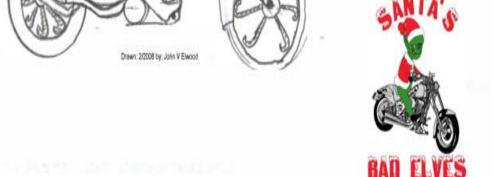
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# LEGISLATIVE NEWS

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and getting some quality riding time in. Be careful as you travel through this great beautiful country's highways and byways. We in Northeast Ohio have seen many severe accidents due to people making left and turns in front of motorcyclists or running stop signs and killing or serious injuries. Remember in Ohio vehicular assault and vehicular manslaughter are minor misdemeanors meaning the perpetrators only receive a small fine and continue on with their lives.

You know that we have been working on changing this. House Bill 357 will make these offenses first degree misdemeanors. Not nearly enough but better than what we have now. You are needed to get this bill passed. You will find a letter in this publication explaining H.B. 357 that you can use to talk to other people to help them understand why this bill is so important. In this letter there is a clear and easy way to find out who your house representative is. Also, you will find an example of what you need to say to the legislators. And finally I have compiled a list of all the House Judicial Committee members, their official addresses to send the letters to and their phone numbers.

It is up to us, the two wheeled community, to get this bill passed. Let's get it done.

Cion Man





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One big thing that crossed my desk in July was "Tax Breaks for American Motorcycles". While it doesn't state automobiles they are in the mix as well with President Trump signing the Big, Beautiful Bill in July. Here it is:

# Tax Credits for Purchases of American Made Motorcycles

The recently passed H.R. 1 legislation signed by the President includes a provision that will directly benefit those who purchase new motorcycles made or assembled in the United States. Interest paid on loans for qualifying new motorcycle purchases will now be tax-deductible.

Here are some important points to note. The deduction has a cap of \$10,000 and the benefit phases out based on increasing income levels. The change creates an "above-the-line" deduction for vehicle loan interest, meaning it reduces your adjusted gross income before calculating your taxable income. The position of the deduction is important because it will be available to most taxpayers, even those who do not itemize deductions. The bill states that vehicles impacted must be "manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways" and are "a car, minivan, van, sport utility vehicle, pickup truck, or motorcycle." This policy is temporary, with expiration in 2028. If you are in the market for a new bike over the next three years, be sure to do some research to see if this new policy will benefit you. There are diverse policy issues and priorities addressed in this bill. As the voice of the street rider in Washington, D.C., the Motorcycle Riders Foundation applauds the inclusion of this tax provision. Policies that foster the growth of motorcycling while supporting American manufacturing are something we can stand behind.

# American Made/Assembled Motorcycles Reporting 2025 Production

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\*\*Examples not intended as fully comprehensive list

If you need any assistance in renewing your membership, just contact me. I will help you as much as possible. If you want to join the MRF and what we stand for, just contact me. In closing, be safe & educated!!!

Til September....

In closing, be safe & educated!!! Sherry Hill, Ohio MRF Rep 330-415-6272





by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

A cop pulled up behind me while I was sitting in my truck; claims he smells marijuana. What should I do?

- 1.Stay respectful. Remember the cop knows the Judge better than you. Many states allow the officer's smell of marijuana to be used to establish probable cause and a search of you and your vehicle. However, most states disallow smell alone as a basis for probable cause. And a separate set of facts is needed for a search of your person.
- 2. NEVER consent to a search. Say politely "I do not consent to a search". This won't stop the officer from searching but it preserves your rights to claim an illegal search.
- 3. If the officer asks you questions do not answer other than those related to identification. Tell the officer you are exercising your rights to remain silent and then shut up. None of the small talk about where you were going and what you had been doing earlier. Shut up. The Cop is not your friend as he has trained to get you to chatter. He is fishing for evidence to make an arrest. Don't fall for it!
- 4. Document the details of any arrest later write these down! For example time of the stop. What was said by the officer. How the officer claimed to smell marijuana. Whether a search occurred and if anything was found.
- 5. If arrested, ask to speak with your lawyer NOW!!!!

