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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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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 hope all are well. May and June were busy months, we had a lot of events going on. First we had gone to Washington D.C. to meet with politicians and lobby our position on up and coming legislation involving motorcycles and motorcyclists. We met with representatives from Kathleen Rice's office on the phone. Afterwards we had two in person meetings, first was with Scott Rouch from Andrew Garbarino's office and we explained our position on upcoming legislation and it was well received. Shortly afterwards we met with James McNamee from Lee Zeldin's office, he too understood our position and hopefully forwarded our position to Lee for his support.

On 5/21 a small group attended a press conference held by Nick Caracappa in regards to Long Island Road conditions the turnout was great.

On 5/29 a group of us gathered at Calverton National Cemetery and positioned flags on the graves of our veterans. Following that we had a booth set up in Massapequa at Rolling Thunders rolling to remember event on 5/30. The weather was less than desirable.

Saturday 6/5 we attended The Ride for Richie at Suffolk Harley Davidson, the weather and the turnout was great. A small group of us also picked up the Flags at Calverton.

We had our annual Veterans Awareness Run on 6/13, the weather and the attendance was great, over 200 motorcycles showed for the event. The run was from North Sea FD to Sag Harbor. We raised over \$12,000 dollars thanks to all who attended. The following day 6/14 we attended the Flag Day Dinner organized by Mike Osip at the Riverhead VFW, there was music, food and raffles. The proceeds from the 50/50 and the Chinese Auction totaling \$1930 Dollars were donated to our Veterans fund. With Everyone's help we can and will break the \$1,000,000 dollar total life to date raised and given to local Veterans

We continuously have Bike Nights Wednesday nights with Motorcycle Mayhem Radio as well as Frogzz in Ronkonkoma and a few more, Thursday nights at the Red River Inn as well. Stay updated via Facebook we post regularly where we are and what we're doing.

I must say it is great to be able to get together again and see everyone and do things. Membership Meetings continue to be in Ronkonkoma the second Tuesday of the month and the Nassau follow up meetings are the third Tuesday of the month.

Long Island ABATE is always looking for volunteers and their input to better the organization. If anyone has any ideas please reach out to myself or a board member. Volunteers are needed for booths at Bike Nights and events as well as other areas within the organization. If anyone is interested please reach out to us. See you soon

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Chris Beckhans,
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the NEWS

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Articles..Pictures..Run Experiences
Bike Pictures..Children & Grandchildren
Pictures.. Milestone Event Articles
ANYTHING YOU LIKE

This publication is all about the members and the **ABATE** association news. A list of ideas that you may want to submit for **YOUR** publication.

