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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. Late September a few of us attended the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation's Meeting Of The Minds convention. There we met with Motorcycle Rights Organizations from around the country to discuss next year's Legislation Agenda. While we were doing so we also attended a few workshops to sharpen our skills and share information back and forth with likeminded individuals across the country. Included in this month's newsletter you will see what we are working on together nationally with the MRF.

October was a busy month too. We attended some club events and Fundraisers this month. Two of them were Breast Cancer events, October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We continue to support the community and promote Safety and Awareness at the same time as well as grow our Organization, Thanks to Josephine and her Informative Charm at the booths. On average we have been signing up approximately 20 members a month. We also continue to raise Money for our Veterans Thanks to Kathy, Deb, Bill, Nick and Everyone else that helps out as well. This month there are two big events for us, 1st is our St Mary's Food drive and Fund Raiser on November 7th starting at the Riverhead Elks Lodge located at 1239 E Main St. in Riverhead sign up begins at 9AM Kickstands up at 11AM. Second we are having our Veterans Distribution on November 9th at the Pt Jeff Elks Lodge in Centereach located at 41 Horseblock Rd. This will be a Cake and Coffee event. Ceremony begins at 7pm Sharp. We will distribute the money raised throughout the year. Afterwards we will have our Membership Meeting and continue Nominations and Hold our Elections for next year's Board. In addition to the five elected positions we will also need a few other appointed positions. To Be Announced after Elections.

We are also planning our Christmas Party instead of a December Meeting, Date and Location to Be Announced.

Meeting location change will take place in January. We will be Meeting at The Port Jeff Elks Lodge at 41 Horseblock road in Centereach. Doors will open at 6:30pm Meeting will begin at 7:30pm. We are Partnering up with the Elks in Hopes of expanding our event possibilities and their facility will allow that. If all goes well both Organizations will benefit from the partnership.

As you read this we are working on updating our website as well. There are some very positive changes in the future for it including membership processing and downloadable Membership Cards, which will lessen the load for the Membership Officer and make it easier for members as well.

As many of you know Accidents are on the rise. People are Not Paying Attention in this ever so busy life we live and with changing weather and road conditions we have to Continuously be on Alert and Pay Attention. PLEASE BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!!!

Long Island ABATE is always looking for new ideas and member input to better the organization as well volunteers to help. Feel free to reach out to Any Board member.

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Long Island ABATE 10-12-21 Membership Meeting Ronkonkoma FD, Ronkonkoma, NY

7:30 Meeting began Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence Welcome members and guests. The minutes for our September 2021 membership meeting were posted on the LI ABATE website.

Motion 11-2021: Motion to accept the September 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 12-2021: Motion to accept treasurer's report. (Seconded) All in favor.

Business

Changes in LI ABATE Board: Suzanne has been learning the membership secretary position from Nancy. She will be taking over this position.

Veterans Appreciation Fund: Through the generosity of the motorcycle community, the 2021 Veterans Appreciation Fund continues to grow. Bill reports that we have raised over \$47,000. Two of our benefactors are on board to match this amount. Our third benefactor has offered to match half of the amount raised. 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 or-ganizations!

Veterans Fund Distribution: All funds raised will be distributed at our **November** membership meeting. This special meeting will be held the Port Jefferson Elks, 41 Horseblock Road, Centereach. (Next to the old Centereach VFW). The meeting will begin at 7pm. In lieu of a buffet dinner, due to COVID restrictions, coffee and desserts will be served.

New Membership Meeting Location: LI ABATE will be holding its membership meetings at the Port Jefferson Elks, 41 Horseblock Road, Centereach (*Next to the old Centereach VFW*) in 2022. This location gives us the opportunity to build up a relationship with the Elks and hold events there.

LI ABATE Lottery: 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 20 tickets for anyone that wishes to help sell them.

LI ABATE Paint Night Fund Raiser: LI ABATE hosted a paint night October 8,2021 at the Am Vets Hall, Bohemia. LI ABATE members and guests enjoyed painting a motorcycle riding into the sunset. Debbie presented a \$350 check to LI ABATE from the proceeds of this paint night.

