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A photograph of two riders on a red Honda motorcycle. The rider in the foreground is wearing a black helmet with 'Arco' on the side, a black jacket with white stripes, and black pants. The passenger is also wearing a black helmet and jacket. The motorcycle is red with a black engine cover that has 'HONDA' written on it. The background is a blurred green forest.

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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 Long Island ABATE Members,

I Hope all are well. As you almost all know our Awareness Run was postponed due to weather. We are trying to reschedule this event. Everyone will be notified via email and or social media.

Can you say Bike Nights? We have teamed up with Frogzz Saloon and Road Captain in Ronkonkoma as well as Mayhem Radio in Nassau and Suffolk and a few others locally on Wednesday nights PM for more details, And Red River on Thursday nights ,Keep an eye on Facebook as to where we will be. Hope to see you out there.

Handbooks and New lawn signs are here!! The handbooks have a centerfold with all the motorcycle events in it as well as a list of preferred vendors and supporter advertisements. Pick up location are throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. In Nassau you can pick them up at First Manufacturing in Freeport as well as Nassau Harley. In Suffolk you can pick them up at Frogzz in Ronkonkoma, Twisted Cycle in Medford, Chaos Cycle in Shirley, and Red River in Yaphank. We will also have them at Bike Nights as well as other events we attend and if that doesn't work message us and we will get them to you. Once we have meetings, they will be available there too.

Meetings, we have a few possible locations we are still working on. We should be able to have one this month if all goes well, Once the details are worked out everyone will be notified. I like most of you can't wait to get together.

May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Our job is to make Everyone aware, not just motorist in cars and trucks. We must become more aware ourselves. Aware of our machines, our surroundings (traffic, road conditions etc.) and our Abilities. We are more responsible for our safety then we realize. With that being said we should all take a few minutes and assess our machines, check all the basics T-CLOCS T-Tires, wheels and brakes. C-Controls, handlebars, levers, pedals, cables, hoses, and throttle. L- Lights & Electrics, lights, battery, switches, wiring and mirrors. O-Oil and other fluids, levels, and leaks. C-Chassis, frame, suspension, chain or belt, and fasteners. S-Stands, center stand and side stand. If you do not know how ask someone or bring it to a shop. After our machines are road worthy, we should assess our abilities. As good as we think we are there is always room for improvement. Whether it is a basic rider course or an advanced class you can always learn something and apply it. Most schools in the area will give a discount to ABATE members.

Long Island ABATE is always looking for volunteers and their input to better the organization. Anyone who has any ideas please reach out to a board member. Volunteers are needed for booths as well as other areas within the organization if anyone is interested feel free to reach out to us
Ride Safe, Be Careful and Have Fun

Thank you for your support,

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Months after that wild night in the motel...



make me
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- My boss told me to have a good day. So I went home.
- A woman walks into a library and asked if they had any books about paranoia. The librarian says, "They're right behind you!"
- My wife told me I had to stop acting like a flamingo. So I had to put my foot down.
- I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting larger. Then it hit me.
- Where do you find a cow with no legs? Right where you left it.
- Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure? Because he was a little shellfish.
- Two cows are standing in a field. One cow says, "Did you hear about that outbreak of mad cow disease? It makes cows go completely insane!" The other cow replies, "Good thing I'm a helicopter."
- Did you hear about the kidnapping in the park? They woke him up.
- I think I would like a job cleaning mirrors. That's something I can see myself doing.
- I took the shell off my racing snail thinking it would make him go faster. If anything, it made him more sluggish.
- Just remember – you're never completely useless. You can always serve as a bad example!
- Never criticize someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you'll be a mile away, and you'll have their shoes.
- What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo? One is really heavy, and the other is a little lighter.



Karen Wirth

On April 9, 2021 the motorcycle community lost one of our beloved members. Karen Wirth left this world to reunite with her husband Kenny whose death preceded hers by almost a year to the date. Karen Wirth and her husband Kenny had been active Long Island ABATE members for 6 years. If you were a new member attending a meeting or event for the first time it was probably Karen who was welcoming you to the family. She always went out of her way to make everyone feel welcome and included. Karen served on the committee that assisted with the disbursement of checks raised through the yearly Veterans Appreciation Run. Another one of Karen's projects was coming up with the idea and producing the Look For Motorcycle books to encourage young children to look for motorcycles while in the car with their family. Inside the booklets they could write down the manufacturer and color of the bike as well as if it had one rider or two. Her thought was that if we can teach young children to see motorcycles on

the road while they are passengers in vehicles then they would in turn be more aware of bikes on the road as drivers.

