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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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# President's Message

Hello Long Island ABATE Members,

I hope all are well. This month I would like to report we had our Annual Awareness Run and I would like to thank everyone for their support and thank all the volunteers that helped to make it happen. We were able to raise some money for awareness and sell some products as well as sign up members and renew them also. After that we met to plan our Veteran's appreciation run. Shortly after that a few of us went to Bikers in the beltway in Washington D.C. As I write this Rolling Thunder/Rolling to Remember in D.C. has yet to be confirmed there have been reports of permits being denied, Hopefully not.

Can you say Meetings? Membership meetings will resume finally. Our first scheduled meeting is set for Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup> with a 7pm start time, we will be there to set up 6:15-6:30pm. The meetings will be held at the Ronkonkoma FD meeting hall which is located at the north-east corner of Portion Road and Hawkins Avenue. I am looking forward to seeing everyone. After that we will be having our annual Veteran's Appreciation Run Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> time and place to be announced. Later in the month there will be a meet and greet with the Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team time and place to be announced via Email and Facebook.

We continue to promote Bike Nights on Wednesday nights at Frogzz Saloon in Ronkonkoma as well as the Mayhem Radio Bike Nights throughout Nassau and Suffolk county and some of the other are bike nights PM for more details. Thursday nights are at the Red River in Yaphank. I also am trying out motorcycle safety events at various locations. The first was set to be at Twisted Cycle; where you will be able to do a safety check of your bike and be more familiar with what to check and how to check it in a relaxed atmosphere with professional advice as well as a snack and refreshments. Stay tuned for updates on how it goes and where it is happening. I will post info on Facebook. If you have a shop or know of one in Nassau or Suffolk and want to get involved, please call or email me. Let's work together to stay Safe.

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 or myself. Volunteers are needed for booths as well as other areas within the organization. If anyone is interested feel free to reach out to us. See you soon.

Ride Safe, Be Careful and Have Fun

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# ABATE

By: Leeanna Rashty

When you think about people who donate their time and resources to support their community and charities that help the less fortunate, I bet men and women in black leather covered with tattoos and who show up on Harleys is not who you picture. Well, you would be wrong to dismiss them. The ABATE group, which stands for American bikers for awareness, training and education are just "those" types of people.

This group of dedicated men and women care about their community and want to give back. They help to raise awareness and money through bike runs and charity events. They show up on loud motorcycles so you can hear and see them. You can't ignore a biker, because as they say, loud pipes save lives; and it's not just theirs their bike's pipes is saving. Those pipes are the anthem of charity.

Did you know bikers pay to ride? They could just hop on their bike for free, but a lot of the time they pay so they can raise funds to support their selected charity. They pay to be apart of that long group of bikes going down the highway simply because they care.

Bikers support Veterans, St Mary's church for orphans, and raise awareness and funds to educate motorists about motorcyclists, and so much more. They aren't just the nosey neighbors, and their bikes are not a nuisance. They are just people who have dedicated their time to help those who need their help.

So when you see a group of bikers, they might just be raising money to support the community and give back. So Show some respect to these men and women, they ride to make their community a better place.



make me  
**Laugh**

A pickpocket is a victim of a motorcycle hit-and-run. *A police officer comes to his aid.*

*"Do you remember his license plate?" he asks.*

*"No" says the pickpocket weakly, "but here's his wallet"*

I would love to buy a Harley Davidson motorcycle...*But I can't afford all the shirts.*

My girlfriend, Ruth, fell off the back of my motorcycle. *I rode on, ruthlessly.*

Did you hear about the mute motorcycle gang? *They don't answer to nobody.*



You don't quit riding  
because you're old

You get old because  
You quit riding





Hello Everyone

The riding season is well on its way. How are you feeling on your motorcycle these days confident, secure, at ease? Most not all motorcyclist doesn't ride all year round in New York. When the days grow short the nights cold and long, we revert back to our cars.

The nicer weather is upon us and ride we must. The bike blessings, the club events, or the rides to somewhere with a few good friends. We are never lost when riding our motorcycles, we are just finding un-

charted territory.

