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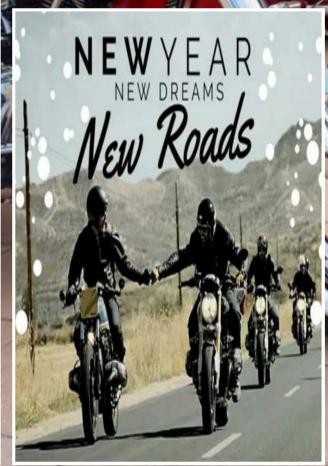
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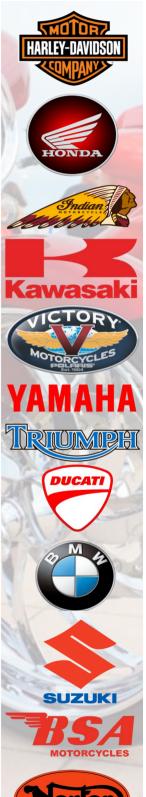
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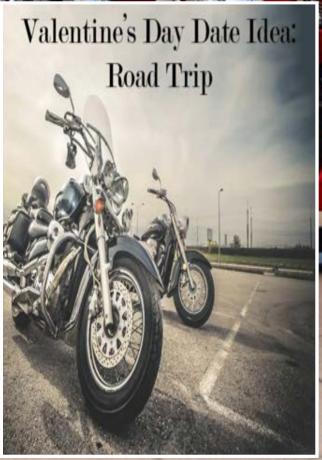


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President's Message

Hello everyone,

December has come and gone and I hope everyone had a Happy and Healthy Holiday.

The year 2022 has come and gone and I would like to personally thank everyone for the continued support throughout the year. We had a Great year from beginning to end. I truly enjoyed seeing everyone at all the events we hosted, attended and participated in.

This Past year's events were our Motorcycle Awareness Run in May,



The Veterans Appreciation Run in June, The Campout in August, The St Mary's Food and Toy Run in November and we ended the year at our Christmas/Holiday Party in December. I would like to thank Billy and Rocco from the Red River Inn for the amazing job they did hosting our party and the Town and Country Band for their performance that evening. Long Island ABATE was part of many events this past month, including wreath placement at Calverton National Cemetery and the Frogzz Saloon Toy drive around Lake Ronkonkoma, see the pictures in this newsletter. We also attended many different events in the community and set up booths to help promote Awareness and Safety. Long Island ABATE also attended conferences throughout the country with various Motorcycle Rights Organizations and Clubs to discuss current and upcoming Legislation so we can protect our rights and help keep motorcyclists Safe. Some of the recent things I have done were attending an ABATE of PA membership meeting as well as an ABATE of New York Board Meeting. There we shared ideas and reviewed current issues. It is my belief that we should all work together to better our results. I am looking forward to the year ahead. We are currently planning our upcoming events so stay tuned as details emerge we will keep you posted.

This year's legislation agenda will be to build relationships with the recently elected officials as well as strengthen existing ones and reintroduce the bills that have expired. We will also be a voice in the counties Traffic Safety Board Meetings.

Our next Meeting will be January 10th at the Port Jeff Elks lodge located at 41 Horse-block road in Centereach. Doors open 630pm meeting starts at 730pm. I hope to see you there.

As always Long Island ABATE is looking for input and participation from members to better the organization as well 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

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Looking for Motorcycle Rallys in 2023?

Below are the dates and locations of the major rallys around the United States .

Daytona Bike Week ... March 3–12 ... Daytona Beach, FL

Myrtle Beach Bike Week...May 12-21 ... Myrtle Beach, SC

Americade Touring Rally... May 31 – June 4 ... Lake George, NY

Republic of Texas Biker Rally... June 9–12... Austin, TX

Laconia Motorcycle Week... June 10-18... Laconia, NH

Women on Wheels Ride-In... July 4-6 Harrison AR

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally... August 4–13... Sturgis, SD

Four Corners Motorcycle Rally... Sept 1 – Sept 3 ... Durango, CO

Bikes Blues & BBQ... September 20-23... Fayetteville, AR

Texas Lone Star Rally...November 2-5 ... Galveston, TX

Did We Miss Any?

If you have a favorite that's not on the list Submit it to your newsletter editor and we'll add it!























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Two Stories that Caught Our Eye

August in Washington, D.C. is normally a quiet time of year as lawmakers have left town and will not return until after Labor Day. Despite this, a few issues caught our eye that we wanted to make you aware of.

On August 11th Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) and Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) sent a joint letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on how the agency is working to address its report showing that Tesla vehicles were implicated in numerous crashes, including crashes involving serious injuries and five known deaths. As we mentioned last week, two fatal crashes between Tesla vehicles and bikers in California and Utah earlier this year have raised concerns at the MRF.

