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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 Everyone,

Here we are in November already. October was a busy month for us. We had booths set up at a few different events including Rocking the Road for a Cure the PTSD Awareness run. Both events had a great turnout and weather. We also attended the Leathernecks 23rd Annual VA Hospital Run at the Marine Corp League in Massapequa. There they collected Socks, Sweats, and Underwear for our Veterans. Although the ride was cancelled due to the rain the turnout was great and people came out to show support for our Veterans.

Board Nominations started at our October membership meeting. We also had the opportunity to attend Kings Park High School and teach young upcoming drivers Motorcycle Awareness in their Drivers Education classes. Being able to go into the schools is such an awesome thing. We currently have 9 more classes scheduled for December.

We have our annual St Mary's Food and Toy Run coming up on Sunday the 5th see flyer in this newsletter and don't forget it is Daylight savings time. Don't forget to set your clocks. We are also getting ready for the Veterans Distribution which will be on November 14th. After the Veterans Distribution we will have our Membership meeting where we will reopen nominations and elections will be held. This will be the last membership Meeting of 2023. There are a lot of events still happening, whether it is a Food and Toy Drive or a Club party. Check on Facebook or our Website for any other information on upcoming events. We are also planning our Holiday Party which will be hosted by Frogzz Bar and Grill in Yaphank. The party will be on Dec 15th @ 7pm there will be no cost for Current ABATE Members. After the Holiday Party we will have our last Board Meeting of the year. 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 us safe. If you would like to get more involved or have ideas, please reach out to me or any Board Member. We would love to have you and or your input.

Thank You for your continued support.

Ride Safe and Be Well

Chris Beckhans

President of Long Island ABATE

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Happy Thanksgiving!



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- Rider: \$20, Passenger: \$10
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Updates From Josephine

happy Thanksgiving

Hi, I hope everyone is doing well. With the riding season kind of a winding down, the leaves starting to change and fall, there's more dampness on the roads in the morning so please take note and always be aware of your surroundings.

On October 15th I was very honored to take part in a fundraiser for a very dear friend of ours, John Liguori. I don't know if all of you know, but John lost his life this past August in West Virginia while on vacation doing what he enjoyed doing... Riding his motorcycle with his friends.

A few of John's friends decided to put together a memorial run in remembrance of John, which took place on Sunday October 15th. Over 25 bikes took off from the Denison buildings in Hauppauge, road East into Patchogue and past John's house. The run ended and was hosted at Frogzz Bar "n" Grill in Yaphank. There was food put out for the attendees, a Chinese auction with over 30 baskets and Second Chance Band was Rock'n the house! Everything just fell into place that day, as it should have. It was supposed to rain, but the sun came out, it was chilly but beautiful. But that didn't deter anyone from riding or just coming out in their cars. As the bar began getting very crowded Deb (John's wife) was sitting watching everyone file in. She had never seen such a large community friends get together the way they did that day to remember their friend John Liguori.

All the proceeds raised from this memorial run will go to John's wife Deb. For those wishing to still make a donation there is a GoFundMe page set up to benefit his wife. https://www.gofundme.com/f/im-memory-of-john-liguori?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook

Article by ...Josephine... 2nd VP Long Island ABATE



Please join us in remembering John Liguori
Sunday October 15th

Registration 9am
H Lee Demarion Building
100 Veterans Hwy, Hauppauge
KSU Ham
Ending at Froggy Bar 75 Coff #Old Ford River Road
450 Main St, Yaphank

Live Music
Buffet Dinner

Rider - \$20

Passenger - \$10

Walk In / Dinner Only - \$10

All proceeds go to John's widow, Deb, to assist with any financial hardships.



In Loving Memory of
John Liguori
R.I.P.



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Greetings all members of Long Island ABATE!

As written in my last article, I mentioned I would report my attendance at the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) "Meeting of the Minds" hosted by Pennsylvania ABATE in Harrisburg, Pa. I arrived on Thursday September 21 and met some of our LI ABATE officers, signed in and attended a meet and greet! There were approximately 200 ABATE members from just about every state in the nation. After speaking to many members from many states letting them know how active LI ABATE is, I retired to my room.

The next day, Friday along with our officers, I attended the general session, complete with presentation of the colors, invocation, opening comments by President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard, a legislative update by Rocky Fox (our lobbyist), state & federal legislative awards and the MRF financial report.