Karen was also a member of the Patriot Guard Riders for over eleven years. She along with her husband Kenny stood more missions than anyone could count. They were part of the group often referred to as the "Usual Suspects". It didn't matter the weather you could always count on Karen and Kenny to be there to honor that Veteran, often a half an hour before the mission required you to be there because in Kenny's mind a half an hour early is ON TIME. I remember attending my first Patriot Guard mission unsure if I was even going to stay and return for another mission as I did not know anyone nor did I ride a motorcycle which is not a requirement however the majority of members ride. Sitting at a table having lunch with my children Karen and Kenny walked over to us and introduced themselves asking why are we seated alone? I responded by saying I didn't know anyone here and with that they both introduced themselves and asked if they could join us. From that day forward a friendship was formed. A few years into Karen's time with the PGR she was named a Ride Captain. Karen's main responsibility was the Welcome Homes at Macarthur Airport for our service men and woman returning from deployments. As we stood for less and less welcome homes as the troops deployed became less in numbers Karen would Ride Captain other Patriot Guard missions as well. Karen was old school. She had no problem pointing out to you if you were not acting in a professional manner. That flag line is the most recognized symbol of the Patriot Guard and she ensured it was ship shape. She also enjoyed our monthly HOTH (Help On The Home front) visits to the Northport VA where we would spend a couple hours with the Veteran's residing there and play some bingo and celebrate whoseever birthday it was that month.



Karen's work honoring Veterans was not just limited to her Patriot Guard missions. She had made up these cards similar to a business card. Cards were double sided on one side was our American Flag and on the other it said Thank You for Your Service. She carried these cards everywhere she went. If she would see a man or woman wearing a hat or another form of clothing indicating they were a Veteran she'd approach them, thank them for their service and hand them one of the cards she made up. Many of times we were out at lunch and while eating she'd see a Veteran enter or already seated and stop eating her meal, get up and walk over and hand them a card and say thank you.

Karen and Kenny were like everyone's role model. If you followed their example you were a better person for it. They loved and supported you unconditionally. If you ever needed anything you could count on them to be there. Karen also gave the best hugs. If you have ever been hugged by Karen as I'm sure many of you have you know exactly what I mean. In closing I ask you to do me one favor. If you are ever out and about and you see a total stranger who is a Veteran, please stop what you are doing and approach that person and say thank you. I know if you do Karen will be up there in heaven smiling from ear to ear and her legacy will live on. I will miss you Karen Wirth however I take solace in the fact that you are reunited with your soul mate Kenny in Heaven riding free

