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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. July was a busy month as well, we have been attending many events. There have been Bike nights as well as weekend events. Bike nights have been great with attendance and new member sign ups. The Veterans jug has been doing well also thanks to all involved and those who contribute. Follow our schedule on FACEBOOK for Bike nights and weekend events. We attended a Bike night at Texas road house in Deer Park Hosted by PJ Marcel and it was great. The weather was awesome and so was the turnout.

A few of us went to Gettysburg Bike Week, The weather was nice with a little rain now and then. The turnout was great as well as the rides in between. It was great to break away from the regular routine.

This month we had the pleasure of being part of some great events. The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team A.K.A. The USA Patriots were in town. 7/16 they hosted two kids clinics. 7/17 they then played a game at Bayport commons followed up by a meet and greet BBQ with raffles and food and more great times hosted by the Blue point FD. Sunday was the big day, Long Island ABATE teamed up with the PGR as well as many other clubs and independent riders to escort the bus of players from Melville to the field in Medford with the help of SCPD leading the way. Once we arrived there was an opening ceremony in which the motorcycles lead the players on to the field. After the ceremony we had the pleasure of watching an awesome double header against the All Stars. Both teams each won a game. Truly a great weekend watching amazing people doing great things.

As I write this article we are preparing for NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) a Convention Where we discuss Motorcycle Legislation and share information from across the country with each other. This year it is in Des Moines Iowa. For those who don't know what NCOM is it is a free organization which is funded by the AIM organization (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists). Attorneys from the organization donate a portion of their fees to NCOM.

Good news. The Highway Bill was passed. This was an important bill due to its content. The bill included many motorcyclist priorities. Included were Autonomous vehicle guidelines that recognize motorcycles. Also included was to stop motorcycle only checkpoints. The bill also included the re-authorizing of "MAC" the Motorcycle Advisory Council, which gives motorcyclists a voice in road design as well as barriers along with maintenance practices and other areas as well.

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 any board member

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Greetings Long Island ABATE members!

It's a privilege to communicate with you again on some of the things that we are doing to advocate motorcycle awareness, safety and education. Currently I have been attending monthly officer meetings to plan events for the membership, approve design and cost of give away items. We continue to attend bike nights and club meetings which some of us have recently attended. We held the Veteran Appreciation run where over 300 members and friends attended. Thank you!

Recently we attended a Flag Day event in Riverhead and the Joseph Dwyer Memorial dedication at Rocky Point Plaza.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the annual camp-out due to logistical issues, but we plan to regroup and have the event next year!

Until next month,

Stay well and ride safely
Nick LaMorte.....1st Vice President



**NEW
PRODUCTS**

Adaptive cruise control isn't the only technology motorcycle manufacturers are actively developing to make riding safer. Systems such as blind-spot monitoring and forward-collision warning are also being considered to improve riders' safety. We now have on the market the Multistrada V4 offered with radar-based blind-spot monitoring technology. Other players

such as Honda and Damon are also hard at work and actively developing their own ensemble of safety features.

The only downside is that once the technology is out, it can't be retrofitted to your older motorcycle. You have to buy new and you have to buy from the specific brand to have access to it.

For the crew at Ride Vision, intelligent safety features should be more widely accessible which is why it's developing a [360-degree safety system](#) that can be installed on any motorcycle or scooter. Ride Vision's system uses two cameras—one at the front and one at the back—that detect objects and vehicles located around the motorcycle. The warnings are then displayed on two light clusters installed to the motorcycle's mirrors, allowing the rider to know what's going on around them at a quick glance.

Long Island ABATE 7-13-21 Membership Meeting, Ronkonkoma FD, Ronkonkoma, NY

Coffee and cookies served during the meeting.

7:27 Meeting began

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Welcome members and guests.

The minutes for our June 2021 membership meeting were not yet posted.

Treasurer's Report: Detailed income and expenditures were reported

Motion 3-2021: Motion to accept treasurer's report. (Seconded) All in favor.

