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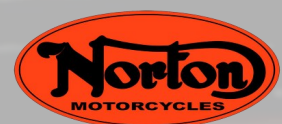
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Long Island ABATE



AMERICAN BIKERS for AWARENESS TRAINING & EDUCATION

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,

June is here and gone and July is upon us already. June was very busy for us. We had our Veterans Appreciation Run, which had its share of obstacles in the planning stages from permits to end site and everything in between and they all worked out thankfully. The weather was great and the turnout was nice especially since there are so many events happening every weekend nowadays. The ride was great, from The Riverhead Elks Lodge to Sag Harbor and over the Lance Cpl. Jordan C Haerter Memorial Bridge and ended in Hampton Bays at the Cowfish Restaurant, which received us with open arms. The following weekend members of Long Island ABATE with members of the Patriot Guard Riders, Am Vets Riders, Legion Riders and others came out to Escort the USA Patriots aka Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team from the hotel they were staying at to the field in Center Moriches. This group of individuals is so inspirational. They have all faced adversity that many of us will hopefully never experience. They take their experiences and travel the country and promote positivity and hope for those that have experienced similar adversities, whether it is limb loss or just born with some abnormalities. They also have Kid Camps, where interact with the children and show them that "Life without Limbs is Limitless". At the games Joe Bart was recognized for the many years that he organized and put this event together and let me tell you it takes A lot.



The following weekend we had multiple booths set up at various events. We were set up at Suffolk Harley for the Autism Ride as well as the Rushing Wind Biker Church/ Bikers for Christ Down Biker Run. There were many other events that weekend as well. Americade, Laconia Bike Week, and The Harley Rendezvous also happened already. Before you know it, August will be here. I hope you are all out and enjoying the road and the many great things out there. If you have any pictures, stories or events you want to share please send them in by the 15th of the month. I hope to see you out on the road.

There have also been a few Campout meetings held, and we continue to plan for that event. It is truly a wonderful time to just chill and enjoy the weekend and each other. Hot Dogs all day, 3 Live bands and more. Come on out and enjoy. Tickets are available at meetings, through a board member as well as online soon.

**TOGETHER WE
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**



Don't miss out \$50.in advance and \$60 at the gate. Your ticket includes park admission and if you want to camp, that is included as well for Saturday to Sunday Only. You can come and set up as early as Wednesday night for an additional fee paid to the park. I can't wait to see you there.

We are still looking for people to help with donations, products, and a Volunteer Coordinator as well as assistant Road Captains. If you would like to fill one of these positions, and get more involved as well as help make a difference, please reach out to myself or a Board Member.

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.

Together we can make a Difference
And we Are!!
Ride safe and Be Well

Chris

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Happy
4th of July



MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION

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Food for Thought

I recently discovered a podcast called Mystical Kitchens... Your Last Meal. It is hosted by a chef named Josh. He has a very creative way of enticing his guests to speak about the significance of the meals that they choose to be their last meal. Sometimes he has guests with a glutinous amount of food which always ends up being some very interesting, and sometimes very simple choices. His guests are known, and of course it got me thinking, "what if he had a plain'ole person on his show as his guest... I compiled a, not so small, list of what I would want for my last meal.. It was fun to do and with each selection, I had a reasons why these were some of my favorites. Mind you, I am a vegetari-

an now (and I no longer drink alcohol) but I did include some meat and drinks to my list. He also follows up with the question, who would you want to share your last meal with. After much thought since my list is long and a lot of food, I would want to share my last meal with Ozzy and Black Sabbath along with my kids, and Cher.

So after much thought here is my list in no particular order.

Meatballs and spaghetti with homemade sauce and grated parmigiana

A pint of Ben and Jerrys Phish Food Ice cream

A Moriches Bay Diner Cheddar cheeseburger deluxe with disco fries and coleslaw instead of ketchup, medium rare please

A miniguinnie which is Baily's on the rocks with a shot of café expresso Petron on top

A fluffanutter sandwich on Wonder bread with ruffles plain potato chips on the side

Portofinos White slice and a glass of the house chianti

Tony Sushi's Spicy Crunchy Crab roll

A NYC pretzel from a cart, light on the salt and extra mustard

A pound or so of Del Fiorios fresh mozzarella

A bowl of Peanut Butter Captain Crunch cereal with ice cold milk

My mother's tuna fish casserole with corn chips on top

Cartucci (cannoli bomb) from Franks Bakery

And lastly a Fudgie the Whale carvel ice cream cake with a side of flying saucers

My list is a combo of memories of my childhood, going to concerts, eating out with family and friends, the birth of my son and introducing some fine tasty food to folks.

