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President's Message

Hello Long Island ABATE Members

I hope all are well. As you all know time is flying by and its already July.

There are so many events happening locally as well as Nationally. June has been a busy month as well. June 12th Long Island ABATE hosted our annual Veterans Appreciation Run. The weather was less then desirable, the rain held off long enough for us to have our flag ceremony and we were able to ride over the flag lined Jordan Herder bridge in Sag Harbor. The skies then opened up on us as we continued to the South Hampton Elks lodge, without issues thanks to the wonderful escort from the Suffolk County Sheriff's department, The Southold Police and the Southampton police.

The Elks Lodge had a Flag Day ceremony in which we all attended. After the ceremony we enjoyed a wonderful spread of hamburgers, hotdogs and sides prepared by the Elks Lodge. Shortly after we ate, the rain stopped and the sun came out.

Tuesday the 14th we then attended a Flag Day Dinner hosted by the American Legion in Riverhead. There was live Music, food and raffles the proceeds from the raffles were donated to our Veterans Appreciation fund. Thank you to Mike Osip and everyone for a great job putting it all together.

Americade and Laconia Bike week have both come and gone. I hope all that attended had great and problem free trips. We continue to attend various events and promote Safety and Awareness, including the New Rider Days at Nassau County Harley Davidson and Royal Endfield of Nassau County where they had test rides setup and ONTRA "on the road again" motorcycle school and Motorcycle Mayhem Radio. The day was a success for all.

While that was going on a few of the officers went to Nashville for the 37th annual NCOM Convention. Our trip was sponsored by Attorney Mitch Proner. There we met with Clubs and Motorcycle Rights Organizations from around the Country where we networked together and discussed motorcycle issues we all face. We also were able to attend various breakout seminars relating to Safety and Legislation issues. Afterwards we attended an Awards Dinner, where they named a few of the recognizable Freedom Fighters from within the Organization. The weekend went great.

July is upon us and we're working on upcoming events, including preparing for the USA Patriots/ Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team July 21st-24th.

See Flyer in this newsletter. While doing that we are planning our Annual campout August 27th-28th.and it will be dedicated to Rossie.



A truly great person as well as a diehard Campout supporter. There will be food, live music, and bike games. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$40.00 at the Gate. That also includes parking permit for the day as well as camping for Saturday night. For Tickets reach out to a Board Member, or myself, I hope to see everyone there.

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.

Thank you for Your continued support,
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Chris Beckhans

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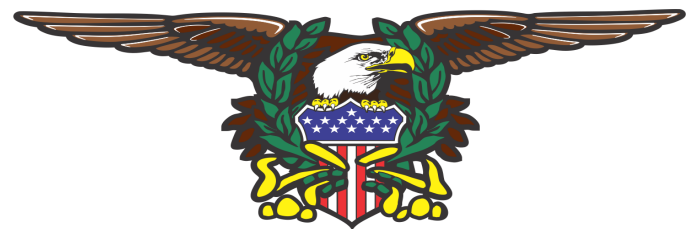
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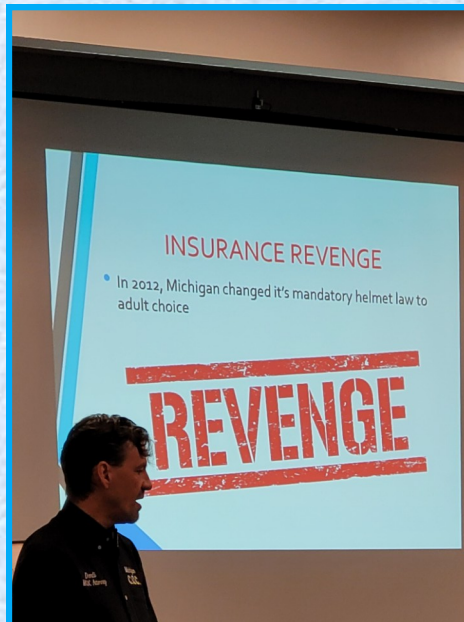
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Greetings members of Long Island ABATE!