Basic Rider Course 2 / Advanced Rider Course: Due to low participation, this course will be on hold until next year. 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 take advantage of this value and opportunity to increase rider skills when the course becomes available again.

Radio Shows: Listen to Chris on the Motorcycle Mayhem Radio Show with Johnny Rizzoon Facebook and You Tube Monday 8-10pm. Chris was again a guest on 103.9FM with Ken Auerbach. He spoke about the importance of being a member of a motorcyclist rights organization. Chris will continue to 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 met in Atlanta, GA, Sept 23 through Sept 25 to discuss issues relating to motorcyclists and plan the legislative agenda for the 2022 legislative session. Chris, Nick, Debbie and Jim attended this conference. The MRF and MROs across the country will be lobbying in 2022 for 1) a national Anti Profiling Bill for motorcyclists. Currently 50 US Representatives have signed on to this bill. 2) Better labeling on E15 ethanol pumps to warn consumers of the damage this causes to small engines. 3) Requiring autonomous vehicles to recognize the presence of motorcycles. Currently these vehicles recognize bicycles and pedestrians. The MRF and MROs across the country are united in fighting a bill in California calling for 0 emissions in California by 2025. Passage of this bill will have ripple effects in other states across the nation. Debbie and Jim were also made assistant MRF representatives for NYS. Individual memberships to the MRF are \$35 per year, or \$100 per year for organizations.

LI ABATE Food and Toy Run will head to St. Mary's Church again this year on November 7th. Registration is at the Riverhead Elks beginning at 9am. KSU 11:30. Due to COVID restrictions, St. Mary's is requesting cash donations in lieu of toys. Gift cards will be given to families to purchase toys and gifts for the holidays. Non perishable foods are also requested for donation. Motorcycles will be permitted on the church property where food will be served to participants outdoors. Volunteers are needed to assist with parking, registration and the sale of products.

Motorcycle Profiling Project has a survey online. Members are encouraged to fill out this survey. You will be identified only by your zip code.

Car Donation: A 2008Hyundai Sonata was donated to LI ABATE. Chris went over the car, will make necessary repairs, then the car will be sold with proceeds going to LI ABATE. Also noteworthy, Bill Bartasek from American Legion Greenlawn, answered the call and volunteered his time to pick up and repair a car needed for a US Veteran.

Amazon Smile: LI ABATE is a recognized charity of AmazonSmile. When purchasing on Amazon, log onto AmazonSmile, enter Long Island ABATE as your designated charity and continue to make your purchase. ½% of all purchases will be sent to LI ABATE.

Officer Reports

Nick / 1st Vice President: Nick attended the 6th Precinct Community Meeting. He informed Suffolk County residents that the SCPD offers free community notifications via social media. Residents can receive emergency alerts and daily information through text, email and web by registering on the <u>www.suffolkpd.org</u> website. Click on the "NIXLE" icon then click sign up. OR text zip code to 888777 to receive alerts.

Mike / 2nd Vice President: Mike attended a Governor's Traffic Safety Board zoom meeting. Motorcycle issues were discussed, specifically ticketing ANY after market exhaust systems. Fines and penalties will be increased to riders and to bike shops that install such exhaust systems. Mike spoke of the SLEEP Act (Stop Loud and Excessive Exhaust Pollution) which previously passed through the NYS House and Senate. He reminds us of totalitarian enactments and strongly encourages all riders to get involved in stopping these encroachments.

Debbie / Legislative Liaison: Debbie reports that there is not much bill activity relating to motorcycling. 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: Zippered LI ABATE sweatshirts and long sleeved LI ABATE shirts are being ordered in a variety of colors.

Margaret / Website: Margaret met with Nancy and now has full access to the LI ABATE website. She will be updating the site, making it more user friendly. Margaret then wants to automate membership applications and renewals on the website.

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 **10/27 -** Millers Ale House, 88 Vets Hwy, Commack, hosted by Radio Mayhem and Punishers NYC LEMC 6:30 – 9:30.
Volunteers to help with these booths are greatly appreciated!
<u>LI ABATE Runs / Events</u> **11/7 -** LI ABATE Food and Toy Run to St. Mary's Church **11/9 -** Veterans Fund Distribution. **12/** - Christmas Party. Location to be announced.

