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The main purpose of the ABATE organization is to work toward continued freedom of the road by insuring that motorcyclist's point of view is presented to our legislators and to promote motorcycle safety, rider education and public awareness. We are trying to alleviate the very real possibility of "Big Brother Government". We encourage all our members to be informed registered voters. We write letters to our elected officials and stay aware of what is going on with motorcycle legislation, and other transportation issues. We welcome interested parties to any of our activities or to join our organization.

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President's Message

Hello everyone! Last month was our first newsletter in quite some time. In case you missed it, I will be repeating a few things, so you are up to date. We have partnered with Island Newsletters. They are a professional newsletter publishing company who will be responsible for producing the finished product. Various officers will provide articles and content to Island Newsletters, then they will include other motorcycle related content of interest to you and provide us with a completed newsletter, which **LI ABATE** will email to you monthly. Rest assured that your email address remains private and will not be provided to anyone. I am excited about the new concept and I hope that you find it informational and helpful. Members are encouraged to submit articles of interest to be included in the newsletter. Island Newsletters is not charging LI ABATE for their services. They will solicit advertisers, of interest to our members, and by doing so; they will retain any fees generated by the advertiser. If any LI ABATE member is interested in advertising in the newsletter, you will be given a 25% discount on your ad.

The Centereach VFW has been sold and as a result, we no longer have a meeting location in Suffolk County. We are currently searching for a location to hold our meetings so please keep an eye out for an email or a facebook post identifying the location of our July 14th meeting.

Our permits for our annual Veterans Appreciation Run were denied by Riverhead and Southampton towns. However, Sag Harbor still appreciates our Veterans and what we do for them. They were the only town to initially approve our permit. As a result, we modified the event to only include a 9 mile run, no admission fee and no after party. Presumably because we officially announced that our permits were denied, Southampton town reached out to us and provided us with an approved permit at 10:00am on Friday before the event. Obviously, it was too late to make a difference, so we proceeded as planned. At 12:00 the PGR lead us from the ball field across from the North Sea FD (special thanks to Rich White for arranging the field for us) down Noyack Rd and over the Jordan Haerter Bridge in Sag Harbor, where Jordan's Mom, Joann Lyles as well as the Marine Corps League and various patriots lined the bridge with American flags as we proceeded over the bridge and through the town of Sag Harbor. We did accept voluntary contributions for our Veterans and thanks to the generosity of everyone in attendance; we brought in over \$10,000 for the day. That equates to over \$40,000 after the match! Not bad for a last minute "non event"! Thank you everyone for your amazing and continuous support!

We recently received 2 donations from Matthew Bonfitto, a Life member of LI ABATE. The first check was for \$25,000, which he suggested that we use to help other worthy groups or organizations as we see fit. The board has decided to allocate all of it to our annual Veterans outreach program. That means that this donation will be quadrupled and included in the annual disbursements for the benefit of local Veterans. These disbursements will be made "IN MEMORY OF JONATHAN BONFITTO". The other check was for \$3,000 which he suggested that we use toward one of our missions. The board has decided to use most of the money to print motorcycle awareness Lawn signs, bringing awareness to motorcycles, especially when the driver is turning left. It is similar to last year's signs except for the additional statement "[IN MEMORY OF JONATHAN BONFITTO](#)". We can never thank Matthew enough for his generosity and his faith in our organization to do the right thing with the donations! We are deeply sorry for the loss of his wonderful Son Jonathan. May he Rest in Peace!

As of now, our annual Campout is scheduled for August 29th but the specifics are tentative because Suffolk County has not approved our application as of yet. Stay tuned for future updates.

Last year our Lottery ticket fundraiser was very successful and we planned on doing it again this year from July 1st thru December 31st. However, due to the Chinese Virus and the cancelation of our meetings, we were not able to sell enough tickets to proceed as planned. We have decided to postpone it for 6 months. Your current tickets are void for the dates July 1st thru December 31st. They will now be valid from January 1st thru June 30th 2021. If you prefer not to participate, because of this change, you are welcome to a refund. I apologize for the inconvenience. Tickets are available for \$20 each and they are numbered 000-999. Each night's daily number lottery drawing will determine the winning ticket. The prizes range from \$40-\$100 each night, depending on the night of the week. If you're interested in purchasing any tickets or receiving a refund, please email Longislandabate@aol.com.

Please let us know what you think about our new newsletter. Feel free to make suggestions on how we can improve upon it. Thank you, stay safe everyone!

Jim Barr



Long Island ABATE holds its annual Veterans Appreciation Motorcycle Run in June to raise money for Long Island Veterans. The money that is raised is matched dollar for dollar by three benefactors. Last year we raised over \$160,000.00 and donated it all to local Long Island Veterans groups and organizations, including our 4th four-wheel drive van to the Northport DAV. It takes months every year to plan this run, from getting the permits filed and approved, to securing the start location, to the end location, to getting the police and the sheriff's departments on board to escort the run to keep the biker community safe from start to finish. All of this is what goes on in the so called "normal world".