Hopefully your ride has been safety checked by you or your mechanic. Everything from the tire pressure to the kickstand has been checked out.

As you know riding a motorcycle at 55 mph is easier then at 5 mph. There are countless web sites and YouTube videos you can look at to improve your slow speed riding skills. By the way watching them is not enough. You have to go out and actually practice the slow speed maneuvers.

Helpful links to improve your riding skills on your own.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2dwAtrpsE0> from MC motorcycle trainer.

<https://bigapplemotorcycleschool.com/> Diane

<https://www.lrn2ride.com/> Steve

<https://www.ridelikeyapro.com/> Jerry

<http://battleycycles.blogspot.com/2013/05/parking-lot-practice-guide-introduction.html>

## SAFETY LEFT TURNS

### **SEE: Search, Evaluate, Execute**

This acronym is used by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) to refer to a strategy for perceiving and reacting appropriately to road hazards and your entire riding environment. Try this one while you're riding through town with Intersections.

### **IPSGA: Information, Position, Speed, Gear, Acceleration:**

This is used by advanced riders in the UK as a reminder of what steps to take when encountering **any** hazard on the road. It was introduced as part of Roadcraft system, which is used for training police in the UK.

### **Left-Turning Motorists at Intersections Pose an Accident Risk for Motorcycle Riders**

Left turns are so dangerous because they require the driver to divert his or her attention to multiple hazards, including other vehicles, traffic lights, blind spots, and more all at once. This type of maneuver is even more difficult when there are circumstances that may amplify the level of danger on the road.

Left-turn accidents are dangerous for every motorist, especially motorcyclists. Unfortunately, left-turn crashes where vehicles turning left hit motorcycles going straight through an intersection are one of the most common types of motorcycle crashes. Left-turn incidents can cause the motorcycle rider to suffer life changing injuries..They can suffer skull fractures, traumatic brain injuries, broken bones, spinal injuries, abdominal injuries, facial disfigurement, or death.



Left-turn collisions happen for a number of reasons.

Failing to see the rider. Because of the smaller stature of the motorcycle, it is less visible to others on the road. Many left-turn accidents occur when a driver does not see the motorcycle and rider and slams into it as it goes through the intersection.

2. Trying to beat a light. Often a motorist trying to beat the light and turn left will not see that a motorcyclist who has right of way is legally entering the intersection to proceed straight and will hit him or her often at an increased speed. The driver could also misjudge the time he has to safely get through the light.

3. Driving through an intersection illegally. Some motorists will make a left turn illegally when a light is red or the motorcycle rider has the right of way.

4. Passing a vehicle. When a driver is passing a vehicle, he may be speeding or too focused on the vehicle he is trying to pass, and doesn't see the oncoming motorcycle.

5. Distracted driving. Being able to see smaller motorcycles and judging the time to turn left at a light requires a driver's total concentration. When he or she is texting, talking on a cell phone, or eating and drinking, he can fail to see the rider or otherwise make a mistake that causes a left-turn accident with dire consequences..

Who Is at Fault in a Left-Turn Motorcycle Accident?

Does it matter? The motorcyclist loses every time.

Drivers are required to be alert and yield the right of way to the proper motorist or motorcycle rider. For this reason, the driver turning left will almost always be found at fault in causing the accident. Often this driver will also be speeding, through a light or trying to pass another vehicle.

There are exceptions to this rule when the motorcycle rider could be considered at least partially at fault in causing the accident.

If the motorcyclist is **speeding** at an excessive speed that gives the other motorist insufficient time to react.

The motorcyclist is in the **wrong lane**, such as going straight when he is in a left turn lane or in the right lane and doesn't have an unobstructed vision of the car making the left turn.

The motorcyclist speeds through a red light when another driver is waiting in the intersection to turn left.

### **Tips for Avoiding Left-Turn Accidents**

Motorcyclists can avoid left-turn accidents by **defensive driving** techniques.

### **SLOW DOWN**

Anticipate a collision. A motorcycle rider should anticipate an accident **every time** or he or she enters an intersection and check to see if oncoming traffic is turning left—whether legally or illegally—and react accordingly.

