

# Long Island **ABATE**

AMERICAN BIKERS for AWARENESS, TRAINING & EDUCATION



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# Long Island ABATE



## AMERICAN BIKERS for AWARENESS TRAINING & EDUCATION

The main purpose of the ABATE organization is to work toward continued freedom of the road by insuring that motorcyclist's point of view is presented to our legislators and to promote motorcycle safety, rider education and public awareness. We are trying to alleviate the very real possibility of "Big Brother Government". We encourage all our members to be informed registered voters. We write letters to our elected officials and stay aware of what is going on with motorcycle legislation, and other transportation issues. We welcome interested parties to any of our activities or to join our organization.

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# President's Message

Hello Long Island ABATE Members,

I hope all are well. September has been equally busy. In addition to Bike Nights we have attended a few fund raisers and open houses including the 911 Parade at Aqueduct raceway where we continue to spread Awareness, sign up and renew members as well as raise money for Long Island Veterans.

As I write this we are preparing to attend the MRF's Meeting of the Minds to discuss the upcoming year's Legislative agenda, updates to follow when we return.

There were a few cancelations this month, The Progressive Motorcycle Show in Brooklyn was canceled due to Covid restrictions and our BRC2 Class was postponed due to the hurricane.

We have a few events planned in the upcoming months

The BRC2 class is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to do More Classes soon, some formal some not so formal to help educate and keep riders safe.

There has been way too many accidents lately. We need to stay aware of our surroundings as well as anticipate any possible hazards, whether it is road conditions, weather or other vehicles. Maybe even take a class. Experience and skills are not the same. You can always learn new things and learn when and how to apply the things learned.

There is a Paint Night scheduled for Friday October 8<sup>th</sup>. Watch for Emails and check Facebook for details.

October 12<sup>th</sup> at our membership meeting will begin Nominations for the Board

Lottery Tickets are now available good from January 1<sup>st</sup> until June 30<sup>th</sup>, See or contact a Board Member for more info.

We are also planning our St Mary's run scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>, More information to follow.

We are also planning our Veteran's Donation event. The date is set for Tuesday November 9<sup>th</sup>, it will be a cake and coffee event followed by our Membership Meeting and Board Nominations

There has been a few changes in the Board. George DeMott has stepped down from Sergeant at arms and Gary Hart our volunteer coordinator and 15 year member has stepped up to take his place for the remainder of the year. I would like to Thank George for his many years of service and support and wish him well in the future. In addition to that we also have a new Webmaster. I would like to welcome Margaret Nicosia AKA Momma Duke's to the Board. Margaret is no stranger to the community she has been a Member/Supporter for over 15 years and has many years and skills under her belt that she brings to the organization and the community. We are working to fill the Membership Officer spot as we speak. In addition to Recording Secretary and Newsletter Editor. If anyone is interested please reach out to a Board Member. Long Island ABATE is always looking for new ideas and member input to better the organization and volunteers to help out.

Thank you for your support,

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Greetings members of Long Island ABATE!

The summer riding season has past and we all look forward to the beautiful fall season! With that in mind, we now have to be careful of falling leaves and possible slick road conditions with winter on its way!

I have been busy helping our officers and volunteers attending various bike nights. Setting up and breaking down our ABATE tent, table and items. By attending these venues, it's a great way to meet the motorcycle community and make new friends. I enjoy looking at the various bikes of all different makes and models. Of course signing up new members is also a priority! Membership is still a bargain at \$20 a year with an opportunity to increase many levels of membership in the future.

And speaking of membership, did you know we have meetings on the second Tuesday of the month in Suffolk and then the third Tuesday in Nassau? Our meetings conform to COVID policies but we do not mandate them. I look forward to seeing you at the bike nights and at our meetings! Long Island ABATE is your advocate for all motorcyclists! We fight for your rights and lobby for legislation to protect them! Ride safe!

**Stay well and ride safely**

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## Long Island ABATE

### 8-10-21 Membership Meeting

### Ronkonkoma FD, Ronkonkoma, NY

7:29 Meeting began

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome members and guests.

The minutes for our July 2021 membership meeting were posted on the LI ABATE website.