Business

Veterans Appreciation Fund: The 2021 Veterans Appreciation Fund is underway. Through the generosity of the motorcycle community, \$20,000 was raised at the Veterans Appreciation Run with an additional \$4,000 in t-shirt sales. Bill reports we are approaching \$40,000 in total funds raised for this year. *Thank you to the US Veterans MC and the Christopher Sherer Semper Fi Fund in memory of Ken and Karen Wirth, for their generous donations.*

LI ABATE Lottery: LI ABATE held a fundraiser based on the NYS evening daily numbers. The lottery ran from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. With all winnings mailed out, our net profit for this endeavor was \$4,280. *Thank you to **George and Debbie Stondell** for administering and managing this lottery. It was another great success.*

National Coalition of Motorcyclists: NCOM conference is being held in Iowa, July 22-25. Patch holders from around the country got together to discuss motorcycle issues. Chris, Nick, Debbie and Jim will attend and network regarding the importance of patch holders and independent riders working together to address issues of concern to motorcyclists. *Attorney Mitch Proner is sponsoring the expenses for this conference.*

Federal Highway Bill has recently passed through Congress and the Senate. This bill includes motorcycle profiling, establishes a motorcycle advisory council, *which gives motorcyclists a voice regarding highway issues*, and addresses autonomous vehicles, *which mandates studies to recognize motorcycles on the road*

Merchant in the Spotlight: Each month in our newsletter, LI ABATE publishes an article spotlighting a business that is supportive of our organization. The merchant offers LI ABATE members a discount at their place of business and in return LI ABATE offers free publicity and advertising. A list of these businesses is posted in the newsletter and in the LI ABATE Handbook. Please support these merchants. *If anyone knows of a merchant willing to offer LI ABATE members a discount, please feel free to write an article which will be published in the newsletter.*

Motorcycle Safety Class: Steve from *On The Road Again Motorcycle School*, is offering a special MSF class for LI ABATE members. The cost is \$125. Twelve members are needed to sign up for this class. Please contact Chris or Josephine. *Mike Lauro added that participants may be entitled to a discount on their insurance with an MSF card. Please check with your carrier.*

Motorcycle Mayhem Radio: Tune into the radio show Monday nights. Chris and Debbie are often guests on the show speaking about current legislation pertaining to motorcyclists.

Biker Info USA is an app that is particularly helpful to motorcyclists. Included in this app is information regarding local MRO's as well as a listing of hotels, restaurants, gas stations, etc. in the area.

LI ABATE Campout: LI ABATE has decided to forgo this year's campout due to the late approval given by Suffolk County and the very limited time left for preparations and bookings. We will be focusing on building up this event for next season.

Officer Reports

Nancy / Membership: If you are not receiving LI ABATE newsletters or e-mails, please let Nancy know and the e-mail data base will be updated. Many e-mails are going to a SPAM / junk mail folder, so please check this folder. *If anyone is having a problem with their membership, please let Nancy know so that it may be resolved.* Memberships can be renewed by mail, online or at a membership meeting. Memberships can be renewed at any time. Your current membership will be extended for one year. There are currently 2600 names in our database. *It is imperative that members renew and that we keep our membership numbers up. It is the only way we can be effective when we meet with public officials in protecting the rights and safety of motorcyclists.*

Website: The website has been updated with the contact numbers for all local municipalities to report potholes, unsafe road conditions, etc. The event calendar on the website has also been updated.

Nancy is stepping down as membership officer and website coordinator due to medical issues. If anyone is willing to fill either or both of these positions, please let Nancy know. She would be willing to train. Nancy, LI ABATE is so grateful to you, for all you have done for this organization. You will be greatly missed. Be well.

Debbie / Legislative Liaison: NYSLEEP Act (Stop Loud and Excessive Exhaust Pollution) has passed through the NY House of Representatives and Senate, and is awaiting Governor Cuomo's signature. *This bill specifically bans selling or installing devices that increase the sound of a muffler on a motor vehicle or motorcycle. It would increase fines for such modifications from \$150 to \$1,000. Motorcyclists or drivers who are caught operating an altered vehicle could face a \$500 fine. Call 1-518-474-8390 and voice your objection to the signing of this bill.*

NY (R) AB-148: Prohibits children under twelve from riding on a motorcycle.

NY (R) AB 471: Relates to certain vehicle equipment and fines.

NY (R) AB 1747 and NY (R) SB 3860: Relate to motorcycle profiling.

NY (R) SB 3707: Relates to motorcycle awareness on state highways.

Josephine / Public Relations: Josephine is requesting any volunteers to help her set up and break down at bike nights.

