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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

As Always I hope all are well. July was a blur and was very busy, with personal rides to Pennsylvania and Ohio where I was able to enjoy some time with family and friends.

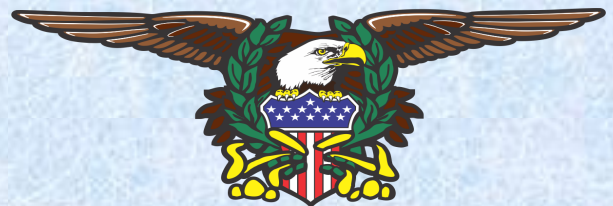


Long Island ABATE hosted our first parking lot practice at the Ronkonkoma Train Station parking lot. Pictures and story will be in next month's newsletter. Immediately following the practice we went to meet up with the USA Patriots/ Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team and escort them from their hotel in Hauppauge to the ball field in Moriches. Most of us along with many others stayed to watch the game. For those that haven't experienced the games you don't know what you're missing. The team is made up of Amazing people mostly all Amputee Veterans and they play around the country to show that Life without Limbs in Limitless and All games are Free to the public. The passion they have for what they do is incredible. Following up the game many of us attended the after game BBQ at the Smithtown Elks Lodge. Sunday was another Game in Bayport in which many attended as well. There will be pictures and a story Next month.

Well overdue road work continues on the LIE, Sunrise highway and the Parkways. Please be Careful out there.

There is talk of going to the Nordic Lodge, a "Gourmet Buffet" in Rhode Island on August 6th, check out their web site <https://thenordic.com/> if you're interested please RSVP to longislandabate@aol.com if we have more than 20 people we need to make a reservation

We have also been planning our Annual Campout held on August 27th to the 28th at Cathedral Pines in Middle Island, Which will be dedicated to Rosie who was a Member and a friend to so many as well as a Diehard supporter of the Campout. There will be a Memory Board there so if you have any pictures of Rosie and would like to donate them we would love to have them for it. This year's event will include Food, including a Chili cook off, please contact Gary if you would like to participate at garyhart04cvo@gmail.com (Chili made to compete must be in ½ trays so they can be put in sterno racks to be kept warm) also included is soda and water, Live Music,



Bike Games as well as a 50/50 and a Chinese Auction, The cost of the event is \$30 in advance and \$40 at gate the day of the event. Your Ticket includes all as well as parking for the day and camping for the day should you choose to spend the night. So come on down with whatever you're drinking and have a great time with us. We're looking forward to seeing everyone,

As always Long Island ABATE is looking for input and participation 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 trying to keep them safe. If you would like to get more involved reach out to myself or a board member, we would love to have you. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Thank you for your continued support,
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NCOM CONVENTION ROCKS NASHVILLE

Hundreds of bikers' rights activists from across America rumbled into 'Music City USA' to rock the country capital with the sounds of motorcycles and two-wheel politics, as the National Coalition of Motorcyclists hosted their 37th annual NCOM Convention, June 17-19 in Nashville, Tennessee!

Rising to the call for action on numerous topics of concern to all riders, concerned advocates from the ranks of Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs (Confederations of Clubs) and independent riders gathered to learn and share for the betterment of biking.

Agenda items dealt with legal and legislative issues, with special emphasis on telematics and the electrification of the vehicle fleet, protecting your digital data, and your personal Privacy.

Special Meetings were conducted for Women in Motorcycling, a Clean & Sober Roundtable, an AIM Attorney Conference, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

NCOM board member Ed Schetter, a veteran of the auto industry and Executive Director of ABATE of Ohio, presented a "We Just Want Our Place on the Road and Safe Fuel" seminar detailing the impending advance of driverless cars and imminent demise (?) of internal combustion engines (ICE), relating the impact on the motorcycling community and our lifestyle.

Medical trainer EMT Dick "Slider" Gilmore expanded his First Responder and Golden Hour repertoire to include a new "Save A Biker's Life" presentation focusing not only on the health implications of diabetes in general, but also on special considerations specifically for riders, and was well attended and informative as always.

Slider's blood- and Sons of Silence M/C club-brother "Chopper" Gilmore was later honored during the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet with the Christian Unity award for his ministerial work. Other Silver Spoke Award recipients were: singer/songwriter David Allen Coe for Entertainment; Tommy Simpson of the Outlaws M/C and CMT/ABATE of Tennessee receiving the Freedom Fighter award; and NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Florida AIM Attorney Jerry "T" Theophilopoulos largely for his legal work with the clubs, COCs and ABATE of Florida.