John "Smiley" Fenech
Proud ABATE member

T-CLOCSSM Inspection Checklist



T-CLOCS ITEM	WHAT TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	CHECK-OFF	
T-TIRES & WHEELS				
Tires	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects.	Front	Rear
	Air Pressure	Check when cold, adjust to load.	Front	Rear
Wheels	Spokes	Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: “ring” = OK — “thud” = loose spoke.	Front	Rear
	Cast	Cracks, dents.	Front	Rear
	Rims	Out of round/true = 5mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer.	Front	Rear
	Bearings	Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No freeplay (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning.	Front	Rear
	Seals	Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside.	Front	Rear
Brakes	Function	Each brake alone keeps bike from rolling.	Front	Rear
	Condition	Check pads and discs for wear.	Front	Rear
C-CONTROLS				
Handlebars	Condition	Bars are straight, turn freely, handgrips and bar ends are secure.		
Levers and Pedal	Condition	Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar levers, proper adjustment.		
	Pivots	Lubricated.		
Cables	Condition	Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and interior.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire supports in place.		
Hoses	Condition	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, hose supports in place.		
Throttle	Operation	Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving when handlebars are turned.		
L-LIGHTS & ELECTRICS				
Battery	Condition	Terminals; clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.		
	Vent Tube	Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged.		
Headlamp	Condition	Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.		
	Aim	Height and right/left.		
Tail lamp/brake lamp	Condition	Cracks, clean and tight.		
	Operation	Activates upon front brake/rear brake application.		
Turn signals	Operation	Flashes correctly.	Front left Rear left	Front right Rear right
Switches	Operation	All switches function correctly: engine cut-off, hi/low beam, turn signal.		
Mirrors	Condition	Cracks, clean, tight mounts and swivel joints.		
	Aim	Adjust when seated on bike.		
Lenses & Reflectors	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation.		
Wiring	Condition	Fraying, chafing, insulation.		
	Routing	Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.		
O-OIL & OTHER FLUIDS				
Levels	Engine Oil	Check warm on center stand on level ground, dipstick, sight glass.		
	Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Transmission, rear drive, shaft.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass.		
	Coolant	Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank — check only when cool.		
	Fuel	Tank or gauge.		
Leaks	Engine Oil	Gaskets, housings, seals.		
	Gear Oil, Shaft Drive	Gaskets, seals, breathers.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Hoses, master cylinders, calipers.		
	Coolant	Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes.		
	Fuel	Lines, fuel valve, carbs.		
C-CHASSIS				
Frame	Condition	Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting.		
	Steering-Head Bearings	No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling/pushing forks.		
	Swingarm Bushings	Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swingarm.		
Suspension	Front Forks	Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping, anti-dive settings.	Left	Right
	Rear Shock(s)	Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated.	Left	Right
Chain or Belt	Tension	Check at tightest point.		
	Lubrication	Side plates when hot. Note: do not lubricate belts.		
	Sprockets	Teeth not hooked, securely mounted		
Fasteners	Threaded	Tight, missing bolts, nuts.		
	Clips & Cotter Pins	Broken, missing.		
S-STANDS				
Center stand	Condition	Cracks, bent.		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		
Side stand	Condition	Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad equipped).		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		



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Join us for a FREE webinar for new and prospective riders. This seminar is geared to people interested in learning how to ride. We'll go over the different types of courses, bikes and gear and describe what's involved in becoming a licensed motorcyclist. We'll answer your questions and offer tips and suggestions on how to get the most out of your training. Whether you have little or no experience or have ridden in the past and want to get back into riding, this seminar is a great way to jump start your journey! All seminars are FREE and will be held virtually using GoToWebinar.

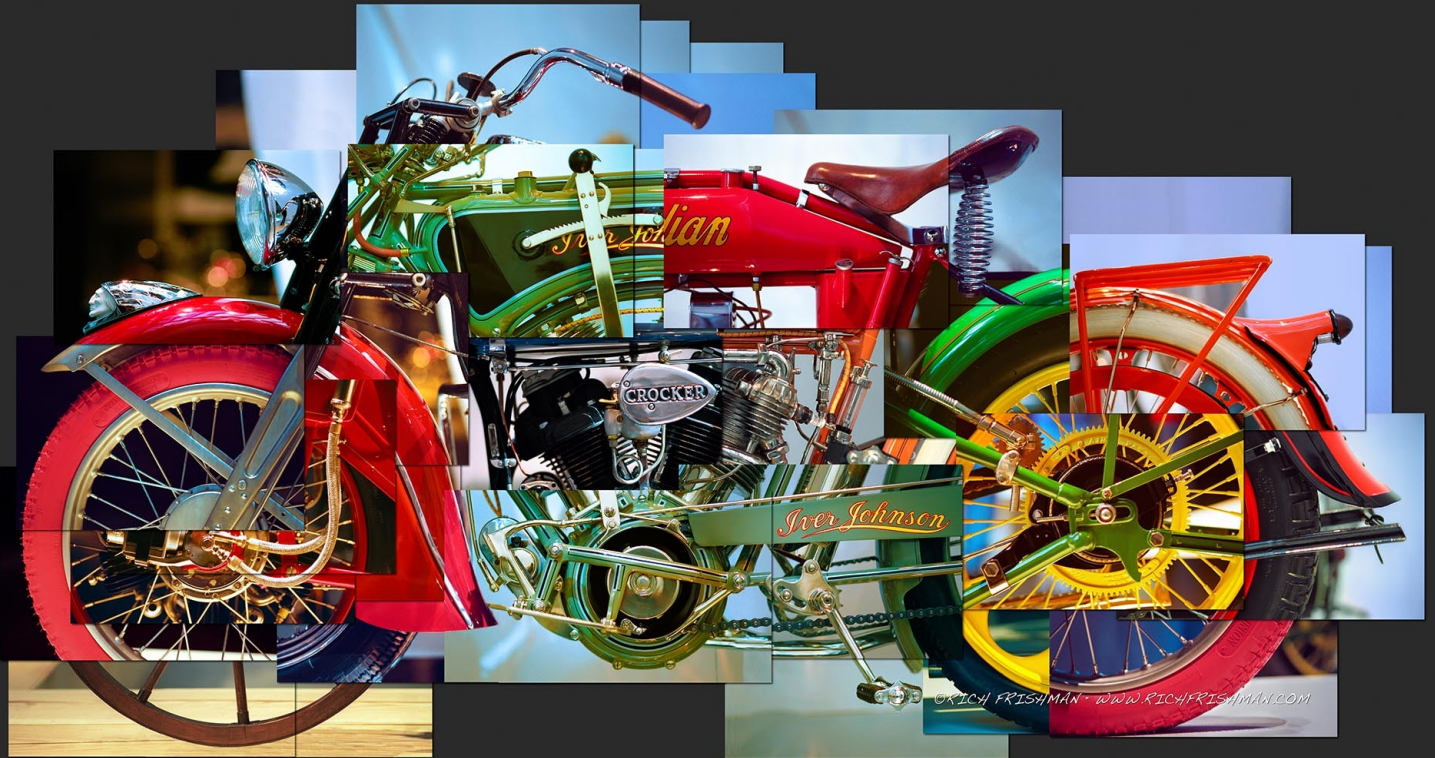
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Wearable Air Bags Save Lives

