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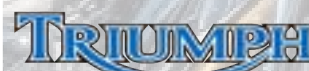
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The main purpose of the ABATE organization is to work toward continued freedom of the road by insuring that motorcyclist's point of view is presented to our legislators and to promote motorcycle safety, rider education and public awareness. We are 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,

Hopefully Everyone Renewed their Registrations.

April was a busy month for us. We have been scheduling Motorcycle Awareness classes at various schools and locations. I had the pleasure of doing a podcast that aired on Walk Radio in an effort to spread Awareness to another avenue in the community.

At our monthly meeting we had a Motorcycle Crash Statistics presentation delivered by Sergeant Brendan Pilkington of SCPD Highway department. The presentation broke down the crashes by town, day of the week, and time of day. He also went into detail about his unit and their focus, which is Motorcycle Safety and Enforcement among their other responsibilities. We also attended the Riders of Fire's annual bike blessing. In addition to that I attended the Red Knights Monthly meeting to talk about ABATE and go into more detail about who we are and what we do. A few of us also attended the Blood drive hosted by the Elks Lodge in Centereach, the event was set up by Long Island HOG and the Elks and ABATE promoted and supported it.

Next up was the Easter Sun Rise ride and service that was held at Smiths Point Beach. We also attended and were set up at the Middle Country Community Fair to spread Awareness. We had planned our Safety and Awareness Run and finalized everything. The Ride Started at the H. Lee Denison Building in Hauppauge and we rode to the Riverhead Elks Lodge. Pictures and Story next month. We also signed up with Connoisseur Radio again this year to promote our event and broadcast our PSAs on 5 of their radio stations, including the Shark 94.3 and others to promote Awareness throughout the season.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month as well and coming up this month there are a lot of events going on. There are Bike Nights, Club open houses as well as community events and fund raisers, Check our website and Facebook for updates. The NCOM convention is coming up on 5/8-5/11 in Mississippi. There a few of us will be meeting with Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations from across the country to discuss Motorcycle related legislation as well as other Motorcycle related issues. The ABATE of NY's Freedom Rally is coming up 5/18-5/19, the meeting before the trip to Albany will be held at the Blackthorn Resort in East Durham on Sunday, see the flyer in this newsletter. On 5/19-5/20 will be the Bikers in the Beltway in Washington D.C. There will be representatives from all over the country there with the MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation). We will meet with our elected officials to discuss motorcycle related issues. The following weekend 5/24 will be Flag placement at all National Cemeteries, this is when All of the graves of Veterans in the cemeteries receive a flag and are recognized for their service and sacrifices.



The next day, 5/25, we will have a booth set up at the Ronkonkoma Street Fair, where we will be promoting Awareness and ABATE.

. If your group or club would like us to attend an event or a meeting, please reach out to myself or a board member, we would love the opportunity to speak more about ABATE and what we do.

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.

Together we can make a Difference

Ride safe and Be Well

Chris Beckhans

President of Long Island ABATE

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International
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FRIDAY, MAY 3

SAVE THE DATE!

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APPRECIATION RUN



Sunday June 8th, 2025

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For more information contact 1-888-LIABATE or visit us at www.longislandabate.org



Updates From Josephine

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

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone is gearing up for a very busy riding season. Here are just a few events that Long Island ABATE was set up at this past month of April.

On April 6th Long Island ABATE was set up at the Riders of Fire annual bike blessing. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate so nicely. It was a bit rainy and very cold out that day, but there were still vendors set up and the DJ was playing great music. There were your die-hard riders that did show up for the run! That's what we love about our motorcycle community. Always out showing support!