Following the feast and festivities, and a lively auction to benefit the 'Freedom Fund,' NCOM Board Chairman James "Doc" Reichenbach, President of ABATE of Florida, adjourned the 2022 NCOM Convention with the announcement that next year's Convention is scheduled for Father's Day weekend, June 16-18, 2023 in Phoenix, Arizona, so check back at www.ON-A-BIKE.com for further details as they are announced.

WELCOME TO NCOM – United we Ride, Divided we Drive!

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) proudly welcomes the following motorcycle organizations approved by the NCOM Board of Directors 07/17/22 at the NCOM Convention in Nashville as our newest NCOM Member Groups, joining in unity with over 2,000 other motorcycle rights organizations, rider groups, clubs and associations from nearly every state and Canadian Province:

- ~ Bikers Rights Organization (CA)
- ~ ABATE of Florida Safety & Education Inc.
- ~ Wyoming Confederation of Clubs

NCOM serves as a nationwide umbrella organization that provides legislative assistance, information network and legal resources; and also reaches out to various segments of the motorcycle community such as Christian Motorcycling, women riders, sportbikers, independent motorcycle shops, touring associations, clean & sober groups, and veterans – helping to form coalitions and foster cooperation between all segments of motorcycle riders.



Also, the NCOM Board of Directors wishes to welcome Robert Petty of the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of California and BRO, as co-director of NCOM Region I: (AK, CA, HI, ID, OR & WA).

NCOM also mourns the recent passing of former board member Ollie "Laddie" Elkins, past ABATE of Louisiana State President. Ride Forever Free!

FUEL TRANSPARENCY

Responding to a Biden Administration announcement that the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) would temporarily lift summer restrictions on the sale of E15 gasoline to the public, fuel containing 15% ethanol, U.S. Representatives Austin Scott (R-GA) and Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL) introduced the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2022 (H.R. 7731).

Many consumers, specifically owners of motorcycles, ATVs and other small engine machines, are not aware that higher blends of ethanol can damage their engines and even void manufacturer's warranties, so H.R. 7731 would require more detailed labeling of gas pumps to warn about the harmful impacts of misfueling.

Concerned riders are urged to contact their Congressional Representative by calling the U.S. Capital Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask for their support and to cosponsor H.R. 7731.

TENNESSEE WAIVES REGISTRATION FEES FOR ONE YEAR

If you own a motorcycle in Tennessee, or personal automobile, you should be aware of a new moratorium on state vehicle registration fees that the governor has signed into law. It affects motor vehicle renewals that are currently scheduled to take place between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, so for an entire year Tennesseans have a moratorium on motorcycle and personal motor vehicle registration fees to the state (not any others).

It's part of Senate Bill 2491, which Governor Bill Lee officially signed into law on June 3, 2022, and the whole thing is a larger budget appropriations bill, but it includes what could be a helpful provision for a lot of road users tucked inside it, by putting some money back into the pockets of most vehicle owners.

The waived fees will be for Class-A vehicles, which include motorcycles, and Class-B vehicles, which include passenger motor vehicles and motor homes, but not for commercial vehicles or electrics.

IOWA ATV RIDERS NOW HAVE GREATER ACCESS TO STATE ROADS

Iowa recently changed their state's laws that previously restricted the use of some powersports vehicles on state roads, and as of July 1, 2022, ATV and UTV riders in Iowa now enjoy greater use and access for their rides throughout the Hawkeye State.



The new law was the result of a 2020 survey completed by ATV and UTV owners, asking them which Iowa laws restricting off-road riding that they wanted to see changed. Riders wanted to be able to ride on more county and state roadways in order to connect trailheads, and they wanted the opportunity to ride in all 99 Iowa counties.

These changes don't give off-roaders unfettered use of the roadways, however, as vehicles are limited to 35 mph, must behave like other traffic, have operational headlights, taillights and brake lights, a horn, and rearview mirrors, and operators must be 18 or older and possess a valid license and insurance

Riders also must take the most direct route to and from ATV parks and their home, with limited access to state two-lane and county highways day or night, but are still not allowed on state four-lane or interstate highways.

NEW YORK GETS TOUGH ON NON-LEGAL ROAD BIKES

New York City officials bulldozed nearly a thousand non road-legal motorcycles, dirt bikes and ATVs confiscated by the NYPD, as the city and police force sought to remind citizens of the importance of abiding by the law.

