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# ABATE of OHIO

The mission statement of ABATE of Ohio is to promote and defend motorcyclist's freedom, safety and awareness through education and legislation to make Ohio the best place to ride.

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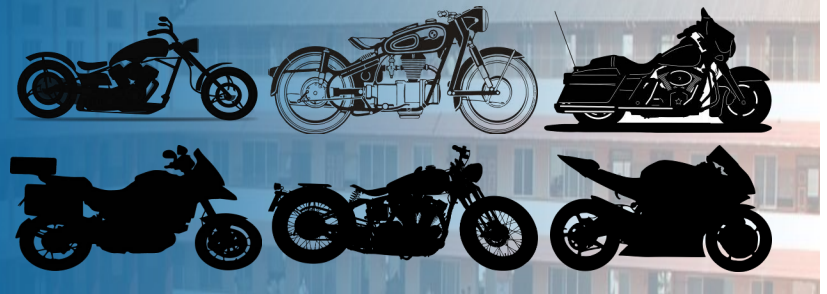
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# CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

## Kolman Fuzy



Greetings, All Abate Members:

As I stated in last month's article, September was a busy month. It ended in Shreveport, LA. Where Ed and I attended the MRF's Meeting of the Minds. This is the most important motorcycle related conference of the year. Motorcycle rights activists from all over the US converge to discuss the current issues, forecast possible future issues, and set the legislative agenda for the coming year. A pleasant surprise was finding Jim and Hazel Elgin in attendance. It was a pleasure re-connecting with them, as I hadn't seen them for quite a while. The conference itself was a veritable fountain of information and the exchange of ideas was impressive and useful. The trip to LA was pleasant, a 2 day trip down, and a one day blast back to Ohio. It would have been more fun had I been on my MC, but forces beyond my control prevented me from riding. Well worth the trip.

In October, there will be a Stakeholders meeting with Motorcycle Ohio. Ed, Sherry Hill and myself will be there. A report will be in next month's article. Also, keeping it in the Ohio section, we are still pushing for our Right of Way Bill, HB 357 to gain movement in it's committee. Reference my last month's article to see what you can do to assist us in getting things done. Another item that is developing is a push for lane filtering here in Ohio. Meetings have been held, both with the AMA and with Rep. Cindy Abrams regarding this topic. ABATE is not the impetus for this, however we are involved, as we rightfully should be. Please do not confuse lane filtering with lane splitting. If you do not know the difference, do some research. They are two entirely separate things. More info as events dictate. Also, I had a conversation with Gary Martin about possibly resurrecting Region 5. We'll see where that goes. Thanks to him for his involvement.

Around the State, the Officer election cycle continues, as State, Regional and County slots are open for nominations. Once again, I thank ALL officers who have stepped up to help lead our organization. If you would like to have a hand in assisting us do what needs to be done in motorcycle rights and safety, throw your hat into the ring.

Finally, I would be remiss in not recognizing Sherry Hill, who was awarded a certificate by the MRF for her recruiting efforts. She came in tenth place, which is awesome. Congrats, Sherry! I know it can be frustrating at times, but know that you are making a difference. Keep up the good work.

Safety tip for everyone-monitor your mirrors at red lights, keep an eye on vehicles coming up behind you, and make sure you have an out in case some asshole behind you is not paying attention.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kolman Fuzy*

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Sherry Hill was presented this award at Meeting of the Minds for being a top ten recruiter. WTG Sherry!



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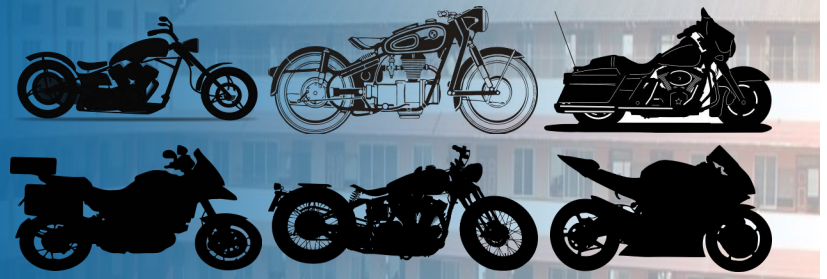


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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ed Schetter



## “Paralyze resistance with persistence”

“I've had smarter people around me all my life, but I haven't run into one yet that can outwork me. And if they can't outwork you, then smarts aren't going to do them much good. That's just the way it is. And if you believe that and live by it, you'd be surprised at how much fun you can have.”

