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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. August was a busy month also, we have been attending bike nights as well as weekend events as weather permits. Many Motorcycle events have taken place locally and across the country as well. Four of us have since traveled to Des Moines Iowa for the NCOM convention where there were many seminars and presentations throughout the weekend. Mitch Proner generously sponsored our participation. The topics covered were Legislation, Social media and Accident scene management as well as networking with others. The Accident Scene Management presentation "The Golden Hour" was given by none other than Dick "Slider" Gilmore, who did an awesome job. Some of you may have been present when he attended one of our meetings years ago and did this presentation for us on this topic. The weekend was great and informative. We made some new friends and got to see some old ones as well. We were able to discuss things going on across the country. I did manage to mix some business with pleasure on the trip. I was able to ride out there and see a few things while out there, including the Motorcycle Museum in Iowa. There were many different motorcycles and quite a bit of motorcycle history there. There was a section on the Motor Maids and many of their members including Gloria Struck, an AMA hall of famer who has been riding over 75 years. When I returned from the trip I had the pleasure of speaking with her and she is an awesome woman. She also has a book out called "Gloria" a lifetime of motorcycling. (SEE PHOTOS PAGE 5)

After returning from the trip it was business as usual. We continue to raise money for the Veterans fund which by the way looks like we are on our way to breaking the Million dollar mark. We are currently looking for a venue for the distribution event, as well as sponsors for the event. Please reach out to a board member if you have any ideas or sponsors for the event.

SCPD did a presentation for us at our August membership meeting with a lot of good facts and statistics. Staying on track with safety and awareness, we had a BRC2 scheduled for August 22nd given by ONTRA Motorcycle School. We will be doing other safety related things in the future. Keep an eye on Facebook and on your emails for any updates..

This coming month a few of us are going to Meeting of the Minds in Georgia, where MRO's from across the country will meet up in conjunction with the "MRF" Motorcycle Riders Foundation and discuss national legislation and plan our agenda for next year as well. We will update everyone when we return

Long Island ABATE is still looking to fill a few positions, such as Membership Officer, Sergeant @ Arms, Newsletter Editor and Recording Secretary. Please reach out to a board member if you're interested. We are always looking for new ideas and member input, as well as volunteers to help out.

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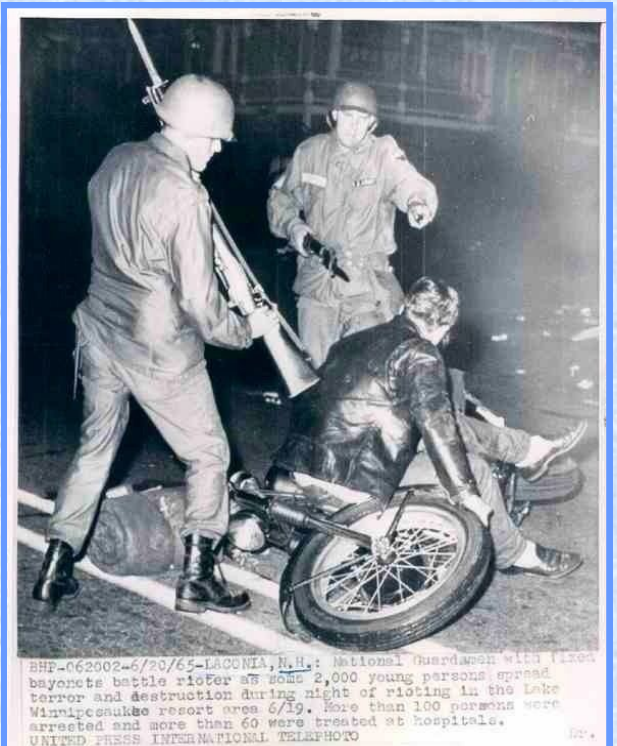
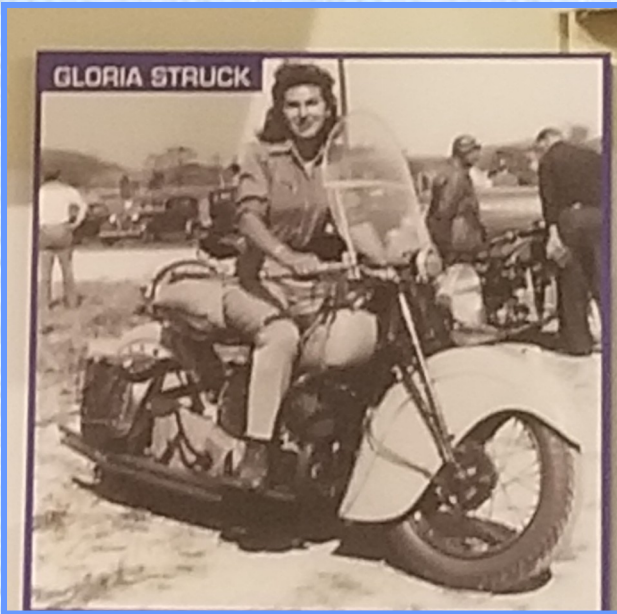