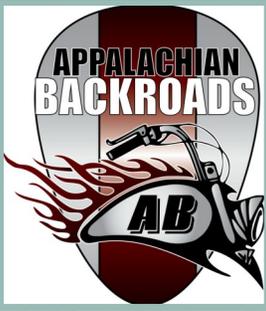
This year on Sunday, June 14th which was also Flag Day (in this crazy world we live in now with a Pandemic going on and New York being on lock down for months) no social gatherings, permits were denied by Riverhead and Southampton, it looked like Long Island ABATE was not having its annual Veterans Appreciation Run this year. On Thursday June 11th, just three days prior to the event, it was put on social media that a few Patriots and some friends were going to get together and take a ride. The weather forecast for Sunday was for sun all day and in the seventies! A perfect day for riding. It started spreading like wildfire that groups of Patriots and friends were meeting up in all different locations and going to all meet up in a field across from the North Sea FD at 149 Noyack Rd. in Southampton NY. Long Island ABATE and all the bikers still wanted to show their appreciation for our Veterans this year! By 11am the bikes started to roll in the field, there were approximately 250 motorcycles that showed up! Jugs were passed around for voluntary donations to support our Veterans here on Long Island. At 12:00 it was kickstands up and the group of Patriots (all 250 of them) roared out of the field and traveled the 9 miles into Sag Harbor where Gold Star Mom JoAnn Lyles was on the bridge named after her son LCPL Jordan Haerter, to greet all the Motorcyclists who came out to show their support for our Veterans!!! Thank you everyone that came out to show the love and support for our Veterans!! Without them we wouldn't have this freedom!!

By, Josephine Leonardi

Veterans Appreciation Run



JUNE 14th



APPALACHIAN BACKROADS ROUTE BY ROUTE

Here's a glimpse at the newly expanded back roads routes. Turn-by-turn directions, GPX and a downloadable tank bag maps are available on the website.

<https://www.appalachianbackroads.com/>

SKULL CRACKER

This scenic route passes historical buildings, a stunning waterfall, and charming small towns. Take a side trip to Creation Kingdom Zoo

THE WOODBOOGER

The Woodbooger, aka Big Foot, lives in the highlands near Norton and is memorialized by his stature at Flag Rock.

BOOTLEGGER

The bootlegging trade flourished in these Appalachian Mountains and led directly to the "lawless decade" of the 1920s.

EAGLE'S NEST

The valleys on the Eagle's Nest 90 mile loop provided routes to early pioneers as they moved westward to Cumberland Gap.

PANTHER'S BREATH

Starting at the 8th Wonder of the World, Natural Tunnel State Park, ride this 129 mile ribbon spying abundant wildlife along the way

ROADRUNNER

Motorcycling the High Mountain Country of Virginia is a stellar experience with mountaintop elevations.





Boss Hoss Cycles is an American motorcycle manufacturer, founded by Monte Warne in 1990 and based in Dyersburg, Tennessee. The company manufactures special high-performance motorcycles and trikes equipped with V8 engines, produced by Chevrolet, ranging in size from 350 cubic inches (5.7 liters) to 502 cubic inches (8.2 liters), equipped with semi-automatic transmissions, making them by far the most powerful motorcycles in the world. By the mid-1990s, Boss Hoss was selling 300 vehicles per year. As of 2006, Boss Hoss has sold over 4,000 vehicles.

Boss Hoss bikes and trikes are noted not only for their power and size but also for their low vibration, especially when compared to that of V-twin or single-cylinder motorcycles. The damping effect of the unusually great mass and relatively high number of engine cylinders combines with the very tall gears of the semi-automatic transmission to provide what is often described as "vibration-free acceleration". This has led some dealers and riders to affectionately describe the Boss Hoss as a "big scooter". Despite their size, power and weight, Boss Hoss motorcycles offer good ride comfort and driving dynamics.