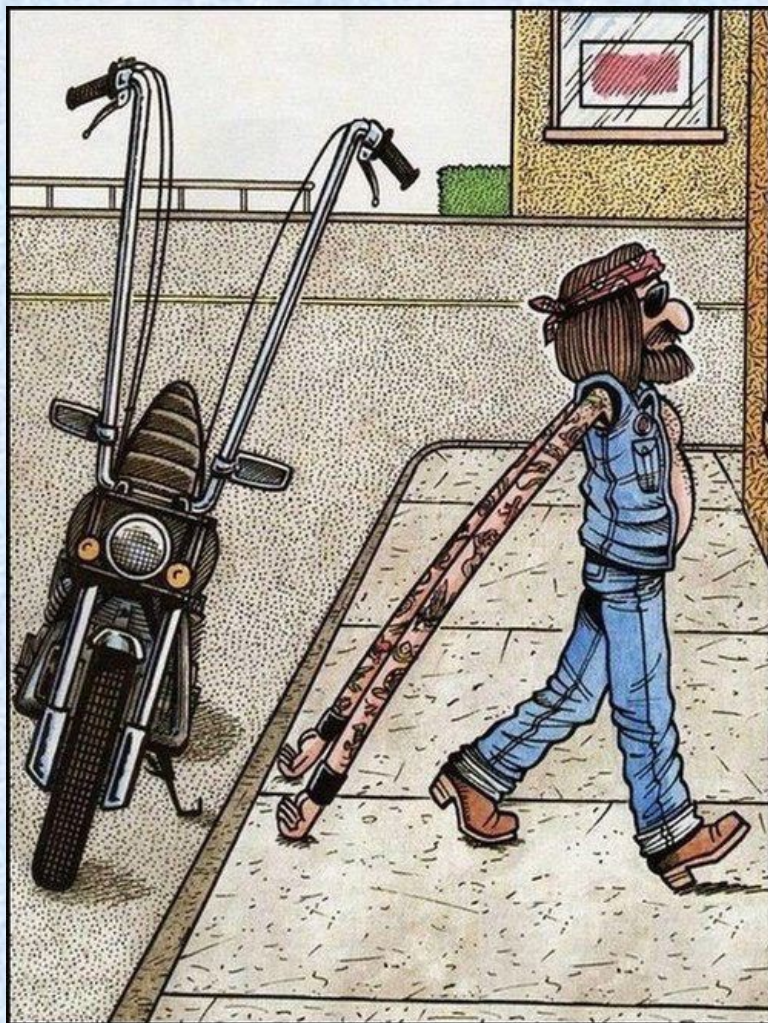
**Slow down. Slowing down at intersections allows riders to react to the unpredictable—which often happens at intersections.**

**Be visible.** Riders should wear bright colors and always use their headlights to make themselves more visible to other motorists. If you aren't wearing a bright hi visible color, and are wearing black leather. **SLOW DOWN**

Observe motorists. Watching motorists for can help a rider sense whether the driver intends to proceed—even when he or she doesn't have the right of way.

**SLOW DOWN when driving through intersections and remember to S.E.E.**





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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.

Pre-registration is required.

Please register here for our **FREE** seminar.

<https://bigapplemotorcycleschool.com/2019/seminars/new-rider-seminar/>

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## TRACTION “PIE” YUMMY!

*Submitted by Manna Rider Coach  
at On the Road Again*

Sure, I mention pie and now you're paying attention!

I think we can all agree that traction is important, but how do we manage it so we don't run out of it? Think of all your available traction on your motorcycle as a whole pie. Cornering uses a “piece” of the pie. Braking uses another piece. There are only so many pieces of pie; if you corner and brake at the same time, you may run out of pieces, and therefore traction. That's why you need to consider it and manage it. This is why you should try not to brake and swerve at the same time. You might brake THEN swerve, or swerve THEN brake, depending on the situation, but don't do them together; you'll run out of PIE! I hate it when that happens!