“You win with people”

“You don't get hurt running straight ahead...three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust offense. I will pound you and pound you until you quit.”

Four great quotes from Woody Hayes.

It's Fall and college football is in the air and as most of you know, I went to The Ohio State University (Yes Jim Rhodes I said THE) and for inspiration you need to look no further than Coach Hayes. I have found over the years working in motorcycle rights that we win by many of the same methods. WE STAND AS A TEAM, WE DO SOMETHING WE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT (not paid for) AND WE ARE WILLING TO WORK HARDER THAN THOSE WHO STAND AGAINST US.

I just got back from the MRF's Meeting of the Minds. And as I hoped, it was the recharge I needed. The theme was once again everyone working together. My hat is off to the organizers. It was one of the best events I've been to in years. As usual, a lot of time was spent remembering. There was also a great big look forward.

We take on lobbies that are well funded and have huge PAC funds. We dig in together and work at a grass roots level and fight to protect our rights as well as the rights of all motorcyclists in Ohio and nationally (even the ones that don't belong to ABATE.) This is our “3 yards in a cloud of dust.” We keep pushing and doing what we are good at until victory.

Where others would only complain about something being unfair, we sit down and figure out a way to make a change or prevent changes if need be. And we do it in a way that is fair to all motorcyclists, no matter what they ride or how they ride.

I would say when it comes to motorcycle rights and safety no one is prepared to work harder than we are. With those that I've met while involved in ABATE, I can also say that there is no one more knowledgeable and passionate about motorcycling than those fighting for the cause.



Our opponents know exactly what we will do when challenged. But we do it anyways and we win.

Then on the weekends we take time to help the communities we live in or just enjoy a ride in the great fall air.

We will keep motorcycling moving forward here in the great state of Ohio, even when it only seems like "3 yards in a cloud of dust." It's college football season and we are lucky to live in Big 10 country. GO Bucks.

Enjoying the ride

*Ed Schetter*

Proud & Grateful Executive Director  
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**Dedicated line to ODOT to report problem traffic signals**

**Organized rides and events, often supporting charities**

**Factual / current information regarding laws impacting motorcycling**

**A brotherhood with people who make a difference**

# Editor's NOTE

Would YOU love to get involved?

We would LOVE for you to get involved. Did you know that you can come to the State Board meeting even if you're not an officer?

<https://abate.com/event/bod-meeting-3/>

Did you know that you can come to any meeting, of any region, even if you don't belong to that region, get a different point of view... Kevin Ketchum does. Be like Kevin.

<https://abate.com/elections/#:~:text=2026%2D2027%C2%A0%20%C2%A0ABATE,JOIN%20ABATE%20TODAY!>

What about Nov 9? Are you busy?

<https://abate.com/event/region-16-abate-meeting-11/>

Dec 7 <https://abate.com/event/region-8-membership-meeting-6/>

This will be fun, bring a pot luck, it'll last all day.

Hey Miss Kat, (you know who you are), call or text me, we need to get this feature going that we talked about when last I saw you.

I don't know about you, but I miss my MC already.

At your service....

*Donna Sam*

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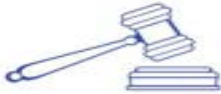
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ON TREES  
WHY DO BANKS  
HAVE BRANCHES?**



**Region Zero**

# **Monthly Meeting**

**Saturday, November 15, 2025**



**1:00PM**

**Amen Corners**

**29 W. Main St., Girard, Oh 44420**

*Bring Your Friends.....*



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# LIFE is LIKE *a camera*

FOCUS ON WHAT IS IMPORTANT

CAPTURE  
THE  
GOOD  
TIMES,

DEVELOP  
FROM  
THE  
NEGATIVES

AND IF THINGS DON'T WORK OUT,  
TAKE ANOTHER



# SHOT

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# SAFETY EDUCATION

Hello from the Safety & Ed Director Desk,

I want to first off thank Donna for the great job she is doing with the OutSpokin'. Also want to thank her for the kind words she said about what I do. Sometimes we all get wrapped up and don't take a moment to see what so many do behind the scenes.