**Motion 5-2021: Motion to accept the July 2021 membership meeting minutes as posted on the LI ABATE website. (Seconded) All in favor.**

**Treasurer's Report:**Detailed income and expenditures were reported

**Motion 6-2021: Motion to accept treasurer's report. (Seconded) All in favor.**

#### Guest Speaker

**SCPD Highway Division / Motorcycle Unit** were present to speak to members, through the *Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Grant*, where officers will speak at driver's education classes and public seminars about motorcycle safety and awareness. **Sgt. Pilkington** provided statistics regarding motorcycle crashes in Suffolk County. Fatal motorcycle crashes and those involving serious personal physical injury occur on all types of roads in Suffolk County.(He stated that Rt. 347 in Port Jefferson and William Floyd Parkway were particularly dangerous areas.) Unsafe speed is the most prevalent factor and driver inattentiveness / cell phone use, is the second most prevalent factor. Drivers violating the motorcyclist's right of way and turning left in front of a motorcycle is a factor in a high percentage of motorcycle crashes. Sgt. Pilkington urges riders to not assume that a car will not turn left in front of you, and to make sure you always have an out. He encourages riders to focus on other drivers and make eye contact. Sgt. Pilkington stressed the importance of rider education and urged all riders to possess a valid motorcycle license. He further explained about motorcycle equipment legalities and illegalities, and answered members questions. *LI ABATE thanks the officers in attendance for taking the time to speak at our membership meeting.*

#### Old 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 \$44,000 in total funds raised for this year. With our benefactors on board, LI ABATE hopes to break the \$1,000,000 mark this year!!

#### New Business

**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.* LI ABATE will again hold this lottery fundraiser beginning January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. Tickets will be available at the September membership meeting at \$20 each.

**LI ABATE Paint Night Fundraiser:**LI ABATE will host a paint night in October. Details to follow.

**Progressive Motorcycle Show** cancelled due to COVID Restrictions.

**Radio Shows:** Chris will be representing LI ABATE on Monday 8/16 4-5pm on 103.9FM with Ken Auerbach. Also tune in to *Motorcycle Mayhem Radio* on Facebook and You Tube Monday 8-10pm.

## LI ABATE Booths

Wednesday 6pm at Chaos Cycle

Thursday 6pm at Red River

Marine Corp, League Ride for Robby99 New York Avenue, Massapequa

Follow us on Facebook to see where LI ABATE booths will be located.

**Motion 7-2021: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.**



## Long Island ABATE

**9-14-21 Membership Meeting**

**Ronkonkoma FD, Ronkonkoma, NY**

7:30 Meeting began

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence

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## Business

**Changes in LI ABATE Board:** George, our Sergeant at Arms, is moving to Florida. His position is being filled by Gary, who is also our volunteer coordinator. Margaret "Mama Dukes" will be taking over the position of webmaster. Margaret previously worked for Full Throttle Magazine and has much experience building and maintaining websites. Margaret was sworn in as a new LI ABATE officer.

**Veterans Appreciation Fund:** Through the generosity of the motorcycle community, the 2021 Veterans Appreciation Fund continues to grow. Bill reports we have raised over \$46,000. Two of our benefactors are on board to match this amount. Our third benefactor has not yet confirmed. **We are so proud to announce that LI ABATE has broken the \$1,000,000 mark this year!! Every cent of the money raised continues to be distributed to local veteran organizations!**

**Veterans Fund Distribution:** All funds raised will be distributed at our **November** membership meeting. This special meeting will be held at the Port Jefferson Elks, Horseblock Road, Centereach. (Next to the old Centereach VFW) In lieu of a buffet dinner, due to COVID restrictions, coffee and desserts will be served. Our October membership meeting will be held at our usual location in Ronkonkoma.

**2022 LI ABATE Board Nominations:** Nominations will begin at our October membership meeting in Ronkonkoma.

**SCPD Highway Division / Motorcycle Unit** were present to speak to members at the August membership meeting. **Sgt. Pilkington**, through the *Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Grant*, spoke about motorcycle safety and awareness, provided statistics regarding motorcycle crashes in Suffolk County, spoke of motorcycle equipment legalities and illegalities, and answered members questions. This discussion was videotaped by Ron and will be posted on LI ABATE's Facebook page.

**Basic Rider Course 2 / Advanced Rider Course:** has been rescheduled for Late September. The course is \$100 per person and is limited to 12 people. Steve, from *On the Road Again Motorcycle School*, has generously offered to donate all the proceeds back to LI ABATE. Please contact Chris to sign up.

