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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. As you all know the year started off with a bang and we had to cancel our January membership meetings due to the large amount of Covid and Flu cases in our area. The Board was able to meet at the end of December and January and start to plan our year ahead. The dates are to be set by our February membership meeting.

In addition to our normal annual events we are working on some other possible events as well, including an overnight trip and other destination rides, a swap meet, as well as some morning safety events and another paint night.

Once all the events have been set we will **need volunteers** to help with the planning and to help in making them happen. We will discuss more at our meetings later this month.

The deadline on our lottery tickets has been extended until after our February meetings, so you still have a chance to get involved. Contact myself or a board member for tickets.

We recently renewed our subscription with the MRF to get all the latest legislation in our state and track its movements so when the time comes, we can get the information to you and we can act accordingly. Otherwise we would have to manually search through the data bases, it's truly a major time saver. This is just **one** of the benefits of being involved with the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) along with networking with many state MRO's (Motorcycle Rights Organizations). To protect your freedoms and rights nationwide you can join them and add volume to our National voice as well at www.mrf.org

Handbooks are back. If anyone is interested in advertising in it please reach out to a board member. Half page ads are \$50 and full page are \$100. They are available on a first come basis and fill up fast. Long Island ABATE is always looking to support those that support us. If you or anyone you know is willing to give ABATE member's discounts on goods and or services in exchange for exposure and support from over 1500 members please reach out to me. I will put them and their business in our monthly newsletter free of charge and they will be listed in our new upcoming "members only section" of our website.

Also coming your way in the spring is discounted motorcycle classes to Long Island ABATE members from participating schools, more details to follow.

All that being said it is time to discuss other things. With winter upon us and the weather is less then desirable at times, it is a good time to go over our bikes or have them gone over to make sure they are in tip top shape. A pre-trip inspection is always a great idea especially since we are not on them as often now verses the nicer weather. Always check your tire pressures and tread depth since they are the only thing between you and the road.



Check all of your lights and fluids and don't forget the brake fluid, which requires flushing every two years especially with ABS brakes to help ensure proper function. And for those that the weather doesn't dictate when we ride - proper gear is important. It may be 50 degrees when we go out but as we know after sundown temperatures can drop over 20 degrees almost immediately and with colder temperatures everything changes. Reaction time lessens, traction decreases, it gets dark earlier and worst of all motorists aren't expecting to see a bike rider in the winter. So if you're going to ride invest a few minutes in your future, go over the bike, dress properly and ride safely.

As always Long Island ABATE is looking for input from members to better the organization as well as volunteers to help us maintain and grow the organization, while protecting the rights of motorcyclists and keep them safe. If anyone wants to get more involved or has ideas just reach out to a board member.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

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Michael Levine Esq. (Motorcycle Mike)

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Snow and ice: Winter weather can cause a significant amount of harm to your garage, shed or carport, which could damage your motorcycle.

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Resource information provided by <https://www.progressive.com/answers/cancel-motorcycle-insurance-in-winter/> As with all insurance, check with your own policy provider for details specific to your insurance coverage.

What ever happened to Orange County Choppers?

Orange County Choppers confirmed the crew is moving to Florida.

On Dec. 15, Orange County Choppers posted on Facebook a mysterious video that showed a map of the United States with Florida highlighted.

"OCC - The next chapter... The future never looked so bright! #OCC #PaulSr #NewYork #Florida #2021 #HereWeGo #HereWeCome #NewAdventure #Motorcycles #AreYouReady #StayTuned," the caption stated.



Days later Orange County Choppers shared another video. This one showed construction being done in Florida.

"And so it begins, the next chapter in the OCC story. Ground has been broken at the all-new OCC Roadhouse, Museum and Entertainment Complex in St. Petersburg, Florida," the caption stated.

The OCC Roadhouse & Museum is expected to open in the spring of 2021 in St. Petersburg. The complex which will feature a restaurant, shop, retail store and concert venue.

Paul Teutul Sr. later said why he's heading to Florida.

"There's more of a sense of freedom down there," Teutul Sr. told WKRG during a Zoom call. "I think I have more of a fan base down there in Florida and the riding season is nine months maybe even ten. In New York, you have a short season, maybe only three months or so. The whole thing makes sense."

He added politics and taxes played a major role in his decision.

"Sometimes it's just time for change, you know? Where I'm at in my life, it's time for change and you feel the freedom in Florida, you don't feel it so much in New York anymore," Teutul Sr. told WFLA.

Teutul Sr., his family and his OCC crew became famous on Discovery Channel's hit reality show *American Chopper*. Teutul Sr. confirmed there will be new episodes of the show from the Sunshine State, but his son, Paul Teutul Jr. won't be moving to Florida.

"Paul SR and the Orange County Choppers cast and crew are excited about moving their world-class headquarters to the St. Pete/Clearwater area in spring 2021.

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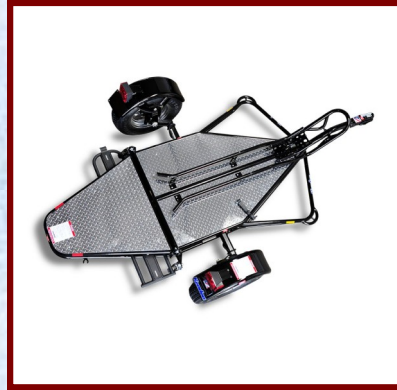
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Yamaha's Star Eluder Is a Heavyweight in the Bout between Baggers

Although weighing in at 875 lbs, the air-cooled V-twin tourer is a gentle giant.