This followed with different awards for those active in building membership and the President's cup. Lunch was on our own with a riding demo outside. We resumed with discussions about legislative addenda and prioritizing many issues. The rest of the day was spent breakout rooms discussing various motorcycle related issues. On Saturday we attended an open session with comments from various leaders, which included the intentional phasing out of all combustion engines and their fuel source! I can't emphasize enough how this topic shook everyone in the room! The rest of the day continued classes of various topics including political lobbying, social media, and strategic planning to name a few. That evening we attended an awards banquet and honored all members who passed. More awards were presented to those who made contributions to defending our lifestyle and fighting for motorcycle rights.

Sunday we said our so longs until next year when we meet in St. Louis!

It was certainly a very well worthwhile meeting and I thoroughly enjoyed the friendship and education that the Motorcycle Riders Foundation provides by having these meetings!

Currently I've been busy attending our general membership meetings and then the recap meeting the following week in Massapequa.

I also attended a civil preparedness meeting in Bayport sponsored by NYS Senator Dean Murray.

I also had an opportunity to meet with the senator about LI ABATE issues that affect all motorcyclists in NYS. I continue to attend bike nights and open meetings when invited by clubs.

I hope to see you at the St. Mary's Toy run in November!

Nick



2024 Federal Legislative Agenda

The MRF's Legislative Committee held a legislative strategy session at the 2023 Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) 39th annual Meeting of the Minds Conference held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the session was to establish and prioritize the MRF's 2024 Federal Legislative Agenda.

Legislative issues fall into one of three categories, high, medium and monitor. This list remains fluid and can be adapted depending on the issue and political environment.

2024 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

(1) Autonomous Vehicles: Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV):

(a) Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles.

(b) Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.

(c) Promote that any AV public user advisory committees should include a representative from the motorcycle community and a motorcycle manufacturer.

(d) Require a public, easily accessible, and searchable database where consumers can look up important safety information such as the limitations and capabilities of different products offered by AV manufacturers or service providers.

(e) Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.

(f) Require that all AV manufacturers must publicly report crash data share incidents between AVs and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users.

(g) Protect the safety of motorcyclists with any rules or standards as it relates to electronic and cybersecurity systems including the clarification of rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles.

(h) Inclusion of motorcyclists' perspectives in discussions regarding the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).

(i) Work to ensure motorcycles are a separate classification of vehicle and road user for purposes of regulation and testing of AVs.

(j) Protect the set aside radio spectrums necessary for DSRC vehicle to vehicle communications.

(k) Protect additional spectrum as needed for Vehicle to Everything technology (V2X).

(2) Crash Avoidance: Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging NHTSA and the DOT to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.

(3) Data Recording: Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

(4) Definition of a Motorcycle: Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape. Collaborate with appropriate stakeholders concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle, ensuring that crash and fatality statistics continue to be separate from other classes of vehicles including autocycles, non-motorcycle powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, motorized bicycles, and various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles.

(5) Emission Regulations: Engage the EPA & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations including the RPM ACT, H.R. 3281, S. 2736 or similar legislation.

(6) Work against any efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) that endangers the future of motorcycling.

Helmet Laws:

(7) Oppose any mandatory federal helmet, apparel, or conspicuity requirements. Advocate for limiting funding of any federal government entity with increasing involvement in advocating for a universal helmet law or similar initiatives.

(8) Internal Combustion Engines: Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines, including elimination of the California air quality exemption waivers which allows California to enact different standards and threatens combustion engine production.

(9) Profiling: Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promotes awareness and prohibition of motorcyclists profiling.

Seek opportunities including, but not limited to H. Res 366, with language that:

Promotes increased public awareness on the issue of profiling of motorcyclists.

Encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycling community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end profiling of motorcyclists.

Urges state law enforcement officials to include statements condemning profiling of motorcyclists in written policies and training materials.

Outlaws the practice of profiling of motorcyclists.

Oppose any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any governmental agency.

(10) Renewable Fuels: Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) including the following actions:

Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.

Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.

Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e., no multi-dispensing) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.

Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2019 (H.R. 1024) or similar legislation which requires information to be provided to the public about the risks associated with the improper use of E15 fuel (or higher) in certain vehicles, engines, and equipment.