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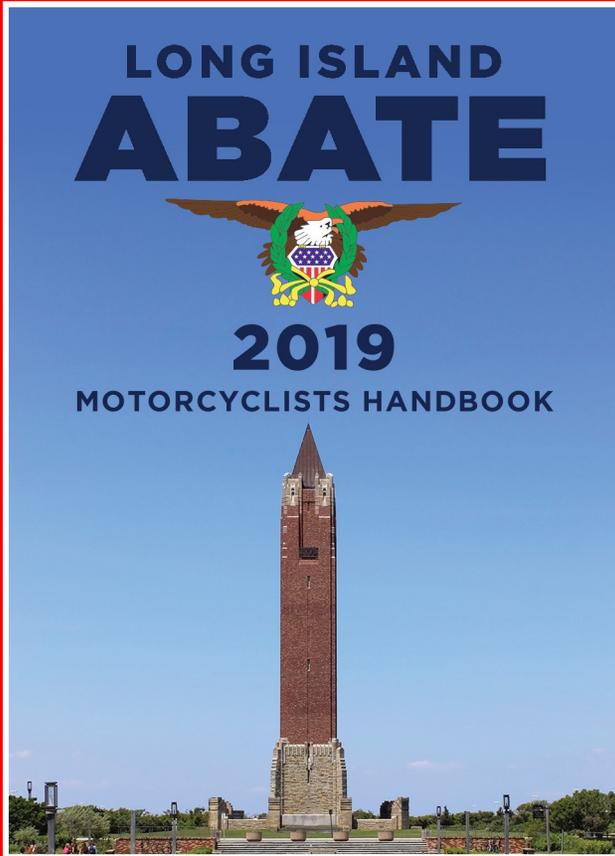
ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



Join the cause & become a member today !

2020 Long Island ABATE Motorcyclist Handbook

By Nancy Greenseich



For the past 6 Years, Long Island ABATE has put together a handbook filled with motorcyclist friendly merchants, event fliers and member dedications. There are merchants who also offer Long Island ABATE members' discounts as part of their ad.

We use the centerfold pages especially geared to the Long Island motorcyclist community that are filled with all the Motorcycle and MC events occurring for most of the year. Events that are local as well as rallies and important MRO meetings across the country.

Ads for the handbook are either \$50 or \$100. Advertising an event in the centerfold is free of charge.

Work on the handbook starts in January and by April, when Long Island ABATE has its Motorcycle Awareness Run and Bike Blessing, the handbook is ready and handed out for free to whoever wants one. It is a perfect size that fits in a vest pocket, saddlebags or back pockets. The handbook is utilized all the time, as we are told, not just to seek out great merchants, but to plan out almost a full years' worth of events.

At our last Long Island ABATE meeting, before knowing how serious the COVID-19 pandemic was going to be, we were still seeking advertisers and events to put in the handbook.

When events including our Awareness run started to get postponed or cancelled, we held off printing the handbook because of all of the changes. When businesses were then closing, we felt it would be best to hold off printing the handbook and wait it out to see how long it would take for the pandemic to subside and businesses reopen.

Being that a lot of events have been cancelled until next year or the end of the year (possibly) and businesses are still struggling financially, we decided to hold off printing the handbook until 2021.

We would like to whole heartily thank all the merchants, especially to the ones who have advertised with us since the handbook inception from day one. Without you all, the handbook would not be such a success. Any business that bought a full or half page will be honored in the 2021 Handbook. If anyone would like a refund, please get in touch with Nancy and your refund will be issued.

It is our hope that next year will be a safe and healthy one, and we can put COVID-19 to rest. We also hope and pray all of our business advertisers that were affected by this, come back successfully when your phase gets approved and reopened.

Be well and Ride Safe

Nancy Greenseich

Long Island ABATE Membership Officer



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EVENTS



NEWS

NOTE: All dates are subject to be changed/postponed/cancelled. Please reach out to the organization regarding their event.

Tuesday, July 21 - Saturday, July 25

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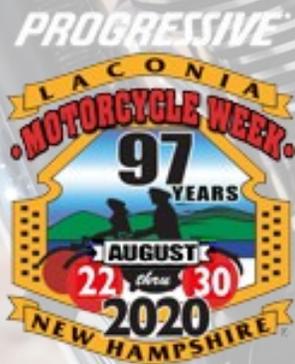


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AUGUST 21 - AUGUST 30

Laconia Motorcycle Week is a motorcycle rally held annually in Laconia, New Hampshire. The rally has its origin in the Loudon Classic motorcycle race started in 1923 and the Gypsy tour, where many motorcyclists passed through Laconia.

laconiamcweek.com



9/11 Memorial "Run for Richie" Motorcycle Ride

September 13

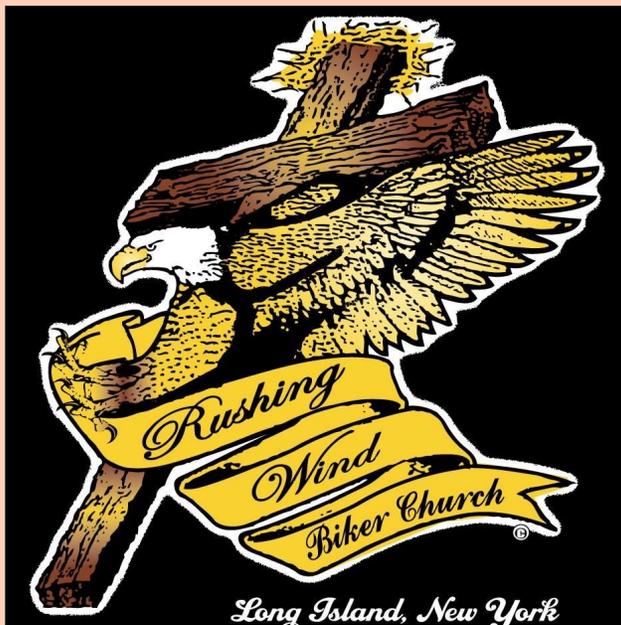
Kick Stands Up at 1 p.m. leaving parking lot of Aqueduct Racetrack to WTC, 2 hour ride time through SCENIC NYC!