On April 8th at our membership meeting at the Elks Lodge which is always the second Tuesday of every month we had guest speakers from Suffolk County highway department, which is made up of 20 full and part-time riders. There are normally nine full-time riding officers. Officer Sergeant Brendan Pilkington and Officer Scott Pugan are part of that unit. Every year just before May begins for motorcycle safety and awareness, we have them come in and go over motorcycle crashes in Suffolk County. They went over everything from how our relationship has improved over the years. In years past they used to only do motorcycle only checkpoints and to look for what motorcycles were doing wrong and writing tickets but now their attentions have changed to focus on the safety of motorcyclists. Their goal is as is ours for everyone to get to their destinations and home safe! They spoke about crash statistics which were broken down, of 413 that were reported 19 were fatalities, 321 were injured. The breakdowns were countywide were 65 distracted driving, 62 failure to yield the right of way, 53 were following too closely that's cars and motorcycles, and 35 unsafe actions, 30 lane issues, 23 inexperienced, 23 animal and road conditions. The information they provided was very informative. They even broke down the statistics by day of the week hours of the day and by township. then from township to crashes injured fatalities and hotspots. It was a very informative meeting.

We also had Dawn Demilia speak at the meeting that night, she spoke about Rocking the Road for a cure. They care for cancer patients and help them with food, supplies and random needs. She also spoke about raffling off a motorcycle on May 4th at the Boogie for the Boobies at 89 North. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased online and there will be other prizes to win also. The Rocking the Road for a cure run will be October 4th at post 1066 in Massapequa.

As always on every third Tuesday of the month there is a follow-up meeting in Nassau County at the Marine Corps League in which we go over everything for our Nassau County members that didn't make it out to the Suffolk County meetings.

On Sunday April 13th we were out and about to show support for the Alliance MC pig roast. It was so good to be out and see everyone.

On April 17th we participated with the Long Island Hog chapter and the Elks Lodge for this blood drive. That was another great turnout. They collected over 35 pints of blood that night which will help save a lot of lives!

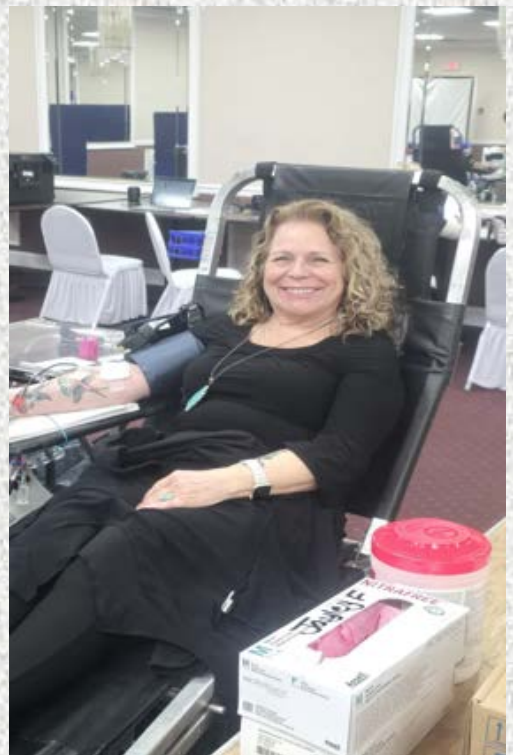
On Easter Sunday April 20th was the Rushing Wind biker church sunrise run to Smith's point. Where there were over 100 bikes that participated in that run. Every year it gets bigger and bigger. It was a beautiful morning 67° out and a warm breeze off the water and the sunrise was amazing! The service given by Pastor Ski was great and it was so wonderful to see everyone there. Just think this was only a few of the events that took place in April, and this is only the beginning! I'm so looking forward to everything else coming up in the next few months of riding season!! Till next time please ride safe and enjoy!