According to the letter, "Federal investigations and recent reporting have uncovered troubling safety issues associated with these systems, including but not limited to the following:

Driver Engagement– The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) found that Tesla's Autopilot system does not effectively monitor driver engagement and respond to driver inattentiveness.

Erratic Driving – Reports have found that vehicles in Full Self Driving (FSD) mode have imperiled bicyclists and pedestrians, driven down tram tracks, and crashed into bollards.

Rolling Stops— Last year, Tesla issued a software update enabling FSD to make "rolling stops," in which the vehicle fails to come to a complete stop at all-way stop intersections.

Passenger Play – Last year, Tesla introduced a new "Passenger Play" feature enabling occupants to play video games on the center console while the car is in motion, which could be used by the driver when the Autopilot feature is engaged.

Phantom Braking – In October 2021, Tesla recalled certain vehicles equipped with FSD software over issues with vehicle braking. 11 Vehicles equipped with this software were reportedly braking sharply in response to falsely detected road hazards."

The other major news this month was the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Included in the legislation was a 10-year tax credit worth up to \$7,500 for the purchase of a new electric vehicle and a \$4,000 tax credit for a used vehicle. The Department of Energy has released a list of nearly 30 vehicles that meet the requirements for the tax credit, however, clearly missing from the list are electric motorcycles. The tax credit only applies to four wheeled vehicles assembled in the United States.

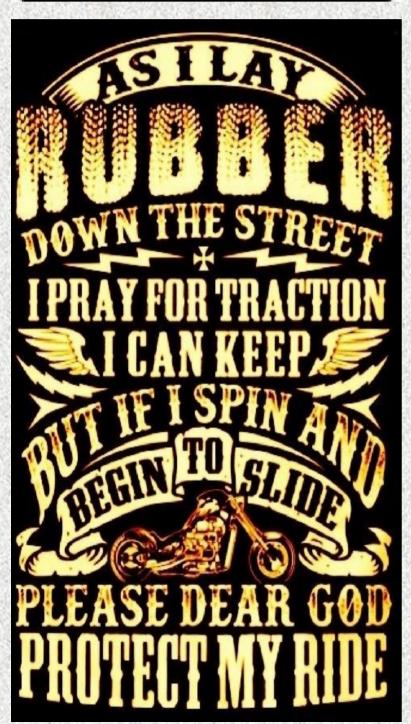
Now there is no doubt that many of the 10 million bikers in this country have no interest in purchasing an electric motorcycle! If it doesn't run on an internal combustion engine, they have no interest in riding it. Nevertheless, it's concerning when the federal government crafts policy regarding our transportation system and omits motorcycles from that policy. While D.C. has ignored bikers, a handful of state governments have rightly included motorcycles in their state-run tax credit programs for electric vehicles.

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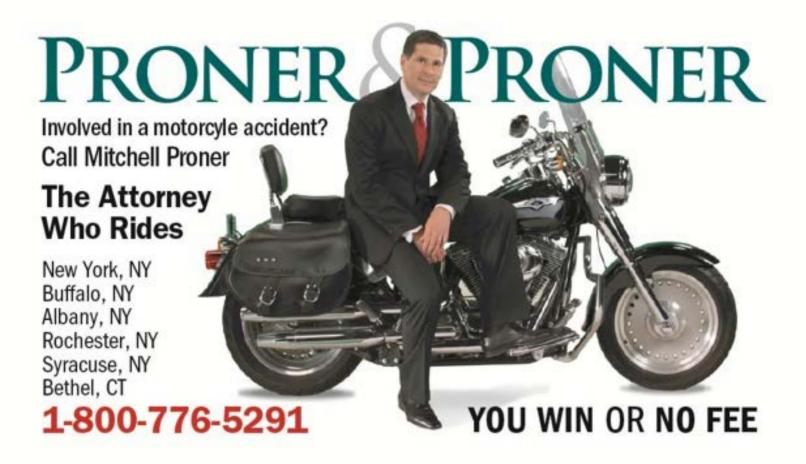
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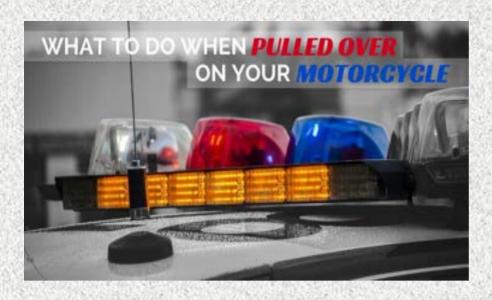
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Imagine you're riding your motorcycle on a beautiful day. Traffic is light and it's flowing well with no major hang-ups or slowdowns. A police officer pulls behind you in traffic and turns on his lights and siren. "Is that for me?" you ask yourself. It is. You can't believe you're being pulled over, and at this moment you start to wonder what you should do.