CLUB NEWS

New Legislation, State Rulings

BIKE RUN & TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

Photos and Written Articles

MEMBER FAMILIES

Photos /Memories / Stories

FEATURED BIKES

Photos and Written Stories

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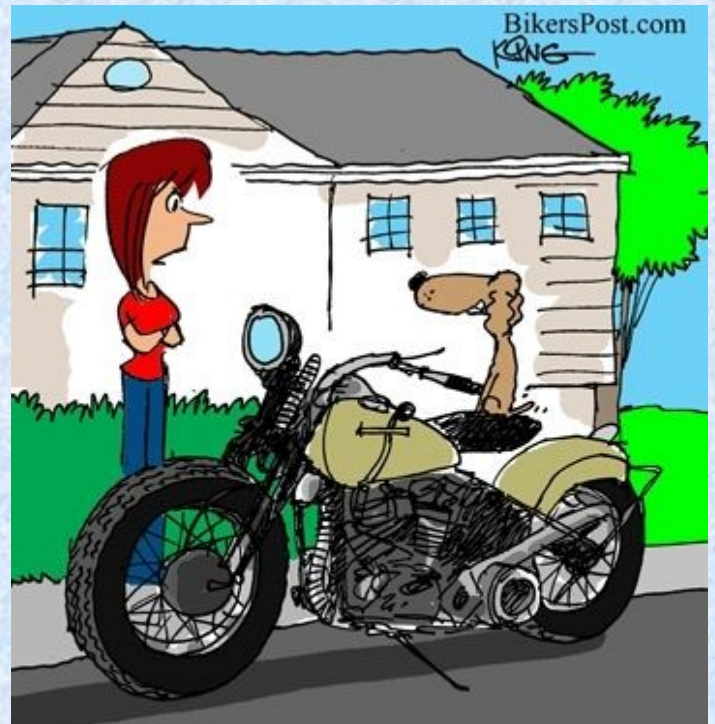
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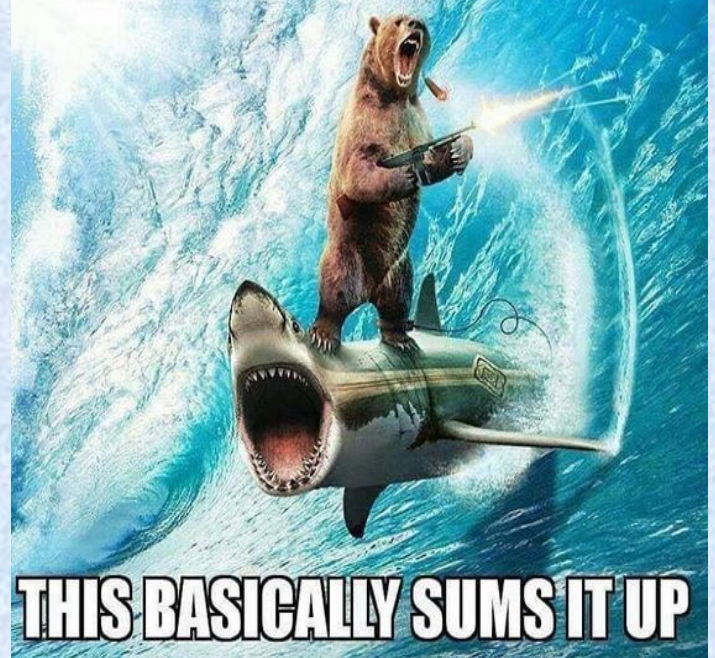


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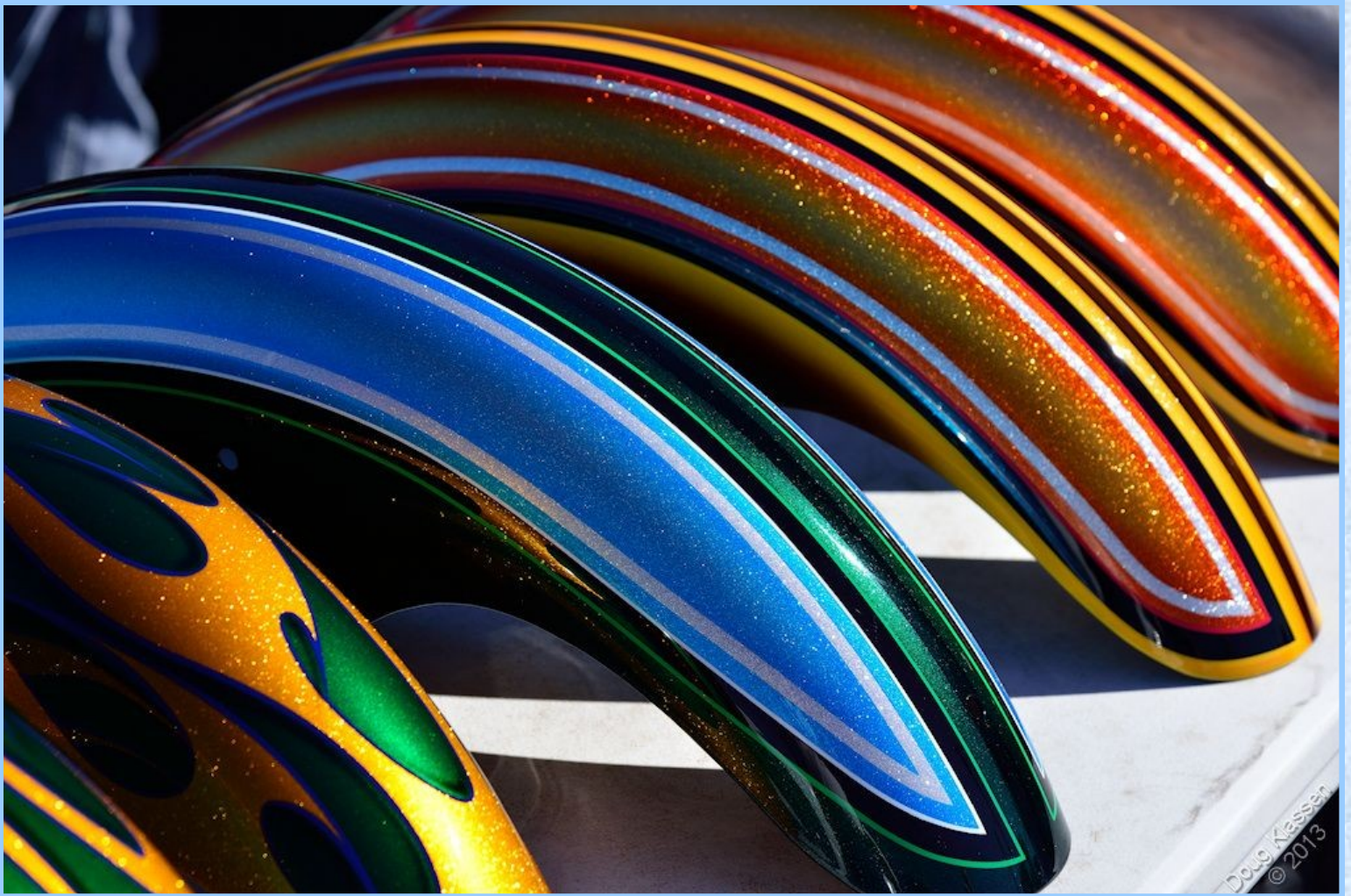