2022 LI ABATE Board Nominations

Nominations for LI ABATE Officers for 2022 will be taken tonight and again at the November membership meeting. New officers will take effect in January. Our corporation is set up to include five trustees: **President**, **1**st **Vice President**, **2**nd **Vice President**, **Treasurer**, and **Membership Secretary**. Elections will be held for these five titles. These five elected officers will then appoint six more officers, who will also be voting board members: **Sergeant at Arms**, **Recording Secretary**, **Legislative Liaison**, **Public Relations**, **Safety Officer** and **Road Captain**. In addition to these eleven voting board members, other positions will be appointed. These positions are non-voting board members: **Newsletter**, **Webmaster**, **Products Volunteer Coordinator**, and **Chaplain**. We encourage all who are interested to become involved.

<u>President</u> Chris Beckhans was nominated for the office of President. (seconded) Chris accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominations. Nominations recessed.

<u>1st Vice President</u>: Nick LaMort was nominated for the office of 1st Vice President. (seconded) Nick accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees for 1st Vice President. Nominations recessed.

<u>**2nd Vice President: Mike Lauro** was nominated for the office of 2nd Vice President. (seconded) Mike accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees for 2nd Vice President. Nominations recessed.</u>

<u>Treasurer</u>: Bill Quinn was nominated for the office of Treasurer. (seconded) Bill accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees for Treasurer. Nominations recessed.

<u>Membership Secretary</u>: Suzanne Love was nominated for the office of Membership Secretary. (seconded) Suzanne accepted the nomination.

There were no additional nominees for Membership Secretary. Nominations recessed. Nominations recessed until November membership meeting.

<u>Floor</u>

10/15 – 10/18 - A miniature version of the Vietnam Memorial Wall will be traveling to and be on display in Roslyn.

10/16 - Ironheads MC Fall Bash, 7pm \$15, 960 Sunrise Hwy, W. Babylon

10/17 – St. Thom's Food Pantry Classic Car and Bike Trophy Show. 12-3, \$15, 29 Brooksite Dr., Smithtown

10/17 - Hibernian Riders Food Drive benefitting Beacon House. 11-3, 27 Locust Ave., Babylon

10/17 - Spectrum Designs Foundation Benefit Ride, Reg: 9:30-11:30, Elks Lodge 901 Lakeville Rd., New Hyde Park. \$20bike, \$10passenger.

10/24 - Brotherhood of United Bikers MC Stunt Show \$20, 1pm, 80 Knickerbocker Ave, Bohemia
10/30 - Abaddon Soldiers Halloween Party. 8pm, \$20, 100 Knickerbocker Avenue, Bohemia. Food, drinks, music, prize for best costume

12/5 – LI HOG Holiday Toy Run, Police escorted from Babylon Town Hall to Little Flower, Wading River. *Gifts for the 13+ age group*.

12/18- Rushing Wind Biker Church Christmas Party to be held at the church.

50 / 50 - \$73 to the winner. **Bill Burn** donated winnings to Veterans Appreciation Fund **Motion 13-2021: Motion to adjourn. (Seconded) All in favor.** Meeting adjourned 8:36.

1st VP

Greetings members of Long Island ABATE!

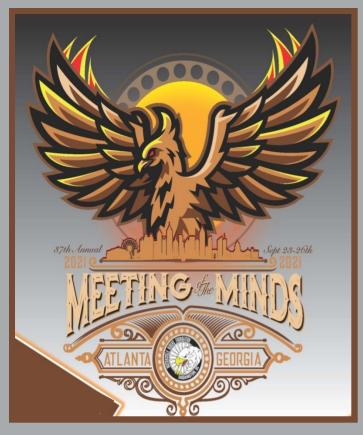
The summer riding season has past and we all look forward to the beautiful fall season! With that in mind, we now have to be careful of falling leaves and possible slick road conditions with winter on its way! I have been busy helping our officers and volunteers attending various bike nights. Setting 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!