Kathy / Products: Limited 2021 Veterans Appreciation Run shirts are available \$20 each or 2 for \$35. LI ABATE t-shirts \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

LI ABATE Booths

7/14- Bike Night Chaos Cycle, Deer Park

7/15- Bike Night Texas Roadhouse, 5pm

7/22- Bike Night Motorcycle Mayhem Radio and Red River

7/24 - Nassau Harley 10am- 4pm

7/24 - Chaos Cycle Open House

Volunteers for these booths are greatly needed and appreciated. Please see Gary LI ABATE's volunteer coordinator, Chris or Josephine.

50 /50: \$50 to the winner.

Motion 4-2021: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37.



To all at Long Island ABATE:

Please accept the enclosed donation in memory of Ken and Karen Wurth.

On behalf of our entire family we would like to thank you for all you do for not only Gold Star Families but all veterans and active military.

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Custom Indian Seat Ideas





This was the 98 th anniversary for this motorcycle celebration which was attended by hundreds of thousands bikers and bike enthusiasts. There were a lot of changes this year with some property sites changing ownership and incorporating different vendors from previous years. The Chop Shop Pub from Seabrook NH took over the

beer tent in the lot by the now closed Faro Grill, Bar Salida took over the old Party Central and the Broken Spoke Saloon is now the High Octane Saloon.

At the Rally Headquarters, Jennifer Anderson and Charlie St Claire hosted several AMA Gypsy Tours Rides and every day was a different ride, including a vintage ride to the NH Motor Speedway, a pet run charity ride, covered bridge tour and a new motorcycle lights parade on Friday night. The Wednesday Hill Climb race at the Gunstock Mountain Resort organized by Ridge Runner Promotions from Canaan NH had a great sunny day and Progressive Insurance sponsored an Atlas Fireworks 98 th anniversary display on a clear and cool Wednesday night. Dexter Balyeat from Haymond Law and Dick Cartier sponsored bike shows at the City of Laconia Opechee Park and the Train Station with motorcycle games. On the weekends the Weirs Shuttle Train To/ From Meredith and Lakeport provided a scenic relaxing ride.

Cynthia Makris (GM) of the NASWA Resort - the Official Rally Hotel - sponsored a Saturday ride to the NHMS, where riders had the fun opportunity to ride on the race track. The 15th annual Peter Makris memorial ride benefits the Laconia Fire Department Water Rescue Team, the CERT Emergency Response Team, NH Vets Count groups (part of Easter Seals NH). Hope Makris, the 96- year-old Makris family NASWA matriarch, along with NH Government officials cut the official birthday reception cake on Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday the hotel NASBAR provided the ideal backdrop for the first annual Tattoo contest.

New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) in Loudon NH, just south of the Weirs beach area, had a whole parking lot full of vendor displays and several manufactures had demo rides available including Harley-Davidson, Indian and BMW. NHMS hosted vintage Races during the first weekend and the Loudon Classic Race during the second weekend. Be sure to save the dates - 11 to 19 June 2022 - for next years 99th anniversary celebration and check the web site - LaconiaMCWeek.com - for more upcoming details. Also please check out www.NHMS.com for a whole summers worth of activities including NAS-CAR!

To see thousands of photos of this years event, please go to www.SilverFoxStudios.US - client events tab - Laconia MC Week 2021.

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Hello Ladies and Gentlemen,

Every month we feature a merchant provides Long Island ABATE members and their families with special pricing on merchandise and or services. This month's merchant is an active member of the community as well an active member of the Military. This Merchant is family owned and operated as well and is located in the town of Center Moriches. This month's Merchant is **Love of Country**, located at 333 main street Center Moriches N.Y. 11934. Store hours are Monday-Thursday 10-6pm and Friday to Sunday 10-7pm. They have a large assortment of patriotic clothing. All clothing and Materials are American Grown and made here in the USA. Joe Knoetgen and wife Kristen have been together for thirty years. They also have two boys. Joe is an active Air Force Medic and Patriot as well. Stop in a say hi and maybe get a Great cup of organically grown coffee and check out the awesome clothing. **Love of Country** provides **Long Island ABATE members with a 10% discount** on all merchandise as well as **20% discount to Active Military**.

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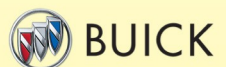


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Greeting ABATE Members,

We currently have a bill passed in the NY Assembly and in the NY Senate and is waiting for the Governors signature that would hurt motorcyclist and car enthusiast. The "SLEEP ACT" will not only hurt the motorcycle community but the inspection stations. The bill was allowed to slip by amongst other bills on the last day of session.