This legislation:

Revises current EPA rule to include warning label requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15.

Requires the EPA to create a public education campaign about the risks of unauthorized use of E15, as well as the vehicles, engines and equipment prohibited from using E15.

Defines multi-dispensing nozzle and requires an additional warning label on multi-dispensing nozzles to warn consumers of the residual fuel left in gasoline pump hoses from the previous individual dispensing.

(11) Right to Repair:

Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their own products.

Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:

Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

2024 MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

(1) Gang, Club and Other Language:

Monitor and respond to federal legislative or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terms gang, club, known associate, associate or any derogatory term when referring to motorcyclists.

(2) Lane Filtering and/or Lane Splitting: Monitor and support federal efforts to study and review the benefits and concerns of lane splitting and lane filtering.

(3) Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):

Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (expiring in 2026). Ensure the following provisions are included:

Preserve the Motorcycle Education & Awareness Program Grant Funding.

Preserve the ban on federal funding for Motorcycle Only Checkpoints.

Preserve the NHTSA Lobbying Ban and expand to other federal agencies.

Preserve the Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the FHWA.

Preserve motorcycles are not considered single-occupancy vehicles for HOV lane access.

Oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions.

Monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists.

Advocate the integration of an updated federal definition of a motorcycle.

Advocate a mandate that autonomous vehicles must detect and respond to motorcycles.

Advocate for expanding opportunities to address motorcyclist profiling.

Ensure motorcycles are not banned from federally funded roads.

All high priority issues and emerging technologies

(12) Taxes: Encourage fair treatment of motorcyclists in any change to federal taxes related to transportation. Vehicle miles traveled and other tax proposals must account for the different impact motorcycles have on infrastructure.

2024 MONITOR ITEMS

(1) Distracted Driving:

Work to discourage any/all forms of distracted driving.

(2) EV Incentives:

Seek fair tax rebate and or credits for the purchase of electric motorcycles similar to those offered for electric automobiles.

(3) Exhaust Systems:

Monitor and vigorously oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems.

(4) International Partnerships:

Continue participation in motorcycle-related activity in the European Union, United Nations, and Canada informing the membership of key developments.

(5) National Studies:

Continue monitoring any national studies concerning motorcycles (i.e., Federal Crash Causation Study or MSF Naturalistic Study).

(6) Opponents:

Monitor private and public organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF.

(7) Sound Testing:

Monitor any SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing (addressed by individual states).

Monitor any action by the EPA Office of Noise Abatement

(8) Tariffs:

Monitor any tariffs on imported motorcycles, parts, or apparel.

(9) MRF2Tolling:

Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds.

Monitor any congestion tolling concerning motorcyclists by federal, state, or local governmental agencies.

In order to remain vigilant until all aspects are complete, some references to legislation or resources could appear not to be timely.

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Motorcyclist Advisory Council Being Established!

Monday morning, after nearly two years of delay, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced the initial steps to establish the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC). In November of 2021, Congress passed, and President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Included in the law was reformation of the MAC.

The MAC will coordinate with and advise the Secretary of Transportation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Administrator, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Administrator on transportation issues of concern to motorcyclists, including motorcycle and motorcyclist safety; barrier and road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies.

As stated in the announcement, "The MAC seeks to have a fairly balanced membership with expertise in motorcycle and motorcyclist safety, highway engineering, and safety analysis." Of the 13 seats open on the MAC, "One shall be a representative of a national motorcyclist foundation." The Motorcycle Riders Foundation looks forward to putting qualified candidates forward to fill not only this designated seat but other seats on the board as well.

Nominations are due by December 15, 2023. If you would like to read more about the MAC, its mission, and its membership click [here](#) to read the full announcement from the Federal Register.

The MRF would like to thank all lawmakers in Washington D.C. who fought for the creation and establishment of the MAC. Special thanks to the 13 Members of the House of Representatives who sent this letter to USDOT in May.

The MRF will share more news on the MAC, its membership, future hearings, and findings in the coming months.

As always Ride Safe and Ride Free!



Motorcycle Riders Foundation



Who's Going to Pay for This?