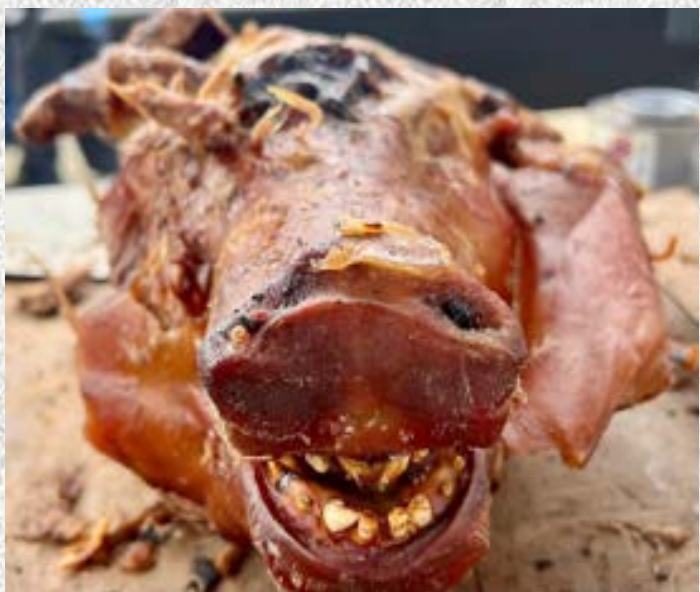
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gets resolved and fixed. They have financial issues, but they do get better. We just don't have patience, but we all have hope. If you need someone to chat with for a bit, please reach out to me. Sometimes, we don't want to talk to a friend or family member. I get it. I'm impartial and I stay completely confidential (part of the calling). If you need something done, I may even know of someone who can help you. I offer myself to help.

I know that many of you have stuff happening, I do to. But I do not stay alone. I have folks that I go to also. We're not made to do this life alone. Please don't think that you have no one to talk to or reach out to.

I am praying that God will bless you all with peace, strength, and hope.

Yours always,

In Christ's service,

Pastor "G" Gerry Waldron 🙏👍✝️

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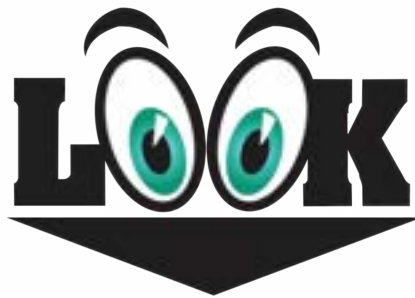
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2025 EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!



**SUNDAY JUNE 8:
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**SATURDAY AUGUST 23:
CAMPOUT**



**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2:
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H.R. 1566 - The REPAIR Act Right To Equitable And Professional Auto Industry Repair

April 4, 2025

Should you have the choice of where to bring your motorcycle for repairs or to do the work yourself? Should you have access to the parts, tools and service information required to maintain, service and modify your bike? Do you want to control who may access the data from your motorcycle and its use? If you answered yes to these questions, it is time to contact your member of the House of Representatives and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 1566, the "Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair Act", known as the "REPAIR Act."

The REPAIR Act ensures that vehicle owners or repair shops can access the information, software or tools needed to work on vehicles. This proposed commonsense law establishes rules regarding vehicle data access and will help preserve consumer choice and a fair marketplace.

A similar bill was introduced during the last session of Congress and cosponsored by 56 Representatives. We need to surpass that number during this session. Help us today!

Contact your member of Congress and make a difference in D.C.

Go to: <https://www.mrf.org/federal-legislation-issues-1>

To Join Our Call To Action!

Support H.R. 1566

Let's Do This!

A BILL

To amend the Clean Air Act to ensure that tailpipe regulations do not limit the availability of new motor vehicles.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Choice in Automobile
5 Retail Sales Act of 2025".

Support H.R. 2165 - The Choice In Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act Of 2025

March 19, 2025

Congress is currently on a one-week recess, but before they left town, Rep. Tim Walberg of Michigan introduced the Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act of 2025. This bill is similar to legislation Mr. Walberg introduced in 2023, which was passed by the U.S. House. The Senate failed to move on that bill, so it died at the end of the 118th Congress. U.S. Representatives Russ Fulcher of Idaho, Gus Bilirakis of Florida and Rick Allen of Georgia have joined Mr. Walberg as lead cosponsors for the 2025 bill.