Each political party has individuals that sit on the numerous boards, they are supposed to inform their party representatives of hidden bills that are attached to larger bills. Well, they missed this one!

The Stop Loud and Excessive Exhaust Pollution ([SLEEP](#)) Act specifically bans selling or installing devices that increase the sound of a muffler on a motor vehicle or motorcycle. It would also increase fines for such modifications from \$150 to \$1,000 if signed by admitted car enthusiast Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who has not yet signaled whether he will sign the bill.

Motorcyclists or drivers who are caught operating an altered vehicle could also face a \$500 fine. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to deny or revoke vehicle inspection licenses to businesses that violate muffler regulations more than twice—or willfully—within 18 months.

S9009 Senate Bill and A11077 Assembly Bill

The Governor has yet to sign this bill, we need to act now. Call 1-518-474-8390 and let your voice and your opinion be heard. Have your inspection stations get involved, we cannot have this bill passed.

ABATE is trying to stay up on all the current bills being introduced but we will need your help in contacting your state representative to voice your opinion and not let harmful bills to the motorcycle community get passed. Here are some bills we are currently watching.

Number: **NY [R] AB 148** - Updated (New 01/04/2021)

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 - 01/06/2021](#)

Number:	NY [R] AB 471 - Updated (Status 06/11/2021)
Sponsor:	Asm. William Magnarelli (D-NY)
Title:	Relates to certain vehicle equipment vio-
Abstract:	Relates to certain vehicle equipment violations and fines.

Number: **NY [R] AB 1747** - Updated (New 01/12/2021)
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 - 01/11/2021](#)

Number: **NY [R] SB 3707** - Updated (Ancillary 02/02/2021)
Sponsor: Sen. Leroy Comrie (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 - 01/30/2021](#)

Number: **NY [R] SB 3860** - Updated (Ancillary 02/03/2021)
Sponsor: James Sanders Jr.
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 FINANCE - 01/31/2021](#)

Enjoy the Ride, ride safe,

Debbie Stondell, Legislative Liaison



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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.

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SOEASYSRIDER WIRELESS CHARGER

Wireless charging has increasingly become the new standard for smartphones, and the folks over at SoEasyRider don't think motorcycles should be an exception. As such, the multinational outfit has created

a wireless charging case specifically for motorcycles —

though the outfit has been around for over 20 years and was the first to develop a motorcycle GPS mount. Good for accommodating smartphones as big as 6.3", this Qi case features a zippered front with a tactical window and custom zipper pulls. When closed, the phone is completely secure and unable to slip out or go tumbling, even if you go shiny side down. The charger's clear window also lets you use turn-by-turn GPS directions, or preview calls or texts while a device is inside. The device comes with a handlebar-mounted charger and rain protection, though the company also sells a variety of additional ball, arm, and ring mounts that allow the charger to be placed almost anywhere in the cockpit. The kit also includes four different wireless charging adapters — Lightning (iPhone), Type-c, Micro USB, and inverted Micro USB — so it works with practically any smartphone currently in existence.

MORE INFO...

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New Harley-Davidson Sportster S Unlike Any Sport- ster Before It

An addition to the 2021 Harley-Davidson motorcycle line, the Sportster S will reach Harley-Davidson dealers this fall with a base MSRP of \$14,999.

“The Sportster S is the next all-new motorcycle built on the Revolution Max platform and sets a new performance standard for the Sportster line,” said Jochen Zeitz, chairman, president and CEO, Harley-Davidson. “This is a next generation Sportster defined by power, performance, technology and style. And it’s part of our commitment to introduce motorcycles that align with our strategy to increase desirability and to drive the legacy of Harley-Davidson.”

Styling Communicates Power

In profile, the Sportster S model appears crouched and powerful. The fuel tank and tail section frame the engine as the predominate centerpiece of the motorcycle. The massive front tire recalls the fenderless front end of a classic bobber, while the tail section, high-mount exhaust and slim solo seat draw inspiration from the Harley-Davidson XR750 flat tracker. The thick inverted forks and wide-profile tires suggest high-performance sport bike.

“Every visual design element of the Sportster S model is an expression of the motorcycle’s raw power,” said Brad Richards, Harley-Davidson vice president of styling and design. “This is a wolf in wolf’s clothing.”