**LI ABATE Lottery:** Our last lottery fundraiser, from January through June 2021 was a great success. Debbie presented Bill with a \$3,600 check (\$500 left in lottery account). LI ABATE member Warren was also recognized for selling the most tickets. A \$100 check will be sent to him for his effort. LI ABATE is again holding a lottery fundraiser beginning January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. Winning tickets will be based on the NYS daily number. Tickets are now available at \$20 each. Debbie has packets of 25 tickets for anyone that wishes to help sell them. *Thank you to Am Vets Post 1174 for picking up the cost of printing for these lottery tickets. LI ABATE greatly appreciates your support.*

**LI ABATE Paint Night Fundraiser:** LI ABATE will host a paint night October 8, 2021, from 7-9pm at the Am Vets Hall, 826 Hubel Street, Bohemia. Cost will be \$30 per person and includes all art materials. Please email Debbie Stondell, [dmstondell@gmail.com](mailto:dmstondell@gmail.com) to reserve your spot. There is limited space available.

**Radio Shows:** Listen to Chris on the *Motorcycle Mayhem Radio Show* with Johnny Rizzoon Facebook and You Tube Monday 8-10pm. Chris was also a guest on 103.9FM with Ken Auerbach. He spoke about motorcycle awareness, discussed current road conditions and provided information on motorcycle insurance. Chris will periodically be a guest on this radio show.

**MRF / Meeting of the Minds:** The Motorcycle Riders Foundation and Motorcycle Rights Organizations from around the country will meet in Atlanta, GA from Sept 23 through Sept 25 to discuss issues relating to motorcyclists and to plan the legislative agenda for the 2022 legislative session. Chris and other LIABATE members will attend.

**AMA Call to Action:** The American Motorcycle Association is calling on motorcyclists to lobby their state representatives to exclude motorcycles from congestion pricing in NYC. Chris posted information regarding this on Facebook.

**NYS Driver's Education Manuals** now include a "Share the Road" chapter. This pertains to motorcycles, bicycles and tractor trailers.

### **Officer Reports**

**Mike / 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Mike reminds riders that as fall approaches to adjust to changes in the weather and the road conditions. It was discussed that the LIE, between exits 53 and 64, is currently being repaired. It is slated to be repaved in the 2022/2023 paving season.

**Debbie / Legislative Liaison:** Debbie reports that there is not much bill related activity since the resignation of Governor Cuomo. She reports that 140 bills were pending when he resigned. The SLEEP Act (Stop Loud and Excessive Exhaust Pollution) passed through the NYS House and Senate however there is no information stating that it was transmitted to the Governor's office. Since 30 days has passed to act on this bill it is considered to be a pocket veto. This bill may be resurrected in the next legislative session. The MRF software, which LI ABATE purchases each year helps to keep us updated on pending legislation that is related to motorcycles in NYS.

**Kathy / Products:** Long and short sleeved LI ABATE shirts are available for purchase. Specials at tonight's meeting include t-shirts \$10 each, 3/\$25. Long sleeved shirts 3/\$30 (regularly \$15 each).

### **LI ABATE Booths**

*Follow us on Facebook to see where LI ABATE booths will be located.*

Radio Mayhem Bike Night Wednesdays 6pm location varies.

Bike Night Thursdays 6pm at Red River

9/17-9/18 Indian Larry's – Friday opens at 4:00, Saturday opens at 10am for an all day event.

***Volunteers to help with these booths are greatly appreciated!***



## LI ABATE Runs / Events

10/8 –Paint Night

11/7 – LI ABATE Food and Toy Run to St. Mary's Church

11/9 – Veterans Fund Distribution.

### Floor

**American Legion Post 24** Raffle Fundraiser. Tickets \$5 each, 6/\$20.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **firefighter Kevin Bush**, who succumbed to illness from working at the recovery site at Ground Zero. He was 53 years old.

The family of **Louis Bonacassa** are putting together a ride in May 2022. They are looking for motorcycles and antique cars to participate.

**50 / 50:** \$65 to the winner. Thank you Bill for donating winnings back to the Veterans Appreciation Fund.

**Motion 10-2021: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.**

Meeting adjourned 8:21.



9/11 "Ride To Remember / Never Forget"

**9-11-2021**

At 6:45am on 9/11/2021 William Byrne (Billy), President, Rolling Thunder Inc. NY Chapter 6 lead approx. 30 bikes

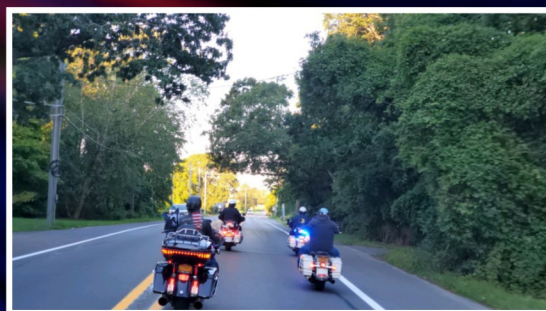
and 2 SUVs from Montauk to Ground Zero proceeding to Shanksville PA and the Pentagon in memory of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, a day Americans will Never Forget. The ride was to stop at each site, say a prayer and in PA and DC leave a memento. Although Billy did the symbolic 911 miles of the ride alone for safety and time purposes he was determined to be successful.