The idea of touring across the United States on a motorcycle that is not a Harley-Davidson seems blasphemous to some. After all, wide expanses between Los Angeles and New York deserve to be experienced with a V-twin thumping away underneath you. But what if Milwaukee's best isn't of your ilk? Luckily, Harley-Davidson's great overseas rival, Yamaha, is here to offer you a worthy alternative in the 2018 Star Eluder and Star Eluder GT.

The Star Eluder is the next of kin to the Star Venture, launched in 2017—

under Yamaha's Transcontinental Touring segment—as the company's premium mile muncher.

A bagger by design and category, the Eluder shares the same motor with the Venture, the 1,854cc air-cooled V-

twin. It's one that Ya-

maha claims will move a huge 126 ft lbs of torque to the rear tire at a lumbering 2,500 rpm.

Yamaha has put a lot of time into the development of this motor and, if the V-twin is your kind of unit, you'll be as pleasantly surprised with the Star Eluder as I was during my day with it over the hills east of San Diego. The Yamaha's massive amount of torque is delivered in a sublimely smooth fashion, thanks in no small part to the fitment of twin counter-balancers and having the motor extensively rubber-mounted in the chassis.

The same backbone chassis as the Venture is also utilized; however, concessions have been made to the Eluder's bodywork, stereo system, and color options—the Eluder getting Impact Blue, Liquid Silver, and Raven (black) color schemes to the Venture's elegant Raspberry Red and Granite Gray options.

You get two different throttle modes in Touring and Sport, and I suspect that most riders with a few years and miles under their belts will just chose the Sport mode, especially with a passenger and full luggage.



And when totally loaded up with a full gas tank and both side cases packed (the two have a combined capacity of 67.3 liters), the bike has an overall weight of more than 1,000 lbs, as the Star Eluder itself weighs a very hefty 875 lbs. That's a monumental amount of girth to control, but Yamaha has done well to make it as unintimidating as possible for something so big. The center of gravity is low and the rider and passenger seats ultra-comfortable. Indeed, with a seat height of just 27.6 inches, most riders will be flat footed at the lights without any issues.

Keeping in mind the overall size of the motorcycle, one can't help but be rather impressed by the Eluder's cornering prowess. We are not kidding ourselves and saying it'll handle with any form of sporting ability, but the Eluder of-

fers a ride that is smooth and genteel, thanks to excellent suspension settings, and it doesn't mind being taken onto twisty backroads normally reserved for much smaller and lighter bikes.

The Eluder experience is enhanced by the fact that the motorcycle gets one of the most comprehensive infotainment systems on the market, housed inside a category-leading seven-inch LCD screen that's voice activated when you're plugged in with your helmet's J&M Audio set up. Pairing your smartphone is also easy, and there's a USB charging port. Here, however, is where the Star Eluder GT steps in front of the base model with GPS navigation, a CB radio, and the capability of using (with a subscription) SiriusXM satellite radio. But these are all additions which can be installed at purchase of the base model Star Eluder, if so desired.




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When servicing your motorcycle, the first thing you should look at and consider is changing the oil. Almost every motorcycle owner knows this as a basic form of maintenance, but a lot of them don't know how frequently they should do it. You just do it when the oil light comes on or when the engine starts burning oil, right? Wrong.

You should get the oil changed on your motorcycle every 4,000 miles or every six month, which ever comes first. It's important you don't wait longer on oil changes because any issue with the engine is something you don't ever want to have to experience.

The next form of servicing your motorcycle is checking in on the chain. A lot of motorcyclists don't realize that the chain does, in fact, require regular maintenance.

You should lube the motorcycle chain and check the tension of it every 4,000 miles or every six months, which ever comes first. This should be easy to remember because it has the same schedule as oil changes. You can simply plan on servicing both at the same time every time.

Don't forget to check the tire pressure of your motorcycle every month. This is one I often forget to do myself, but neglecting the tires could be detrimental down the road (both literally and figuratively). Any time you take your motorcycle in to the shop, you can count that as your monthly tire pressure check because they usually already do that for you. If not, you can have them do it in addition to whatever fix your motorcycle is getting usually at no extra charge.



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If you have a water cooled engine, you need to get the cooling system flushed about every two years. You can do this while the carbs are getting tuned since their service intervals are the same. That should save you a little bit of time

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Riding Speed (MPH)	Air Temperature (°F)									
	15°	20°	25°	30°	35°	40°	45°	50°	55°	60°
25	-4°	3°	9°	16°	23°	29°	36°	43°	49°	56°
30	-5°	1°	8°	15°	22°	28°	35°	42°	49°	56°
35	-7°	0°	7°	14°	21°	28°	35°	41°	48°	55°
40	-8°	-1°	6°	13°	20°	27°	34°	41°	48°	55°
45	-9°	-2°	5°	12°	19°	26°	33°	40°	47°	54°
50	-10°	-3°	4°	12°	19°	26°	33°	40°	47°	54°
55	-11°	-3°	4°	11°	18°	25°	32°	40°	47°	54°
60	-11°	-4°	3°	10°	17°	25°	32°	39°	46°	54°
65	-12°	-5°	2°	10°	17°	24°	32°	39°	46°	53°
70	-13°	-6°	2°	9°	16°	24°	31°	38°	46°	53°
75	-13°	-6°	1°	9°	16°	23°	31°	38°	46°	53°
80	-14°	-7°	1°	8°	16°	23°	30°	38°	45°	53°
85	-15°	-7°	0°	8°	15°	23°	30°	38°	45°	52°

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.

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

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