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Wide acknowledgment of Indian Larry's talent only came in the last few years of his life. He died in 2004 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident while performing at a bike show. His bike, *Grease Monkey*, was featured in *Easyriders* magazine in September 1998. In 2001 Indian Larry participated in the Discovery Channel program *Motorcycle Mania II*, followed by three different *Biker Build-Off* programs. During this period he built the motorcycles, *Daddy-O* (known to most people as the *Rat Fink* bike), *Wild Child*, and *Chain of Mystery*.

Indian Larry, along with Paul Cox, Fritz "Spritz by Fritz" Schenck, Steg Von Heintz, and Frank, formed the crew at Psycho Cycles on New York's Lower East Side beginning in the early 1990s. During this period they created a distinct New York City chopper style. In 2000, Larry and friends opened Gasoline Alley in Brooklyn.

When building a chopper, Larry could draw upon what he had mastered over the years in the fields of mechanics, welding, and metal fabrication. Among custom bike builders, Indian Larry was known and respected for having mastered the old-school style of building and remaining loyal to it. Larry considered himself to be a "gearhead" originally, and was rooted in the hot rod culture of the 1950s and 1960s. During the *Biker Build-Off* period in 2003-2004, Larry's appreciation for modern horsepower and twin carburetors for increased fuel/air intake was expressed in his builds.^[33] Larry explained, "I'm a chopper builder. Old-time, old-school chopper builder. But I like the modern technology that's involved. So the bikes run better, perform better. And we have more fun with them."^[33]

In the art of building a bike, Larry preferred old school methods and didn't use CNC machines. He favored Paughco rigid frames and panhead motors. Larry liked being able to see all of the nuts and bolts and mechanics of a bike, rather than concealing those elements in a bike's construction.^{[31][24]} The way that Larry approached building a bike was evident early on. The man who taught Larry the craft of using a welding torch said that he remembered Larry not wanting to grind down welds if they were good because Larry "felt it showed your craftsmanship."

Larry's childhood friend, Ted Doering, who knew Larry when he was first learning to build and would chrome parts for him, said that Larry had even envisioned the idea for a "'clear,' see-through transmission case" in order to "view the gears working". Doering added that Larry "would fabricate or customize every piece because on a motorcycle, you can see everything."

Larry's shop partner, Paul Cox, (who first met Larry at Sixth Street Specials in the East Village, and started working with him at Psycho Cycles around 1992) explained how Larry conceived the idea for a new chopper build: "Working alongside him you realized how much he ran on instinct. He would rarely make a sketch or jot down notes...he just envisioned what he wanted in one wide-eyed flash and would turn to you with a look like he saw God. At that point it was 'all over but the cryin,' he would say."