The annual Veterans Appreciation Run took place and was successful as usual. Thank you all for coming out. By doing so, either by attending the run or donating to the monthly Vets Jug, you are supporting local Veterans organizations throughout Long Island. Gratitude goes along way ☐

Take care,

Nancy

Long Island ABATE Treasurer

LONG ISLAND ABATE'S

21ST ANNUAL CAMPOUT

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HELP WANTED!



Long Island ABATE Needs Your Help.

We are seeking a Products Officer, Volunteer coordinator, Donation Coordinator and Assistant Road Captains. We also need volunteers willing to deliver lawn signs and Long Island ABATE literature to local establishments.

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WITH A BIRTHDAY**

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KEEP DREAMING



*Travel as much as you can,
as often as you can, and as
far as you can . . .*

Women's Freedom Ride



*Life
was not meant
to be lived in
just one place.*





Rest Is Important!!!

I was reading an article the other day, and it described the value of sleep. One of those articles that pops up in an email or on a webpage. According to many studies, sleep is very important for good health, creates a clear mind, and allows our bodies to recharge. We've heard this for years. But can we do it? I believe we can. We all probably have a quiet or happy place. We go there to rest and reset. Most of us know where that place is. It could be somewhere. It could be with someone. It could be while doing something that takes your mind off of things going on. Many of us find this in riding the bike or riding to a place on the bike or in a cage. Wherever it is, it is important. Why? Because we cannot sleep well if we do not find a way to rest, and without rest,

our mind and body will begin to give us issues ...health issues. Rest is important!!! Many of us may have had this happen. Anxiety and stress are things that keep us from resting. However, anxiety and stress are things that we can control. When we overreact to something, we choose to be anxious and stressed. Granted, there are things that will happen that we will get very concerned about. We don't have a lot of control over those things. We really don't have control over most things, they just happen. Sometimes getting stressed over some stuff is kind of an unnecessary use of our time and energy. Being aware, informed, a little cautious, and prepared will help us to handle life's situations. Also, having the assurance that someone is watching over you and helping to take care of you is also very comforting and restful. That is what a faith-based belief system will do for you.

The point? Try not to get stressed because it keeps you from resting, really resting. You may sleep but have restless sleep. Clearing your mind, suppressing thoughts of what might happen tomorrow, will also help you to rest. I pray when I'm stressed. Some of you might do the same. I'm also praying for you all. Whatever it is that relaxes you, do it to get rest for your body, your soul, and your mind. I hope it is a healthy option. Remember... Rest Is Important!!! If you have questions about faith, contact me. If you need prayer or need to talk something through, please reach out to me.

May God bless you all always.

Pastor "G" Gerry Waldron 🙏👍✝️

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A Taxi Changed My Life in an Instant. It Didn't End My Riding.

By Mitch Proner

Every rider has had that moment. The car that turns left in front of you. The driver who changes lanes without looking. The split second when you realize someone never saw you at all. For me, that moment came in 1990. I was riding my 1988 Harley-Davidson Sportster when a taxi ran a red light and hit me. I suffered a broken wrist, a broken ankle, and multiple fractures in my back. What followed were surgeries, rehabilitation, and months of recovery. Lying in a hospital bed, I had plenty of time to think. Would I ever ride again? Should I ride again? Anyone who rides understands the answer. Motorcycles are more than transportation. Riding is freedom. It's the people we meet, the places we go, and the feeling of being out on the open road. Fortunately, I recovered. More than three decades later, I have ridden over 120,000 miles since that crash.