#### CAN ABATE SUE THE STATE FOR NOT FIXING POTHOLES?

Q: I understand that if a state or municipality is given notice of a road hazard which causes an injury or loss, they may be liable if they neglect to fix it in a timely manner. If this is correct, can ABATE, rather than the motorcyclist, sue the state for putting us in danger because of their inaction to fund the repair of dangerous stretches of roadway?

A: No. The actual cause of action that gives a person the right to sue doesn't occur until that person suffers a loss – sad to say there's no effective way to compel a government agency to do something that is in their discretion to do or not do. The only right we have is to ask for damages once a loss has happened. Additionally, as we have explained, the governmental entity requires actual knowledge of the existence of the hazard before they can be held liable for a loss. That's why RoadHazard.org is so important. We keep a record of all the hazards that are reported to us, so we can help prove that the agency had knowledge of the hazard. Keep those reports coming - we are doing some good!

# IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO CONSULT WITH ABATE LEGAL BEFORE ACCEPTING A CHECK FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY

If you are injured in an accident or have had your bike or car trashed, you should consult with us before accepting a check from the insurance company. Our consultation is free. If the offer from the insurance company is fair, we will tell you so and send you on your way. Even if it is a bit short the offer may still put more money in your pocket after fees, expenses, and time for litigation. With any settlement, all you should care about is how much money goes into your pocket.

In minor cases where the offer is close to fair, we advise our members to say the following to the insurance company, "I would like to get this matter concluded but you are low on the offer so how about increasing your offer before we go to Rod Taylor and have him help us with this case?" That works a lot of the time when the insurance company is a little off the fair mark in its offer. Usually, they will sweeten the offer to get the matter resolved quickly, and cut out the middleman. Remember, their job is to pay you as little as possible.

Some insurance companies will try and get a check to you immediately, usually for less money, hoping that you will accept a lower amount right away. They know you have bills to pay and money may be short so the old "bird in hand approach." Insurance companies train their people to do that - not fair but that is the way it is. You should consult with us to evaluate whether the offer will be enough to cover your damages before accepting any checks. And to clear any issues concerning your subrogation liability. We will cover that in another article.

You need to know the status of any liens held by your insurance company and medical providers for amounts paid/incurred because of your crash. The V.A. and Medicaid - Medicare issues are nightmarish. You definitely need us for those matters. Usually, your health and auto insurers have language in your policy that requires you to pay them back for the amounts they have paid to you or on your behalf. The last situation you want to be in, is one where you accept a check from the insurance company only to find it does not cover your losses, leaving you stuck to pay the remaining bills and liens that should have been paid by the insurance company. You don't want all of the above lienholders knocking on your door trying to take away some of your settlement dough.

Remember, once you accept a check and sign a release to settle your claims, there is no turning back. Short of being crazy, drunk, incapacitated, gun to your head or blackmailed when you sign the release and accept the check - you are stuck - almost no matter how unfair the settlement or how many liens you have to pay. So, call your lawyer or your ABATE Legal Services team and schedule a free consultation if you get the offer you think you can't refuse.

Q: WHAT CAN I SAY TO A COP AND GET BY WITH IT - BEST ADVICE EVER!

**A:** I get so many calls about this subject that I have worked hard on giving our members the perfect answer. First, doing anything to aggravate a police officer is not a good idea. Never forget that the cop knows the judge. Not only are these hard working men and women wanting to make the world a better place, they are bad asses with guns, handcuffs and nightsticks and can make your life unpleasant. Let's agree they can make your life more miserable than you can theirs by smarting off to them. So, think twice.

So, is it legal to smart off to a police officer? Yes, it is. You have a first amendment right to free speech and free expression. That means you can tell a cop exactly what you think provided you do it in a civil manner and do not disturb the peace. It is a protected form of expression. But when it is your word against a police officer's, who do you think the judge is likely to believe?