Acceleration also uses traction. If you get giddy with your throttle coming out of a turn and get on the gas hard on some of the conditions noted below, you may find yourself on the pavement or worse, so accelerate smoothly. This is because you are cornering AND accelerating, both actions using traction. If you're going straight, it's much safer to accelerate hard.

Here are some surface conditions that compromise traction:

- Sand
- Automotive fluids (antifreeze, oil, diesel, etc.)
- Painted lines and arrows (actually these are usually plastic)
- Water, especially ponded water, which could cause hydro-planing
- Gravel, loose pavement, tree debris

Cold pavement

And some motorcycle/rider conditions that affect traction:

- Cold tires
- Improperly inflated tires
- Old tires (they are less “sticky”)
- Worn tires

The weight of the bike and rider; a 200 pound rider on a 600 pound bike has more traction than a 100 pound rider on a 300 pound bike

Consider all those pieces of pie, and use them wisely. Always keep a piece of pie in reserve, just in case you get into a turn that tightens up, or suddenly have to brake hard, or have to gas it to get out of the way.

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### ZERO SR/S

With looks as cool as a Ducati and a solid build, the California-made [Zero SR/S](#) sport bike gets thumbs-up wherever it goes.

**Who Would Ride It:** Hollywood executives and Silicon Valley habitués whose other car is a Tesla.

**Strengths:** The SR/S is well-built, fast, and practical, with storage where a gas tank would've been, plus extensive on-board tech and app support, with Bluetooth connectivity. Of all the (gas and electric) motorcycles we road tested in 2020, this was the best.

**Weaknesses:** It's pricey compared with most similarly performing conventional motorcycles, but still less than several others on this list.



### ARC VECTOR

The **Arc Vector** was developed by a group of engineers led by founder and former Jaguar Land Rover Special Vehicle Operations engineer Mark Truman. They're hand-built in England and personalized for each owner.

**Who Would Ride It:** Design-driven riders with edgy haircuts, slim-fitting leather jackets ... and cash.

**Strengths:** The Vector is powerful and fast with a long battery life. We're eager to try out its special additional helmet with a pilot system that integrates a heads-up display, camera, and Wi-Fi inside to allow for fewer distractions while riding.

**Weaknesses:** It is the most expensive motorcycle on this list. The company filed for bankruptcy in 2019, but Truman bought back the assets in 2020 and now says it's all systems go.

**Electric Motorcycles Are Making Big Inroads Into The Motorcycle Market**





## 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:	<b>NY [R] AB 3027</b> - 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:	<b>NY [R] AB 3518</b> - 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:	<b>NY [R] AB 3731</b> - 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:	<b>NY [R] AB 5098</b> - 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

Ride safe, ride free!

**Debbie Stondell**  
Legislative Representative  
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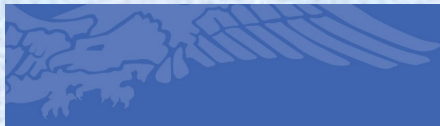
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**A DAY TO REMEMBER**



On June 6, 1944, more than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline, to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. Gen. Dwight

D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which, “we will accept nothing less than full victory.” More than 5,000 Ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion, and by day’s end, the Allies gained a foot-hold in Continental Europe. The cost in lives on D-Day was high. More than 9,000 Allied Soldiers were killed or wounded, but their sacrifice allowed more than 100,000 Soldiers to begin the slow, hard slog across Europe, to defeat Adolf Hitler’s crack troops.

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UPCOMING

# EVENTS

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Please reach out to the organization regarding their event.



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# GROUP RIDES

## The more, the merrier! (well...) About Group Rides

Riding in a group is not the same as a bunch of people riding their own ride together. Group riding is, in many ways, just the opposite. A group of motorcycles going down the road looks and acts like one long vehicle. All riders must work together in the name of safety and an easy ride. We've all been told to "ride your own ride" - don't try to keep up with a group going too fast for you, taking a route through which you're not comfortable, or riding for longer than you should. Whether you're a lifelong rider or still a little green, there are guidelines that should be followed. Even riders with decades of experience may not be used to riding in a group. It's not the same. Much of what I'm about to say is from the perspective of escorting funeral processions, but these guidelines apply to any group ride.