Over 900 bikes and ATVs were crushed and flattened during a public bulldozing demonstration, making the statement that the seizure of unlawfully operated bikes on the street is "part of a public safety push by new NYC Mayor Eric Adams..." noting that [illegal motorcycles, dirt bikes and ATVs] are not only a nuisance and an annoyance to us, but they are extremely dangerous..."

The push to take action follows undeniable statistics; apparently over 2000 vehicles have been seized in 2022, making up a nearly 80% increase in seizures compared to the number of bikes taken by the law in 2021.

"We see them all the time, we hear them all the time at night. We see the large numbers that are moving throughout our streets, and we want to be clear that this is not acceptable," admonishes Mayor Adams, explaining that the reason for choosing destruction over sourcing or selling the machines "...because it keeps them off the street permanently."

NO MORE LICENSES REQUIRED FOR THREE-WHEELERS IN UTAH

The transportation and technology communities have been talking about autocycles for a few years now, with several states attempting to classify the strange new three-wheel vehicles that are not quite car but not a motorcycle, creating difficulties for riders and confusion at license bureaus.

Following much lobbying by autocycle manufacturers such as Polaris, many states no longer require operators to acquire a motorcycle endorsement on their license, such as in Utah, but like others their state defined an autocycle as having "a steering wheel."

That's about to change with House Bill 391, which Governor Spencer Cox signed into law, tweaking the definition of an autocycle just enough that Utahns won't need a motorcycle license at all to drive an "autocycle," steering wheel or not.

Rep. (Kay) Christofferson (R-Lehi), co-sponsor of HB391, explained that all the bill does is adjust the state's definition of an autocycle from having "a steering wheel" to a "steering mechanism" and tacks on a provision regarding seat belts. So, the state's new definition says an autocycle is a vehicle "designed to travel with three or fewer wheels in contact with the ground; and is equipped with a steering mechanism, seat belts and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride the motor."



But that small amendment to the law is all that was needed to make some autocycles (with handlebars) more accessible to Utah riders without a special permit. Proponents also point out that because of autonomous vehicles, steering wheels are becoming obsolete, so passing HB 391 puts Utah ahead of the curve.

INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOWS (IMS) CIRCUIT CANCELLED

The COVID-19 health crisis has taken a toll on motorcycle manufacturers and dealerships, as well as riders themselves, but with all of the social distancing, masking, and vaccine mandates that events like the International Motorcycle Shows (IMS) has had to continually adapt to over the past two years, the 2022 IMS Outdoors powersports show tour has been canceled.

The original 2022 schedule was set to kick off in Colorado in June, with stops in Chicago, New York, Atlanta, Southern California, and elsewhere, but IMS officials cited in a press release the way "brands promote their products amidst the continued manufacturing and sourcing delays associated with the pandemic" as the main driver of the cancellation.

According to IMS, that shifting landscape doesn't allow the organizers to deliver an experience that meets its expectations.



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What Splitting the Difference Means for your Safety

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation ("MSF") defines lane splitting as utilizing the space between traffic lanes "to position [a rider] for maximum visibility to other motorists while maintaining safety and control of the traffic situation." The common rider rationale for this behavior lies in the thought that it is safer to "filter" the motorcycle to the front of the line, rather than be stuck at the back risking a rear-end collision. Often called lane filtering or "white-lining," this practice is common in other parts of the world, and a few areas of the United States, most notably California. A majority of states have outright banned the practice, though. At this time, although New Jersey state law is silent as to the legality of lane splitting, an officer can still issue a citation for numerous traffic offenses, such as failing to stay to the left while engaging a pass. Many states, New Jersey included, have seen legislation proposed that would legalize the practice, but no such bill has ever been codified into law.

The debate over the safety of lane splitting is contentious, with drivers of cars often angered by the practice. In 2015, UC Berkeley's Safe Transportation Research and Education conducted the most in-depth analysis of lane splitting to date. Their largest finding was that lane splitting is a largely safe practice if practiced under fifty miles an hour. Further, the data suggested that in states where such practices are normalized, other motorists tend to have a heightened awareness about motorcycles, and will more frequently seek to observe if any are present in the roadway. However, that is not to say that the legalization of legal splitting would mean safer commuting. Nearly 1 out of every 6 accidents reported to the California Highway Patrol for the years 2012 and 2013 did involve some form of lane splitting. Obviously, no rider wants to be involved in an accident, but as explained further below, the common belief that lane splitting reduces a rider's likelihood of suffering serious injury appears to be supported by data.