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Sworn in by Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone.

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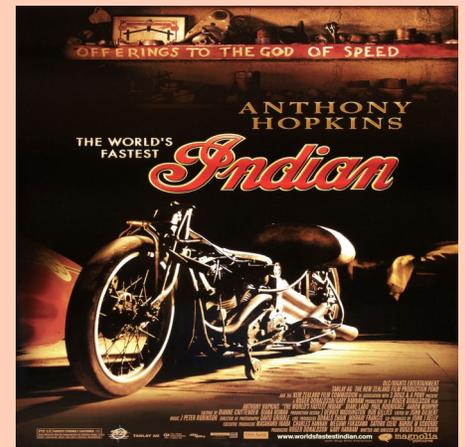
The Non- Event

It was a nice day to ride. Clear skies, temps in the 70's...just a perfect day to ride the bike. The non-event was scheduled. We rode out to the meet site to see about 60 bikes. We got there at about 11am. As time passed, not many showed up to do the run. It wasn't a long run, but this supported Veterans. Long Island supports their Veterans.

I figure this is the unofficial start of the summer riding season. What a great site! And, as Chaplain, I was asked to pray for the run. I am honored and a blessed to serve in this way...giving GODS blessing over everyone. We all missed the annual bike blessing so this was the one where everyone got their blessing. I'm pleased to say that the run was great, everyone made it safely, and we got to the end without a hiccup.

My prayer for everyone riding with LONG ISLAND ABATE, it that they ride safe, enjoy the ride, ride smart, and be careful. The cars are going much faster and being more reckless and distracted.

As always, honored to serve,
 Pastor G...Gerry
 BIKERS for CHRIST
 Rushing Wind Biker Church



The World's Fastest Indian

A 2005 New Zealand biographical sports drama film based on the Invercargill, New Zealand, speed bike racer Burt Munro and his highly modified 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle. Munro set numerous land speed records for motorcycles with engines less than 1,000 cc at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah in the late 1950s and into the 1960s. The film stars Anthony Hopkins'

In 1962, Burt Munro is a sort of folk hero in his home town of Invercargill, New Zealand, known for his friendly easy-going personality, for having the fastest motorcycle in New Zealand and Australia, and for being featured in *Popular Mechanics* magazine. Burt, however, has a long-time dream; to travel to the US and test his motorbike's capabilities at the Bonneville Speedway.

He finally arrives at the Bonneville Salt Flats, only to be blocked by race officials for not registering his motorcycle for competition in advance, and not having the mandated safety equipment. In a show of sportsmanship, however, various competitors and fans in the Bonneville series intervene on his behalf, and he is eventually allowed to make a timed run. Despite various problems, he succeeds in his quest and sets a new land speed record at the 8th mile of his run; when he reaches 201.851 mph.

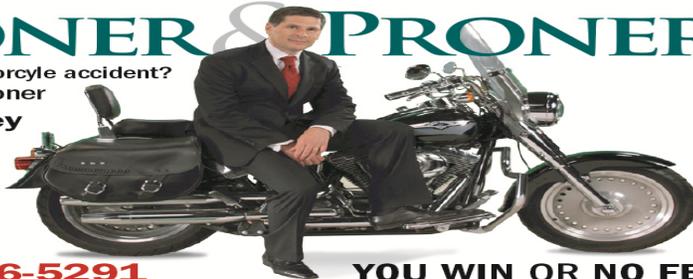
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WHAT TO DO WHEN **PULLED OVER** ON YOUR **MOTORCYCLE**



Imagine you're riding your motorcycle on a beautiful day. Traffic is light and it's flowing well with no major hang-ups or slowdowns. A police officer pulls behind you in traffic and turns on his lights and siren. "Is that for me?" you ask yourself. It is. You can't believe you're being pulled over, and at this moment you start to wonder what you should do.

As it has been discussed many times before, safety needs to be the number one priority when on a motorcycle. Obviously, the officer wants you to pull over to the side of the road, and you need to assess how to do it safely. It may require changing lanes with a turn signal and gradually easing over a lane or two, and once onto the side of the road, you should be as far off the road as possible to avoid the traffic going by.