I hope all of you and your families are well and safe! I am happy to review what LI ABATE events have taken place since my last newsletter.

I apologize for not being a consistent communicator on this forum but I will try to become a regular.

Back on May 1st I attended the LI ABATE Awareness run at the Suffolk County Dennison Building helping set up and breakdown

the event. It was very successful, and I appreciate all that attended.

On May 14, I attended an event at Suffolk County Harley. I helped man the ABATE tent and spoke to motorcycle folks who were there. Afterwards I stayed to help pack up.

The next day, Sunday, I attended the Red Knights MC event in North Sea. I helped set up and break down our booth. I spoke to members and tried to bring in some new ones!

On Monday I drove with President Beckhans to Washington DC to lobby for all motorcyclist rights! This included meeting with three congressional representatives and a phone call to another! It went very well!

On Saturday May 28 I tried in vain to get to join LI ABATE officers and members place flags on all the gravesites in Section 42, but the traffic made it impossible for me to get into the cemetery!

On Sunday June 12, LI ABATE officers and members assembled in North Sea in Southampton Town to celebrate our veterans and the day. It was a planned run which was American Motorcycle Association sanctioned. The rain did not deter us from riding to the Haerter Bridge, named for fallen Marine Lance Corporal Jordan Haerter, who fired on a vehicle filled with explosives trying to breach a military post of hundreds of his servicemen. The truck exploded and Haerter was killed saving others. After crossing the Haerter bridge into Sag Harbor, we then met at the Southampton ELKS Lodge to celebrate a flag day event by the ELK leadership.

I hope to see and chat with you at our events!

I enjoy keeping busy advocating for all motorcyclist for ABATE.

Membership is still a bargain at \$25 a year with an opportunity to increase many levels of membership in the future. 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 our meetings! Long Island ABATE is your advocate for all motorcyclists! We fight for your rights and lobby for legislation to protect them!

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

Sturgis Rally History

How the largest biker party in the world began!

Today, the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally continues to reap the support and attendance of both participants and motorcycle fans all over the United States and in some parts of the world. In 2015, a record 739,000 attended the rally's 75th anniversary, including entire families who came with their RVs and rode the few last miles to Sturgis on their motorcycles.

In Sturgis, S.D., on August 14, 1938, a group of nine men raced their motorcycles with a small group of people watching. The bikers were known as the Jackpine Gypsies Motorcycle Club which later organized the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally along with a fellow member and owner of the Indian Motorcycle Shop, J.C. "Pappy" Hoel. Pappy Hoel worked for his family's ice business before buying a motorcycle franchise and becoming one of the most successful dealers in South Dakota. Since then, the rally has continued every year since that first race in 1938 -- with the exception of two years during World War II. Now, seven decades after the first rally, the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is still going strong and doesn't show any signs of slowing down.

An event that started out as a small group of racers has turned into the largest motorcycle gathering in the world. All types of motorcycles are represented at the rally as well as all different types of people. In 1960 the attendance of the rally topped only 800 people and in 1970 that number grew to 2,000. The Rally mentions in its official guidebook that after 1970 the attendance of the weeklong event grew exponentially. In the year 2000 about 550,000 people attended the rally. Of course, Daytona Beach, Fla., is infamous for its Bike Week event, but one of the things that makes the attendance of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally so exceptional is that the city of Sturgis normally only has a population of about 6,000 people. In addition to the city of Sturgis' small population, the entire state of South Dakota nearly doubles its population when the rally bikers show up each year.

The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally keeps its traditional racing roots by offering a half-mile (.8-kilometer) motorcycle race similar to Hoel's first race. Other races, competitions, concerts and far more entertainment than the original founders ever planned have been added, too.

