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AMERICAN BIKERS for AWARENESS TRAINING & EDUCATION

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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Long Island ABATE encourages all members to submit letters, articles or cartoons they feel may be of interest to fellow **ABATE** members. **Long island ABATE** supports the rights of ALL motorcyclists, **Long Island ABATE** does not endorse any products or services other than its own.

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President's Message

Hello Long Island ABATE Members,

I would like to reach out to all with well wishes. At our last board meeting most of us were sworn in by legislator Leslie Kennedy which was posted on our Facebook page. We also secured our annual event dates. April 11th has been reserved for our Motorcycle Awareness Run. June 13th has been reserved for our Veterans Appreciation Run. August 21st has been reserved for our annual campout and November 7th has been reserved for our St Mary's Food and Toy Run. Providing the restrictions are reduced these events will happen I'm sure they will be modified a bit but we will do our best to see that they happen. The locations to be determined as the dates near, keep your eyes open for emails and check social media for details.

Last month a couple of us attended Texas legislative day which happens every two years. We went to show support and to educate ourselves on what is going on across the country and bring back what we learned and apply it to our local legislation. Texas has been a hot spot for some less than desirable treatment of motorcyclist. If things can happen there they can happen anywhere and that's why it is good to be involved across the country. Networking with others makes things happen. Profiling is a big thing and we should all get involved to prevent it. We have a long list of new legislation that is on the table and will be published in this newsletter as well. We should review them and either fight for or against as needed through our local and national politicians. The more that are involved the louder the voice.

We are still looking into having a membership meeting soon and are currently looking for a location that we can safely accommodate everyone. Once we find a place we will reach out via email and social media. If anyone has suggestions please reach out to us

As many of you know the roads are terrible we are in the process of posting the links on our website and Facebook for the various municipalities to register road complaints. We can't do much about the condition of the roads but we can notify them of the issues so they hopefully can and will fix them.

Again I would like to thank everyone for your continued support, without you there would be no us. Together we can get things done

We are continuously looking for volunteers and their input to better the organization. If anyone is interested or has ideas to better serve the community please contact a board member or email us and give us your ideas and tell us how you can help.



Ride Safe, Be Careful and Have Fun
Chris Beckhans, President of Long Island ABATE



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Miracle Mile H-D Consolidation FAQs

What if I have a bike currently in service?

Miracle Mile H-D will be reaching out directly to all customers. We will be open for current service customers bike pickup during until Saturday 1/23. Anything not completed will be completed at NYC Harley-Davidson in Long Island City and available for pickup there.

What if I have a bike currently in winter storage?

We will continue to keep all winter storage bikes in storage and they will be available for pickup in the spring.

Are Gift Cards & Pre-Paid Maintenance still valid?

Miracle Mile H-D gift cards and Pre-Paid Maintenance programs will be honored at H-D of NYC in Long Island City, NY.

Where can we receive ongoing Service/Warranty work on H-D motorcycles?

NYC H-D 14 miles, Empire 16 miles, and Nassau County H-D 18 miles from Great Neck. Plus, there are other H-D dealerships in the greater NY area.

What part does NYC H-D play in the Miracle Mile H-D consolidation?

NYC H-D is assisting in collaboration with Harley-Davidson Motor Company to buy the inventory and assets of the dealership, including motorcycles, which will be available at NYC H-D. The main goal is to take care of the New York customer base for both the short term and for the next 100+ years. NYC H-D is under new ownership and will be expanding their staff and offerings.

The logo for Big Apple Motorcycle School features a stylized red apple with a yellow stem and leaf. A black motorcycle is positioned in front of the apple, appearing to ride towards the right. Below the apple, the text 'BIG APPLE' is written in large, bold, red capital letters, and 'MOTORCYCLE SCHOOL' is written in bold, black capital letters.