Motorcycle Ohio still has training going on. Go to [www.motorcycle.ohio.gov](http://www.motorcycle.ohio.gov) to see all the counties that have current classes. Most of these classes are in our southern counties since it is getting a bit chilly in the northern ones.

**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.**

By the time this is published I will have attended the Summit County Swap Meet, went to Columbus for the Stakeholders Meeting at DPS and returned to the AMA for the Fall Bike Night. Yeah, my car loves the miles I put on her.

Remember to reach out to your local **Safe Communities**, especially during the winter months to see if you can get your foot in the door anywhere. Think outside the box, we need to reach those who don't know who we are.

So here is my monthly sermon:

The month of September and into the beginning of October I see motorcycle fatalities almost daily from across the State. A lot that I read about were very young riders 18 to 28. If you attend the seminar, you see when we present the statistics, and this is one of the biggest fatality age groups. 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.

What can I say that we need to SLOW DOWN and be hyper AWARE OF OUR SURROUNDINGS. 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!

WAIT!! ALL THIS IS WHAT I SAID LAST MONTH and the MONTH before!

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

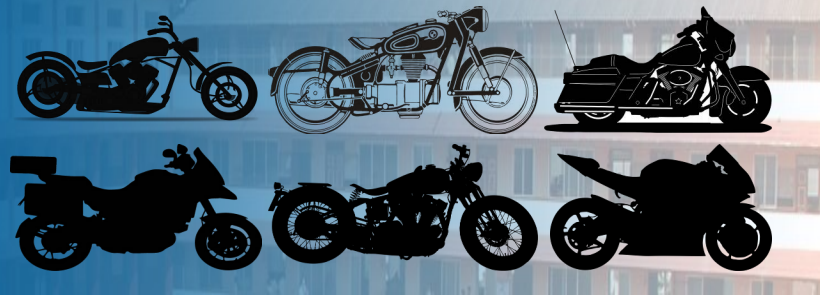
*Sherry Hill*

Safety & Ed State Director





# LEGISLATIVE NEWS



The state officers are putting so much effort into getting House Bill 357, or preferably **Sub. H.B. 357** to be accepted by the House Judiciary Committee, but nothing has been decided yet. **THERE IS STILL TIME FOR YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!** With this in mind, I am going to remind you all of what you need to do.

To be a part of the solution to this inattentive driving issue, you need to send some letters to House of Representatives 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. You may get a response that the sponsors have not sent out a call for co-sponsors yet, but that is ok. It will put this bill toward the front of their mind when it does come up.

***If you do not know who your House member is simply google "Find my Ohio House of Representative member" 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.***

But what is the difference between H.B. 357 and Sub H.B. 357? House Bill 357, which we got introduced and assigned to a committee, was only the first step. It raises vehicular homicide, vehicular manslaughter and vehicular assault all to a misdemeanor 1 charge. But we believed, and fought for, the law to reflect that taking someone's life should be a felony. Substitute Bill 357 does move vehicular homicide and vehicular manslaughter to felonies.

The Judicial Committee will hold a hearing after which they will decide on which bill they will put forth for additional hearings. Please write, E-mail or call all the committee members and inform them that we want Sub H.B. 357 to be processed and especially write the chairman of the committee.

One note of clarification is that this is not a motorcycle rights bill. Motorcycles are not mentioned anywhere. This bill will hopefully make the roads safer for motorcycles, bicycles, pedestrians as well as other motorists.

We don't know when the bill will have a hearing, so please do this soon. If you are not part of the solution, then you are part of the problem!!! Get your friends, family members and any acquaintances to do the same thing. You don't have to be an ABATE member, and 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. Again, don't wait for a friend or relative to get killed or seriously hurt or killed before you take some actions to make a difference.

Also in the news, State officers are looking into promoting a lane splitting bill in the Ohio House. Look for more information on this elsewhere in this newsletter or in upcoming publications as we work through the process.

Remember the state officers can only do so much.  
***It takes you the members to make progress happen.***

*Lion Man*



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## Hello MRF Members & Future Members,

November already and what I wrote about the MAC has been reversed! Now we will begin again and hopefully get Jay Jackson nominated for the position he held the last time.

Sometimes you must keep up with the changes!