The accident changed my life in another way as well. It gave me a firsthand understanding of what injured riders face after a serious crash. Not just the physical injuries, but the financial and legal challenges that often follow. Too often, riders are blamed for crashes they did not cause. Many accidents happen because a driver simply was not paying attention, failed to yield, or never saw the motorcycle at all. As both a rider and an attorney who has represented injured motorcyclists for decades, there is one piece of advice I would give every rider: prepare before the crash happens. Wear

quality gear. Ride defensively. And review your insurance coverage. Many riders believe they have "full coverage." What they often do not realize is that full coverage usually protects the motorcycle. It does not necessarily protect the rider.

Here in New York, drivers can legally carry insurance limits that are far too low to compensate a seriously injured motorcyclist. Even worse, unlike occupants of automobiles, motorcyclists generally do not receive No Fault benefits. There is no automatic payment of medical bills or lost wages after a crash. That is why every Long Island rider should understand Supplemental Underinsured Motorist Coverage, commonly known as SUM coverage. SUM coverage protects you when the driver who hits you does not have enough insurance. It may be the most important coverage on your policy. A rider can have a fully insured motorcycle worth \$30,000 and still have very little protection for a catastrophic injury. Before your next ride, pull out your insurance declarations page and look at your SUM limits. Ask your insurance agent what it would cost to increase them. You may be surprised by how affordable the additional protection can be. Most of all, remember that motorcycles have given us incredible experiences, friendships, and memories. A crash can change your life in an instant, but it does not have to define the rest of your life. Ride safe, stay alert, and I hope to see you out on the road. If you have questions about motorcycle insurance, SUM coverage, or your rights after a crash, call Proner & Proner at 1-800-321-1234.

ABOUT MITCH

Mitch Proner is a nationally recognized trial lawyer and lifelong motorcyclist. He received the Silver Spoke Award from the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) for his work protecting the rights of motorcyclists and improving the image of motorcycling. He is the owner of Proner & Proner in New York City and has represented injured riders and accident victims throughout the United States for more than three decades. When he is not in the courtroom, Mitch enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, and riding his Harley-Davidson Road Glide.

Born to Be Wild, an iconic biker anthem by released the Canadian rock group Steppenwolf in 1968. A time that was much simpler. A famous movement of freedom of thought, artistic expression and a time when the masses were rebelling against, "The Man". A time when young America and other places were ripping off the shackles of a stuffy, oppressive and "civilized" society to become free again, as God meant us to be was the mantra. And what community and culture embraced that more than the biker community. This anthem, along with countless others including, Simple Man, Freebird and the such screamed out the inner yearning for freedom that is in the bikers DNA. Back to the wild, the open roads, searching out the wilderness for new experiences. "Head out on the highway, looking for adventure in whatever comes our way." The lyrics blast out the quest of the human soul. Really not many other than bikers get it.



God created us to be in a sense to be "wild" in many ways that has been lost. We were meant to be out in the wild of the world, experiencing Him in all that we can experience in the extravagant world He created for us. Unfortunately followers of Jesus, the church, Christians or whatever label you may put on us have been "domesticated", and it gives folks the wrong impression of what living for and with God really is. The first Christians were considered Barbarians. If there ever was a man who epitomized a biker in the bible it was this Wildman who walks out of the wilderness in sheepskin and leather, on a diet of whatever he could find in the wild (honey and locusts according to the narrative). John the Baptizer came with attitude, and grit and unnerved "The Man" of the time, the religious leaders.

God created us to live life in the intensity of the best of what we could experience. Waking up to face and attack this world, "Get your motor runnin', head out on the highway, looking for adventure and whatever comes our way", as the song says. The reality of what God wants for us, what Jesus came to show us and enable us to experience is a wild ride of life. God, by faith, connects us back with the creation He made for us, including connecting each other, something only a biker can appreciate. "Like a true nature's child, we were born, born to be wild. We can climb so high, I never want to die." That's the truth of what Jesus is all about. Especially if you never want to die. Something to ponder. So throw your leg over your iron horse, crack the throttle and live, cause you and me have been born to be wild.

Pastor Ski

BFCMM

Founding Pastor of Rushing Wind Biker Church





Updates From Josephine

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

On May 17th Long Island ABATE was set up at the Red Knights bike blessing. It was held at North Sea Fireman's Memorial Field in North Sea on Nyack Road. The weather was absolutely beautiful that day. We had a few people come up and renew their memberships, we had a few new people sign up and we sold a bunch of shirts that day. They're run took off from there and ended back at the same place and they had a barbecue afterwards. It was great being out with them and showing support they had a wonderful turnout.