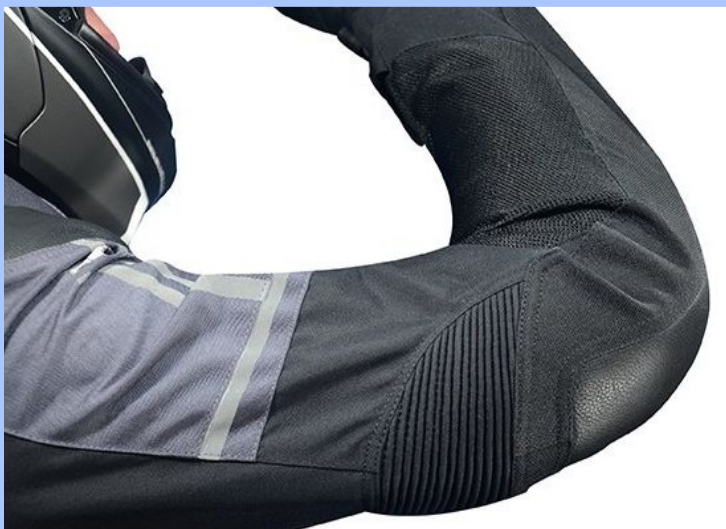
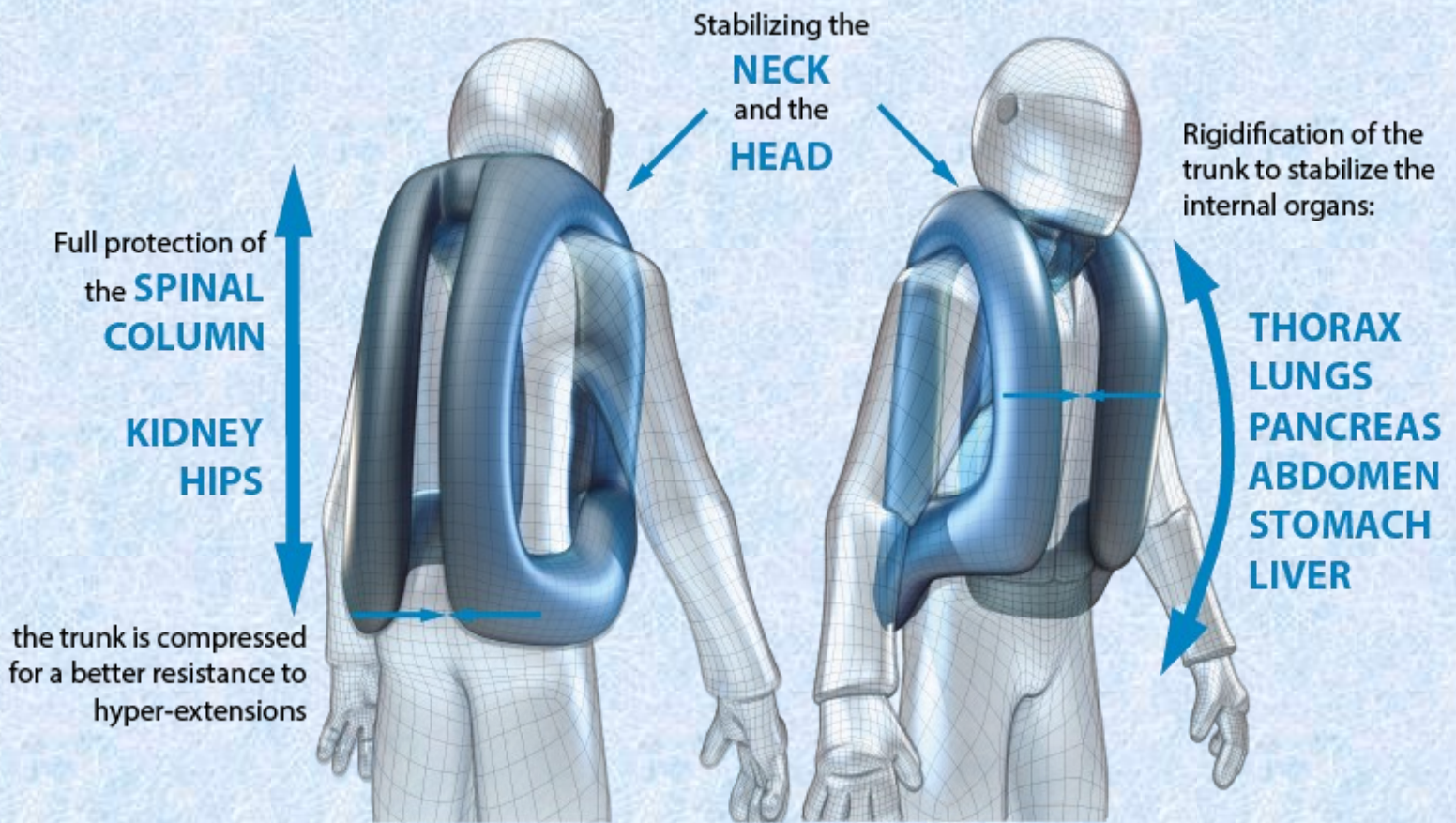