An admitted issue with the data utilized in the UC Berkeley study concerns their inability to estimate the risk of getting into a collision in the first place. By contrast, the data collected concerned reported accidents, and further analyzed whether particular injury types were more common in lane splitting incidents. The data was clear that unlike traditional collisions, riders involved in accidents while lane splitting were considerably less likely to suffer injuries to their head or torso. The consistent message and conclusion of the study is that speed differential between the motorcycle and other vehicles impacts the risk of injury more than anything else. By filtering at a speed within 15 miles per hour of the surrounding vehicles, the rider lowers their chances of suffering significant injuries.

If you do find yourself injured in an accident, whether lane filtering is involved or otherwise, please do not hesitate to contact a law firm to help determine whether you are entitled to compensation.

Why do we ride?

As folks who ride motorcycles and ride them a lot have you ever considered the question why do we ride? What is it that has drawn us to this particular interest that quickly becomes an obsession? Have you ever wondered? Probably not. Just throw your leg over your iron horse, crank it over, hit the throttle and ride. Why? Where did it all begin? Not just for us but for all who know riding is living.



There is an answer to that question. The earth and everything within it and around it was created for our benefit and our enjoyment. There is a planned interaction between us and all around us. Why do the colors and hues of a sunrise or sunset seem to effect us in some way that makes us smile, as we point out the extraordinary shades of reds, oranges, and yellows to a person we've brought a long for the ride. Why does "being in the wind" just do something to us and in us nothing else can replicate?

Everything around us was made with intention. The intent was to enhance the experience of life for us. We have unfortunately done everything we can to damage this playground of life and it is almost as we purposely lessened the wonder and joy we were to experience in this life. We as a species have done much to avoid the interaction with our environment. Cagers wall themselves off from what we experience when we ride. Drowning out the sights and sounds, the ebbs and flows of feelings and emotions that were meant for our experience.

Those who don't ride don't know about the ten degree fall in temperature on Sunrise Highway as you hit the dip in elevation approaching exit 57 from the west. They are confused when you speak about the thrill of the lean in a curve, a feeling of daring gravity and centrifugal force to both throw you off and shove you down in your seat. A taming of the forces of nature God implanted in this earth for us to harness, tame, and subdue as the bible says in genesis. In a sense like taming a wild stallion. What can one do in a cage to resemble that. We bikers call it a cage for a reason.

Understand what compels us to ride is Gods invitation to experience Him in the created order He placed there for us. God gave us senses, sight, feel, hearing, smelling, tasting for a reason. None of those are of any benefit without the exterior world engaging them. So as you ride, appreciate all that you feel, all that you see and all you experience. But also be thankful and in a state of gratitude to the creator of all that thrills you, moves you and heals your mind and soul while you ride. They were places there thoughtfully for that very reason.

God bless, ride safe, and God Bless America.

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I do have a short list of members that help for most of the outings, but it's not enough! We need to assemble a Stronger Team list of member volunteers to help with your organization.

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THE ADIRONDACK LAKE LOOP

Distance: 90 miles....**Time to Ride:** 2 – 5 hours

Tour the Adirondacks in half a day, starting and ending in Lake George. This route covers well-maintained but twisty roads, so be prepared for a few hairpin turns (especially on Rt. 9N)—and beautiful scenery. You'll take Rt. 9 North to Ticonderoga, a necessary stop for history buffs, and then circle back down, spending about 20 miles on I-74 before zigzagging south via Rt. 9 and Schroon River Road, where you'll be rewarded with glimpses of sparkling lake shores. You might also want to stop in Bolton Landing for shopping and lunch, or rent a paddleboat to spend a little time on Lake Schroon on your way back.

THE HUDSON RIVER BRIDGE TOUR

Distance: 70 Miles....**Time to Ride:** 2 hours – half a day

Some of the most impressive bridges in the Northeast span the Hudson River, and this tour takes you across several stunning bridges along the way. Start in NYC with the George Washington bridge, then work your way west in the Hudson River valley. Much of this route runs directly along the Hudson, so you'll get beautiful river views on the meandering, peaceful river road that is Rt. 5. Stop at Harriman State Park and ride to the summit for panoramic views of the valley, then travel through Storm King State Park via the famous Storm King Parkway. The twisting, winding roads are perfect for bikers, and if you want, you can stop by West Point Military Academy for a tour or a walk through the museum and gift shop. In Tarrytown, you'll pass some impressive architecture (including the home that belonged to Washington Irving) and plenty of places to stop to stretch your legs.