Recently I, along with LI ABATE President Chris Beckhans, Debbie Stondell and Jim Barr attended a Motorcycle Rider Foundation event called Meeting of the Minds in Atlanta Georgia. It was a fourday event that all ABATE from the country attended to review and plan federal legislation to protect and enhance all motorcyclist rights. It was very informative and we all enjoyed a very productive event.

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 Nick LaMorte.....1st Vice President



Results from Legislative Strategy Session at Meeting of the Minds

One of the most important events at Meeting of the Minds is the legislative strategy session. Each year, during this session, state motorcycle rights groups develop the federal legislative priorities for the following year. Items are discussed, debated and eventually voted on, with each Sustaining State Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (SSMRO) having a voice and a vote. Legislative priorities are placed in one of three categories, "High," "Medium" and "Monitor". These priorities will serve as a roadmap, for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation Washington D.C. team, as we focus

on 2022.

While you can see the full detailed list of priorities in the next American Bikers' Journal, below is brief preview of the "High" priority items approved during the session.

Profiling:

Continue pursuit of the House anti-profiling resolution mirroring the Senate version that passed unanimously. Build momentum for inclusion of anti-profiling language in other legislation.

Renewable Fuels:

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

Autonomous Vehicles:

Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.

Emission Regulations:

Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.

Definition of a Motorcycle:

Educate policymakers and advocate for change to current definition, that better reflects the current two- and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.

Crash Avoidance:

Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and rider education.

Helmet Laws:

Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel or conspicuity standards. Looks like 2022 will be a busy year! **Black Box:** Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice to optout of having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):

Advocate and pursue legislative efforts that impact motorcyclists in the Highway Bill, now set to expire in 2021.

Additionally, new topics were added to the broader agenda including threats to the internal combustion engine, lane splitting and potential changes to transportation taxes.

Remember, as part of your MRF membership you receive an issue of each American Bikers' Journal (ABJ). Not a Member of MRF? <u>Click here and join today!</u> The next ABJ is where you will find more details on these specific priorities, as well as the list of over a dozen other priorities in the "Medium" or "Monitor" categories.

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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.

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The company was Honda – or more or long, 1832cc, six cylinder, 116hp, 140 was also made there; rolling out of a (presumably because all the senior e

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what looked very much like a Rune down a San Francisco street. Then-love Katie Holi thought they got their \$225 million worth of exposure right there.



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accurately, Honda America – and the marketing product was the 368kg, 1750mmmph cruiser, the Rune. And not only was it conceived and designed in America, it factory in Ohio. Almost all stayed in America, although half a dozen went to Japan xecutives at head office just had to have one).

ounds a few years ago with Tom Cruise looking as cool as, well, himself, and riding mes looking very relaxed and happy sitting behind him. The folks at Honda probably









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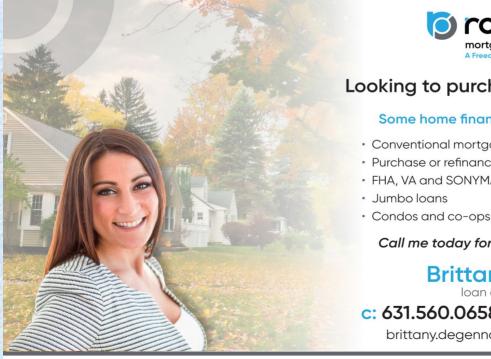
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Long Island ABATE continues to support Motorcyclists and their rights and safety as well as support those who support us.

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I agree to comply with L.I. ABATE Inc.'s by-laws and promote motorcycle awareness, & education.

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Q&A ... What are the membership rewards ?

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Discounts & Rewards at Events & Biker Related Establishments

A friendly entrance into the biker community

When you join you receive your ABATE patch, window sticker, membership card, welcome letter and insurance.



Join the cause & become a member today !



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



November 7, 2021 Bikes & Breakfast Palisades, NY

8:00 AM - 10:55 AM The first Sunday of every month: The idea behind the gathering is to give vintage and classic motorcycle enthusiasts an opportunity to show their prized possessions and talk shop.