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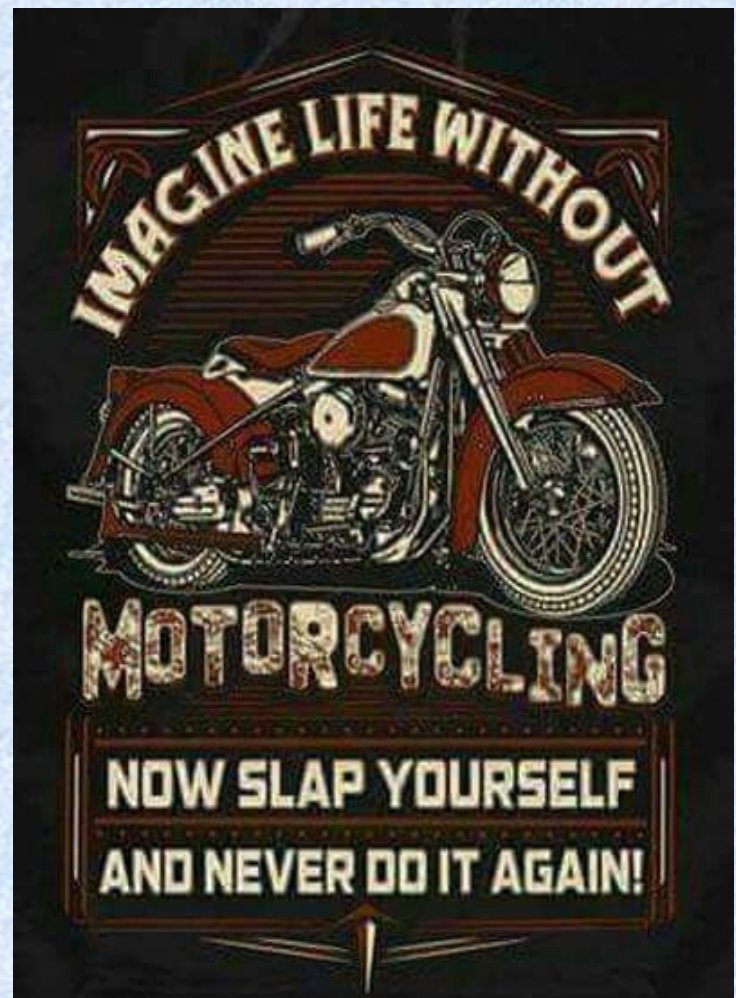
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Greeting ABATE Members,

Long Island ABATE has always tried to stay up on all the Local, State and National Legislation effecting the Motorcycle community. Even with the shutdowns in government there is still new legislation pending that will affect the biker community. Some bills we should support and others we need to voice our objections. Currently there are 168 bills pending in New York State, the following are Motorcycle related. Please look at the following bills and contact your government representatives and voice your opinion. If you are interested in all 168 motor vehicle bills pending, drop me a line and I will be happy to forward the listing to you.

Number: **NY [R] AB 2560** - Updated (Status 07/15/2020)

Sponsor: David Gantt

Title: Increases the fine for operating a motorcycle with a muffler that produces excessive or unusual noise from one hundred dollars to seven hundred dollars

Abstract: Increases the fine for operating a motorcycle with a muffler that produces excessive or unusual noise from one hundred dollars to seven hundred dollars.

Status: ENACTING CLAUSE STRICKEN - 07/14/2020

Number: **NY [R] AB 3027** - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)
Sponsor: Asm. Felix Ortiz (D-NY)
Title: Relates to making comprehensive motor vehicle insurance reparations (no-fault insurance) applicable to motorcycles
Abstract: Makes comprehensive motor vehicle insurance reparations (no-fault insurance) applicable to motorcycles.
Status: REFERRED TO INSURANCE - 01/08/2020

Number: **NY [R] AB 3518** - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)
Sponsor: Asm. Donna Lupardo (D-NY)
Title: Relates to motorcycle profiling
Abstract: Requires the municipal police training council to ensure that issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training.
Status: REFERRED TO GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS - 01/08/2020

Number: **NY [R] AB 3731** - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)
Sponsor: Asm. Aileen Gunther (D-NY)
Title: Prohibits certain children from riding on a motorcycle
Abstract: Prohibits children under the age of twelve from riding on a motorcycle.
Status: REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION - 01/08/2020