Some riders start riding because they like the social aspects of riding with friends and spending the day together. If you've recently begun riding and don't have 'enough' experience, please understand that an organized group ride is not the place to polish your skills. Make sure you're ready and confident in your riding abilities.

Rule One – whether you're riding by yourself, with a small group of friends, or in an organized ride, make sure that you and your equipment are in shape for the ride. This includes your bike, helmet, eyewear, and any other parts and accessories that you use. If you aren't feeling well, you should probably take the day off. Motorcycling is inherently dangerous; you need to be alert at all times, and be able to react quickly to any danger. If you are flying flags, make sure that your mount and flag pole are secure and that your flag is not in jeopardy of laying on a hot spot of your bike, getting tangled up in the machinery, or wrapping around your face.

The Ride / Road Captain should offer a pre-ride briefing that will include the reason for the ride and what to expect along the way, such as the route that is planned, and how traffic control devices (obeyed) and speed limits (observed) will be handled. The Ride Captain should suggest that any rider or group of riders planning to 'peel off' before the ride is complete should be in the back of the pack so as not to confuse the following riders. And let someone know your plans.

A well-organized event will try to make provisions to allow MCs, Riding Clubs and other organizations to gather before the ride and ride as a group. As this does not always go according to plan, keep an eye out for riders trying to join up with each other at the start of a run.

More than one person should know the route. In case of mechanical failure or personal issue, another rider should be prepared to take over for the leader. A "sweep rider" will be assigned to be last in the formation. This person will be responsible to pick up any stragglers that separate from the group. They will also carry a first aid kit and some tools in case of any mishap.

Stay in your lane. Motorcycling is about freedom. But fight the urge to spread out and express your individuality. Now is not the time. Cagers like to stare at us as we go by, or as they go by us. We all know that your bike goes where you look. Their cars do too. This leads to a tendency for drivers to drift toward us – give as much room as is reasonable. Staying in your lane is especially important for an escorted ride. More on this later.

Keep it tight. Keep up with the riders in front of you. We never want big gaps in our formation – this may afford an aggressive driver the opportunity to cut across our direction of travel from a driveway or a side street. This rarely ends well. However, if traveling on a highway and a vehicle is trying to come across us to use an exit, just let them through. It's the safe thing to do. It's not our job to enforce the integrity of the line, even in funeral processions. This is the reason that I go at least 5MPH under the speed limit if I'm leading; it allows around us and pass us safely.

Maintain your speed within the ripple through the group behind cause the rider behind you to do your clothing, or any other distraction and will affect every rider

group. Any sudden movements you. Rolling off the throttle will the same. Adjusting your radio, tion will usually cause you to slow behind you





## Continued.. About Group Rides

Adjust if you must, but be cognizant of your speed. By the time this wave of slowing reaches the riders at the rear, it may require hard braking. Everyone then has to speed up to catch up to the group. This "rubberband effect" makes for a difficult and dangerous situation. A steady pace is safer and far more manageable.

Side-by-side riding is only for riders who are familiar with each other and are very comfortable riding together. A staggered formation is preferred and safer, allowing each rider the room to maneuver quickly when necessary.

I've been told that it looks ridiculous, but I choose to signal my intention in advance and upon a turn or lane change, wherever I am in the group. I've personally witnessed a crash resulting from confusion about exactly where a turn should have been made. To my mind, it couldn't hurt. It may just help someone behind me. Besides, it's a good practice.

When we are privileged to have a Law Enforcement escort, make extra sure to stay in your lane. Don't ride the line - stay completely inside. Their vehicles, motorcycles or cages, will leapfrog past us on their way to block off the next intersection or entrance ramp. They move by us very fast and they need all the time and space we can spare. Watch for them coming up behind you, and be aware that they may need to cut in or through the pack at any time, especially at intersections and exit/entrance ramps. These professionals make it look easy, but it's not. It's hard work for them. It's choreographed chaos, and we must try to make their lives as easy as possible. Don't forget, they're there for us. In many cases, they are donating their time.