On May 25th we were supposed to be set up at the Ronkonkoma street fair but that wound up not happening due to the horrible rainy weather all day. On Monday May 25th we were set up at Big Apple Free Ride Day at Heckscher State Park. That's an event they're starting to do now every year for people who might be interested and wanting to learn how to ride a motorcycle to make sure it's something they really want to do. And Diane the owner of Big Apple motorcycle school sets up for the day and has her instructors there to give a 30 minute introduction to riding motorcycles. That day it rained till about 1:00 p.m. but turned out to be a really good day. A lot of people showed up. I spoke with people that actually drove out from New Jersey and Brooklyn this year to try out riding a motorcycle for the first time. After they got there instruction and did their 30 minute presentation. They are then directed over to the Long Island ABATE tent where Chris and I talked to them about motorcycle safety and awareness and handed out a lot of educational information about learning how to ride. As we were talking with a few young people there that day also one of our members, Norbert, was there and the few people we were talking to wanted to sign up but weren't sure. Norbert actually paid for three of them to sign up and become new members that day. The three new members were very appreciative with Norbert's generosity; He also explained how important it is to become a member and to know what our rights are as motorcyclists. That day we actually got six new members and two new four-year members.

On Saturday June 13th I got to drive the Abatemobile in the escort of the US Patriots amputee softball team. That was my first time to participate in that event. Let me tell you what an honor it was. A few years ago I did get to meet the team but this was really cool to do this police escorted event.

All were welcome to ride and do the escort. We had the Patriot Guard Riders, Rolling Thunder New York chapter 6, HOG members, Long Island ABATE members and many others.

This team of veterans have been coming to Long Island for many years. After talking with Joe Bart who said this is one of their most favorite places to come and play! This is how their event goes. On Friday June 12th they do a kids and youth afternoon with a team practice, join the team on the field and pizza for all participants and after what I have heard from that kids and youth afternoon some of the teams players started out at that event as kids and now wound up joining the team. Then on Saturday June 13th is the escort from the hotel to the Moriches Athletic complex where everyone gets staged. The bikes park across the street, the big Jets bus donated by Winter Brothers parks at the gate. They have the fire department there with the big American Flag hung so that everyone can walk under and escort the team in. Team Eva was there along with the Color Guard and Humvees and then the Bikes. Followed after the bikes is when the team comes. It is definitely a sight to see. I so wish I was able to somehow show you more than just the pictures I have. Once everyone is at the field they start with the opening ceremony and the US Patriots played a doubleheader that day. They played the All Stars and won! After the game they did a barbecue and a meet and greet for everyone who came out and participated that day. Well at the barbecue Long Island ABATE (Chris, myself, and Debbie) presented each team player with a veterans T-shirt and took group pictures. We would like to thank Joe Bart and the entire US Patriots amputee softball team for their services and for coming out to Long Island every year to play!

Just a reminder Long Island ABATE's next big event is Saturday August 22nd, and it is our 21st annual campout at Cathedral pines in Middle Island. It's the most fun you can have in a County park. Tickets are on sale now! Please contact a board member for your tickets. Ticket sales are also at Frogzz in Yaphank.

We are in need if anyone can donate a raffle basket if possible. It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and remember ride safe and I'll see you out in the community soon!