"There was an extra 50 miles on my bike this week. I couldn't keep you off the couch, now this."

**WHEN SOMEONE ASKS WHAT IT'S
LIKE TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE.**

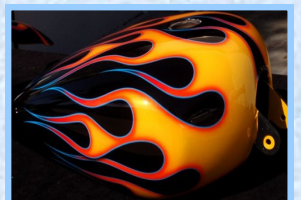
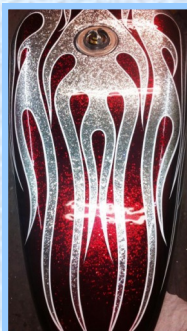


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Doug Kesser
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Some Custom Paint Ideas



How Much A Motorcycle Paint Job Should Cost

How Much Does It Cost to Paint a Motorcycle

If you recently purchased a used motorcycle or have had a bike for years that needs a paint job, you might be wondering where to start and how much it is going to cost you. Used motorcycle values can retain their cost relatively well, but sometimes prices of motorcycles can be low if someone is looking to offload their hog quickly. However, occasionally the repairs and bring a bike back to life can be expensive.

Luckily, there are a few options to save you money if you are looking to paint your ride. If you have the means to spend, getting a professional bike paint job or even a custom one can be ideal. Doing your own paint work is an option that is worth considering, too.

Regular Paint Jobs

Standard paint jobs for motorcycles will vary and are contingent upon your location, the shop through which you have the paintwork done, and your particular bike. Typical price ranges for having a motorcycle painted vary from around \$300 to \$1,600.

Much of this price depends on how much work needs to be done to your actual bike before the painting can occur. If you just want a standard coat of paint and your motorcycle is in flawless condition, the price will be much lower. If you are not so confident in your DIY skills to paint a bike yourself, hiring someone to do it for around \$300 can be worth the money.

Custom Paint Jobs

If you want to do more than just give your ride a rudimentary coat of paint and you want a custom job with detailed work such as flames stripes or other intricate designs the cost will naturally be much higher. Prices vary depending on location, the artist, the type of shop you decide to go through, as well as the bike.

The average range for custom paint jobs on motorcycles can be around \$800 To \$2,500 depending on the detail of work. For high-end bikes and exceptional custom paint jobs, the cost can skyrocket to anywhere from \$15,000 to \$30,000 depending on the painting.





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Pre-registration is required.