MOHAWK TOWPATH SCENIC BYWAY

Distance: 25 miles....**Time to Ride:** 45 minutes – half a day

The Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway follows a twisting stretch of the Mohawk River just north of Albany. The perfect short drive for an afternoon, this route features well-maintained, twisty roads, beautiful scenery, and plenty of history-filled small towns and stops along the way. You'll begin your ride in historic Schenectady, then cruise along the verdant, tree-lined stretch that curves along the Mohawk and old sections of the Erie Canal. The route skirts the Vischer Ferry Nature Preserve (a lovely place to pull off for a while) before pulling through the town of historic Vischer Ferry—and stopping at the Vischer Ferry General Store for a mouthwatering lunch. The Cohoes Falls is also a must-see, and Cohoes Falls Overview Park offers a great place to stretch your legs.

TRACY ROAD

Distance: 11 miles....**Time to Ride:** 20-30 minutes

No tour of the Adirondacks/Lake Placid area would be complete without a quick ride on Tracy Road, a practically pristine, low-traffic stretch of road running from Moriah Center to the intersection of Tracy Road with I-87. The 11-mile stretch is the perfect addition to a tour of Lake Placid, especially if you're passing through Port Henry along the way. The attraction of this ride isn't the fancy stops along the way; it's just a serene, lightly-traveled stretch of winding road through the Adirondack forest. Look close, and you're likely to see deer, foxes, squirrels, and chipmunks along the way.



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BOONVILLE TO LAKE PLACID

Distance: 127 miles....**Time to Ride:** 3/4 Day

This route takes you through the High Peaks Wilderness on mountain roads that wander through forests, past the Chain Lakes, and beside countless mountain streams. It's the perfect half-day ride to give you a taste of the wilderness that's sure to make you want to keep exploring. Begin in Boonville, NY, where you'll take Rt. 28 to Lake 30. Then just stay on Lake 30 all the way to Lake Placid for a low-stress ride. There are a few bumpy patches of road along the way, which feels natural in the midst of the rugged mountain terrain. Along the way, you'll pass through several mountain towns, all with places to stop for fuel and/or food. Make sure to stop and explore Lake Placid's many artisan shops, great restaurants, and pubs once you arrive!

STATE ROUTE 3

Distance: 170 miles....**Time to Ride:** Half a day

Another beautiful drive through the Adirondacks, NYS Route 3 travels east to west, from Plattsburgh on the banks of Lake Ontario down to Keeseville in Western NY. Route 3 offers one of the most popular drives through the mountains. It skirts the High Peaks Wilderness's

northwestern edge and passes through Natural Bridge, Cranberry Lake, Saranac Lake, Lake Placid, and Wilmington, among other beautiful destination towns. The roads are typically smooth and well-maintained, with just enough twists and curves to keep things interesting. Expect everything from panoramic views (add a jaunt to the top of Whiteface Mountain during the summer!) to sparkling lakes and dense, forested wilderness along the way.

THE UPPER DELAWARE SCENIC BYWAY (ROUTE 97)

Distance: 70 miles....**Time to Ride:** 2 hours – Half day

Meander along the banks of the Delaware River, which forms the natural border between southeastern New York and Pennsylvania. A beautiful, twisty route through the Catskills, the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway connects Port Jervis on the eastern side with Hancock in the west. Plenty of small historic towns, scenic stops, shopping, museums, and landscapes along the way offer the perfect stopping-off places to explore and take in the atmosphere of the Delaware River Valley's unique culture. Beautiful bridges, picturesque towns, and roads cut along rocky slices of landscape make every mile interesting.

ALBANY-ALTAMONT LOOP

Distance: 30 miles....**Time to Ride:** 1-3 hours

For a short, scenic route that starts and ends in Albany, the Albany-Altamont loop is the perfect choice. Highway 85A travels through small towns and open farmland, while the area around Thatcher Park offers more open views of the surrounding forests. You'll enjoy the low-traffic roads and variety of twisty sections, long straights where you can really get up to speed, but be aware of rocky, rough stretches on Krumkill Road as you get closer to Albany.