The powertrain is highlighted with a Chocolate Satin finish on the lightweight magnesium engine covers. Textures, colors, finishes and details were selected to give the Sportster S model the look of a custom show bike that just happens to be parked in the owner’s garage.



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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



August 14th 2021

40th ANNUAL Antique Motorcycle Show
NYC's oldest antique motorcycle show. Judged show of over 100 antique bikes, Plus live music, food vendors and bikes for sale. Trophies for various categories. Family Friendly Event
Queens County Farm Museum
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September 3rd-5th 2021

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



October 22nd-29th 2021

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How Not to Get Your Bike Stolen

OK, so this topic isn't strictly about motorcycle safety. But it is about the safety of your motorcycle... And it is good, useful stuff. Most of this information was obtained from my friend and insurance agent, Bill Peterson. Some of it was sourced from a document generated by Sentry Insurance. Some of it I added myself. This topic is very important to me because my very first motorcycle was stolen and never recovered. When that happened, I vowed to buy the best chain and lock that I could find, so that the chances that any other bike I might get afterward would be severely diminished. I read a review/test in a motorcycle magazine of a chain and lock combination called Cobralinks. The article said that it was impossible to cut through the unit with a hacksaw or bolt cutter. They tried to cut it with a torch, and gave up after a half-hour. I was sold. I found my Cobralinks at a local bike shop. It was big, heavy, difficult to coil up, and expensive, but I bought it anyway. Now, well over 30 years later, I still have it and use it. Twenty-five bikes later, I have not had another bike stolen. It's paid for itself many times over, in my opinion. Of course, as you will see, it's important to chain the bike to something else for this method to work. Merely chaining one part of the bike to another part of the same bike is not advisable, as thieves tend to lift the whole bike up and take it away, and then they can work on the chain and lock in the comfort and safety of their own work space. I have seen Cobralinks for sale as recently as last year, so I assume they are still available. They now have different lengths and thicknesses from which to choose. Bill told me that he did a survey of stolen bike claims from his agency, over the last 10 years. There were 85 Harleys stolen, and ZERO were recovered. Yikes! Thieves steal bikes with a large van that has a forklift device installed in the rear end. The driver backs up to the parked bike, presses a lever, and the fork life comes out of the back of the van and locks under the bike. Then it picks up the bike and lifts it into the van. This can take as little as 15 seconds, apparently. So you see that merely locking the bike to itself, or locking the forks and/or ignition would not prevent, or even slow down, this type of theft. That is not to say that you shouldn't use whatever theft deterrent devices are available to you. Lock your ignition. Most cycle thefts occur when the ignition is shut off but not locked. Lock the forks and/or disc brakes with large, brightly-colored tags. The tags will remind you that the bike is locked, and will notify would-be thieves that the bike is protected. If traveling with others, lock bikes together. If riding alone, lock the bike to a secure, stationary object that can't be easily dismantled, such as a light pole. Add an audible alarm to the bike. When traveling and spending the night in a hotel, locate an outdoor security camera and park the bike within the camera's view. Or park the bike very close to the room, where you could hear someone tampering with it. I have even parked my bike inside hotel rooms, with permission of the management, of course. Keep an eye on the bike periodically, especially immediately after parking it at a public event. In a parking garage, park the bike close to automobiles, blocking the bike in, if possible. Close the garage door and lock it. Do not keep the title to the bike on the bike.



www.motorcyclesafetyprogram.org

Keep in it another safe place, like at home, in a safe, or a safety deposit box. Uniquely mark and then photograph the bike and the marking. For example, engraving your name in an inconspicuous place can help to identify the bike if it is stolen. If it is stolen, inform law enforcement of the markings and let them have copies of the photos. Keep your cycle registration and insurance identification card on you when you ride. This will enable you to quickly identify yourself as