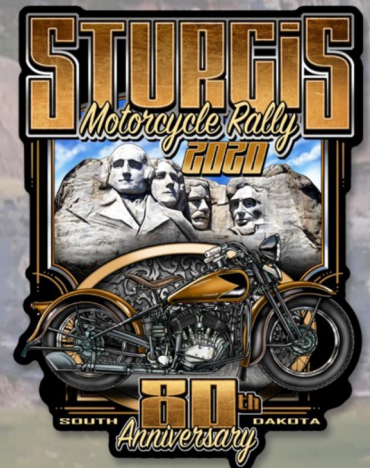
A motorcycle ride through the Black Hills and Badlands offers thrilling experiences and fantastic scenery. From north to south and east to west, the entire region is dotted with epic rides. It's no wonder hundreds of riders make the annual pilgrimage to Sturgis for the motorcycle rally each year. For skill-rated scenic rides, view or download the Black Hills Motorcycle Map.

The region hosts tons of concerts and special events throughout the rally week, as well as pre- and post-rally events.

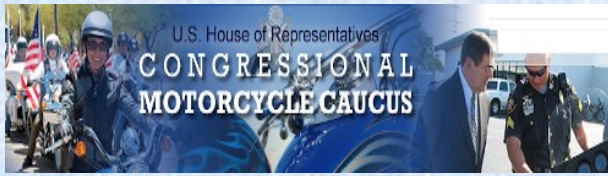
***This years event...
August 5th - 14th***



This undated photo shows Neil Hultman riding a motorcycle with a sidecar in Sturgis, S.D. Hultman is the second-oldest surviving member of the Jackpine Gypsies, the motorcycle club that started what is now the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.







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House Motorcycle Caucus Grows by 39%!

It's been one month since the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Bikers Inside the Beltway event and our efforts are paying off.

An updated membership list of the House Motorcycle Caucus was released last week and it shows substantial growth in the month since riders came to Capitol Hill. 11 new members joined the organization which previously had 28 members. The nearly 40% increase is a direct result of outreach by MRF members!

The caucus hosts educational seminars and press events that shine a light on the issues facing the motorcycle community. It's also a great way for riders to know which lawmakers are true allies. The Senate has a similar caucus and we hope to see growth with that group when its roster is updated.

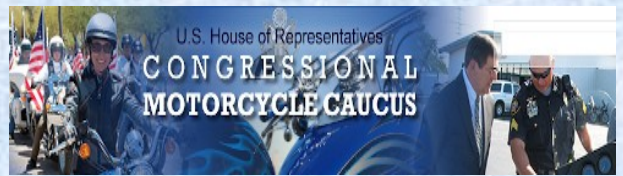
Below is a list of the 11 new members of the House Motorcycle Caucus:

- Representative Axne (Iowa)
- Representative Brooks (Alabama)
- Representative Brownley (California)
- Representative Budd (North Carolina)
- Representative Rodney Davis (Illinois)
- Representative Norman (South Carolina)
- Representative Obernolte (California)
- Representative Pappas (New Hampshire)
- Representative Scott Peters (California)
- Representative Stevens (Michigan)
- Representative Wild (Pennsylvania)

Additionally, the House profiling resolution (H. Res 366) passed the 100-cosponsor mark last week as 10 new lawmakers signed on since Bikers Inside the Beltway. Passing the 100 mark is a great benchmark that helps show Congressional leadership that the issue of profiling is a concern to lawmakers. A special shout out to the riders from Kansas who added three new members and now have all four Representatives from their state as cosponsors.



Below is a list of the 10 new
H. Res 366 cosponsors:



- Representative Banks (Indiana)
- Representative Davids (Kansas)
- Representative Dean (Pennsylvania)
- Representative Estes (Kansas)
- Representative Hinson (Iowa)
- Representative LaTurner (Kansas)
- Representative Kustoff (Tennessee)
- Representative Obernolte (California)
- Representative Ryan (Ohio)
- Representative Titus (Nevada)

Thank you to those that help impact these numbers and thank you to all the riders who came to D.C. last month.