The old saying in Washington, D.C. is "A billion here, a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking real money." It is no secret that the Federal Government continues to spend more money than it takes in. This week the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on just this topic. The hearing entitled "*Running on Empty: The Highway Trust Fund*" focused on the growing shortfall between money taken in to pay for roads and infrastructure and the money being spent by Congress on those projects.

The Highway Trust Fund is intended to function as a piggy bank. Revenues from gasoline and diesel fuel taxes are collected and the money is dedicated to the construction of federal highways. However, over the last thirty (30) plus years the model has started to fall apart. The federal gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon has not been increased since 1993. Surging inflation means that 18.4 cents per gallon does not go as far in 2023 as it did in 1993. Add to that the push for more fuel-efficient or electric cars and the result is less fuel sold and thus less money in the Highway Trust Fund. In the last 15 years, the gap between money collected and money spent has reached \$275 billion! This shortfall results in government borrowing and further government debt. The current system is not working, and policymakers are searching for solutions.

The most discussed solution is transitioning away from motor fuel taxes to a fee, charging individual

vehicles for their miles traveled, called a VMT fee. The most recent 2021 Highway Bill included a directive that the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Department of Treasury conduct pilot programs in all fifty (50) states.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) understands the need to properly fund the construction, maintenance and repair of our roadways. However, we remain committed to protecting the interests of bikers. Any tax system must be fair and equitable for motorcyclists. It goes without saying that the weight of a motorcycle does far less damage to a roadway than much heavier vehicles. As such, any tax should consider the wear and tear caused by the vehicles being taxed.

Additionally, privacy concerns with any tracked miles are immense! Tracking by outside parties using GPS or other technologies that collect and record where we ride, who we ride with, and how we ride is something the MRF takes extremely seriously. Both data recording and transportation taxes are two priorities that have been and will remain a part of the MRF legislative agenda.

The highway funding tab will eventually come due. The funding system for our roads is broken, but the MRF is committed to protecting and defending the interests of bikers no matter what solution is eventually agreed upon

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GOAL

- 1)... To initiate, endorse and sponsor educational programs such as rider safety, public awareness, legislative and affirmative action and, individual freedoms and rights.
- 2)... To create and promote a positive public image of motorcyclists and motorcycle groups and to dispel and disprove media hype, unfounded propaganda and the "Hollywood" image.
- 3)... To encourage goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel and the general public.
- 4)... To serve as an information source on matters pertaining to current laws, pending legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials and their constituents, and voter awareness.
- 5)... To act as a central responsive agency to devise and coordinate recreational, legislative, educational, and charitable activities



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Good Boy! How Hearing Dogs Create Happier Lives

If you've ever had a dog as a pet, you know how much joy they can bring to your life—and how loyal they are to their owners. Aptly nicknamed 'man's best friend,' some canine companions can provide more than just comfort. In addition to offering emotional support, hearing dogs also serve as a second set of ears for people with hearing loss.

Why They're Doggone Amazing

Hearing dogs are service animals specially trained to support the needs of people with severe hearing loss or deafness. They alert their masters to common sounds in the home, including doorbells, alarm clocks, smoke alarms, oven timers, telephones and babies' cries, by nudging or pawing their owners to get their attention. These professional pooches will then lead their masters to the source of the sound.

Hearing dogs usually will not respond to car horns, sirens or other street noise when outside. But since their training teaches them to respond to environmental sounds, hearing dogs will exhibit certain cues when a person or a vehicle is approaching, which can be helpful to their owners if that person or vehicle is a threat.

When they have a hearing dog by their side, people with hearing loss don't have to worry about hearing the alarm clock to wake up on time for work or missing the sound of the oven timer going off and accidentally burning dinner. This extra stress is no longer a part of their lives, allowing them to relax and enjoy their daily moments more.

The Best Canines for the Job

An ideal hearing dog is alert and ready to work, friendly, naturally attentive to sound, calm in different environments, focused on its task and confident.

Hearing dogs are usually small to medium mixed breeds that come from shelters or professional breeders. Many are a terrier mix. Purebred poodles, cocker spaniels, Labrador retrievers and golden retrievers also make good hearing dogs. The simple truth is that the overall temperament and trainability of the dog matter more than the breed does.

Unleashing Their Potential Through Training

The initial training for hearing dogs includes socialization and obedience training followed by several months of audio-response training. During this specialized training, trainers teach them to react to sounds in the home, such as smoke alarms, doorbells and telephones.