Don't Panic and Be Patient

Once you're safely on the side of the road, we recommend turning the motorcycle off with the key. You're probably not going anywhere for a few minutes, so don't waste the gas idling.

Turning the motorcycle off also signals to the officer that you're calm and patiently waiting for them to approach. Make sure you keep your hands in plain sight, like setting them on the tank or leaving them resting on the handlebars.

Taking your helmet off can show good faith to the officer, but it could also be used as a weapon too. Taking it off is more personal choice unless directed by the officer to remove it. You may just want to flip up your visor or take your riding eye protection off so the officer can clearly see your eyes.

Stay seated on your motorcycle, and if you choose to, but the stand down. Again it shows you're waiting for the officer to approach and not looking to flee or cause a problem. It also won't require you to hold the motorcycle up for a few minutes. Turn on your hazard lights if your motorcycle is equipped with the function.

Be Prepared

In most cases, the officer is going to pull in behind you, park their patrol vehicle, and walk up to you from behind. When they reach you, most likely they are going to ask for your **identification, motorcycle registration, and proof of insurance**. Most riders will carry it in a tank bag, on the inside pocket of their jacket, or perhaps in a saddlebag. After it's requested, and before you move to retrieve it, let the officer know where it is. "Sure officer, let me get those for you out of my _____." It won't be a surprise when you reach inside your jacket or inside a tank bag, nor will it cause a suspicious scene.

Don't Be a Know-It-All

When you're talking to the officer, they may ask if you know why they stopped you. If it was a surprise in the beginning, most likely the honest answer is that you don't. This isn't the point to start playing 20 questions and giving them hypothetical answers. Even if you have an idea, it's best to keep it to yourself. Just simply tell them you're not sure. If you do know 100%, and you knew you were doing something wrong, don't point it out and admit it.

Common Reasons the Police May Stop You

Not wearing the correct protective gear – While most states don't require protective gear beyond a helmet, riding in the correct gear shows you are concerned about your personal safety and it gives a good image to a police officer. If you're worried about safety, you're probably also worried about the law.

Not wearing a helmet or a legal helmet (when the law requires it) – There are many states that do require a helmet to be worn, and most require it to be DOT certified. Keen officers that can spot the difference may pull you over for a confirmation inspection to make sure the helmet you are wearing is approved.

Speeding – If you aren't trying to go over the speed limit intentionally, perhaps you entered a lower speed zone and missed the sign. It happens. Officers do wait for those that miss the signs, and if you're alone on the road you may be the only option to stop.

Loud exhaust – Loud pipes save lives, but at the same time they can surely be annoying at the same time. Most of the time roads don't have noise ordinances or nuisance issues, but closed communities might. While you love the sound of open exhaust on your favorite motorcycle, your friends and neighbors might not. Be sure you know the rules and laws before you ride.

Poor motorcycle condition – You should have done a pre-ride inspection before you left on your motorcycle, but things do change during a ride. A light bulb burns out after a good bump or a stop for a fresh tank of gas, a turn signal stops working, or perhaps the license plate lamps don't come on anymore. Little things happen. Keeping up with your maintenance shows you are pretty likely to be a law-abiding citizen. Riding a ratty motorcycle can entice a stop and inspection.

The National Motorcycle Museum



The National Motorcycle Museum was founded in 1989 by people who love motorcycling and it thrives today because of their sound plan. Engineers, racers, bike builders, tuners and others as far back as the late 1800's built the groundwork for what motorcycling has become. The National Motorcycle Museum's goal is to present their passion, and ours, through fine interpretive exhibits built around a fine collection of machines and historical objects from around the world. As the motorcycle industry evolves we believe it is critical that we continue to gather vintage bikes, photographs, apparel, advertising art and other memorabilia to document all eras. Likewise, presentation of these motorcycles and objects must be high quality. Enhanced exhibitions, facilities, infrastructure, media and quality staff can make your experi-

ence at the Museum what you expect and deserve. Only by making these investments and providing well interpreted motorcycling history can we really succeed in presenting the story of the industry and motorcycling culture.

Some have the misconception that the National Motorcycle Museum is a privately owned museum. In fact it is chartered as a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation and is governed by a board of directors. Our funding comes from a variety of sources including admissions, Museum Store sales, fundraisers, donations*, memberships, corporate sponsorships and grants. But it is by far generous donations from individual motorcyclists who love the freedom provided by two wheels that we are able to "tell the exciting stories" of motorcycling and important motorcyclists. Continuous support allows us to create new exhibitions, add interpretive media, research and produce labels holding deeper information about motorcycles on display.