Number: **NY [R] AB 5098** - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)
Sponsor: Asm. Maritza Davila (D-NY)
Title: Relates to motorcycle awareness on state highways
Abstract: Relates to motorcycle awareness on state highways by affixing signs stating ""Watch for Motorcycles"".
Status: REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION - 01/08/2020

Number: NY [R] AB 6030 - Updated (Status 01/28/2020)
Sponsor: Asm. Sean Ryan (D-NY)
Title: Exempts bicycle, motorcycle, snowmobile and equestrian helmets from sales and use tax
Abstract: Exempts bicycle, motorcycle, snowmobile and equestrian helmets from sales and use tax.
Status: ENACTING CLAUSE STRICKEN - 01/28/2020

Number: NY [R] AB 6080 - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)
Sponsor: Asm. Felix Ortiz (D-NY)
Title: Provides an exemption from any congestion pricing fees for motorcycles
Abstract: Provides an exemption from any congestion pricing fees for motorcycles.
Status: REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION - 01/08/2020

Number: NY [R] AB 6895 - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)
Sponsor: Asm. Michael DenDekker (D-NY)
Title: Provides that motorcyclists over the age of twenty-one shall be exempt from the requirement to wear a helmet when operating or riding a motorcycle.
Abstract: Provides that motorcyclists over the age of twenty-one shall be exempt from the requirement to wear a helmet when operating or riding a motorcycle.
Status: REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION - 01/08/2020

Number: NY [R] AB 8876 - Updated (Status 01/15/2020)
Sponsor: Asm. D. Billy Jones (D-NY)
Title: Relates to issuance of distinctive plates for members of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club
Abstract: Relates to issuance of distinctive plates for members of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club.
Status: REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION - 01/08/2020

Number: NY [R] AB 11077 - Updated (New 10/08/2020)
Sponsor: Asm. William Magnarelli (D-NY)
Title: Relates to certain vehicle equipment violations and fines
Abstract: Increases the maximum fine for certain equipment violations; amends the threshold for violations relating to mufflers and exhaust systems; requires police vehicles to be equipped with decibel readers.
Status: REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION - 10/07/2020

Ride safe, ride free!

Debbie Stondell
Legislative Representative
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Motorcycle Museums Across America

1. Barber Motorsports Museum

The Barber collection includes more than 1,400 restored motorcycles and cars; over 600 bikes are on display in the museum. Established to preserve motorcycle history, the collection represents 216 different manufacturers from 20 countries. Barber is generally acknowledged as the preeminent motorcycle museum in the U.S. 6030 Barber Motorsports Parkway, Birmingham, AL, (205) 699-7275, www.barbermuseum.org.

2. Wheels Through Time

Located five miles off the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Wheels through Time Motorcycle Museum collection showcases rare, vintage American motorcycles and memorabilia. The 300 historic American motorcycles span numerous genres, including board track racers, hill climbers, military bikes and more. Historic American automobiles are also on display. 62 Vintage Lane, Maggie Valley, NC, (828) 926-6266, www.wheelsthroughtime.com.

3. Harley-Davidson Museum

The main exhibit areas focus on aspects of Harley-Davidson history and culture. For example, Clubs & Competition explore board track racing and hill climbing competition. The Engine Room has an interactive wall that features the company's various engine designs. The motorcycle galleries chart H-D evolution from 1903 to the present. 400 West Canal St, Milwaukee, WI, (877) 436-8738, www.harley-davidson.com.

4. Motorcyclepedia Museum

The goal of this museum, with its collection of over 450 bikes and memorabilia is to educate the public about the history, culture, and changing technology of motorcycles. The museum includes 85,000 square feet of space, featuring an international collection of motorcycles dating from 1897 to the present. 250 Lake St, Newburgh, NY, (845) 569-9065, www.motorcyclepediamuseum.org.

5. AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum

The AMA's Motorcycle Hall of Fame Gallery celebrates individuals who have promoted the sport on tracks, roads, trails, and in the halls of government. The museum also currently displays a collection of Indian motorcycles. 13515 Yarmouth Dr, Pickerington, OH, (800) 262-5646, www.americanmotorcyclist.com.

6. Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum

This extensive private collection of vintage motorcycles emphasizes racing machines. Marques in the collection include AJS, BMW, Ducati, Gilera, Matchless, Moto Guzzi, Velocette, Vincent and others, which range from 1910 to the present. Bikes on display from the collection are rotated periodically. 320 Alisal Rd, Solvang, CA, (805) 686-9522, www.motosolvang.com.

7. Lone Star Motorcycle Museum

Located in the Texas Hill Country, the Lone Star Motorcycle Museum is also a limited menu eatery with its tables spread among the collection of motorcycles. Bikes on display represent an international mixture dating from the early 20th century. 36517 Hwy 187, Vanderpool, TX, (830) 966-6103, www.lonestarmotorcyclemuseum.com.

8. National Motorcycle Museum

This privately owned, non-profit museum has over 450 bikes on display, many of which are on loan from private collectors. Current staged exhibits include a barn find, a completely restored 1920's Shell Gas Station, and several antique motorcycles. There is also an extensive collection of motorcycle memorabilia, antique toys, photos, and posters. 102 Chamber Dr, Anamosa, IA, (319) 482-3982, www.nationalmcmuseum.org.

9. The Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame

The museum's primary focus is on pioneers in the historic development of American two-wheeled transportation. The bike collection includes over 75 vintage and antique motorcycles, including Harley-Davidson, Excelsior, Ariel, and others. 5867 N Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO, (719) 487-8005, www.themotorcyclemuseum.com.

10. World of Motorcycles Museum (aka Kersting's Cycle Center)

Set in an unusual location, surrounded by fields of active farms, Jim Kersting's motorcycle dealership and motorcycle museum features a collection of almost 100 machines, including brands from eight countries, and spans nine decades of motorcycle history. 8774 W 700 N, Winamac, IN (4 miles north of Judson on Hwy 39), (877) 537-7846



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AUCTION

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MOTORCYCLES:

Wednesday through Saturday, April 28- May 1 at 10 AM

ROAD ART:

Will begin prior to motorcycles April 28 - May 1



Greetings fellow ABATE members,

I hope you are all weathering this COVID pandemic well, in good health and safety!

I was proud and honored to attend a meeting of motorcycle clubs where dates were confirmed to hold events! Long Island ABATE President Chris Beckhans invited me to attend as your first VP and I gladly attended. Other than that, like you I try to keep up with motorcycling events on Long Island.

As you know, very little can be done to meet as a group due to NYS Department of Health COVID regulations.

I can assure you that Long Island ABATE is alive and working best we can to keep you informed.

Where ever it's possible and with winter weather permitting, we are invited and attend many different venues to let motorcyclists know who we are and to recruit and renew memberships.

We also lobby politicians to the rights of ALL motorcyclists regardless of their party affiliation.

You might have seen our post of your officers Installation.

We are here for you!

Stay well and be safe! I hope to see you at our first meeting allowed by NYS DOH.

**Nick LaMorte 1st VP
Long Island ABATE**



**make me
Laugh**

A motorcycle patrolman was rushed to hospital with an inflamed appendix. The doctors operated on him and when he came round he was relieved when they told him all had gone to plan and he was going to be fine. But the patrolman kept feeling something pulling at the hairs on his chest. He was worried that something may be wrong but he was still too weak from the surgery to do anything. Eventually, he managed to pull his hospital gown down enough to check what was causing the discomfort. When he looked down at his chest he saw three wide strips of ultra-adhesive tape stuck firmly to him. Written on it in large black letters was the message: "Get well soon... from the nurse you gave the ticket to last week. I'll be round to remove the tape later."

An engineering student is walking on campus one day when another engineer rides up on a shiny new motorcycle. "Where did you get such a rocking bike?" asked the first.

The second engineer replied "Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, 'Take what you want.'"

The first engineer nodded approvingly "Good choice, the clothes probably wouldn't have fit!"