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SEE NASCAR IN NEW ENGLAND

July 2021 Races

Story & Photos by Bob Stegmaier
(ABATE Life Member)

A MUST-do for the summer is to plan a trip for family and friends to the New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) - also known as "The Magic Mile" - in Loudon NH. While you are visiting, please consider enjoying the many NH great back country roads for enjoyable motorcycle riding. COVID-19 precautions turned what was usually several days of track activity into just 2 packed days.

This year the July activities started on Saturday the 17 th with practice and qualifying sessions for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour plus two races. Ryan Preece won the Whelen 100 by 0.129 seconds. It was a really close race with the top 4 finishers all within about 1/10 of a second of each other. Ryan's average speed was 87.9 mph and his best speed was 130 mph. The second race of the day was the NASCAR Xfinity Series - appropriately titled Ambetter Get Vaccinated 200. This race was won by Christopher Bell - in the DEWALT Toyota team car - who started from the 14th position. The 200 lap race was done in three stages and lasted just over two hours with five caution flags and four racers changing leads five times. The average speed was 102 mph.

Sunday started out with pouring rain, and when it stopped, the ground crews were busy with their truck mounted jet engines drying off the track. The NASCAR Cup Series Race - the Annual Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 - started late and ended early because of rain, and it got too dark to finish the race. Instead of 301 laps, the race ran for 293 laps with Aric Almirola taking the checkered flag in the Smithfield Ford Mustang team car # 10 at 8:11 PM. There were 14 lead changes among 10 drivers. Christopher Bell came in second, Brad Keselowski third and Joey Logano fourth.

It was a good weekend for the NH Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities (SCCNH) which raised more than \$ 100,000 during this event. It was good to see a woman race car driver - Melissa Fifield - and several female race crew members at the track this weekend - You Go Gals. Please check out the NHMS.com for other track activities during the year and especially for next year's race dates. Live Free & Race in NH !!! Also tax free shopping.



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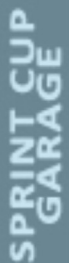
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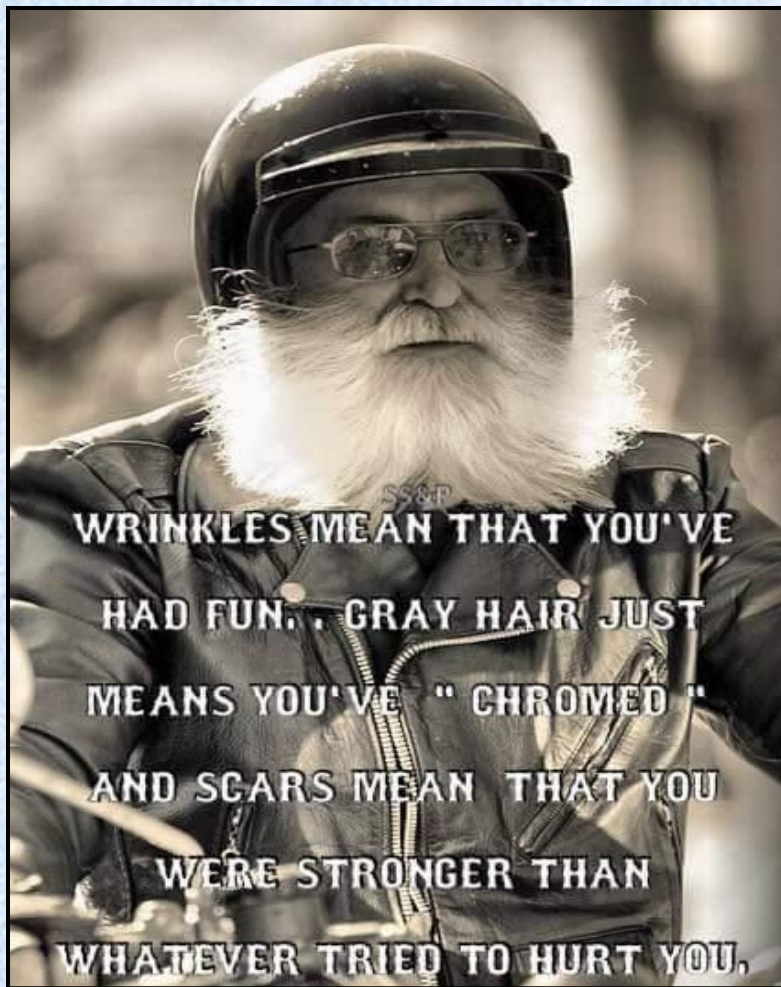
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Hello Ladies and Gentleman,