the owner and allows law enforcement to file a report immediately. Be careful about giving out information on where you live, work and play (ride). If trailering your bike: Park the trailer in a well-lit location near security cameras or in plain view of hotel, restaurant or event staff. Lock the doors and the hitch. Secure doors by backing up to a wall so the doors cannot be opened. Know your trailer's ID and license plate numbers. If selling your bike: Know that fake identities have become common in cycle thefts. Don't turn over the title until you can verify that the check or money order is valid and has cleared the bank. Then simply mail the title to the new owner. As the buyer for his or her name, address, date of birth and driver's license number. Then ask to see the license and check that the information matches. Be cautious of out-of-state ID's; Thieves are counting on the idea that you are not familiar with out-of-state ID's. Note how your buyer arrived at the location. Note if he/she was dropped off by another party and might be planning on taking a one-way "test ride" with your bike. Remember that it isn't necessary that the buyer receive the title right away. A written document signed by the seller and buyer indicating price and method of payment also indicates proof of the purchase. The title can be forwarded to the buyer once the check has cleared the bank. If you decide to sell the bike on consignment, do not provide a signed copy of the title to the dealership until you have received your money in full. Make sure the dealership is a reputable business before you trust them as an agent. Some dealerships with very little history have been known to sell bikes on consignment and then keep the money. If the dealership goes out of business, you may never get the bike or money.



Ethanol in the Courts and in Congress

In the last few weeks, the ethanol industry has suffered two major court case defeats. Earlier this month, the D.C. Court of Appeals struck down the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rule allowing for year-round sales of E15. In May 2019 the EPA issued a rule change ending a summer ban on the sale of E15 blend. Provisions of the Clean Air Act have prohibited the sale of certain fuels with a higher volatility from June 1 through Sept. 15, including E15. The court ruled that Congress did not intend to allow ethanol blends higher than 10% to be sold year-round and that the EPA overstepped its authority by implementing the change. Not surprisingly, in response to the court ruling, a bipartisan group of lawmakers from major corn producing states introduced a bill Wednesday that aims to allow the year-round sale of gasoline containing 15 percent ethanol. U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Deb Fischer (R-NE) and U.S. Representatives Angie Craig (D-MN) and Adrian Smith (R-NE) introduced bipartisan bills to permit the year-round sale of E15. The bill was cosponsored in the Senate by Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Roger Marshall (R-KS), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Mike Rounds (R-SD), Tina Smith (D-MN) and John Thune (R-SD). In the House Representatives, Cindy Axne (D-IA), Rodney Davis (R-IL), Dusty Johnson (R-SD) and Mark Pocan (D-WI) were all original cosponsors of the bill.

This legislation faces a tough road ahead in Congress with a diverse set of stakeholders and lawmakers opposed to increased ethanol mandates. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation applauds the court for striking down the year-round mandate and will work with like-minded groups to oppose legislation that would reopen the door to the year-round sale of E15. To read what pro ethanol Senators are saying about their bill and the need for year-round E15 [click here](#). To read what pro ethanol Representatives are saying on the topic [click here](#). Also in June, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 6-3 in favor of a small Wyoming refinery that had previously been granted waivers from the EPA to comply with blending requirements of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The RFS, passed by Congress over a decade ago, recognized that small refiners face unique economic challenges to comply with ethanol blending requirements.

Congress delayed implementation of some requirements for small refiners and created a waiver process run by the EPA. During the Trump Administration the number of waivers given to refineries increased greatly and the ethanol industry sued to rescind some of the waivers. The decision by the Supreme Court last month opens the door for continued use of these waivers by refiners to avoid blending their fuel with ethanol.

About Motorcycle Riders Foundation

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.



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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Benefits of Motorcycle Locks

Theft prevention. Locks for motorcycles greatly reduce the possibility that your bike will be stolen. Thieves are less likely to target a bike that has a visible lock on the wheel or bars or a chain affixed to a light post.

Peace of mind. When you install a motorcycle security device on your bike, it allows you to go about your day without anxiety. You don't have to worry that someone may be plotting to take what's not theirs.

Lower insurance premiums. Some insurance companies will give you a break on your insurance policy if you install the best motorcycle security device on certain makes and models that are prone to theft.

You live in LA or NYC. There were 44,268 motorcycle thefts in the United States in 2017, according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau. The top states for thefts were California and Alaska, and the top cities were Los Angeles and New York City.

MAXIMUM SECURITY

For maximum protection, Kryptonite recommends using two locks: a disc lock, to prevent roll away theft, as well as a chain or u-lock that is fixed to an immovable object to prevent lift away theft. Make sure the chain or u-lock is capturing the frame of the motorcycle, as well as the immovable object



MOTORCYCLE AGENT

New bike sales are down, but used bike sales are up, and for higher prices.

One trend in 2020 is that sales of new motorcycles overall have been down compared to recent years. Ducati and Indian have reported slumps, and despite KTM's initial optimism, they've fallen victim to this as well. Used motorcycles, on the other hand, are seeing a bit of a boom in popularity, and rising prices reflect that.