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Bob

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BUDDY HOLLY & The Crickets

In 1958, coming off a tour and flush with success, Buddy Holly and the Crickets decided to spend some of their hard earned money on new motorcycles. They flew to Dallas and started shopping the local bike stores. But the owners, unaware of who these young lads were, treated them dismissively; the owner of the Harley dealer practically pushed them out the door. But they found

what they were looking for at Ray Miller Triumph Motorcycle Sales, where each man picked out one of the latest models: Buddy chose an Ariel Cyclone, J.I. picked a Trophy, and Joe B. decided on a Thunderbird. The guys then headed back to Lubbock on the bikes, but not before stopping by the Harley dealer to show off their new rides



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UPCOMING

EVENTS

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



March 5th-14th 2021

DAYTONA BIKE WEEK

Entertainment, Bike Shows, Poker Runs, Tours, Vendors, Event Merchandise & Much More.



May 7th-16th 2021

MYRTLE BEACH BIKE WEEK

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August 14th 2021

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NEWS

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It's Spring, LET's RIDE



2020

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Spinning Wheels — Empire State Motorcycle Safety Education Program

When it comes to riding, one of the most important physical properties we may sometimes take for granted is traction. Although our tires come in various sizes and tread patterns, the contact patch area that gives us traction to move, turn, and stop is about equal to the size of our palms - certainly doesn't seem like much does it?

With a recent move from a rural setting to a busy suburban location and a commute to New York City on a daily basis, I've become more aware of spots where traction can be lost, which could result in an unwanted scenario. Granted, a lot of these points are also found in a rural setting, but in a congested area they are more prevalent. So, if you've become a bit complacent about some of these spots for traction loss, or never considered them, maybe this will work as a wake-up reminder, hopefully before you encounter them in the wrong way.

Manhole covers and drainage grates seem to be a staple of road and highway construction, and are certainly in abundance within crowded areas. These pieces are normally made of solid steel, and though some manhole covers may have a traction pattern incorporated in their casting, it doesn't help much. These large sections of ore can quickly reduce the grip of your tires. When you add other elements such as rain and fluids from other vehicles (oils, antifreeze, etc.), manhole covers can simulate the slickness of an ice skating rink.

Tollbooths are another location where the buildup of slippery snot can ruin your day. With traffic being slow and heavy in these spots, the increase of traction-reducing elements can make things challenging. Most are covered with a canopy that makes it hard for rain to wash away the slime, which means you've got a location where the chance of spinning your wheels can easily lead to you getting a closer look at the crap. Another hazard to keep in mind with toll booths: if you're not using an electronic payment device and stop to pay your toll, you're probably close to the booth itself. With motorcycles being narrow in profile and stopped in a spot that may not be well lit, it's easy for a driver not to see you. So besides using caution for road conditions, also remember to keep an eye on your rearview mirrors.

Painted crosswalks, railroad crossings and other road "art" are other easily overlooked spots for us to slip and slide. These painted places on the roadway are typically large swatches of paint and sometimes the Department of Transportation uses a peel and stick method in lieu of paint; which is just as slick. When you see those infamous grip stealers, remember to use caution when crossing them. Some safety presenters even recommend that you address them in a similar fashion to passing through an area of water: just before you cross the point, squeeze in your clutch to eliminate the chance of a "power" spin and losing that valuable traction. If there is no power being transferred to the rear wheel, you lessen the chance of dealing with an undesirable condition. Keep in mind, when you see railroad crossing signs painted in the roadways, shortly after them will be a set of steel rails that are smooth and polished from wear that you will have to cross over. Whenever possible, consider approaching them at a 90-degree angle to reduce the risk.

As with the tollbooths mentioned before, other covered areas should raise a flag of caution. While we may just enter a gas station for more of the precious fluid that will keep us rolling, we could be entering a playground for spinning wheels. Keep in mind that gasoline or diesel is a petroleum product and is slippery. People at times accidentally overfill their gas tanks and spill fuel on the pavement, vehicles sit there dripping greasy stuff while they're fueling, and the fact that all this takes place under a covered surface might just turn that oasis of motor juice into a nightmare.

There are tons of risky items that are related to riding motorcycles; some we can control, some not. It only takes a moment for things to become bad, yet it also only takes a moment to consider the risks we encounter and plan for them accordingly. There are enough circumstances out there that can make our ride have a negative outcome; besides it being easily avoided, telling someone you wiped out in one of these spots could also be a bit embarrassing. So, to continue enjoying your rides without problems that can have damaging results, keep the simple things in mind as well. Don't become complacent, use something that can easily be part of your defense when riding - common sense



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 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™.