This bill focuses on protecting the internal combustion engine. It does this in two ways. First, the bill prohibits using authority under the Clean Air Act to issue regulations that mandate the use of any specific technology or would limit the availability of new motor vehicles based on the vehicle's engine type. Second, the legislation requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to update any regulations that result in the limited availability of new vehicles based on the engine.

This legislation would overturn a 2024 EPA rule, which, if not revoked, would cause about 56% of new vehicles sold between 2030 and 2032 to require electric motors.

If you want to save the internal combustion engine, ask your Representative to cosponsor H.R. 2165.

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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.

*See registration form for details.

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RIDE WITH THE LEADERS!



Thousands of motorcyclists' rights activists have attended MRF sponsored annual regional and national workshops since 1985. These workshops provide the nuts and bolts, "user friendly" subjects and training to assist motorcyclists in defending, building, and strengthening their grassroots organizations.

Motorcycle Riders Foundation is proud to present their annual conference for politically motivated motorcyclists! Spend the weekend with some of motorcycling's most educated and dedicated activists. Learn what issues will impact bikers today and in the future!

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(Must be received by September 10, 2025 to qualify for discounted rate)



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☐ \$110.00 Current individual MRF member (after Sept. 10) ☐ \$130.00 Non-MRF member (after Sept. 10)

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For room reservations call 877-429-0711 (mention group code MRF125C for conference room rates)

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What's Your Hearing Number?

Your smartphone lets you track our heart rate, step count, and calories burned over time. Now there's a new well-being metric it can capture: your hearing ability.

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health recently launched the Hearing Number app, a free tool for testing and tracking hearing that's available for iOS and Android.

What is a Hearing Number?

The Hearing Number is a simple metric to help you understand and monitor your hearing ability over time. It is a clinical measure for hearing loss that tells you the softest speech sound you can hear in decibels. "The Hearing Number gives everyone a way to easily understand and think about their hearing over their lifetimes beginning as a teenager," said Frank Lin, M.D., Ph.D., lead creator of the app. "By knowing their Hearing Numbers, people can understand this important aspect of their health, track the changes to their hearing that occur naturally over time, and know when to use technologies to protect their hearing and hear better."¹

How Do I Get My Hearing Number?

The hearing test through the Hearing Number app is easy to complete – all you need is a pair of headphones or earbuds and five minutes. After you take the hearing test through the app, you'll receive your Hearing Number for each ear.

When you're a child, your Hearing Number can be as low as -10 decibels, but it rises as the years go by and your hearing system begins to deteriorate. The higher your Hearing Number, the poorer your hearing is and the more challenging it can be to hear in loud places.

Your Hearing Number is Only the First Step

While the Hearing Number app is a great way to get started on the path to better hearing, don't let your journey end there. Your Hearing Number is not a substitute for a diagnostic audiological evaluation. Take the next step by contacting our team to schedule a complete, state-of-the-art, in-office hearing test. We will explain your hearing test results in detail and offer ways to maintain your good hearing or solutions to treat your hearing loss, if applicable.

Take Advantage of Better Hearing Incentives

May is *Better Hearing Month*! It is a time when audiology practices are hyper-focused on identifying and treating hearing loss early, and educating the public about the importance of healthy hearing. **At H.E.A.R.S. Audiology, we are offering free hearing screenings for adults and children (ages 5+), and free clean-and-checks for those with hearing aids, for the entire month of May.** These time slots are limited and by appointment only, so don't delay ... call us today!

Ask about our Better Hearing Month special pricing for premium and advanced hearing technology!

1 The Hearing Review. (2025). Johns Hopkins Launches Free Hearing Test App. <https://hearingreview.com/hearing-products/testing-equipment/testing-software/johns-hopkins-launches-free-hearing-test-app>

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Ride Safe, Ride Smart: Protecting What Matters Most

As a proud Harley owner, you understand the importance of freedom, adventure, and the open road. There's nothing quite like the rumble of a V-twin engine beneath you, the wind in your face, and miles of asphalt stretching ahead. But as we ride through life, it's important to think beyond the next journey—we need to ensure that what we've built is protected.