Consider, if you will, this 1999 BMW F 650 currently listed on CycleTrader for \$7,900. Yes, that's nearly \$8,000 for a 21-year-old BMW. As the ad says, "There's nothing fancy or nonessential on this bike." It's just a good honest dual-sport that costs nearly four times what I bought my slightly newer Kawasaki KLR 650 for a year ago.

Sure, a BMW is going to command a premium over a Kawasaki. It's a more premium brand. That much, though? I searched my local Craigslist for KLR 650s to compare apples to apples. The least expensive one I found is a 2001 example, with more miles and fewer upgrades than my 2005, for \$2,500. A 2006 model with no mods and lower miles is listed for \$3,800.

What's going on here? As with everything these days, the coronavirus is to blame. Prices on outdoor recreation items—not just motorcycles, but kayaks, bicycles, RVs, and jet skis as well—have shot up this summer, because many other recreational outlets have been closed for the pandemic. When I took my camper van to New Hampshire's White Mountains a few weeks ago, the campgrounds were completely full, not almost vacant like they were during my May journey. I spent the night in a rest area parking lot instead of by a relaxing campfire. (Actually, it may not have been so relaxing if other campers were packed in like sardines all around me.) Additionally, adventure and dual-sport motorcycles are particularly popular right now. The way they enable you to leave the road and get further into nature and away from everyone else is something people are craving right now, and turning to motorcycles to find.

This is actually good news for owners of motorcycles and other outdoor recreation items that may be a bit hard up for cash because of the pandemic. Desperate times call for desperate measures, so if you have to sell your bike, now is a good time to do it. Demand is up, and you'll get more money for your ride, which will help get you by a while longer.

RIDE SAFE



STATE ON-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

JUNE 2016

	Safety Helmet	Eye Protection	Rearview Mirror	Fenders	Handlebar Height	Passenger Footrests*	Passenger Handhold*	Headphones Prohibited	Turn Signals	Speedometer/Odometer	Daytime Headlight Use	Periodic Inspection	Other
Alabama	• •p,27	•s,k	• •11	•13	•17 •19	• •	•	•o	•h			•25 •25	•32
Alaska	•4	•s,j	•			•							
Arizona													
Arkansas	•6	•	•				•		•		•	•25	•34
California	•26	•	•		•14	•33		•n	•h		•i	•25	•29
Colorado	•4,26	•	•			•		•o				•25	
Connecticut	•4,m,26	•s,j	•	•13	•19	•			•	•22a	•h	•25	
Delaware	•7,26	•	•	•13		•			•	•20#		•	•29
Dist. of Col.	•1	•j	•	•13		•	•		•	•20			
Florida	•f,26	•s	•		•19	•		•o			•		
Georgia	•26	•j	•		•40	•		•9	•h		•		•32
Hawaii	•4,26	•j	•	•13#	•17	•			•#		•	•	•35
Idaho	•4	•	•	•13		•		•o			•		
Illinois		•	•		•39	•					•		•29,42
Indiana	•4,m,26	•4	•h			•					•		
Iowa			•			•				•	•h		
Kansas	•4,26	•c	•10			•			•h		•h	•25	
Kentucky	•r,26	•s	•10			•					•h		
Louisiana	•26	•s,j	•10		•19	•		•n, o	•#	•#	•	•	•36
Maine	•3,28	•	•	•13	•19	•#					•	•	
Maryland	•26	•s,j	•11	•12#	•17	•#	•#	•n		•#		•24	•38
Massachusetts	•26	•s,j	•10	•13#	•19#	•		•9	•h			•	
Michigan	•d,26	•s,2,j	•		•17	•33						•25	
Minnesota	•4,m,26	•s	•			•33		•n			•	•25	•30
Mississippi	•26		•	•13#								•	
Missouri	•26				•17#							•	•41,42
Montana	•4,26		•			•			•		•		
Nebraska	•26		•13	•13	•16	•							
Nevada	•26	•j	•11	•13	•14	•			•h				•30
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New York	•26	•s	•		•19			•n	•h	•20h	•	•	
North Carolina	•26		•			•				•20	•	•	
North Dakota	•4,t,26		•	•13	•19	•				•			
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Rhode Island	•5,23	•s	•(10#)	•13#	•17	•33b	•	•o		•20a#	•	•	•21b
South Carolina	•1,6	•6,s,j	•			•	•s,j				•	•	
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Wyoming	•4,23		•10		•19	•					•		