Stopping only for fuel when necessary the ride was completed in just less than 16hrs. The mission to Ground Zero would not have been easy with New York traffic on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, THANKFULLY with the help of NYS Parks Police, Suffolk County Police and Nassau County Police the ride was escorted throughout Long Island and Queens, and with the help of the NYPD it was possible for the riders to go past Ground Zero on a day when political dignitaries were out in force. Billy traveled the ride with mementos given to him from FDNY Engine 214/Ladder 111 Officially known as the Nuthouse of Brooklyn, The NYC Fire Riders, and the Sunrise Detachment Marine Corps League of Massapequa. The mementoes given to Billy consisted of 2 Patches from Ten House (closest Fire House to WTC), 2 Patches from the Nuthouse which held the names of the fallen Firefighters on the back of the patches, 2 Official 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary coins, 2 NYC Fire Rider coins, and 2 Patches from the Marine Corps League. Billy ensured that these mementos made it to their destination. He was able to place the 1 set of mementos at the crash site in Shanksville PA, but when he reached the Pentagon the crash site memorial was closed and could not be accessed. With determination Billy was able to find a high ranking Police supervisor who gave him a bag to hang the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of mementoes on the sign and then promised him that he would help with the completion of our mission and get the mementos into the Chapel.

Billy also received one very special memento, in the days preparing for this mission a flight attendant, whom wishes to remain anonymous, from American Airlines had given Billy her wings and asked that he take them with him to all the sites. Her wish was that with these wings traveling with Billy on the mission, she and her crew members, and all the other crew members of American Airlines and United Airlines would be participating in the mission too.

Another anonymous person asked Billy to travel with a pin of her Grandfather FDNY Lieutenant Gary Gates, Vietnam War Veteran. Lt Gary Gates was a in control of the board (a devise that shows where fire companies are located) at Ground Zero the days of the attacks. Although he did not die the day of the attacks, he passed in 2015 because of the related diseases.

Billy's 911 symbolic mile ride was completed at 10:37pm when he arrived back to Ground Zero. Billy was greeted by his Rolling Thunder Inc. members, the Leathernecks MC, and the Teamsters MC who escorted Billy back home to Long Island after his long journey. For more information please email [byrne11098@gmail.com](mailto:byrne11098@gmail.com) or come to the Marine Corps League in Massapequa 99 New York Avenue Massapequa NY 11758 any 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month Rolling Thunder Inc. NY Chapter 6 has our monthly public meeting.





# MERCHANTS 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 I would like to review with you some of our supporting merchants.

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Chris Beckhans, LI ABATE





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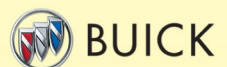