Why Buy a Motorcycle Wax

Give your bike a nice shine. Like any other vehicle, motorcycles can benefit from a fresh coat of wax when it comes to looking good. Waxes do a good job of bouncing light off of the surface, creating a deep shine that is sure to catch some passing eyes.

Protect the exterior. A good wax about more than just the looks it provides to a motorcycle. The protective layer can help protect the paintwork from UV and water damage, especially if you leave it outside for long periods of time. Combined with other cleaners and treatment solutions, you can give your bike better exterior protection.

Extend the paint's life. A protective coat of wax benefits the paintwork in the short and long term. Wax layers combat oxidation and general surface degradation. The more you wax a bike regularly, the more the paintwork will stay fresh and healthy.

Turtle Wax

Started in 1944, Turtle Wax's claim to fame is producing one of the first (if not the first) bottled car waxes. Since that time, the company has continued to focus on offering high-quality automotive car care products. As a result, the company's lineup includes a number of wax types meant for different applications. For motorcycle use, check out the [Turtle Wax 50751 Ultimate Motorcycle Cleaning Kit](#) for a complete bike care kit.

Meguiar's

With a history spanning back over 110 years, Meguiar's knows a thing or two about proper car care and quality cleaning products. Back in the day, the company got its start making furniture polish under the direction of Frank Meguiar, Jr. Over time, the company expanded into the automotive market, where it now dominates as one of the most recognized brand names. Check out the [Meguiar's Motorcycle Care Kit](#) to see what the company makes for motorcycles

Frequency of Use: How often you wax your bike depends on the longevity of the wax you choose and your personal preference for a waxing schedule. Some waxes can last up to six months or a year, so you don't need a large supply hanging around your garage. Most waxes, however, have a shorter lifespan (some down to a month or a few weeks), meaning you should opt for a larger supply in a bigger container or larger number of containers.



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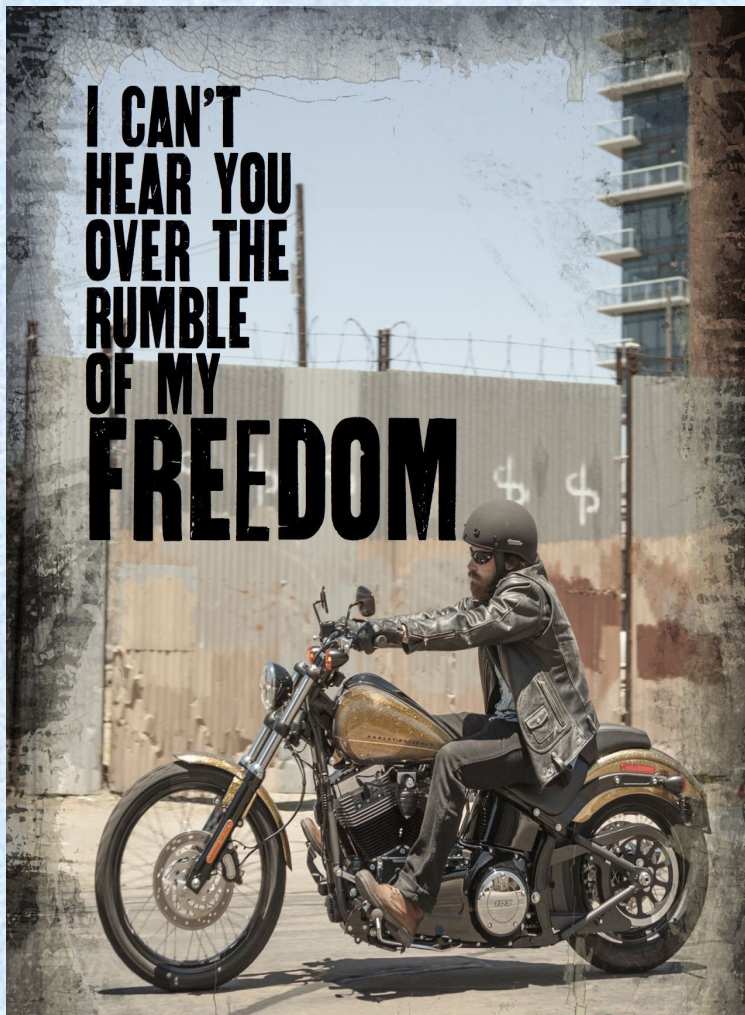
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- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American 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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