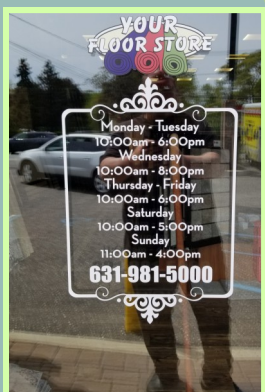
Please register here for our **FREE** seminar.

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MERCHANT IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Hello Ladies and Gentlemen,

Every Month we feature a merchant who provides Long Island ABATE members and their families with special pricing on products and or services. This month's merchant is an active member of the motorcycle community and extremely active in the community as well. He is a very kind and giving individual, he is involved in the Middle Country Youth Association as well as many other areas to help better the community and also a Long Island ABATE member as well. This Month's Merchant is **Your Floor Store**. Located at 2049 Middle Country Rd, Centereach N.Y. 11720. Richard Donnely and his staff are there for you from beginning to end. Whether they sell and install or just sell you the Materials to do the job yourself they are there to help. Stop down and see the showroom and the many products they carry. Your Floor Store has been around over 36 years and still going strong. Richard visits every job before contracts are written and provides free measuring and estimates, as well as a decorator on staff. So whether you're looking for Hardwood flooring, Laminate, Vinyl or Tile and even Carpet reach out to Richard and staff for all your flooring needs, including tools and advice for the "Do it yourselfer"
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Miniature Motorcycles Made From Vintage Watch Parts

Toronto-based sculptor Dan Tannenbaum makes miniature motorcycles crafted entirely from vintage watch parts. You can check out more builds at his Watch Parts Motorcycles Facebook page.

Dan has been sculpting these miniature motorcycles since 2010, and since that time his unique works have been featured in Ultimate Motorcycling Magazine and Motorcycle Mojo Magazine.



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Custom motorcycle designer Uwe Ehinger is known to many as “The Archeologist” due to his ability to find rare parts from all over the world in a quest rebuild vintage Harley Davidson motorcycles in his Hamburg, Germany shop. It was with his insatiable parts-seeking mission in mind that Ehinger came up with the idea of “infusing the spirit of Harley Davidson” into a proprietary eponymous dry gin that would share the same bottle as food safe motorcycle parts. The Archaeologist Gin comes in one of three varietals – the 1939 Flathead, the 1947 Knucklehead and the 1962 Panhead. This is a limited run series to which every presentation detail is closely attended.

Each bottle of the limited edition of “The Archaeologist” is unique and comes in tailor-made packaging that resembles the original packaging of the used motorcycle parts. Wrapped bottles, wrapped by waxed wrapping paper, which tells the story of each part in the bottle. Selected cardboard and colors. Processed with an original Heidelberg crucible printing press from 1931. Hand-stamped and sealed seal as well as the riveted hang tag with the unique serial number of the motorcycle part preserved in the bottle. All parts are specially cleaned and sealed with a tin alloy foodstuff.



As you might imagine, acquiring such a bottle of premium dry gin is not cheap. For a 750 ml bottle (a little over 25 fluid ounces), you'll be paying a starting price of **\$1,047** for one containing the 1962 part, and up to **\$1,280** for one containing the 1939 part.

WOW!

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

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Debbie Stoddell
Legislative Representative
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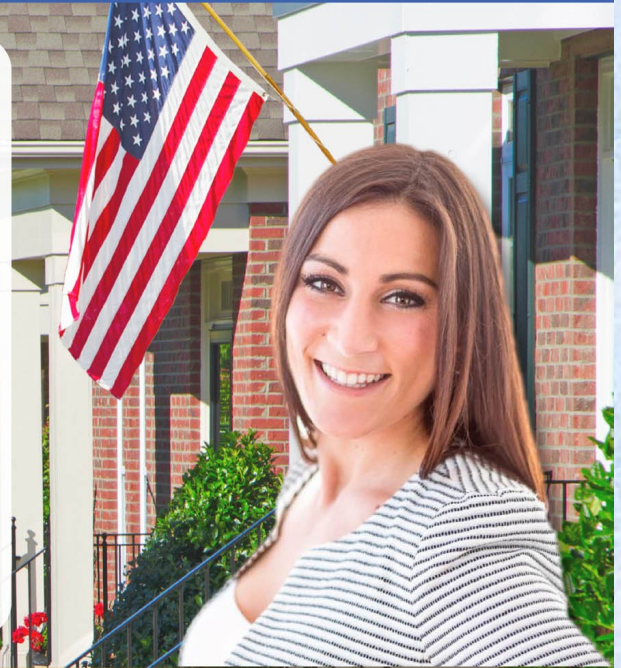
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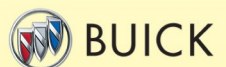