A U.S. Court of Appeals has held that flipping off an officer was not sufficient probable cause for a stop but suggested that the flipper could have been tried for disorderly conduct. Defendants were set free on a technicality. They were lucky.

So what can you do to speak your mind and have your say to the cop? There's no safe answer. Some cities and states do have laws against disorderly conduct or creating public disturbances, and you could be surprised by an unconstitutional ordinance. Making rude gestures could be violations of these laws. And remember it is the cop who gets to write the report - not you.

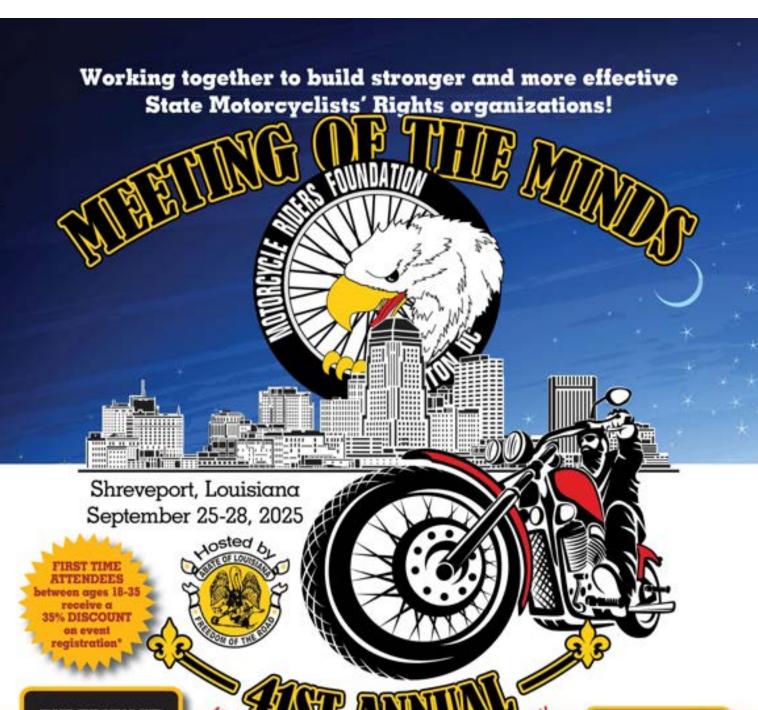
If you have to have your say to the cop, say it calmly and quietly in a conversational tone, and preferably while on video. Always work in some kind of political comment (motorcyclist rights) that will help your claim that your speaking is simply a form of protected political speech. Whatever you do, do not threaten the officer in any way. Never touch the officer, do not throw anything, do not stomp around and act like a fool. Just remain calm and polite, and spew your venom with a friendly, non-threatening smile.

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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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# BUDS WITH THAT DISHOUSES!



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!

Use the applications below to join and support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and to pre-register for the 41st Annual Meeting of the Minds, September 25-28, 2025.

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Sunday, September 28th, 2025

Allen County Fair Grounds Harding Highway, Lima, Ohio

Doors Open at 10:00am Bikes Leave at 12:00pm - Noon

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



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September 20, 2025 Noon Ride Out Sign In 10:00



Rain or Shine We Will Ride

\$10 Donation or \$5 and a toy

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



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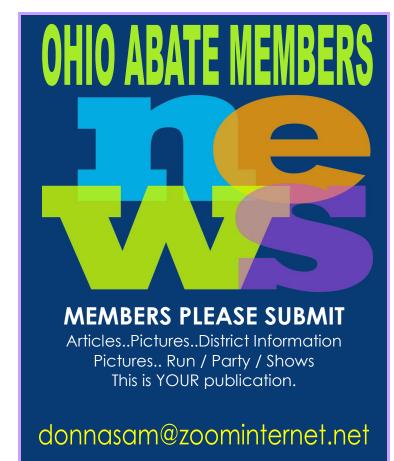














#### The MRF's primary goals include:

- 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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- ☐ Annual Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket Membership \$100
- ☐ 3-Year Individual Membership \$95
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- ☐ Freedom Fighter Donation ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$



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