Every month we feature a merchant that provides Long Island ABATE members and their families with special pricing on merchandise and or services. This month's merchant has been serving the community since 1998 and has been family owned since. This month's Merchant is Northeast Towing and Recovery Inc. Located at 14 Industrial Road in Port Jefferson Station. Barry Maloney was a Rigger for LILCO for many years and towing was nothing new to him. After working for the company for a while Barry bought the company in 1998. Having a passion for race cars and building hotrods he applied that passion to transporting and towing vehicles for years with his son Thomas by his side. Thomas learned he learned everything he knows from him. Barry had gotten sick and was no longer able to run the business. In 2017 Thomas was able to restart the business and bring it into the 21st century. After upgrading all the equipment and towing apparatus Thomas and his crew got back in business and treat everything they tow with great care and give it a personal touch. They also have the proper equipment to tow motorcycles safely, which he bought after meeting with him and working out a deal for Long Island ABATE members. All his trucks are cleaned and serviced regularly. All drivers are professionally trained and treat customers like gold as well. Thomas is always just a phone call away. They operate 24hrs a day seven days a week. Northeast also provides a Topsy Tow service should you be in a position where you drank too much he will tow your car and get you home safe. So whether you need your motorcycle, car or truck towed Northeast Towing and Recovery is the one to call. They are also on the police list in Brookhaven and can be requested should you have an accident. Northeast also supports Long Island ABATE and our events. They provide a chase vehicle on all of our runs in case of breakdowns. So if you find yourself in a situation that one of your vehicles needs to be towed reach out to Tommy and the crew at Northeast Towing and Recovery Inc.

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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 violations and fines](#)

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](#)

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Debbie Stondell, Legislative Liaison



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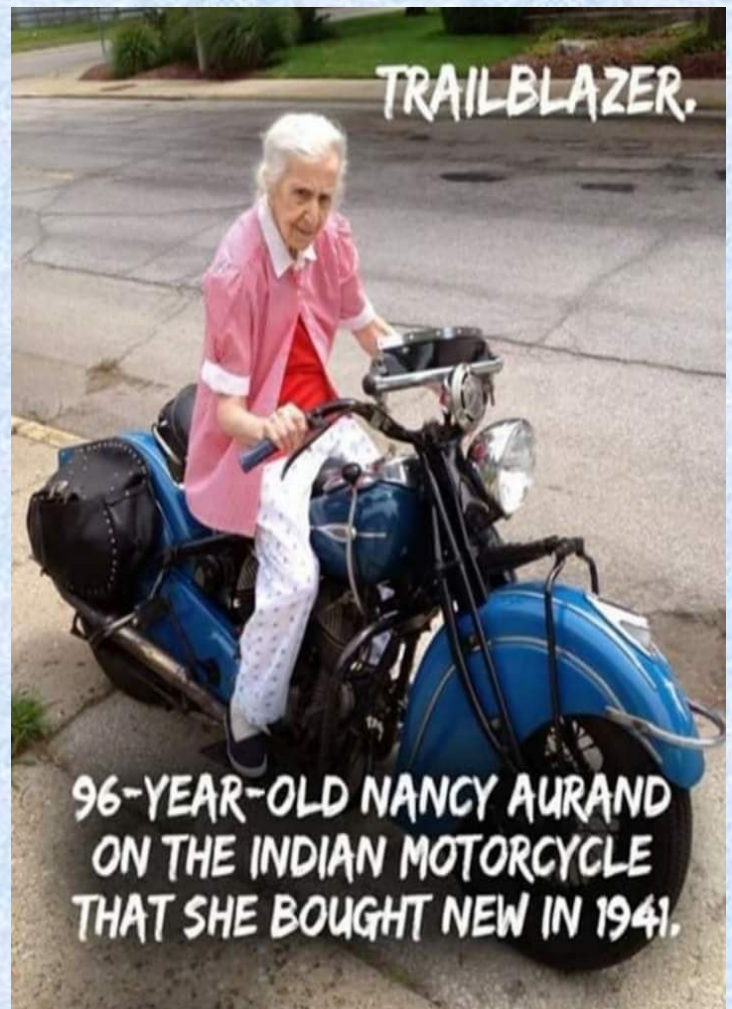
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Harley-Davidson unveils limited Street Glide Special Arctic Blast