Car [air bags](#) have proven their usefulness time and time again. From 1987 to 2015, frontal [air bags saved nearly 45,00 lives](#) in the United States, according to statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). They work by inflating within less than 1/20th of a second when a car is involved in a moderate to severe crash. They're designed to work with your seatbelt to reduce the chances that you will hit your head or upper body during the crash.

But what if you're riding, say, a [motorcycle](#)? Or even a horse? Well there are actually wearable air bags designed to protect you, as well. We'll explain. It's no secret that motorcycle accidents are often fatal. The NHTSA National Center for Statistics and Analysis 2016 report determined that a motorcyclist is [28 times more likely to die](#) in road accident than a passenger in a car. Many motorcyclists do protect themselves with [helmets](#) and heavy leather clothing that's fitted with impact-resistant plates. But personal air bags in jackets or vests may prove to be a safe and comfortable alternative. [Helite](#), a French company founded in 2002, is one of the oldest developers of personal air bag technology for bicyclists and motorcyclists, equestrians, skiers, pilots and senior citizens.

The [Helite Airbag system](#) for motorcyclists uses a lanyard attached to both the motorcycle and vest. If the lanyard disengages from the motorcycle, it releases a pin and the air bag inflates in less than 1/10th of a second — and stays inflated for 15 to 20 more seconds to protect a rider during a crash. The [equestrian air-bag works similarly](#). Riders attach the lanyard to their saddle stirrup strap. If the rider falls or is thrown, the lanyard disengages the pin and inflates the air bag. Several other companies, including U.S.-based [Skidbike](#), offer personal air bags using this same type of approach.