Josephine

2nd VP Long Island ABATE



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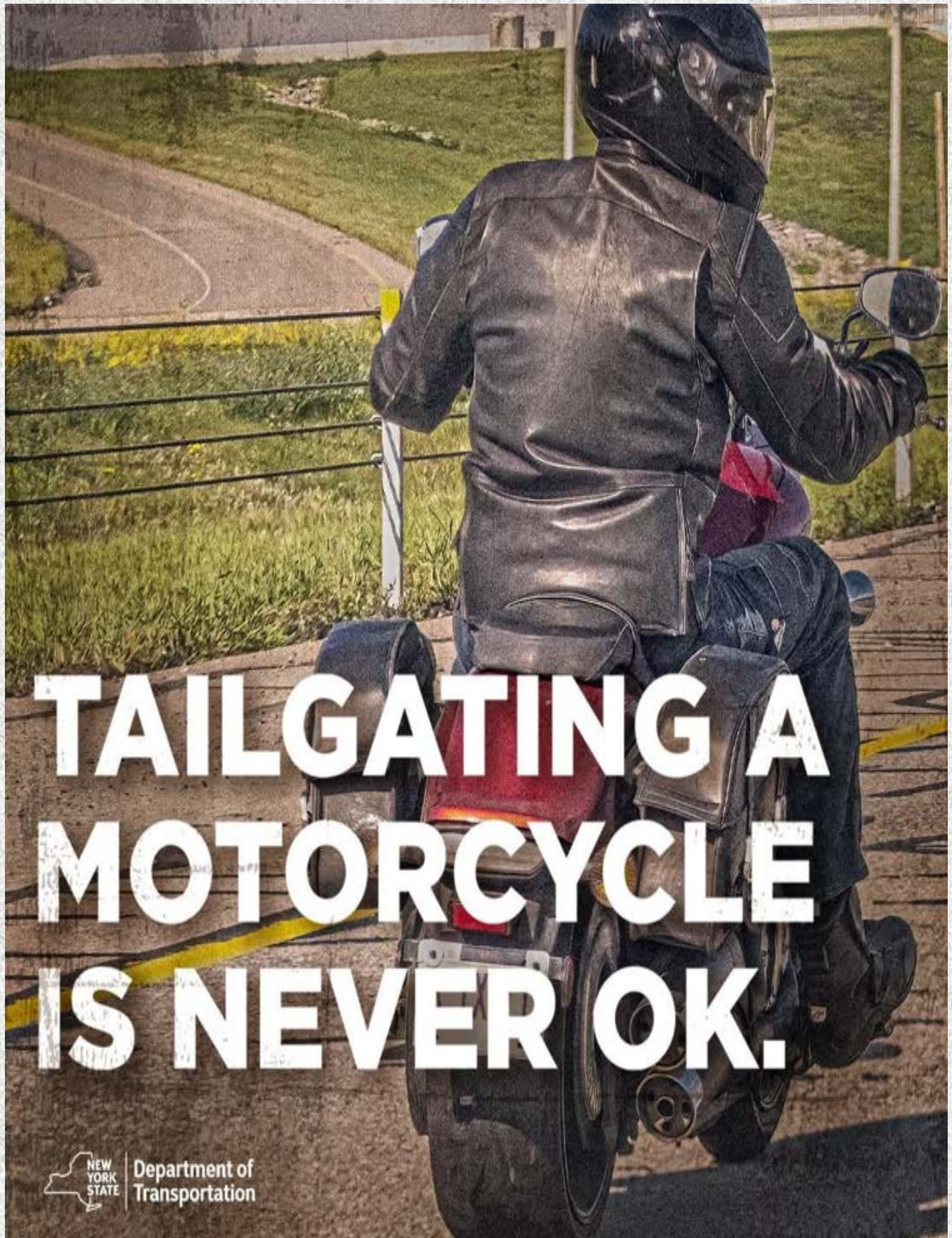


A festive graphic for Independence Day. The background is a deep blue with a stylized American flag motif, featuring horizontal stripes of red, white, and blue, and a field of white stars. Three ribbons are floating: a red one in the top left, a blue one on the left side, and a white one in the top right. The text 'INDEPENDENCE DAY' is prominently displayed in the upper center, with 'DAY' being significantly larger and containing a blue star. Below it, '4th of JULY.' is written in a smaller, white font. The overall design is celebratory and patriotic.

INDEPENDENCE

DAY

4th of JULY.



**TAILGATING A
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Kris Cook

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THE FUTURE OF MOTORCYCLING WILL BE DECIDED BY THOSE WHO SHOW UP

Every rider has an opinion about the future of motorcycling.
Fewer riders are willing to do something about it.

The reality is simple: **the future of motorcycling will not be decided by the millions of riders who stay home. It will be decided by the people who show up.**

- The people who attend hearings.
- The people who meet with lawmakers.
- The people who learn the issues.
- The people who build relationships.

The people who are willing to invest their time before the fight begins.

That is exactly what Meeting of the Minds is about.