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2022 Indian Chief

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the iconic Indian Chief, Indian Motorcycle announced a large Chief lineup—six models in all. The past decade has seen brilliant innovations in style, performance, and technology from Indian Motorcycle, and nowhere was that more apparent than on the revamped Chief. The century-old model was refined into an artfully crafted cruiser that ditched the clutter but preserved the spirit of the original.

The latest Chief is powered by the brand's air-cooled, 1,811cc Thunderstroke 111 V-twin engine that produces 108 lb-ft of torque. This bike is a badass—no surprise its release inspired custom celebrity bike builds, like Jon Bernthal's "Trouble Maker" constructed by moto legend Carey Hart.

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- [Cardo](#) Packtalk Slim JBL Bluetooth Intercom.
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- [Lexin](#) G16 Bluetooth Intercom Multi-Rider.
- [FreedConn](#) Bluetooth TCOMVB Communication System.

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[Sena 10S Bluetooth Communication System](#)

The hands-free Sena 10S manages to pack an incredible number of features into a reasonably priced package. Its slimmer profile design reduces wind noise and features a single clamp connector to ensure it stays in place.

The Sena 10S can keep you in touch with up to four other riders. It does this thanks to the 'one-touch group intercom' system with an impressive range of 1.6-km. At this range, Sena claims the HD stereo audio is crystal clear. This feature makes it one of the best motorcycle Bluetooth helmet headsets for long-range on the market.

Pairing to non-Sena devices is made easy by universal 4.1 connectivity. At the same time, a Smartphone app gives access to configuration and setting changes.



[Cardo Packtalk Slim JBL Bluetooth Intercom](#)

If you often ride as part of a large group and sound quality is high on your list of priorities, the Cardo Packtalk Slim JBL intercom system is a great option.

Thanks to Cardo's Dynamic Mesh-Technology, it's possible to use up to 15 intercoms simultaneously, allowing everyone in the riding group to communicate. The standard operating range is around 1.2-km, which you can extend to over 7-km with six riders or more



[Lexin G16 Bluetooth Intercom Multi-Rider](#)

The Lexin G16 allows conversation for up to 16 riders with a claimed distance range of 2km. These impressive stats are thanks to the intercom's Bluetooth 5.0. As a result, it is twice as fast and gives four times the range of the 4.2 version.

Thanks to Lexin's universal pairing facility, connectivity to other brand intercoms is straightforward. Music sharing is only possible with other G16 units, so the fast streaming and built-in FM radio are primarily aimed at rider and pillion



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Chris Beckhans, President Long Island ABATE



Trademark Applications

Show the New Logos

Harley-Davidson will be going full-bore after electric bikes in the future, and part of that means it will need to properly market itself and its bikes. The company seems to be doing just that. It recently filed patent applications for two new logos for electric bikes.

The first is a circular logo with a lightning bolt in the center. It looks kind of cool, but makes me think of some kind of Harley-Davidson superhero, not a motorcycle logo. The other is a shield logo, but not the typical Harley shield logo that you see on most Harley's and Harley merch. It's just a shield shape with the letters H and D, one over the other. A lightning bolt goes through the D and behind the H.

Speculation by Motorcycle.com suggests that Harley will use one on its electric bicycles and the other on its actual electric motorcycles. The publication also noted that Harley trademarked the name Rude Boy a while back for use on electric bikes.



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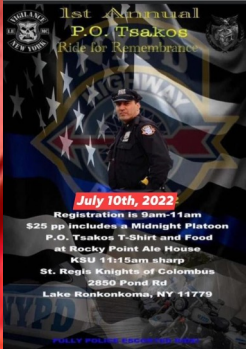
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AUGUST 5th - AUGUST 14th 2022

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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.

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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