However, Helite has another personal air bag specifically made for cyclists that uses a different technology. [Helite's B'Safe cycling vest](#) uses sensors in both a wearable vest and also mounted under the bicycle's seat to analyze the cyclist's motion and shocks. When they detect something abnormal, they "communicate" and assess the situation. If they sense an accident or fall, they trigger the vest to inflate. In February 2019, B'Safe won the [2019 French Innovation Award](#) for Road Safety Innovation in the two wheels assistance category



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:	<u>Relates to making comprehensive motor vehicle insurance reparations (no-fault insurance) applicable to motorcycles</u>
Abstract:	Makes comprehensive motor vehicle insurance reparations (no-fault insurance) applicable to motorcycles.
Status:	<u>REFERRED TO INSURANCE - 01/08/2020</u>

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

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

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

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

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"High rates of motorcycle accidents are often caused by poor visibility or distraction. Our unique technology reduces this problem by providing a rear camera that displays what's behind you onto the HUD, to eliminate blind spots," said founder and CEO Arata Oono.

Blind spots are completely eliminated in this new helmet thanks to the revolutionary CrossHelmet Augmented Reality technology. An integrated rear view camera projects the images directly onto a head-up display (HUD) so that the motorcyclist no longer has to look away from the road to see the vehicles through the motorcycle mirrors. With this new CrossHelmet technology, the driver can effortlessly see a wide angle behind him, in a fraction of a second and with minimal head movement, enabling a safer and smoother driving experience. An app that connects your smartphone to CrossHelmet via Bluetooth allows users to check battery levels and safety lights, and access maps. The app allows you to view information on the head-up display and show directions to your desired destination, compass, weather, time and trip data.

Loud noises can increase the stress and fatigue of the rider. To solve this problem, CrossHelmet X1 is equipped with CrossSound Control, a patented noise reduction system that is the first of its kind in the motorcycle industry. It uses a system of algorithms to filter out sound. A group chat function also allows the motorcyclist to communicate with multiple people at the same time, even without CrossHelmet. The helmet's speakers offer high quality music, podcasts/radios and phone calls.



SMART Tire pressure and Temperature monitors

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SMART WINDSHIELD

Samsung revealed a new technology that would add a smart-phone-connected display to a motorcycle's windshield. Samsung worked with **Yamaha** on a prototype of its new Smart Windshield, applying the technology on a **Tricity** three-wheeled scooter.

The Smart Windshield shows information on a screen built into the shield itself. The screen is transparent and located low on the shield so it doesn't obscure the rider's vision. The screen connects to a smartphone via WiFi. An app on the phone relays information to the screen, showing GPS navigation directs, email and messaging notifications and incoming calls. The app can also automatically send a text reply to incoming calls, telling the caller you're on the road and can't answer the phone.



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UPCOMING

EVENTS

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May 7th-16th 2021

MYRTLE BEACH BIKE WEEK

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NIGHT RIDERS

Let's get this off the table to start with - we will not be talking about David Hasselhoff, sorry if you happen to be a fan. In fact we are going to take a look at the dark side of riding, without any discussion about the force; we'll be reviewing riding at night. OK I'll try to keep Star Wars out of this too.

Seems there may be just as many riders that have a bit of fear to night riding compare to those that try to avoid riding in the rain. As with everything else, a lot has to do with how we approach this and being a little better prepared and educated. Riding at night can offer enjoyable aspects such as a little serenity with the silence of the darkened, open summer sky or even excitement and energy by taking in the lights and sounds of a busy urban strip; but as with many things with motorcycling, there are always risks to be aware of and hopefully avoid.

The first and foremost reason for any hazard associated with riding at night - it's dark. With the loss of light there is obviously a reduction visual capability; not only for you, but those sharing the road. Even before you get started, consider how well your night vision really is. Some things that happened as we get older includes reduction of vision in general, which in turn affects your night vision. Some folks experience extended "starring" from other vehicle headlights, combine that with possible delayed reaction time for the vision issue and it can turn out to be something unexpected and unwanted. If your night vision is minimal, then planning around not riding in the dark may be a better option; but if you do there are options to be safer.

These days the abundance of high tech LED primary and auxiliary lighting for both front and rear can be a major benefit for visual recognition, again for both you and others. Certainly cost may be a factor for some, especially if riding at night is not part of one's normal road activity; but that cost could be a big saver for your own well being or property (aka - your motorcycle). OK, spending a ton of dough may not work for you; yet fear not, you do have alternatives to help protect yourself.