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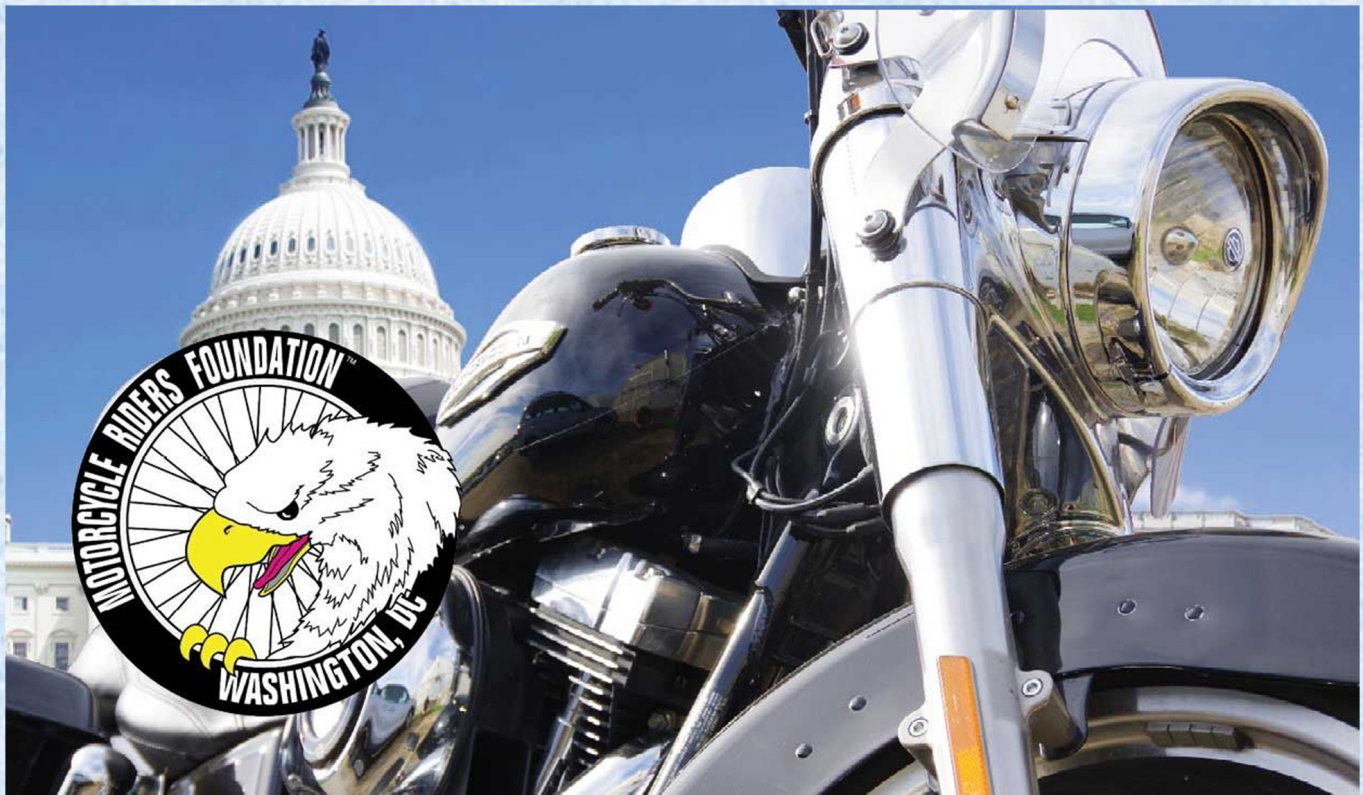


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## **Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2021**

This week Senators Richard Burr (R-NC), Jon Tester (D-MT), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Thom Tillis (R-NC), and Joe Manchin (D-WV) reintroduced the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (RPM) Act of 2021. The bill, S. 2736, ensures that racing enthusiasts continue to have the ability to convert motor vehicles into vehicles used solely for competition. This bill also clarifies that it is legal under federal law to manufacture, sell, distribute, and install race parts that modify the emissions system of a motor vehicle that is used solely for racing.

The bill is in response to actions taken by the EPA in 2015. At that time, the EPA issued a proposed regulation that would prohibit the conversion of emissions-certified motor vehicles into vehicles used in motorsports competitions. The 2015 proposed regulation also prevented the sale or use of emissions-related race parts for those modified vehicles.

An important component of S. 2736 is that it helps protect the aftermarket parts industry. A robust and thriving aftermarket parts industry is vital to the motorcyclist community. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is part of a broad collaboration of groups working together in D.C. on this topic.

As you may remember, earlier this year the House of Representatives introduced a similar bill, H.R. 3281, that now has 101 cosponsors. To see if your member of the House is a cosponsor of the RPM Act, [click here](#).

If you'd like to read more about the Senate bill, [click here](#).

Look for further updates and calls to actions on this issue before the end of the year!

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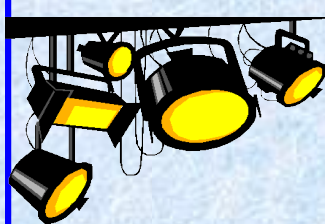
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# MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CHECKLIST



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Always keep up with regular motorcycle maintenance. Change your gas, check your breaks, and inspect your tires, headlights, and turn signals before riding.



## RIDING SAFETY



Make sure to follow the speed limit and take caution when driving between lanes. Always anticipate drivers' next moves and avoid riding in the blind spots of vehicles around you.



## VISIBILITY



Motorcycles themselves can be more difficult to spot while on the road. Wearing bright and reflective clothing and having the proper lights on your bike help drivers see you at all times.



## RIDING GEAR



Wearing a helmet is also one of the best ways to prevent fatal motorcycle accidents. Gloves and leather clothing can also prevent road rash in the event of an accident.





