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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. August went by just as fast as July with all the fund raising and community events as well as Bike nights and Club parties. Included in this month's article are pictures from the events we attended.

First was Our first Parking lot practice, thanks to Mark Briganti and George Krivosta from Long Island HOG who were nice enough to set up and manage the cones. We had 14 people show up and practice classic and offset cone weaves as well as practice braking exercises as well. Everyone who came enjoyed the time in the lot. We are looking to have another one soon so watch for it in the emails and on social media.



Immediately following the practice, we participated in the escort of the USA Patriots softball team from The Radisson hotel in Hauppauge to the Moriches Athletic Complex. We had well over 50 bikes and vehicles in the escort. A lot of us stayed to watch the game Saturday as well as Sunday. They have been coming to Long Island for ten years and enjoy being here as much as we enjoy having them here. Check out the pics included as well in this newsletter.

This month is a busy month for us. We have partnered with Long Island Hog and the Port Jeff Elks and are having a blood drive at the Elks Lodge on September 7<sup>th</sup> between 2pm and 8pm appointments are not needed but are recommended, see the flyer in this newsletter. There are a few road trips planned for us this month. First off, a few of us are going to Albany on the 17<sup>th</sup> to meet with Bruce Laporte from NYS. There we will get Motorcycle Awareness signs and discuss the upcoming Awareness class in which we will be participating in. The class will give us the information needed to go to high schools and teach Motorcycle Awareness to up and coming drivers. We Hope to get back in the schools this year. After that on the 18<sup>th</sup> we will be attending a NY ABATE meeting. There we will Network with them and discuss the issues we both have and network to strengthen our relationship as well as put faces to the names in the organizations.

Next up is the Meeting of the Minds, this year to be held in Des Moines Iowa from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. There we will discuss current and upcoming legislation with Motorcycle Rights Organizations and Clubs from all over the country and set our legislative agenda for next year's Bikers in the Beltway in May 2023. Together we work to help preserve Motorcyclists Rights and Safety.

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, Ride safe and be well

Chris Beckhans

Chris Beckhans, President of Long Island ABATE <u>chrisliabate@gmail.com</u> / (516) 381-1531



## The Biker Code

Perhaps no American subculture is as consistently fascinating and serially misunderstood as the biker movement. Both feared and lionized by the mainstream. the insular, fiercely defiant community of hardcore hog devotees is notoriously difficult to infiltrate. But here comes The Biker Code, affording a revealing, knowing, and warm glimpse of the biker lifestyle for the lifelong rider and the uninitiated alike. With fifty photographs in elegant, spare black and white, The Biker Code captures the iconoclasts, free spirits, and born-toride outlaws of Planet Harley. Unlike any book that has come before it. The Biker Code quietly understands and affectionately celebrates the Harley life. The Biker Code features original photographs, artwork, and guotes that honestly depict and cleverly celebrate American motorcycle culture

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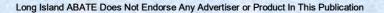


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### Countersteering, A matter of Faith

I remember when I was leaning to ride. Taking the course from On The Road Again. Mama Cali was my instructor. Everything was going pretty well. I was learning on a 250cc motorcycle so I was a little cramped in the legroom.lol. Had a little easier time making left turns than right, which can happen she had told me. But that eventually evened out. But when it came to doing ciroles and big turns with some speed behind me that was



cles and big turns with some speed behind me that was another thing.

She was telling me about counter-steering. Pushing the handlebars left slightly to make a right hand turn, and pushing them slightly right for a right hand turn. This was nigh unto impossible for me. It went against everything I knew. She said just do it and trust, you will see. No good. It was very embarrassing, I was making the biggest circles of anyone in the class. No matter what I did I couldn't get over it. Very big circles and not even getting a decent speed for fear I would fall over or off the bike. She kept saying just trust me, but I could not transfer that trust from my head too my hands.

So me being an analytical thinker went online to research counter-steering. Reading the scientific reasoning for it working, due to the design and roundness of motorcycle tires with decreasing circumference from center to sidewall. Scientifically it made sense to me. First time in class I nailed it. Still needed to have faith and experience it to fully have faith in it. But it made sense in my head. But it still took faith to believe turn right to go left and vice versa.

Reminded me of the disciple Thomas in the Bible who wouldn't believe Jesus rose from the dead and the others saw Him. Said unless I put my finger in the wounds on Hid hands, and his hand in Jesus side where the spear pierced Him he wouldn't believe. Of course no long after he had opportunity to do that very thing, though seeing Jesus would be enough. So what's my point here? Faith is something that only exists in the space where what you believe has joy yet been seen or realized yet. Jesus told Thomas, you believe because you see, blessed are those who have not seen and believe.