For many motorcycle enthusiasts over 50, bikes are more than just machines; they are part of our identity. We've invested time, money, and passion into them. We've also built homes, families, and a lifetime of memories. But have we taken the necessary steps to make sure everything we value is secure?

The Risks Riders Face

Motorcyclists are more vulnerable on the road than other motorists. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), riders are 28 times more likely to be involved in a fatal accident than those in passenger vehicles. Even for the most experienced bikers, unexpected hazards—like distracted drivers, road debris, or unpredictable weather—can turn a peaceful ride into a life-altering event.

You wear helmets, leather jackets, gloves, and boots to protect yourselves physically, but what about financial protection? Medical expenses, lost wages, and property damage can add up quickly. That's why it's essential to have the right insurance coverage tailored to motorcycle owners.

Motorcycle Insurance: More Than Just the Basics

Most riders know they need basic liability insurance, which covers damage or injuries to others if they're at fault in an accident. But is that really enough? Here are key coverages every responsible biker should consider:

- **Comprehensive Coverage** – Protects against theft, vandalism, or damage from natural disasters like hail or fire.
- **Collision Coverage** – Pays for repairs if you're in an accident, whether with another vehicle or a solo crash.
- **Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage** – Ensures your medical bills and repairs are covered if hit by someone without adequate insurance.

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Life Insurance: Protecting More Than Just Your Bike

Many riders insure their motorcycles but overlook another critical aspect—life insurance. If something happens to you, would your loved ones be financially secure? Life insurance isn't just about planning for the worst—it's about peace of mind and ensuring your legacy lives on.

Here's why life insurance is crucial for motorcycle owners:

- **Coverage for Final Expenses** – Funerals and medical bills can be expensive. A life insurance policy ensures your family isn't left with unexpected costs.
- **Replacing Lost Income** – If you're still working, life insurance can provide financial stability for your family.
- **Paying Off Debts** – Helps settle outstanding debts like a mortgage or a bike loan so your loved ones aren't burdened.

Leaving a Legacy – Many riders support charitable causes or motorcycle clubs. Life insurance allows you to continue making an impact.

Home Insurance: Safeguarding Your Sanctuary

For many riders, home is where they store their bikes, tools, and riding gear. Proper home insurance protects not just your property but also your motorcycle. Coverage can include:

- Detached garages or sheds where you store your bike
- Expensive riding gear and accessories

Liability protection if someone is injured on your property

Ride Smart, Plan Ahead

Bikers are known for looking out for each other, whether helping a fellow rider on the side of the road or supporting causes that matter to the riding community. One of the best ways to take care of yourself and your loved ones is by making sure you have the right insurance coverage.

A good insurance policy isn't just about complying with the law—it's about protecting your passion, your assets, and your family. Whether it's motorcycle, life, or home insurance, having the right coverage means you can focus on what truly matters: the ride.

So, before you head out on your next trip, review your coverage. The open road is unpredictable, but with the right protection, you can ride with confidence, knowing you and your loved ones are taken care of.

Ride safe, ride smart, and protect what matters most.

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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.

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Every month we try to feature a merchant who will provide members with discounts on merchandise or services

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- Protecting street motorcyclists from unfair or burdensome federal agency restrictions and regulations
- Ending discrimination against street motorcyclists
- Providing all street motorcyclists with direction and information to protect their motorcycling rights
- Promoting motorcycling safety, training, education, licensing and public awareness on American roads



WHO WE ARE

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is the Nation's premiere motorcyclists' rights organization that is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. We are also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state and local levels. The MRF works together with street motorcyclists, State Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations (SMROs), the motorcycle industry, the media and other organizations, assisting them with state and local agendas as well as working with them to influence action and policy in Washington, DC - from the Congress to government departments and agencies to the Office of the President of the United States. We also work with allies in Canada, Europe and Asia to influence talks on vehicle globalization and harmonization that are proceeding under the United Nations and the World Health Organization.



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