- Requirement in law
- * If carrying a passenger
- 1. Reflectorization
- 2. Where speeds exceed 35 mph
- 3. Under 18 yrs.; for 1 yr. after obtaining license; with learner's permit & passengers of operators so required
- 4. Under 18 yrs.
- 5. Operators under 21 yrs.; for 1 yr. after obtaining license; & all passengers
- 6. Under 21 yrs.
- 7. Possession by all, wear under 19 yrs. & by instruction permit holders
- 8. Temporary instruction permit holders & novice license holders
- 9. Prohibited except for communication
- 10. Left side
- 11. Left and right side
- 12. On rear wheel or wheels
- 13. On both wheels
- 14. Maximum of 6" above shoulder height
- 15. Not higher than operator's eye level
- 16. Maximum of 15" above mounting point
- 17. Maximum of 15" above seat
- 18. Maximum of 30" above seat
- 19. Handgrips not above shoulder height

- 20. Speedometer
- 21. Backrest
- 22. Odometer
- 23. Requires ANSI compliance
- 24. Upon transfer of title
- 25. Random
- 26. Requires FMVSS 218 compliance
- 27. Requires Snell, ANSI or DOT compliance
- 28. Requires ANSI or FMVSS 218 compliance
- 29. Brake light may flash as specified in law
- 30. Brake light may display blue light not exceeding 1" in diameter
- 31. Deceleration amber warning light center mounted on rear which pulses as specified in law allowed
- 32. Footwear required
- 33. Passenger feet must be on footrests
- 34. Minimum passenger age of 8 yrs.
- 35. Minimum passenger age of 7 yrs.
- 36. Minimum passenger age of 5 yrs.
- 37. For 2005 or later model year motorcycle
- 38. Auxiliary lighting including blue dot illumination, standard bulb running lights and LED pods/strips may be added as specified in law
- 39. Handgrips not higher than head height
- 40. Maximum of 25" above seat

- 41. Brake light may display varying brightness for not more than 5 seconds when applied
- 42. Auxiliary lighting including amber & white illumination, standard bulb running lights, or LED pods/strips may be added as specified in law
- 43. Modulating brake light allowed
- 44. Ground effect lighting allowed as specified in law
 - a. If originally equipped by manufacturer
 - b. For passenger under age 12
 - c. For passengers under 18 yrs. & all operators except if equipped with windscreen at least 10" high
 - d. Except for 21 & over with rider ed or having held motorcycle endorsement for at least 2 yrs. & each rider is insured for 1st party medical benefits of at least \$20,000
 - e. For motorcycle manufactured after 1/1/73 or before 1973 during limited visibility
 - f. Except for 21 yrs. & over with health insurance with \$10,000 medical benefits for injuries
 - g. Except for 21 yrs. & over with rider ed or 2 yrs. after obtaining license; passengers 21 & over exempt if operator exempt
 - h. For motorcycle manufactured after date specified in law (all at least 20 yrs. ago)

- i. Manufacturer requirement for motorcycle manufactured after 1/1/78
 - j. Except if equipped with windscreen
 - k. Except if equipped with windscreen 15" or higher
 - m. Instructional permit holders
 - n. Prohibited in both ears simultaneously
 - o. Except helmets with speakers
 - p. Operators under 18 yrs., instruction permit holders, & all passengers
 - q. Except for 21 yrs. & over with rider ed or with health insurance with medical benefits for motorcycle related injuries
 - r. Under 21 yrs., operators with instruction permit, & those having held motorcycle license less than 1 yr.
 - s. Operator only
 - t. If required for operator, required for passenger
 - u. For 3-wheeled motorcycles
 - v. Effective 1/1/17
 - # Required by inspection regulations

Many state inspection regulations require that any equipment installed on a motorcycle must function properly even though the equipment is not required by law.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 LI ABATE SUFFOLK Monthly Membership Meeting 7:30PM Ronkonkoma FD 177 Portion Rd.	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 LI ABATE NASSAU Monthly Meeting recap 7:30PM Marine Corps League 99 NY AVE Massapequa	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 LI ABATE Board Meeting 	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> MY MASK PROTECTS YOU, YOUR MASK PROTECTS ME. </div>			