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UPCOMING

EVENTS



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

NEWS



July 8th –11th 2021

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INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW

The International Motorcycle Shows in Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York is an international motorcycle exhibition, which takes place every year. An event not to be missed for any true motorcycle enthusiast.



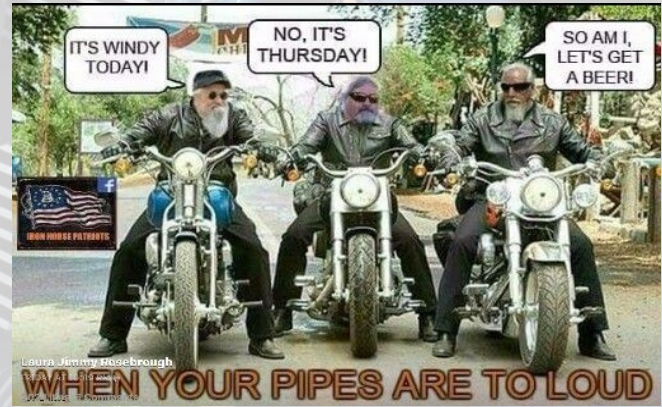
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RALLYS & SHOWS 2021

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So, the Car Turns Left in Front of You...NOW What?

Stacey "Ax" Axmaker, MRF A&E In the world of motorcycle safety, as well as in the world of motorcyclists' rights, we often talk about the dreaded 'left turning car violating our right-of-way.' And justifiably so; it is a common multi-vehicle crash scenario, and in those crashes, we always take the lion's share of the damage. Thinking about this rider-driver dynamic, I am reminded of the fable of the Frog and the Scorpion: A scorpion and a frog meet on the bank of a stream and the scorpion asks the frog to carry him across on its back. The frog asks, "How do I know you won't sting me?" The scorpion says, "Because if I do, I will die too." The frog is satisfied, and they set out, but in midstream, the scorpion stings the frog. The frog feels the onset of paralysis and starts to sink, knowing they both will drown, but has just enough time to gasp "Why?" Replies the scorpion: "It's my nature..." (<http://www.aesopfables.com>). We know that human nature leads drivers to be distracted; we know that drivers have a tendency to look for other cars (and not motorcycles); we know that motorcycles are harder to see in the traffic mix. So, in addition to our efforts in the area of motorist awareness, we need to face the reality that a right-of-way violation is likely to happen to us. We should not be surprised by this, we should not expect otherwise, and we should be prepared for it. I'm not saying its "right," but neither is grand theft auto (and yet I bet you still lock your car). If and when it does happen, what do you do? Get on the brakes! Your first and best line of defense is to use your brakes hard (without skidding) while keeping the bike on its wheels. This is where the time you spent practicing your maximum braking skills pays off. If you don't practice this skill, there is a good chance that when you need it, it'll be rusty (or not there at all). Regular practice also gives you the confidence to tell yourself 'Yes, I can get stopped before reaching that car.' Remember - 'laying the bike down' is another way to say 'crashing.' Laying the bike down gives up all ability to brake, swerve, or accelerate. It also affects the speed at impact if you hit the car (sliding metal and plastic don't slow you down nearly as well as gripping rubber). "What about swerving?" you may ask. Yes, swerving to miss the car can be a great way to go. However, there are some things to keep in mind: • Do not swerve while you are still doing your hard braking. Braking and swerving are best done one at a time. • Where are you going to swerve to? Is the car going to keep going, or stop in your path when they see you? Is there more traffic coming behind the car? Before deciding to swerve, you want to be confident that the place you are swerving to is better than doing your maximum braking in a straight line. • How are your swerving skills? Unfortunately, very few riders practice swerving; and many riders ride with their arms straight (rather than bent) – this makes a successful