For four days in Milwaukee, riders from across the country will gather to hear from experts, learn about emerging threats, discuss successful advocacy strategies, and prepare for the challenges ahead.

The next battle over profiling, internal combustion engines, autonomous vehicles, access, insurance, aftermarket modifications, or rider freedoms may already be taking shape.

When it arrives, will riders be prepared? Or will we once again depend on a small group of advocates to carry the entire load?

Every generation of riders inherits freedoms it did not create.

Every generation also inherits the responsibility to defend them.

The future of motorcycling is not going to decide itself.

September 24-27, 2026 -- Milwaukee, Wisconsin -- Meeting of the Minds Show Up.

The Road To Freedom Runs Through Milwaukee

June 1, 2026

Two weeks ago, more than 200 motorcyclists roared into Washington, D.C., from every corner of this country. They put aside their daily lives to take the fight for motorcyclists' rights straight up Capitol Hill and into the offices of 535 members of Congress!

They didn't come to sightsee. They came to be heard. This was not about fancy dinners and photo-ops.

It was about the future of motorcycling.

It was about profiling.

It was about the right to repair and modify their motorcycles.

It was about bad fuel policy, reckless expansion of autonomous vehicles, and lawmakers who too often view bikers as expendable.

It was about bikers speaking and Congress hearing us loud and clear.



If you missed Bikers Inside the Beltway, don't make the mistake of missing what comes next. The fight is getting bigger. The stakes are getting higher. And the people sitting on the sidelines are not the ones shaping the future of motorcycling.

The MRF's 42nd Annual Meeting of the Minds is coming to Milwaukee, September 24-27, 2026, and this is your call to get in the saddle and become part of the movement.

Here are five reasons to stop watching and start participating. Here are five reasons to make your reservations now.

Ride for Your Rights: This isn't just another road trip – it's a declaration. Every mile to Milwaukee is a statement that bikers will not quietly surrender their freedoms, culture, or way of life.

Help Set the 2027 Legislative Priorities: Don't complain later about decisions made without you. Be in the room where the strategy is built and the battles are chosen.

Stand with the Largest Motorcyclists' Rights Movement in the Nation: Thousands of bikers. One united voice. Real grassroots muscle. This is how legislation gets stopped, changed, or passed.

Sixteen information-packed workshops: Get the tools to hit back, enhance your knowledge, and strengthen your SMRO. Stay ahead of the attacks on your right to ride.

Arm Yourself with Legal Knowledge: Rights ignored become rights lost. Learn from legal experts how to protect yourself, your motorcycle, and your SMRO from growing legal threats.

The sidelines are already crowded with people willing to complain but unwilling to act. Don't be one of them. When riders engage, nobody else will make the decisions for us.

Grab the bars, it's KSU and time to head into Milwaukee, ready to fight for the future of motorcycling.

Time is running out, lock in your room reservations. See you in Milwaukee.

Register for Meeting of the Minds 2026

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Join The MRF

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**MOTORCYCLE RIDERS
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Ride With The Leaders

NATIONAL NEWS

Major Victories For Motorcyclists On Capitol Hill

May 22, 2026

This past Tuesday, hundreds of motorcyclists from around the country converged on Washington, D.C. for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's (MRF) annual Bikers Inside the Beltway grassroots lobby event. During this event, motorcyclists visit every legislative office with a packet of information on priority issues. This year, Bikers Inside the Beltway occurred just as committees were meeting to finalize the surface transportation reauthorization bill, which happens every five (5) years. This unusual juxtaposition created opportunities for significant input on the upcoming bill.

The MRF now applauds both the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee for advancing H.R. 8870, the BUILD America 250 Act (the highway bill), with measures supporting motorcyclists. The finalized bill will likely contain four of the MRF's top legislative priorities for America's motorcyclists when voted on by the full House of Representatives.