As it has been discussed many times before, safety needs to be the number one priority when on a motorcycle. Obviously, the officer wants you to pull over to the side of the road, and you need to assess how to do it safely. It may require changing lanes with a turn signal and gradually easing over a lane or two, and once onto the side of the road, you should be as far off the road as possible to avoid the traffic going by.

Don't Panic and Be Patient

Once you're safely on the side of the road, we recommend turning the motorcycle off with the key. You're probably not going anywhere for a few minutes, so don't waste the gas idling.

Turning the motorcycle off also signals to the officer that you're calm and patiently waiting for them to approach. Make sure you keep your hands in plain sight, like setting them on the tank or leaving them resting on the handlebars.

Taking your helmet off can show good faith to the officer, but it could also be used as a weapon too. Taking it off is more personal choice unless directed by the officer to remove it. You may just want to flip up your visor or take your riding eye protection off so the officer can clearly see your eyes.

Stay seated on your motorcycle, and if you choose to, but the stand down. Again it shows you're waiting for the officer to approach and not looking to flee or cause a problem. It also won't require you to hold the motorcycle up for a few minutes. Turn on your hazard lights if your motorcycle is equipped with the function.

Be Prepared

In most cases, the officer is going to pull in behind you, park their patrol vehicle, and walk up to you from behind. When they reach you, most likely they are going to ask for your **identification**, **motorcycle registration**, and **proof of insurance**. Most riders will carry it in a tank bag, on the inside pocket of their jacket, or perhaps in a saddlebag. After it's requested, and before you move to retrieve it, let the officer know where it is. "Sure officer, let me get those for you out of my ______." It won't be a surprise when you reach inside your jacket or inside a tank bag, nor will it cause a suspicious scene.

Don't Be a Know-It-All

When you're talking to the officer, they may ask if you know why they stopped you. If it was a surprise in the beginning, most likely the honest answer is that you don't. This isn't the point to start playing 20 questions and giving them hypothetical answers. Even if you have an idea, it's best to keep it to yourself. Just simply tell them you're not sure. If you do know 100%, and you knew you were doing something wrong, don't point it out and admit it.

Common Reasons the Police May Stop You

Not wearing the correct protective gear – While most states don't require protective gear beyond a helmet, riding in the correct gear shows you are concerned about your personal safety and it gives a good image to a police officer. If you're worried about safety, you're probably also worried about the law.

Not wearing a helmet or a legal helmet (when the law requires it) – There are many states that do require a helmet to be worn, and most require it to be DOT certified. Keen officers that can spot the difference may pull you over for a confirmation inspection to make sure the helmet you are wearing is approved.

Speeding – If you aren't trying to go over the speed limit intentionally, perhaps you entered a lower speed zone and missed the sign. It happens. Officers do wait for those that miss the signs, and if you're alone on the road you may be the only option to stop.

Loud exhaust – Loud pipes save lives, but at the same time they can surely be annoying at the same time. Most of the time roads don't have noise ordinances or nuisance issues, but closed communities might. While you love the sound of open exhaust on your favorite motorcycle, your friends and neighbors might not. Be sure you know the rules and laws before you ride.

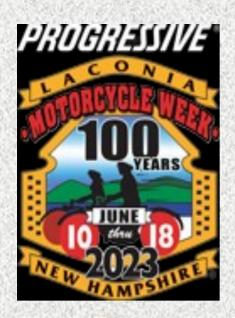
Poor motorcycle condition – You should have done a pre-ride inspection before you left on your motorcycle, but things do change during a ride. A light bulb burns out after a good bump or a stop for a fresh tank of gas, a turn signal stops working, or perhaps the license plate lamps don't come on anymore. Little things happen. Keeping up with your maintenance shows you are pretty likely to be a law-abiding citizen. Riding a ratty motorcycle can entice a stop and inspection.







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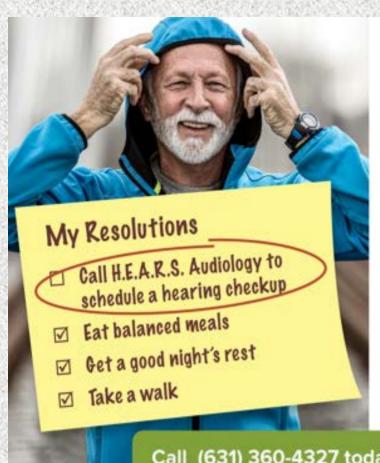
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We are all coming off of some pretty challenging years. And the last year for some has been rough. The world is changing all around us and much is not for the better. There are good seasons and there are not to good seasons. Even when we throw our leg over the bike and go for a ride, there are times that the ride is as much challenging as enjoyable. Sometimes even moreso. Hit every light, traffic, roadwork, unexpected weather. And God forbid an issue with the scoot comes up in the middle of the ride.