Details:

https://www.bikesandbreakfast.com/

RALLYS & SHOWS 2021

The site below is one of the most complete listings of motorcycle related activities all around the country.

www.lightningcustoms.com/motorcycle-events/



November 13, 2021 9:00 AM Tier Rats LEMC Toy Run - 9th Annual Join us in helping bring a smile toy a child's face through Toys for Tots

Police Escorted Ride - starts at Green Turtle, Smithtown with Coffee & Bagels and ends at Green Turtle, East Meadow with Lunch. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle and More

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS



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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.



www.motorcyclesafetyprogram.org

Winter Riding

It seems to happen every year: I get accustomed to riding in nice weather and then, before I know it, winter is here. Somehow, I feel that I never get any decent riding in during the season, but when I take a moment to reflect, I realize that there were plenty of memorable rides. It just feels like the winter season comes up faster each year - must be associated with that age thing.

Although it's a time of year that many opt to put their ride into storage and not deal with the effects of the cold, there are many of us (myself included) who try to ride year round. Those of us who live in the northern parallels or higher elevations have a bit more to worry about than the cold. I'm not saying that the chill factor is something to take lightly, hypothermia can easily increase our risks while riding. A quick recap on hypothermia: when your body temp goes down, it can, without a doubt, affect your mental processing, which can delay physical reactions and turn everything into a possible mess. Along with that, being cold is no joy. Take the proper steps to keep yourself warm while still being able to move freely. You may be bundled up with tons of layers, but if you wind up looking like the Michelin Man, you're not going to be able to move, and that can lead to problems as well. This is where heated gear and microfiber thermos can be a big plus.

Though most of us know to keep warm in frigid temperatures, we sometimes forget some things to consider, seeing it's been almost a year since we last rode during the freezing months. With cold temps, we need to check our tire pressure far more frequently than during the normal riding season. Also with tires, keep in mind it will take them longer travel time to warm up for better traction. We may also need to change the grade of our oils to deal with the temps as well. Heading out for a ride during these months can be enjoyable, and can certainly develop some interesting conversations with people during your rest stops (besides the standard "You must be crazy"). One person you should really listen to this time of year is the weatherman. Granted, we might always feel he gets things wrong, but checking out the forecast for the day can really be a benefit.

When it comes to temperatures at or below the freezing mark, you really have to consider the infamous, invisible black ice, especially if there have been recent moisture conditions such as rain, snow, or warm enough temps a few days before that may have melted snow by the roadside. If you have ever rolled on black ice, either in a car or motorcycle, it was probably memorable, and not in a good way. The big problem with black ice is loss of stability. This is when two wheels don't ease the soul; they cause control issues that may have you hitting the roadway at a rapid speed - not easing at all. Another reason to check forecasts is to make

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sure you won't have to deal with possible rain, snow, or ice while on the road and away from home. Having to ride in snow is extremely challenging and nerve racking. I mentioned in a recent update that if you do need to attempt riding in snow, go through the fresh snow and stay out of the tracks of others because that snow is packed, which makes it more slippery. So far, riding in the winter sure doesn't sound like fun; it seems there is more risk than it's worth. Well, for those who decide to huddle around the fireplace instead of huddling around your engine for heat, there are things you can do to keep your riding spirit alive till riding season. There are plenty of venues that offer riding information, whether for entertainment or education. Books, videos, and magazines can keep you well-informed and amused. Personally, I find the biker movies of the late '60s or early '70s enjoyable. They don't require a lot of thought, and you can still listen to the rumbling of motorcycles; that's always a good thing.

So whether you're one to venture out in less-than-ideal riding conditions, or decide to wait it out for the warmer months, just keep in mind that spring will be here as quickly as winter came - I hope. Stay warm, and stay safe

RIDESAFE

There are tons of risky items that are related to riding motorcycles; some we can control, some not. It only takes a moment for things to become bad, yet it also only takes a moment to consider the risks we encounter and plan for them accordingly. There are enough circumstances out there that can make our ride have a negative outcome; besides it being easily avoided, telling someone you wiped out in one of these spots could also be a bit embarrassing. So, to continue enjoying your rides without problems that can have damaging results, keep the simple things in mind as well. **Don't become complacent**, **use something that can easily be part of your defense when riding - common sense**.



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 globalizationand 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 statebased 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 lead-ership 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.

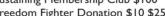
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