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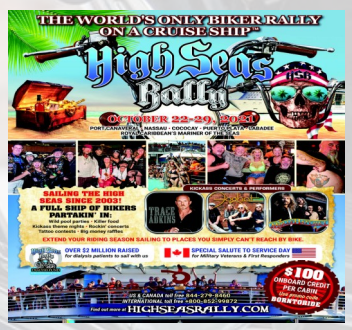
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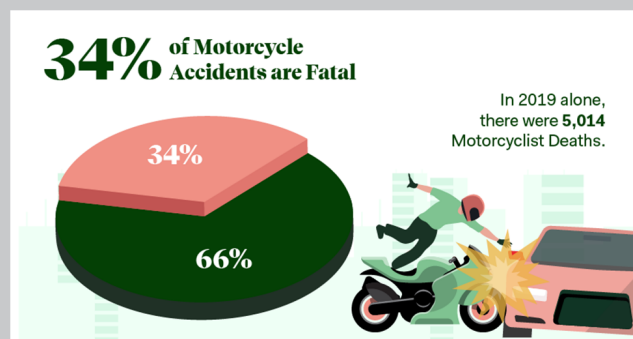
# 7 MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Owning and riding a motorcycle has become its own culture of sorts. This fun hobby and mode of transportation comes with a lot of misconceptions, particularly when it comes to the safety of motorcycles and the number of accidents that occur each year.

Here are 7 common misconceptions regarding motorcycle riders with [some visuals](#) to illustrate the findings.

## 1. The Majority of Motorcycle Accidents Result in a Fatality

While riding a motorcycle can put you at a greater risk of experiencing an injury during a crash, only 34 percent of motorcycle accidents are fatal, according to the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#).



Even still, when compared to a car, a motorcycle rider is 29 times more likely to die during an accident going the same speed according to national statistics. In NYC, [a report from 2010-2014](#) found that of all fatal traffic accidents, those involving motorcyclist deaths accounted for 14% of fatalities from traffic accidents, whereas motor vehicle occupants accounted for 22%.



## 2. The More Rural of an Area That You Ride in, the More Likely You Are to Get Into an Accident

This misconception focuses on the potential to get into a motorcycle accident if you're driving at high speeds on less populated roads or thruways. When in reality, [The National Safety Council reports](#) that 61 percent of motorcycle accidents occur in urban areas.



There are a lot more vehicles to contend with, pedestrians are getting in the way and motorcycles can often be overlooked. Thirty-four percent of these accidents occur within an intersection.

### 3. Helmets Can Cause More Injuries

While there are laws that require motorcycle riders to wear helmets while riding, some people believe these helmets can put a rider at a greater risk of fracturing their neck due to the weight of the helmet placed on the head and neck.

The truth is, you're much safer when you wear a helmet. In fact, helmets are 37% more effective according to [a report from Bank Rate](#).

### 4. Motorcyclists Can React Quicker When They Are In Danger

While it might seem like a motorcycle can weave in and out of traffic quickly, motorcyclists actually only have [2 seconds](#) to react to danger.



If they react poorly, they'll be involved in an accident just like a full-size automobile would be.

### 5. Riding on Under Inflated Tires

There has long been a rumor floating around that states new motorcycle tires come with a protective coating on them that can't be removed from the tires unless they are underinflated for some time.

You don't need to scrub your tires in when they're new. They're going to wear down at a normal rate.

Not having the proper amount of air pressure in your tires will only put you at a greater risk of a tire blowout.



## 6. Older Drivers Are More at Risk

Many motorcycle riders believe that it's safer to be a young rider that still has fast reflexes. In New York State and the Long Island area, the age demographic that is involved in the most fatal motorcycle accidents is [20 to 24 years](#) according to the NYS Department of Health.

## 7. Motorcycle Accidents Occur Often Because of Debris on the Road

While you're only dealing with two wheels instead of four (like on a car), motorcycles still have the ability to handle the majority of road surfaces. Gravel, small rocks, and other small debris won't typically cause an issue as long as you know what you're doing on the road. It's the larger items like animals and other vehicles that cause the most problems.

Despite the questionable safety of motorcycles, it has still remained a popular vehicle option. Many argue that with the proper knowledge and equipment, motorcycle riding can be very safe and rewarding.

However, there are still [4,000 motorcycle injury accidents](#) that occur in the New York area each year.

It's beneficial to learn about safety misconceptions and safety tips in order to keep yourself and others safe while driving.

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## 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.

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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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