swerve very difficult. Practice swerving regularly and keep your arms slightly bent when you ride so you are ready. • Follow your nose. If you have elected to swerve, point your nose and **LOOK EXACTLY WHERE YOU WANT TO GO**. “An ounce of prevention...” We all know that we can’t control the behavior of car drivers. But, we can stack the deck in our favor. Regardless of whose fault a crash is, none of us want to be in a crash, and if there is a crash, none of us wants to get hurt (or worse). There are no guarantees, but here are some tips: • Be visible. Dressing in all black makes you harder to see. Bright colors and retro-reflective materials make a huge difference. Consider a **HEADLIGHT MODULATOR**. • Manage your speed. Evaluate where you are riding. Side streets – driveways – parking areas – any place a motor vehicle can access the roadway = opportunities for right-of-way violations. The faster you are going when it happens, the longer it takes to get slowed or stopped (and the higher your speed at impact). • Gear up. If there is a crash and you hit the car, the asphalt, or both – what you are wearing can make the difference between walking away and being hauled away. This is not news to anyone. Protect what’s important to you (Hands? Feet? Arms? Legs? Chest? Back? Head? Face? – you make the call). We will absolutely continue our work in motorist awareness and pursue ways to change driver behavior. However, we also want all of you to be ready to successfully avoid crashing when your right-of-way is violated. Ride safe, ride well, ride lots.



The MRF's primary goals include:

- Monitoring and influencing federal legislation for any impact on the motorcycling community at large
- Representing street motorcyclists by participating in federal research and advisory committees
- Protecting street motorcyclists from unfair or burdensome federal agency restrictions and regulations
- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American roads



WHO WE ARE

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is the Nation's premiere motorcyclists' rights organization that is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. We are also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state and local levels. The MRF works together with street motorcyclists, State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), the motorcycle industry, the media and other organizations, assisting them with state and local agendas as well as working with them to influence action and policy in Washington, DC - from the Congress to government departments and agencies to the Office of the President of the United States. We also work with allies in Canada, Europe and Asia to influence talks on vehicle globalization and harmonization that are proceeding under the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

History of the MRF

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Why Motorcycle Insurance Is So Costly In New York City

Motorcycle insurance rates in the state of New York are similar those of other states but the cost of premiums in New York City are stratospheric.

We found the average motorcycle insurance quote for a sample policy and rider in the state of New York was \$537, while the average in New York City was \$1,486. That's nearly three times the cost for the typical sample rider we gathered data for.

The study included quotes for more than 80 addresses throughout New York City alone and no single area pulled the city's average that high. All five boroughs had an average quote with a range of \$1,480 and \$1,498.

Generally, large cities and metropolitan areas have the highest motorcycle insurance premiums – and New York City obviously supports that trend – but the difference between the state average and the largest city is wider in New York than other states. For example, the average quote in the state of California for the identical sample policy and rider was \$665, but Los Angeles and San Francisco had annual rates of \$960 and \$979, respectively. New York City is also unique because roughly 40% of the population of New York state lives there, meaning a large number motorcycle riders are affected. In most other states, the population is more distributed across cities and geographic areas.

The city that never sleeps is known to have a cost of living, but why are motorcycle insurance rates there so high?


It's hard to say for certain. Like all places, the cost to insure a motorcycle in New York City is impacted by a long list of factors. However, there are some things that likely contributed to the rates. Claim history is taken into consideration by every insurance company when pricing policies and if claims weren't happening as frequently or costing as much, premiums wouldn't cost so much in the city.

Most motorcycle crashes are single-vehicle incidents, meaning the motorcycle and rider were the only things involved. So while it's not probable that bodily injury claims in New York City – which would cover the cost of injuries caused to others by rider – are driving up rates, that might partly be the cause. Pedestrians are constantly crossing streets in the city.

It's probably more likely that motorcycle passengers injured in crashes and resulting in bodily injury claims. Property damage liability is also a contributor. Although a motorcycle crash might not injure anyone else, a rider in New York is probably far more likely to wreck into another vehicle or building than in more rural areas.

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