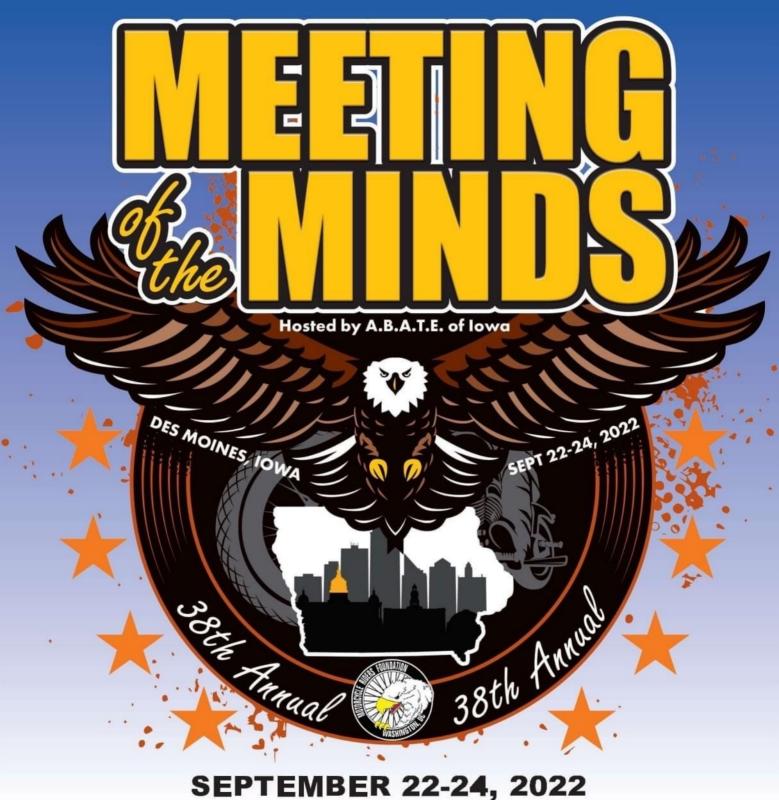
Faith is something that is vital in most areas of our life. We couldn't really experience life without it. Faith in riding shows itself may ways. That car coming up to an intersection where you have right of way, you have faith they will stop at the red light or stop sign. Faith in God is actually an easy one when you look all around you, experience all around you. Oh yea, and when you turn that bike at high speeds and lean into that turn remember what begins the lean. This act of faith called counter-steering. Thank you Mana for the lesson of faith. God bless you all. Ride safe. And God Bless America.

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## SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2022 DES MOINES, IOWA

Des Moines Marriott Downtown | 700 Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309 Room reservations call 515-845-5500 (mention Motorcycle Riders Foundation) Room guest rate \$119/night. Cut-off date: September 7, 2022 Pre-registration for conference through the MRF, PO Box 250. Highland, IL 62249 Pre-registration (must be received by Sept. 8, 2022): \$100.00 (current member) / \$120.00 (non-member) Registration rate after Sept. 8, 2022: \$110.00 (current member) / \$130.00 (non-member) Registration includes all workshops, workshop materials, and Saturday banquet. Registration questions call the MRF at 202-546-0983, or email Fred Harrell at fred@mrf.org.

































































I'd like to tell you about a boy named Branden Bowen. Back on Aug. 9, 2013, two days before his 20th birthday his mother asked him if he had a helmet? He told her he would get one in a day or two. He went out the door to go long boarding on Adirondack Drive which is better known as the seven sisters in Selden. While out, he went down, and people said they heard his head hit the pavement. He was in a coma for six weeks on life support. He had several brain surgeries. He spent 15 months in rehab at St. Johnland for brain injury survivors located in Kings Park.

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After he recovered and although he is permanently in a wheelchair, he wanted to keep other children and adults safe by telling his story. A501c3 was started four years ago called The Social Brain. Two years after that the Protect Your Melon Project was started. They collect new bicycle helmets for kids and adults.

On July 30th Long Island ABATE was invited by Ira Dunn to join The Social Brain for their Bicycle and Helmet Safety Day. We were one of the guests there that day along with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Dept. and the Boy Scouts. Alex's Lemonade stand was there also raising money for cancer research.

This year The Social Brain collected 350 helmets that were distributed in two days at two events. That's 350 lives protected!! Safety certainly matters when it comes to our children.

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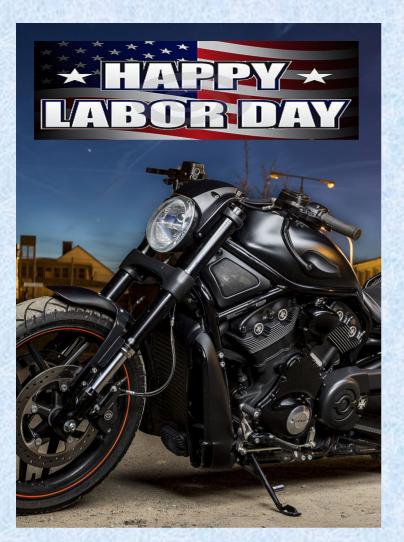












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We Produce 4 Major Events a Year **Awareness Run Veterans Run** Campout St. Mary's Food and Toy Run

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Along with these 4, we also hold 2 general membership meetings a month along with a large amount of bike nights and other events. We need volunteers to help set up and take down booths and represent ABATE and communicate what ABATE does for the motorcycle community.

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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Thank You Gary Hart Volunteer Coordinator

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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 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 nowworldwide 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  $^{\rm TM}$ .

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