I remember riding out through Pennsylvania several years ago on route 78 and my Dyna just lost power and stopped. Not just anywhere, but on a stretch that the shoulder of the road was all of 24 inches and a mountain

straight up. Had to stand leaning against the mountain with my feet about 8 inches from the interstate lane as semis screamed by me at 70 miles an hour. Interesting day to say the least. We've all had days like that, maybe whole months and years.

So do you go home with your tail between your legs and never again take the chance of that happening. Don't think so. You shake the dust (and asphalt) off, get back on your bike and look forward to the next ride with anticipation, excitement and expectation of the next great ride. We all need to respond that way as we move into the New Year, no matter what this past year, or years threw at us.

This by the way is God's way. How God wants us to respond to adversity. There is so much to experience of Gods future and promises ahead. God knows this life is hard, He's been watching how mankind has ravaged His created order. Thank God He gave us free choice not to be caught in the trap of resignation to the past dictating our future. Today is a gift, tomorrow is our hope.

So as you all turn the page on 2022, and 2021 and so on, remember God is opening a new door to 2023. He has wonders ahead, adventures ahead, hope and love ahead. Seek it and you will find it. Keep the past in your rear view mirror. Seek Gods future and wonder for tomorrow. The future path will lead to promise, purpose and wonder. And oh, the ride. What a ride. God bless, ride safe, and God Bless America.

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New Year, New Hearing, New You!

A new year offers a fresh start—a time to reset and begin anew by focusing on what changes you want to make to enjoy an even better life. For many people, coming up with a New Year's resolution or two is an annual tradition. In 2022, the most popular resolution in America was to "live healthier," followed by enhancing "personal improvement or happiness." If these goals resonate with you, there's an ideal way for you to accomplish both of them: improve your hearing.

Stay Healthy With Optimal Hearing

When it comes to your overall well-being, ensuring you can hear well is just as important as engaging in regular exercise, getting a good night's rest and eating balanced meals. Study after study has shown that people with untreated hearing loss are at a greater risk of a whole range of conditions that can influence their physical, mental and emotional health, including falls,² cognitive decline³ and depression.⁴

Having any of these conditions can significantly impact your quality of life. Fortunately, treating hearing loss can make all the difference, helping you stay healthy and thriving. Research shows that people who wear hearing devices experience improved balance,⁵ slow their rate of cognitive decline⁶ and report improvements in their mental health.⁷

Find More Happiness by Hearing Your Best

What brings you joy? For the majority of people, the connections they have with friends and family are at the top of their list. Good relationships make navigating life's ups and downs easier while also providing meaning and purpose to your days.

Untreated hearing loss can make it harder to keep the bonds with your loved ones strong. You may find it difficult to communicate, participate in conversations and feel close to the important people in your life. Hearing loss treatment can help change all that. According to one large study, patients who wore hearing devices reported significant improvements in their social lives, self-confidence and relationships.

However, hearing devices aren't the only way to strengthen your social ties. You can also bolster your communication skills by employing strategies to reduce your listening effort. Many people with hearing loss use the following approaches:

Give specific guidance to the talker on how they can make communication easier. Ask them to speak a bit louder, slow down, face you and get your attention before they start speaking.

Listen with your eyes, not just your ears. Watching the speaker's lips and facial expressions can help you better understand what they're saying.

Concentrate on the thought the speaker is trying to express rather than attempting to understand every word. Speech is fairly predictable—don't worry if you miss a few words.

Verify what you think you heard. Don't pretend you understand when you don't—getting confirmation could save you embarrassment later.

Modify your listening environment. Reduce background noise by turning off the TV or radio, or move to a quieter location.

Request a table away from the kitchen at restaurants. You'll be farther away from the loud bangs and clangs.

Don't hide your hearing loss. Let people know so that they can speak clearly and look at you while talking. **Start 2023 Off Right with a Simple Hearing Fitness Check**

Ready to make this year one of your best? Get a baseline or updated hearing test to check the current status of your hearing. Since hearing loss occurs gradually, it can be easy to overlook subtle changes. Finding and treating any hearing loss as soon as possible can help you reach your goal of living a happier, healthier life—and that's a resolution worth keeping!

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- 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.

Annual Individual Membership \$35

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 about driving his or her of the demands of liberty. They ted 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 work founded: The MPE Mosting of the Minds. 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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