With your generous support we have expanded the list of motorcycles on display from 40 to over 450. Many motorcycles are on loan from private collectors from around the world. The collection of memorabilia, antique motorcycle toys, photos and posters has also grown tremendously. If you are a collector of one or more machines, there may be room for your motorcycle in the galleries of the National Motorcycle Museum. Our breakthrough for 2010 is the adaptive reuse of a structure on the outskirts of Anamosa over twice the size of the old downtown location. With a location just off U.S. 151, more parking and single story architecture we are better able to handle bus tours and large groups as well as create and produce exciting special events on our grounds.

We encourage you to click on ["Get Involved"](#) on the Museum Home Page to see all the ways you can begin to work with the museum and support its work. From outright cash donations to giving your time and technical expertise, there's a way for you to get involved with the National Motorcycle Museum! *Monetary gifts and gifts of Personal Property to the National Motorcycle Museum are typically tax deductible.



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Mail-order motorcycling, from Indiana to your doorstep
By Jim O'Clair from November 2010 issue of Hemmings Motor News

One of the most interesting motorcycles at the recent Pebble Beach Concours was a bike you could literally send away for in the mail and have delivered to your door. Sears offered motorcycles in their retail catalog from 1912 to 1916, available with either a single- or a two-cylinder engine produced by the F. W. Spacke Company of Indianapolis, Indiana; Spacke also assembled the bikes for Sears. These same engines were used in other motorcycles of the period: Dayton, Deluxe, Minneapolis, Eagle and Crawford. The Spacke V-twin engines were also used in cycle cars of the Teens and Twenties: Davis, Ideal, Scripps-Booth, Buckles, Brook, Peters and Spacke's own cycle car used the 70-cubic-inch air cooled engine. The 1913 models advertised a whopping 9hp. The engine oil pump was gravity drip-fed and mounted above the engine in the tank; a force-feed plunger was incorporated that had to be pumped occasionally before starting or while driving. A Bosch magneto mounted in front of the engine supplied the engine ignition. Fuel was fed into the cylinders by a Schebler carburetor. The 70.62-cubic-inch engine had a bore of 3.5 inches and a stroke of 3.67 inches.



The Sears bikes were driven by a single-speed Eclipse chain-drive transmission that was engaged by the long lever mounted to the side of the fuel tank, and had chains on both sides of the rear wheel, one driven off the clutch and the other driven by pedal power, used to start the engine. A clutch pedal was added in 1914 models to the right side below the engine case to control a two-speed rear hub. Components were mounted to a loop-type bicycle frame with long pullback handlebars to compensate for the far rear seat position and make room for the fuel/oil tank. As you can see from the photo, this bike had some extras over and above the standard models, namely, an acetylene headlamp and tail lamp with acetylene fuel tank mounted in front of the handlebars. However, it lacks the optional speedometer that would have been gear driven off the wheel hub. Front suspension was a trailing link leaf spring mounted above the fender. Rear suspension was dependent on how much you weighed and whether the bicycle seat springs would allow you to bounce or would just bottom out when you sat down. Original catalog pricing was \$250, roughly \$5,500 in today's money. Values for a restored bike today are unknown; however, a 1914 Sears without the lighting but with the speedometer sold at a Sotheby's auction in Chicago in September 2001 for over \$127,000, including buyer's premium.

Here Are the "Big Guns" of Our Motorcycle Line—Wonders for Power and Speed



No. 19A214¹/₄ Latest 1913 Sears De Luxe Invincible Twin: 7-Horse Power, Chain Drive, Bosch Magneto, Free Engine and Changeable Gear Clutch, 2³/₄-Inch Studded Tires, complete, as illustrated and described. Price \$235.00
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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 burdensome federal agency restrictions and regulations
- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American roads



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

History of the MRF

The first words of the street rider's first voice in Washington were uttered in 1985 in St. Louis, Missouri. There, the very founders of the motorcyclists' rights movement in America gathered for a meeting of the minds. Leaders of State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), they wanted to catapult to the national scene the clout and effectiveness of SMROs — the strong, effective grassroots of state-based motorcyclists' rights.

They knew it had to be done. Riders' rights had to go national, because the threat was national. Our founders at this meeting of the minds shared a keen sense that danger was not just on the horizon but dead ahead, as freedom's foes had just attacked with a ban on motorcycles in the United States Congress.

They knew it had to be done right. The founders wanted a staff that was all muscle and no fat, supported not by casual members but driven by a team of dedicated volunteers, with each volunteer committed to shouldering his or her share of the demands of liberty. They envisioned a team committed to core values like respect for riders' diverse lifestyles and opinions, integrity in conduct, excellence and boldness in facing challenges head-on and, above all, leadership — leadership in the unrelenting struggle for the safety and freedom of American motorcyclists.