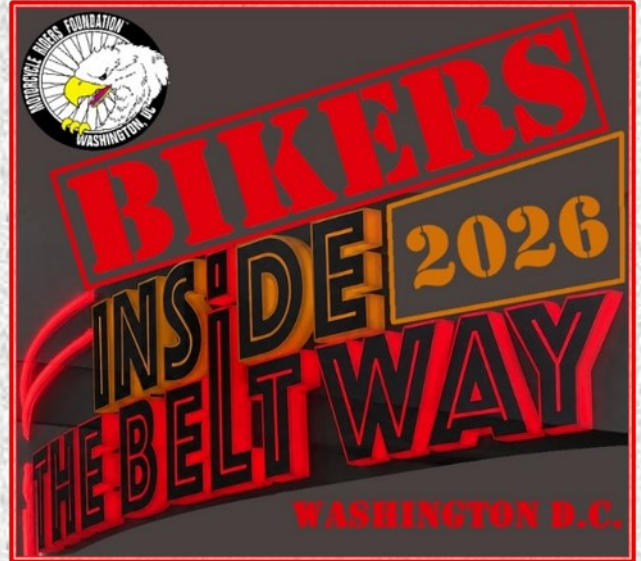
The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee advanced provisions extending authorization for the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC), ensuring riders continue to have a formal voice in federal transportation discussions. The legislation also strengthens protections against motorcycle profiling by expanding existing language. It prohibits profiling based on the appearance, mode of transportation or attire commonly associated with motorcycling culture. Special thanks to Representative Andre Carson of Indiana and Representative Chris Pappas of New Hampshire for their last-minute efforts to ensure these victories.

In addition, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over portions of the highway bill, included several motorcycle-related priorities supported by the MRF. Among those provisions are enhanced protections for the Right to Repair, language ensuring emergency braking technologies can detect motorcycles, and the inclusion of the Know Before You Drive Act (H.R. 7377), which helps ensure consumers are informed about what their vehicle's automation technologies can and cannot do before purchasing a vehicle.

The MRF recognizes the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) for its efforts in support of these measures, particularly the input of Zach Farmer. Additionally, the support of the Independent Motorcycle Aftermarket (IMA), whose leader, Bob Kay, remains an outspoken advocate on the Right to Repair and Right to Modify, helping protect riders' ability to access repair information, replacement parts, and independent service options.

The MRF also gratefully acknowledges the ongoing efforts of state motorcyclist rights organizations nationwide, as well as the National Council of Clubs (NCOG), the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), the National Council of Informed Riders (COIR), and independent riders everywhere, for their engagement and advocacy efforts on these issues.

"Without riders contacting lawmakers, attending meetings, and remaining engaged in the legislative process, these victories would not have been possible," said MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard. "This is the first step. It is a big step, but the work is not finished. The full House of Representatives must still pass this legislation, and the United States Senate must retain these protections and priorities for bikers in its version of a highway bill, before it can ultimately be signed into law by the President."





NATIONAL NEWS

The Most Powerful Weapon We Have

The most powerful weapon motorcyclists possess is not money.

It is not political influence. It is not a paid lobbyist.

It is an informed, engaged, and organized grassroots network.

For more than forty years, motorcyclists' rights victories have been won because ordinary riders decided to get involved. They attended hearings. They contacted legislators. They organized their fellow riders. They showed up when it mattered.

Every major success achieved by motorcyclists' rights activists started with individuals who understood that freedom requires participation.

Meeting of the Minds exists to strengthen that network.

It is where advocates share successful strategies. It is where new activists learn the skills needed to be effective. It is where riders from across the nation come together to prepare for the challenges ahead.

Knowledge matters.
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Registration Includes: All Workshops,

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NATIONAL NEWS



Stand With The Motorcycle Riders Foundation

May 29, 2026

This May, hundreds of riders came to Washington, D.C., to stand up for motorcyclists' rights. They met with lawmakers, shared their stories, and made it clear that riders are organized and paying attention.

That momentum doesn't stop when the trip ends. The ongoing fight for rider rights continues year-round through the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF).

The MRF works on issues that directly impact every rider, from right-to-repair protections, preventing profiling, safety of autonomous vehicle technologies and fuel availability policies that shape how we ride and maintain our motorcycles.

We know everyone can't hop on a plane or make the ride to Washington, D.C., but there is a simple way to be part of the effort. Join the MRF!

Is \$35.00 too much to help protect motorcycling?

To support the work already happening on your behalf, click below to join. Already a member? Please share this and start a conversation with someone else who loves freedom and wants to help protect it!