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Harley-Davidson has used the Sturgis rally as the perfect excuse to unveil a limited run of [Street Glides](#) with a special paintjob.

Known as 'Arctic Blast' the scheme consists of a

pearlescent white base with metallic deep blue over the top.

Harley is making just 500 Street Glide Specials in the Arctic Blast paint, each



one hand painted by Gunslinger Custom Paint in Colorado, USA.

"The Arctic Blast paint is executed in strokes of high-contrast color intended to communicate the appearance of motion," said Brad Richards, Harley-Davidson Vice President of Styling and Design.

"The design looks bold from a distance but offers interesting details that can only be seen up close, including a blue pearl effect over the white base, and a ghosted hexagon pattern on the fairing." As you might expect a paint-job like this doesn't come cheap, with the paint costing \$9400 taking the price to \$42,990.



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EVENTS

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NEWS

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The Joys & Hazardous of Autumn Riding

Many of us, including myself, find the Autumn season one of the more enjoyable seasons to ride. The combination of crisp morning chills warming up to comfortable temperatures mixed in with the array of colors and visual spectacular that nature provides plus the abundance of season harvests to enjoy for those leisurely roadside breaks food stops make it a great time to ride; but we also need to consider that there are hazards with riding during this time of year. Here are just a few tips to always consider.

- **Leaves** – As festive as they may become with their display of colors, they eventually fall to the ground & roadways. Leaves piling up on roadways can be an unwanted source for loss of traction; something we very much rely on. Combine them with moisture and they can become extremely hazardous. Although we haven't had much rain lately, the temperatures that develop morning dew or fog may be enough to dampen those leaves as well as dampen our ride. Also keep in mind that when leaves bunch up they are able to hold that moisture for some time. Constantly use your SEE (Search Evaluate Execute) strategy and make the necessary adjustments to avoid them as much as possible, especially in a cornering situation where you are leaned over. If they are not avoidable, a simple speed adjustment may be all that is needed.
- **Leaf Peepers** – We aren't the only ones that enjoy this time of year, those that drive those 4 wheel contraptions are out there doing the same as what we are. As always, recognize and adjust for situations; they may be drifting from lanes, slowing down, making unforeseen stops, turns, etc. because they are focused on what they see and not what is happening around them. We always have to keep drivers in mind, adding additional visual distractions for them require us to be a bit more vigilant on both offensive & defensive riding.
- **Animals** – If you head into regions where wildlife may be more abundant, this is another thing to consider. Many mammals (especially deer) are in the rutting period now (mating season) and may not be fully aware of their surroundings and head into our paths of travel. Just like Male Humans that may not be thinking clearly, animals may do stupid things and are unpredictable when in "heat". Keep a watch for them. Also if you see one, there may be more to follow.
- **Temps & Short Days** – With the temperatures able to vary 30-40F degrees different from sunrise to sunset, you need to dress accordingly. Laying your clothing to make adjustments as needed for temperatures is extremely helpful. You may head out for a ride at 1pm when its 68F but once the sun drops you might be rolling home in 40F or less temperatures. When you're cold while riding you may be taking on some unwanted risks that can result in delayed reactions, hypothermia, loss of attention, etc.; all things that can be easily avoided by dressing correctly for the weather. We also need to keep in mind that the available sunshine during the day lessens each day. Plan your ride properly to avoid riding at night that not only reduces your vision, but as we just discussed can be a bit colder.