So, at a meeting of the minds of grassroots leaders, a new leader was born: The Motorcycle Riders Foundation. The first motorcyclists' rights advocacy organization with a full-time legislative and political presence in our nation's capital. The only Washington voice devoted exclusively to you, the street rider. And each year, the leaders of the now-worldwide community gather for motorcycling's premier political leadership summit — named to commemorate the gathering at which we were founded: The MRF Meeting of the Minds.

Throughout the USA and across the world, the torch of freedom burns in the hearts of motorcyclists. One by one, they recognize the need to become volunteers as co-partners in an organization committed to integrity, respect, leadership, teamwork and excellence.

One by one, in every continent and culture, motorcyclists are deciding to Ride with the Leaders™.

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- Annual Sustaining Membership \$100
- Annual Industry Council Membership \$100



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- Freedom Fighter Donation \$10 \$25 \$ _____

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Hidden In Plain Sight — Empire State Motorcycle Safety Education Program

In nature, the chameleon has the ability to camouflage itself with its surroundings. This gives the reptile an edge while attacking its prey but more importantly, it is a key defensive system for survival. While in life, man has worked constantly to replicate and perfect the same aspect of being hidden from others (primarily in the military and hunting fields) for that edge and survival; the art of blending with our surroundings as a motorcyclist can have a devastating effect – one that all of us rather not encounter.

That ever infamous statement of “I didn’t see him/her” should be a driving force for us to approach certain scenarios differently with a possible positive outcome – nothing happening at times can be a great thing! I have heard many riders, instructors, etc. state that we should consider ourselves invisible to the driving world around us. While that may be a good start and something close to the truth, we need to look at points that we can take to protect ourselves whether we are invisible or not.

One point I have mentioned several times when it comes to being conspicuous is the gear we wear while riding. Bright colors and reflective materials work far better than the traditional black that bikers have been traditionally associated with. I recently attended an event where at least 70% of the attendees were wearing Hi Viz gear and clothing, perhaps Hi Viz is slowly becoming the new black? Couldn’t hurt. Another thing we can do when it comes to our machines is install additional lighting. It just makes common sense that the more illumination you have either front, rear, or sides that it should hopefully help present more of an awareness of you to others. Once again – couldn’t hurt, except for your wallet but if it prevents a conflict and/or injury I think it certainly would be worth the cost.

So we covered making ourselves more visible via our gear and bikes, but is there anything we can do while riding? Absolutely. One factor that many within the safety skills industry feels is an important one to consider is lane positioning. Where we place ourselves for a situation or scenario can perhaps make a major difference as to what could or couldn’t happen to us. Lane positioning is a constant adjustment; if we are moving then situations change as quickly as we roll. We want to keep ourselves in the best position of the lane where we have the best visual input for ourselves as well as to be in best visual view for those around us.

The constant adjustments to achieve this require a better sense of awareness for us to take in all the information around us and play the “what if” game. If you are always taking in your surroundings you may recognize things that you can adjust for way before any bad problems have a chance to happen. If you’re in traffic or riding within a town or city you would definitely consider that you just may blend in to the surroundings and not be seen. Though there is no definitive corrective action but it could be as simple as slowing down to adjust for anything or covering your controls for a quick reaction or shifting lane positions prior to intersections, maybe just your movement will help develop awareness to others.

The one thing I am a bit leery about is flashing your headlights; there is a chance that a driver may interpret the information differently and where your intention was to bring awareness, they might consider it as a signal to proceed into your path of travel. The same can be said for oscillating headlights, though I have heard many positive comments from users of these devices; I have also been told of the times that drivers didn’t know what was ongoing and mistook the lights for a signal to proceed. Just another thing to consider.

Even if we wear the brightest of gear, install the brightest illumination available and become vigilant with our awareness of our surroundings and always adjust correctly for the conditions we encounter, can that guarantee the elimination of the risks we deal with other vehicles and drivers? Definitely not; but I believe, as well as many others, that each step we take is one closer to reducing the risks and likelihood of living the world of the chameleon where we are hidden in plain sight.



HANDLEBAR FIELD GUIDE

A VISUAL REFERENCE FOR HANDLEBAR TYPES

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Low Drag



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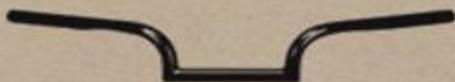
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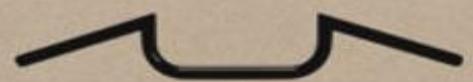
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H-Bar



Window



Chumps



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MERCHANT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

KEYS
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Hello Ladies and Gentlemen,

Every month we will be featuring a merchant who provides discounts
And special services to LIABATE members and their families.

With businesses starting to open and the restrictions reduced I am looking forward to things returning to a
new "normal" hopefully.

This month's featured merchant is a duet, Keys Cutlery & Keys Love Jewelry.

After talking with Key and Theresa about their duet and how it started I could do nothing less than share
their story.