While at the MOTM in Shreveport, the MRF settled as they do every year at that time, the Legislative Agenda for 2026. Normally they don't drastically change from year to year but here is the list of HIGH Priorities:

- **Autonomous Vehicles:** Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.
  - **Crash Avoidance:** Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.
  - **Data Recording:** Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.
  - **Definition of a Motorcycle:** Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.
  - **Emission Regulations:** Engage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.
  - **Helmet Laws/Equipment Mandates:** Oppose any mandatory federal helmet or personal protective equipment/apparel mandates.
  - **Internal Combustion Engines:** Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines.
  - **Profiling:** Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promote awareness and the prohibition of motorcyclist profiling.
  - **Renewable Fuels:** Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).
  - **Right to Repair/Modify:** Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their motorcycles.
  - **Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):** Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (the current act is set to expire in 2026).
- Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:** Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

If you need any assistance in renewing your membership, just contact me. I will help you as much as possible.

In closing, be safe & educated!!!

Till December .....

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# YANKEE LAKE 33rd FALL MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET NOVEMBER 2, 2025

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Kickstands up: 1 pm  
Santa escorts parade to Salvation Army  
Parade exits parking lot behind Walmart to Central Parkway.

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Get places to watch parade along Main Street!

**Right onto Main Street**  
Get place to watch parade!

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**Left onto 79N**

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## Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

### PROVING THE VALUE OF YOUR CUSTOM BIKE TO THE INSURANCE GUYS

Q. I have a bike that I bought stock five years ago and have made several improvements to it including a lot of chrome, custom paint, and other customized equipment. My bike was stolen last month, and the insurance company only wants to offer me book value for the bike. By my estimation, it's

worth about twice the book value of a stock bike. Is there any way I can convince the insurance company to re-evaluate their offer?

A. There may be a way to do that, but it depends on how good your records are. Most insurance policies cover customization and items added to bikes, but the insurance company must be assured that the customizations that you claim you added were added to the bike and became a part of the bike. There are several ways to do that. The easiest and best way is to document all the customizations done to the bike. This means keeping meticulous records of the modifications done to the bike, who did them, when they were done, how much they cost, and what effect those customizations had on the value of the bike. Oftentimes that requires hiring the services of an appraiser to evaluate the bike with and without the modifications. And take lots of photos and send them to your insurance representative - before your bike gets stolen, of course.

Let's assume you did a custom job with three distinct components: First, you did some body work - you put on a new fork, new handlebars, and new wheels. You did that during one season and didn't plan on doing any more work that season. It would be a good idea once that work was completed, to take pictures of the bike, put those together with all the receipts from the work done to the bike and send copies of that information to your insurance company. At that point you should get an appraisal for the bike. Often, appraisers work at a motorcycle shop or dealer. You especially want an appraisal if the value of the bike together with the additions is more than what you paid for the bike plus the value of the additions. For example, you bought the bike for \$5,000.00; you added \$5,000.00 worth of additions, but those additions and your sweat equity caused the bike to be worth \$15,000.00 rather than just the value of the bike plus the parts, which was \$10,000.00. An appraisal will prove to the insurance company that the bike is worth more than the sum of its parts.

Now let's assume it's the next season, and you have added a lot of chrome to the bike. Again, you should take pictures of the bike, keep copies of the receipts, describe the work done, and submit that info to the insurance company for their files. Suppose later you decided to complete the customization and get a special paint job on it. Once that work is finished, you need an appraisal of the value of the bike to show the insurance company what it's worth with all the customizations. With those documents, you will be in a good position to prove the value of the bike to the insurance company should you need to make a claim.

Some insurance companies will agree to the value of your bike in advance of any loss. Try that approach for bikes with significant value.

Remember, some insurance companies offer special coverage for customizations or for bikes with historic or antique value. If your bike has value for collectors beyond the book value for a stock bike, check with your insurance agent about modifying your insurance to make sure your investment is covered. Never forget that with insurance companies, if it is not in writing, it doesn't count. Get email addresses of your insurance company reps and make book on them, because they are making book on you. Meaning, you should confirm every conversation and send them every doc and photo you have. If that doesn't work, call us.

## EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW [ALMOST] ABOUT GETTING ON SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

Even though the Social Security regulations on eligibility for disability payments cover thousands of pages, we can reduce them to these simple rules/questions:

1. Start with - do we meet guidelines for a defined impairment? If so, go to the next rule.
2. Are we working? If so, do we meet the definition of "substantial gainful activity?" Even if we are forcing ourselves and injuring our health even more - tough bananas if we earn more than the threshold amount [that amount goes up every year.] Even if you are not doing the work and have an employer who wants to keep you on for old times' sake, and even if you and your work are worthless - you are not eligible. This is decision time. To quit or not to quit is the question - for health's sake.
3. Did we pay enough money into Soc. Sec.?? The S.S. folks look at payments by you for a period of years. Remember for every dollar you put in; your employer puts in a dollar. All that money is sent to the Federales in Baltimore Md., where they keep it in a big bag until they decide who gets it. Guess how much the Government puts in? Zero - that's right, zero.  
This money is put in by you and your employer - only. Look at the pay stub portion that talks about FICA. There is no line for contributions by anyone else but you and your work effort - so much for the argument that this payment is a welfare payment.
4. Are we impaired and meet a listing? You should not walk but run to the nearest rehabilitation specialists that can help you sort through all the regulations defining impairment and whether you meet a defined listing.
5. Can you do anything else? For those of us that have reached 50 we get off the hook a little on the retraining requirement. I think the theory is we will be dead by the time we get retrained, so why not let up on the over-50 crowd. Remember, in the meantime, they are holding your money in that bag in Baltimore.

The good news is after time on disability, you get Medicare, the bad news is that you will wait 13 months to get on disability - even if you started today. So, what do you do for that time-period? Congress forgot to answer that one for you.

p.s. In a future article, we will cover how to avoid being labeled a sandbagger by the Federales, and other helpful rules of S.S. experience.





## CC TO ROD TAYLOR ATTORNEY AT LAW WORKS - JUST ASK JACK

Spoke with long time ABATE member Jack about a government issue involving his mother. I reminded him that in dealing with the adverse, especially the government, it does not count unless it is in writing. So always get the email of the other side and send a polite confirmation of what was said and what they were to do. And show a cc to Rod Taylor Attorney at Law. Sometimes that works to let the other side know you have a consigliere working on your side. All ABATE members have the authority to use my name in that way.

Jack reminded me how well that worked a few years back. He had a girlfriend who moved in and left her place largely unoccupied. The bad guys discovered that fact and cleaned her out, including a handgun belonging to Jack. That gun wound up in the hands of a bad guy who was arrested, and that gun was seized. A cop from there filed a claim for the handgun, so the local gendarmes refused to turn the gun back to Jack, the rightful owner. Jack called ABATE LEGAL - and my sought advice. I prepared a draft of a letter Jack was to send setting out the law and demanding return of his property - with a cc to Rod Taylor Attorney at Law. Jack called me the next day and advised the cops just delivered his handgun. So having a consigliere in the background works. Just another benefit of belonging to the best motorcycle organization in the world. Just ask Jack.

*Rod Taylor*

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**2025** Day after Bikers Inside Beltway, Senate acts on HJ Resolutions resulting in revocation of waivers to California Air Resources Board (CARB)

**2024** MRF leads Congressional Motorcycle Caucus "Ride To Work" on the streets of Washington DC to promote Motorcycle Awareness.

**2024** MRF representatives officially appointed to the Federal Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC)

**2023** Six MRF members selected to the "Community of Practice" groups, updating federal motorcycle safety guidelines.

**2023** MRF meets with NTSB officials, discussing concerns over Autonomous Vehicles (AV) not recognizing motorcycles.

**2022** U.S. House Passes H. Res 366 Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Resolution

**2022** Government funding bill includes language directing NHTSA to report back to Congress on activities and policies related to the profiling of bikers

**2022** 27 Members of Congress send letter to NHTSA seeking answers on recent crashes involving autonomous vehicles and motorcycles

**2022** Inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame

**2018** By unanimous consent, the U.S. Senate Passes S. Res 154 – Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Resolution

**2012** National Transportation Safety Board drops motorcyclists from "Top Ten" list

**2012** Established the MRF Industry Council allowing aftermarket manufacturers to be more involved with the bikers' rights movement

**2009** Held the first national motorcycle lobby day event in Washington, DC



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## THE 12 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES FOR THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)

- **Autonomous Vehicles:** Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.
- **Crash Avoidance:** Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.
- **Data Recording:** Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.
- **Definition of a Motorcycle:** Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.
- **Emission Regulations:** Engage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.
- **Helmet Laws/Equipment Mandates:** Oppose any mandatory federal helmet or personal protective equipment/apparel mandates.
- **Internal Combustion Engines:** Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines.
- **Profiling:** Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promote awareness and the prohibition of motorcyclist profiling.
- **Renewable Fuels:** Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).
- **Right to Repair/Modify:** Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their motorcycles.
- **Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):** Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (the current act is set to expire in 2026).
- **Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:** Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.