When rolling with the night crickets, consider wearing high reflective gear or a vest, even bright colored gear; black certainly has no noticeable value in the dark. There are even options for reflective tape that can be place strategically on your bike or helmet to make you more visible to others. With the overall thought process or strategy to riding that includes to SEE (Search Evaluate Execute) and be seen, doing whatever we can at night will do good to us overall. Use whatever available lighting around you that you can, if you are riding in city conditions, try to avoid darker streets. If in rural areas, use the lighting of other vehicles when available to give you more visual clues. Even a cars taillights can help you. If you are following a vehicle and see the rear lights go up and down it could be indicating a dip, pothole or some other road hazard ahead.

Try to know your riding area; looking for turn offs, street names, etc in an unfamiliar place can interject some distracted measures. Being mentally sidetracked while dealing with the risks with riding at night can result in a bad combination. Along with hazards of road conditions, other vehicles or traffic; depending on your location, wildlife can also add to the risk factor. Many animals are nocturnal and can come apparent in your headlights way too quickly. With that though, do not override your headlights. That means - watch your speed. For instance, if your headlight shines 100' ahead of you, but the speed your traveling winds up needing 150' to stop because of your perception (available vision), reaction time and braking distance; that little Bambi that suddenly shows up in the light can become a big problem for you and your bike. Simple step to take into account when riding at night - slow down. This thought works well during the day too.

So we only touched on a few issues that comes with riding in the wave of darkness, but it doesn't have to be a bad thing. Respect the issues that can cause harm and adjust for them. Do everything to see as much as you can; whether it be additional lighting, use of any lighting around you, even having your vision checked to be sure you are seeing what you can clearly. At the same time, do what you can for others to see you the best they can. Driver's first response when involved in a crash with a motorcyclist is "I didn't see him/her" adding a cloak of darkness definitely does not make things better.

Yes riding at night positively has its added level of risks, but at times can be enjoyable. Do not let your fear of it get the best of you and if you do venture out into the dark side; may the force be with you. Sorry about that, fell into my own corny trap - Be Safe Out There!



www.motorcyclesafetyprogram.org

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™.

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What Coverage Do You Need?

Your motorcycle coverage needs will be based on a combination of your state's insurance laws and your own personal situation. While getting the minimum coverage needed to meet your state's legal definition of being insured is an obvious must, you will most likely be better off getting more, so that you truly safeguard yourself financially in case of an accident. Though the different levels of coverage are very similar to car insurance, there key differences to keep in mind when choosing a motorcycle insurance policy:

Liability Insurance:

Most states determine who pays for damages from an accident based on fault. In these states, liability coverage is required. It is what provides coverage for the other party in the event that you are at fault in an accident. Liability includes bodily injury liability, to pay for the other party's medical expenses, and property liability, to pay for any damage to their vehicle. Unique to motorcycle insurance, some companies also offer guest passenger liability coverage, to cover your passenger if they are injured.

While liability is generally the legal minimum for insurance, it is always a good idea to consider further protection. The reason is that motorcycles are considered high-risk vehicles, and any accident is likely to cost much more than liability coverage will pay.

Personal Injury Protection (PIP):

PIP pays towards medical care for you, your passenger, or pedestrians in the event of an accident. You may be familiar with PIP if you have car insurance and especially if you live in a no-fault state, or those where your own insurance pays for damages no matter who is at fault. With motorcycle insurance, however, PIP is not required coverage. Since the risk of injury in general is higher, many states do not allow PIP to be sold to motorcyclists.

Collision Insurance:

Motorcycle collision insurance is meant to cover repairs to your bike in the event of a collision. How much you'll get reimbursed for depends on the damages caused, the value of your bike, and the policy you have.

Comprehensive Insurance:

Comprehensive insurance covers bike damage caused by circumstances other than the typical traffic accident -- including inclement weather, theft, and animal collision.





Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist (UM/UIM) Insurance:

UM/UIM insurance pays for damages caused by an accident with a rider who is either uninsured or underinsured. This generally covers medical treatment and property damage, but of course depends on the provider.

The coverage you opt for will depend on your own riding situation and personal concerns, but it is generally a good idea to have a better policy than the legal minimum. Not only are motorcycles higher risk than the average car, but accidents tend to cost far more than what basic liability can cover. Keeping yourself safe, both physically and financially, is the priority



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