It all started with Theresa winning 500.00 from lottery tickets 8 years ago in which she invested in jewelry
and began her business, Keys Love Jewelry. She provides men's and ladies Stainless Steel jewelry.

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One year after Theresa's business opening she then bought Key, 12 different styles of knives and said
"Happy Anniversary you now have a business" that soon became "Keys Cutlery". Key provides a large as-
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After several years together they work to provide a wide variety of merchandise to the public. They are lo-
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Ride safe, be careful and have fun,
CHRIS BECKHANS,LIABATE

INTERSECTIONS & LEFT TURNS



I was thumbing through one of my motorcycle riding books to see what topic would help us ride safer. I was going to write something about taking curves safely. I had to drop something off by a relative's house. It was a beautiful day so why not ride. As I was getting lost in the beautiful weather through the neighborhoods it dawned on me. Left Turns Kill. And Intersections with stop signs can be hazardous.

I thought why not write about how we can be safer riding through cross streets. Just because we have the green light or right of way, doesn't mean we should be the first through the intersection. If someone blows through a red light or stop sign, we don't want to be in the path of that vehicle.

When riding our motorcycle, we should always be thinking and looking ahead using the what if tactic? Does this driver see me? Am I riding in her blind spot? Am I going into a lane where the person is texting in the car behind me? Is that vehicle going to turn or go straight at the approaching intersection?

We need to practice, avoid riding in the blind spots of drivers on either side of our motorcycle on thirty mile an hour road or sixty-five mile an hour thruway.

As a proactive rider we need to think and prepare before entering an intersection in order to avoid encountering a hazardous situation with other drivers in the first place. This means get prepared for the intersection. We should select the right gear and place ourselves in the correct lane before ever entering the upcoming intersection. A little foresight goes a long way when it comes to preventing accidents.

As we ride, we should try to scan around ourselves constantly. Can I see all cars at the intersection, especially the ones who may turn left in front of me? We have to ask ourselves, from their perspective, can they see me?

This brings up the topic we need to be seen. Whether you ride with high visibility clothing or all blacked out is your choice. You still want to be seen by all motorists approaching an intersection.

Be prepared to react accordingly. Are you going to accelerate, brake, swerve, or all the above?

Have your hands and feet ready to clutch, brake, keep your body in a good position to respond accordingly.

I hope this brief article will make you think a little differently while riding. Do the best you can to be prepared and make yourself visible and most of all arrive home safely.

Mike Lawro

Safety Officer



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from your...

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER



Hi Everybody!!

I hope you are all well and safe during this crazy, surreal time in our lives.

Memberships dues are \$20 a year, \$80 for five years and \$15 for life up to 25 years. You can join or renew via our website at www.longislandabate.org.

After a glitch on my end, which turned out to be okay but frustrating glitch J, the membership cards are being changed and will be going out. They will be attached to your letter. Eventually, my goal is for you to be able to download and print out your own card that will be emailed to you. It is not happening just yet so in the meantime, be on the lookout for your membership cards with your letter.

Your \$4000 accidental death insurance information is mailed separately, so if you receive that first, rest assured, you are in our database as well as being an active member of Long Island ABATE.

Renewal letters that go out: If you are on auto renewal, then you can disregard your letter. If you need to be taken off auto renewal or have a problem with it, again please let me know.

If you are a new member, you will be receiving a packet with your Long Island ABATE patch and card. Due to the mail cost, we no longer mail out pins, however we have them available at our membership meetings and booths. If you would like your pin mailed to you, please shoot me an email and I will get it out to you. We are looking for companies to offer Long Island ABATE discounts, and once we have a list, it will be included with your membership packet.

If you are not receiving any emails from Long Island ABATE, please let me know so I can update it in our database as well as our email service.

All notifications regarding Long Island ABATE regarding court cases, Call to Action, events, meetings, cancellations and other important information are posted on our website, Facebook pages, Instagram page, and emailed to our membership. Events and monthly meetings are also on Google Calendar.

Once we go back to some normalcy, then I will be sending out emails regarding future meetings and events. Let's hope its sooner than later!!

The best way to contact me is by text or email. My contact info is Nancyliabate@gmail.com. My cell phone is 631-220-1004. Please include your full name, address, phone number and correct e-mail address.

Please contact me with all of your questions or concerns regarding your membership. Again I really appreciate all of your patience as I work on it. Your membership is extremely valuable and worthy to Long Island ABATE, and its Officers, and we all are doing our best to make sure you know you have a great legitimate organization that is dedicated to you all as motorcyclists.

Thank You and Ride Safe!

Nancy Greenseich

Long Island ABATE Membership Officer

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19	20	21 LI ABATE NASSAU Monthly Meeting recap 7:30PM CANCELED Due To Quarantine	22	23	24	25
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