Yes it's a great time to ride and yes it can have its added risks, but most of them can easily be adjusted for to have a safe enjoyable ride. So go out and take in the splendor the season has to offer and perhaps have some pumpkin pie with some fresh cider; just keep those factors in mind and Ride Safely



The 3 S's to Survival

Lately there have been reports throughout the county that indicates motorcycle crashes are once again on the rise. This can be for many reasons that can include the upswing of the economy with more people returning to riding having some "disposable" income for motorcycles; or the fact the average age of motorcyclists is increasing and the complications of risks associated with age; or perhaps we as a community have been come a bit complacent. There is probably a ton more reasons or possibilities, but the good thing is there is something we can do to help stop this upsurge of crash numbers and protect ourselves.

As much as we always need to watch out for the "other guy," there are plenty of statistics that indicate we as a motorcycling community are to blame for a lot more crashes that we'd like to believe. Yes we need to always watch out for the other guy, but we definitely need to check ourselves first and the numbers show that. We are the ones that need to take the first step in reducing those statistics.

We seem to give up too much control to others for situations where we should really be taking control of our own actions and outcomes. One of our primary roots for presentations is the 3 S's to Survival which includes Strategy, Skills & Safety Gear. I take a moment and do a quick breakdown of each.

Strategy - We need to have a strategy with our riding that includes a large amount of information. We always need to consider factors of traffic, road conditions, weather/ environmental conditions, the capabilities of our bike plus our capabilities to constantly adjust for situations; keeping in mind that we are moving and situations can change as quick as we roll. Training our brain to recognize all the available information surrounding us that we can use to prevent a developing scenario is key. Identifying key elements is important and will help us make the adjustments needed. Not every situation needs to have an emergency action; lane positioning, slight deceleration, lane switch, covering controls or proper set up for a road condition can make a major difference with any possible conflicts or issues. Reading the road any every bit of information it offers could make a world of difference. Development and continued use of situational awareness is a major key.

Skills - We have discussed skills and the need to constantly practice and improve them numerous times here. Though many may consider the mental processing associated with your riding strategy a top priority, having the proper skills to make those adjustments is just as important. We need to honestly self assess ourselves as to what level our skills is really at, as I have stated many times before - experience is not the same as skills. A person with 20 years

of experience can easily fall into the category of having one year experience that was repeated for twenty years with no real improvement of skills. I recognized this is a tough one to swallow, but just about most of us can become more proficient riders with proper education.



Safety Gear - Some folks may state that if you need to use your safety gear to protect yourself in a crash, there is a good chance you failed at properly applying the first two S's. Motorcycle riding gear is design to fit and protect you to the best of its abilities. With the advancement of technology, you can find riding gear for any type of conditions or weather you may encounter, plus a lot of gear is designed for a multitude of options and conditions. I very rarely discuss helmets here knowing that a lot of folks live in states where they are not required or are firm believers in not wearing one. I understand the freedom of choice, yet just ask folks to make their decision to not wear a helmet based on accurate information. There are a lot of falsehoods associated with helmet protection. Helmets do work effectively for the conditions they are designed for. Take the time to find reputable sources to review the correct information to base your decision on; not just that it looks cool and don't trust everything you read on the internet. Head injuries are the number one reason for fatalities with motorcycle crashes, and yes a percentage of them do include helmeted riders.

Taking the steps to study and adhere to the information for the 3 S's can help prevent a possible crash or worse. Yes we always have to keep in mind that other guy, but when it comes to sharing the road we have a responsibility too; maybe even more if we want to start reduce those rising numbers. Take back the control of situations and don't let others dictate any possible results.

Be Safe & Skilled out there



**ROADSAFE
RIDER**



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.