Mail to: Motorcycle Riders Foundation – PO Box 250 – Highland IL 62249 – Phone: 202.546.0983 – www.mrf.org – mrfoffice@mrf.org

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Ride safe, be careful and have fun. Chris Beckhans, LI ABATE

MOTORCYCLE AGENT

To operate a motorcycle in New York State, you must have a motorcycle operator's license (Class M) or a motorcycle junior operator's license (Class MJ). You can drive a motorcycle in New York if you are a resident of another state or country and have a valid motorcycle license from there. If you are less than 18, you must obey the restrictions for both the out-of-state jurisdiction and New York State. The instructions to apply for a driver license, which includes a motorcycle license, are in Chapter One of the NYS Driver's Manual. You can study that manual as well as this one, even if you already have a license. Your motorcycle license written test will be based on information from both manuals. The Driver's Manual also contains the junior operator and learner permit restrictions, information on license suspension and revocation and vehicle registration, title and insurance. The Driver's Manual describes the junior operator and learner permit restrictions, information about license suspension and revocation, and vehicle registration, title and insurance. Junior motorcycle operators are also subject to the New York State graduated license requirements that apply to other drivers. In addition to the information in the Driver's Manual, motorcycle operators must know that:

When a motorcycle learner practices the supervising driver must hold a valid motorcycle license, be at least 21 and remain within 1/4 mile of the learner at all times. Additional restrictions apply to junior learners. The supervising driver need not ride on the motorcycle of the learner, but only the supervising driver can be a passenger. The learner and supervising driver should remain within sight of one another at all times and discuss the learner's performance after practice. We recommend at least 30 hours of practice, with at least 10 in moderate to heavy traffic.

Your road test will include left and right circles and figure-eights on public streets. In addition to normal driving maneuvers, you must be able to accomplish these while being alert for other traffic. If you take the test on a three-wheeler, your motorcycle license will be restricted to driving three-wheelers.

You must provide road test transportation for the license examiner in a properly registered and inspected car or truck, and a driver at least 21 years old who is licensed to drive both this vehicle and the motorcycle you will drive during the test.

If you have a driver license, your current class and motorcycle class will both be listed on one license document (for example, Class DM).

If you already have another class of driver license and a motorcycle operator's learner permit, the DMV will waive your motorcycle road test if you complete the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's (MSF) Motorcycle Basic RiderCourse®. To qualify for the waiver, the course must be given by an approved training provider in New York State.

For information about the nearest course, visit www.nysmso.org or call MSF at 1-800-446-9227.

Registration, Inspection, Insurance

Unlike most other motor vehicles, motorcycles are registered for one year rather than two, and all motorcycle registrations expire on April 30.




Motorcycles must be inspected at least once every 12 months at a station licensed by the DMV to perform motorcycle safety inspections. The station will display a yellow and black sign reading "Official NYS Motorcycle Inspection Station." Dealerships must inspect motorcycles prior to delivery. If purchased in a private sale, you will be given 10 days from the date of registration to have the motorcycle inspected.

Motorcycles are not included in the "no fault" insurance provisions that cover other motor vehicles in New York State. Motorcyclists owners and operators should know and understand the extent and limitations of their insurance coverage for themselves and their passengers.

Unlike other motor vehicles, liability insurance may be terminated on a motorcycle without a turn-in of the license plate at a DMV office. This makes it easier to put the motorcycle back on the road after winter storage. Under no circumstances may a motorcycle be operated on public highways without liability coverage. This also applies to motorcycles registered out-of-state.

RIDE SAFE

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 LI ABATE SUFFOLK Monthly Membership Meeting 7:30PM CANCELED Due To COVID-19	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16 LI ABATE NASSAU Monthly Meeting recap 7:30PM CANCELED Due To COVID-19	17 	18	19	20 <i>Welcome Spring</i> LET'S RIDE!
21	22	23 LI ABATE Board  Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	