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*Common causes of motor vehicle vs. motorcycle accidents include:*

**MAKING LEFT TURNS** - Before turning **LEFT, CHECK TWICE** to ensure no motorcycle is coming. You're conditioned to look for cars and trucks, and it is easy to 'overlook' an oncoming motorcycle if you're not looking for one.

**PULLING OUT** - Before pulling out from a parked position, **CHECK TWICE** by turning your head and **LOOKING** for oncoming motorcycles. Motorcycles need more room and space to stop suddenly than a car or truck.

**CHANGING LANES** - Motorcycles can easily fit in the blind spots of your mirrors. Put your blinker on and **CHECK TWICE**, turn your head to **LOOK** to ensure there is no motorcycle in your blind spot!

**SHARING A LANE** - Don't share a traffic lane with a motorcycle. Even though a motorcycle is smaller than a car or truck, they are entitled to their entire lane.

**DON'T FOLLOW TOO CLOSE** behind a motorcycle - a motorcycle needs more room than a car or truck to stop. Keep a good distance behind a motorcycle, leaving enough room for you to stop.

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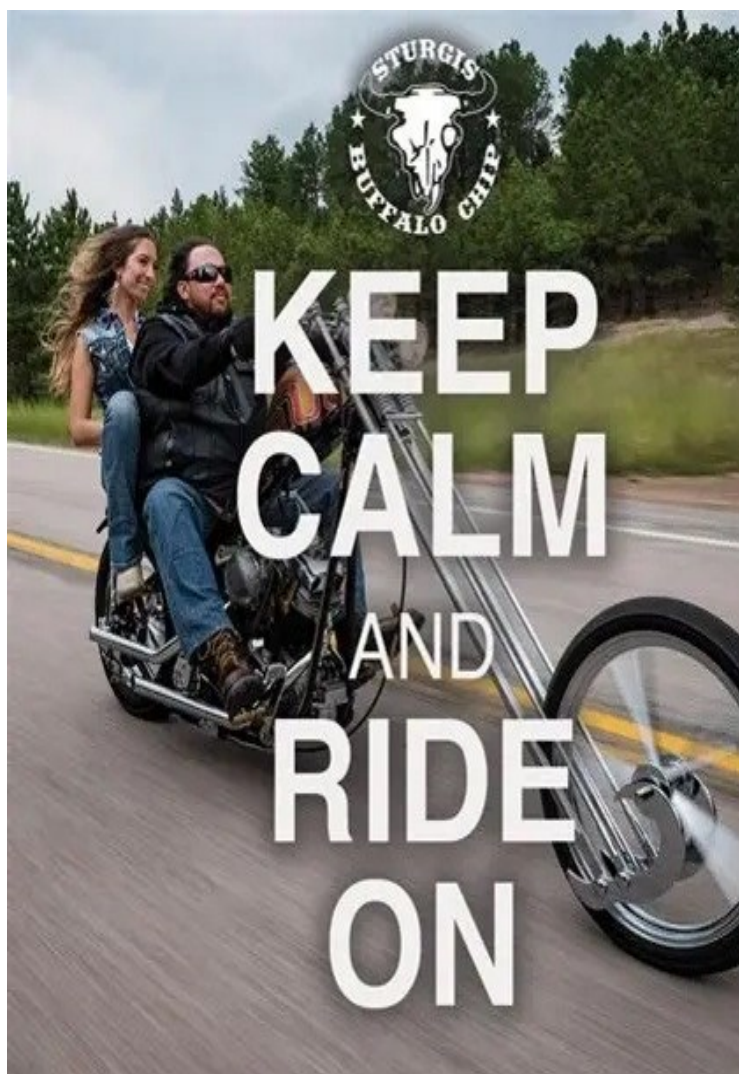


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1)... To initiate , endorse and sponsor educational programs such as rider safety, public awareness, legislative and affirmative action and, individual freedoms and rights.

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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