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MOTORCYCLE AGENT

10 Things That Make For Great Autumn Motorcycle Rides

The autumn season offers spectacular rides for motorcycle riders. The roads are accented with breath-taking colors as the leaves turn from green to blazing oranges and reds. Some of the best roads to ride are enjoyed in autumn. The incredible canvases of color and those fall scents, make for a fulfilling ride experience to your autumn motorcycle rides. However, there are hazards which are uniquely characteristic to this season.

Riding amidst autumn's conditions can be challenging however, with preparation and planning your autumn motorcycle rides will be enjoyable – and safe!

P L A N Y O U R J O U R N E Y :

Plan your route to make the most of daylight hours. Add on extra time, more than you would normally to do same route during summertime. Due to the colder conditions of riding in the fall, you'll likely be stopping to warm up more often. You'll also be tempering your speed due to more slippery road conditions. Plan that your hours are few. Therefore pick a route that will bring you to your destination before dark.

C H E C K T H E W E A T H E R F O R E C A S T :

Pick the better weather forecasted day to take your ride if you can.

CHECK YOUR MOTORCYCLE BATTERY: Be sure to charge up your motorcycle battery the night before to ensure a full charge for your ride. Colder weather makes your battery work more and can lose its charge quicker than under normal dry warm conditions.

COLD TIRES: Your tires will take longer to warm up during colder temperature days. The first miles of your morning ride is tackled with smoother than normal inputs as your tires and the road surface are super slippery. Your tires will likely not warm to the point you're accustomed to in warmer temps and tires with soft rubber compound tires need to warm to perform at best. In the cold, they're hard and that traction is gone. Go easy!

CHECK LIGHTING SYSTEM: Be sure all your lights are functioning and if you can, increase your lighting quality and lens are clean.

MOTORCYCLE GEAR: Be warm and be visible Keeping and staying warm is key to a successful ride, and full concentration at the handlebars. It will be chilly and though you feel warm when you start, wind-chill will quickly change that factor. Heated gear is fabulous and of course add those extra linings to your jacket and pants. Winter riding gloves work well. Don't forget to layer with performance under garments and bring extra layers if you have the room. Wear high-visibility and reflective gear to make yourself as seen by other drivers.

LEAVES: Leaves are slippery – as they begin to accumulate on the roadway they can be very slick. Dry leaves can camouflage potholes and other road irregularities; wet leaves are slippery and can appear unexpectedly in shaded areas. Wet or dry, riding through stacks of leaves can reduce traction, making it difficult to stop.

ROAD SURFACE: Be aware of frost on the roadway in the early morning hours. Be sure to pay particular attention for frost on bridge decks or other higher surfaces, railroad crossings, and in shady areas where the morning sun might not have melted the frost yet. Adjust your riding speed for the conditions

DEER AND MOOSE: Autumn is the time of year deer and moose mate, meaning – they'll be more active. These animals are huge hazards for motorcyclists. Try to plan your ride during daylight hours only. The best defense is to stay aware, particularly while riding in rural areas. Scan the roadway ahead and just off of the shoulders and watch for deer crossings. Typically deer movement will peak at dusk and dawn. Areas where crops or timber are relatively close to the road will present the greatest challenge as these are ideal places for deer to cross. Unfortunately, it's these zones which provide you the shortest reaction time. Slow and prepare for the risk.

WIND: This time of year is usually accented by gusty strong winds. These can unsettle your bike and blow you a little off course within your lane. To manage this, look for signs. For example, try looking ahead at the trees and bushes, and note the behaviour of other vehicles to see how the wind is affecting them. Strong winds are not constant, they are usually gusty so ensure you hold the handlebar hand-grip firmly. Go slow enough to cope with the gusts.

As is the case during any ride, you need to ensure awareness and this is an awareness of the road surface and the side effects it will produce; characteristic of autumn. With good planning you'll be able to enjoy one of the most pleasurable and spectacular riding seasons



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