Riding under Law Enforcement escort affords us certain liberties, including tacit or express permission to ignore traffic control devices. However, drivers of other vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians might not recognize that we may not be adhering strictly to the rules of the road. It is incumbent upon each rider to be sure that they can proceed safely at all times. Many experienced riders, even law enforcement personnel, have been injured or killed by motorists who did not recognize the situation. Under no other circumstance should we disobey traffic control devices. It is illegal for any of us to block, or otherwise interfere with, traffic. Except in emergency.

Even with every precaution, accidents happen. This article is not a study in first aid or traffic control. If you can provide first aid, please stop to help. If you cannot help, please keep moving. Stay with the group. Keep the roadway clear to allow traffic to pass and for emergency vehicles to arrive if needed. Make sure to leave plenty of room for emergency vehicles to get to where they need to be. Two or three people are all it takes to wave other vehicles around and past the accident site and victim(s). Some say there are two kinds of riders: those that have gone down and those who will. If you're the one who's gone down this time, don't worry about being embarrassed in front of a couple hundred of your closest friends. Don't worry about the bike either. Relax. Don't jump right up. You may be hurt and not realize it. The initial shock of it might mask any injury, minor or serious. Take your time. Be patient. Take personal inventory. You might be able to 'walk it off,' but you just might do more harm to yourself by trying.

Even though motorcycling is in our blood, realize that most members of the public don't understand who we are and what we're about. A large group of bikes riding down the highway or through town is quite a spectacle. I like to smile and wave to the wide-eyed kids in the back seat of dad's car or standing by the road. Mom and dad often wave or give a 'thumbs up' as we go by too. It's good PR.





### 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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The reason you have no food.

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walk right in and say "I'm Home!"

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# MOTORCYCLE AGENT

If you own a motorcycle in New York, your motorcycle must have liability insurance coverage any time that it is operated on New York's road ways. Many insurance companies will try to sell you motorcycle insurance as a cheaper and better option than car insurance. However, don't be fooled as oftentimes "motorcycle insurance" does not cover your own injuries in the event you are in an accident. Because motorcycle accidents can cause devastating and life-threatening injuries, it's important to keep the following in mind when purchasing an insurance policy for your motorcycle.

## No Fault Insurance in New York

If you've ever shopped for an automobile insurance policy in New York, you'll know that New York is a no fault car insurance state. What this means is that you are required to obtain personal injury protection (PIP) coverage for your vehicle, and your insurance will cover certain damages such as medical expenses and lost wages in the event you are in a car accident, no matter who is at fault. While you are required to maintain liability insurance coverage on your motorcycle, the no fault laws are not applicable to motorcycles and the benefits of the no fault insurance do not extend to motorcycles. In other words, your liability insurance coverage for your motorcycle only covers damages and injuries that you cause to others, and it does not cover any of your own property damages or injuries that you might sustain in a motorcycle accident.

Accordingly, when shopping for motorcycle insurance, or a "motorcycle policy" don't sign away your rights to the coverage that would be beneficial to you in the event that you are in a motorcycle accident. Instead, you might want to expand your motorcycle insurance coverage. Because motorcycle accidents can total your motorcycle and cause serious injuries you might want to think about purchasing additional optional coverage including:

**Uninsured/Underinsured.** This coverage is important if you are involved in an accident with someone who either has no insurance or insufficient insurance to cover damages. Depending on the limits you decide to purchase, UIM/UM coverage can really help to cover costs related to property damage and injuries.

**Medical Payments.** Med payment coverage can help cover medical expenses associated with the accident.

**Comprehensive.** Comprehensive coverage can help pay for motorcycle repairs in non-traffic accidents. For example, if your motorcycle is damaged by hail or fire, it may pay for repairs.

**Collision.** Collision coverage will help pay for repairs if your motorcycle is damaged in an accident.

**Towing and Labor.** By purchasing this coverage, you will have access to emergency roadside assistance and towing if your motorcycle breaks down.

# RIDE SAFE



# JUNE 2021

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6 	7	8 LI ABATE SUFFOLK Monthly Membership Meeting 7:30PM Ronkonkoma FD 177 Portion Rd.	9	10	11	12
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