After a hearing dog matches up with an individual with hearing loss, they train together to work as a team. The dog may also learn to respond to other sounds specific to their owner's life, like noises from household appliances or people calling their master's name.

Making a Paws-itive Difference

According to the American Kennel Club, owners of hearing dogs say that "having a trained canine helper gives them an increased sense of security and independence that other assistive means just can't provide." Fortunately, several organizations in the United States train and provide hearing dogs, allowing many individuals with hearing loss to experience the life-changing benefits these service animals offer.

Interested in getting a hearing dog for yourself or someone you love? A great place to start is www.assistedogsinternational.org/, which can help you find a hearing dog provider near you. Each hearing dog provider has a different application process. In general, you'll need to have documentation of a hearing loss or deafness from a doctor, the ability to properly care for a dog and a willingness to complete all required training.

Training a hearing dog can cost \$20,000 or more. However, the amount the owner pays varies, with many organizations taking on all or most of this cost themselves through fundraising. Hearing dog owners are responsible for their dog's medical care, food and other miscellaneous expenses.

Hearing dogs have helped thousands of people lead happier, more fulfilling lives. However, it's important to note that a hearing dog is not a replacement for hearing devices but rather an additional way to keep people with hearing loss safe, thriving, and connected to their world.

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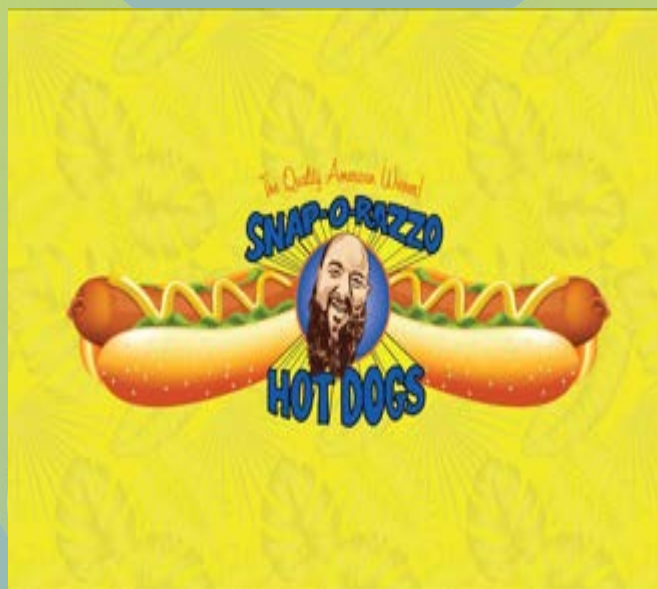


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MERCHANTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Hello Ladies and Gentlemen,

Every month we try to feature a merchant or service provider that is willing to provide ABATE members with discounts. Long Island ABATE supports those who support us and the community. This month's merchant is a Food Vendor and not just any food vendor but an amazing Hot dog manufacturer and more. I would like to introduce you to Ralph Perrazzo, Founder and CEO of Snap-O-Razzo. A little about Ralph. Growing up in a 100 percent Italian family is the reason why you can eat his first line of sausages today. The food he experienced was so wonderful as a kid that, now as a chef, he tries to cook anything that can transport him back to that feeling, taste, and smell. When he was younger, he would trick the school nurse so that his grandfather would have to pick him up from school, knowing he would take him to lunch at Ben's Kosher Deli or Galeotafiore Italian Pork Store and Deli on Long Island. This began his early education in pork and beef and everything that makes them delicious.

We had the honor of experiencing the fine products at Indian Larry's Block Party for the second time at this year's event. Ralph has formulated an amazing variety of Hot Dogs and many other products to follow. Ralph is a Motorcyclist as well and supports the community as well. Snap-o-Razzo products include Beef hot dogs as well as a Beef and Pork hot dog. They are Maplewood smoked, Natural casing, and have no MSG, fillers, or additives. They are also higher in protein and lower in sodium than most brands and they are gluten and dairy free. There are many more products available as well. Other products include Roasted Jalapeno hot dogs as well as hot dog sauce and spices. Visit the website. <https://www.snaporazzo.com> or more information. Also check out this link https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Rosjy0QGWnNp3A4TrEVPcni-RhX1ZsrO?usp=drive_link

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