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We Are The Motorcycle Riders Foundation:

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.

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Registration rate after Sept. 4, 2026: \$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.

**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.

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Use the applications below to join and support the Motorcycle Riders Foundation and to pre-register for the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Minds, September 24-27, 2026.

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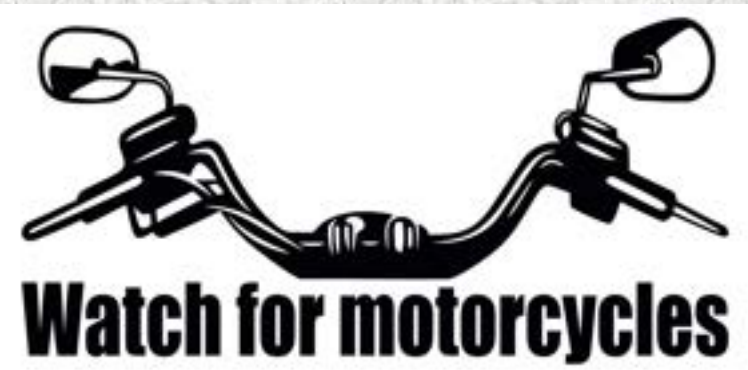
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But did you know that hearing aids can now help you stay fit and reach your physical fitness goals?

Wait ... what?? That's right! Much like other popular fitness trackers, some hearing devices can now promote healthy habits by tracking heart rate, steps, activity levels, and distance walked or ran.

Tracking your physical activity makes maintaining a healthy lifestyle much easier because it provides a visual of your current health status and helps you improve your lifestyle choices. Health tracking keeps you accountable and helps you reach your fitness goals.

Two reasons why health tracking matters in hearing healthcare:

- Hearing loss is associated with increased likelihood of physical inactivity. Physical activity is good for our hearts, bodies, and minds. Regular physical activity can help prevent and manage heart disease, Type II diabetes, and cancer. Physical activity also can reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety, increase quality time with loved ones, and enhance thinking and overall well-being.
- A health tracking feature in hearing aids might increase wear time. Those who like to count every step, track distance, or monitor their heart rate will be motivated to keep their hearing devices on.

Why would I want my hearing aids to track my health?

The ear is a fascinating organ. It is responsible for our hearing, controls our sense of balance and, as it turns out, our ears can give us access to health data. Vital signs such as heart rate, blood pressure, and body temperature are accessible at our ears. And physical activities such as light activity, walking, and running can be tracked. And if that's not enough ... the ear creates fewer movement artifacts than other parts of the body when tracking, such as the wrist, making it more reliable than some popular fitness trackers. So, whether you are already active or need a push to become more active, you can benefit from these hearing devices, with options of setting personalized fitness goals and tracking progress. Another bonus is that you can track your health habits without having to wear additional devices!

If you are intrigued by this technology and would like to learn more or try it out for yourself, contact your audiologist for a trial run. It might be just what you need to jumpstart your journey to a healthier lifestyle.

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2025 Day after Bikers Inside Beltway, Senate acts on HJ Resolutions resulting in revocation of waivers to California Air Resources Board (CARB)

2024 MRF leads Congressional Motorcycle Caucus "Ride To Work" on the streets of Washington DC to promote Motorcycle Awareness.

2024 MRF representatives officially appointed to the Federal Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC)

2023 Six MRF members selected to the "Community of Practice" groups, updating federal motorcycle safety guidelines.

2023 MRF meets with NTSB officials, discussing concerns over Autonomous Vehicles (AV) not recognizing motorcycles.

2022 U.S. House Passes H. Res 366 Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Resolution

2022 Government funding bill includes language directing NHTSA to report back to Congress on activities and policies related to the profiling of bikers

2022 27 Members of Congress send letter to NHTSA seeking answers on recent crashes involving autonomous vehicles and motorcycles

2022 Inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame

2018 By unanimous consent, the U.S. Senate Passes S. Res 154 – Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Resolution

2012 National Transportation Safety Board drops motorcyclists from "Top Ten" list

2012 Established the MRF Industry Council allowing aftermarket manufacturers to be more involved with the bikers' rights movement

2009 Held the first national motorcycle lobby day event in Washington, DC



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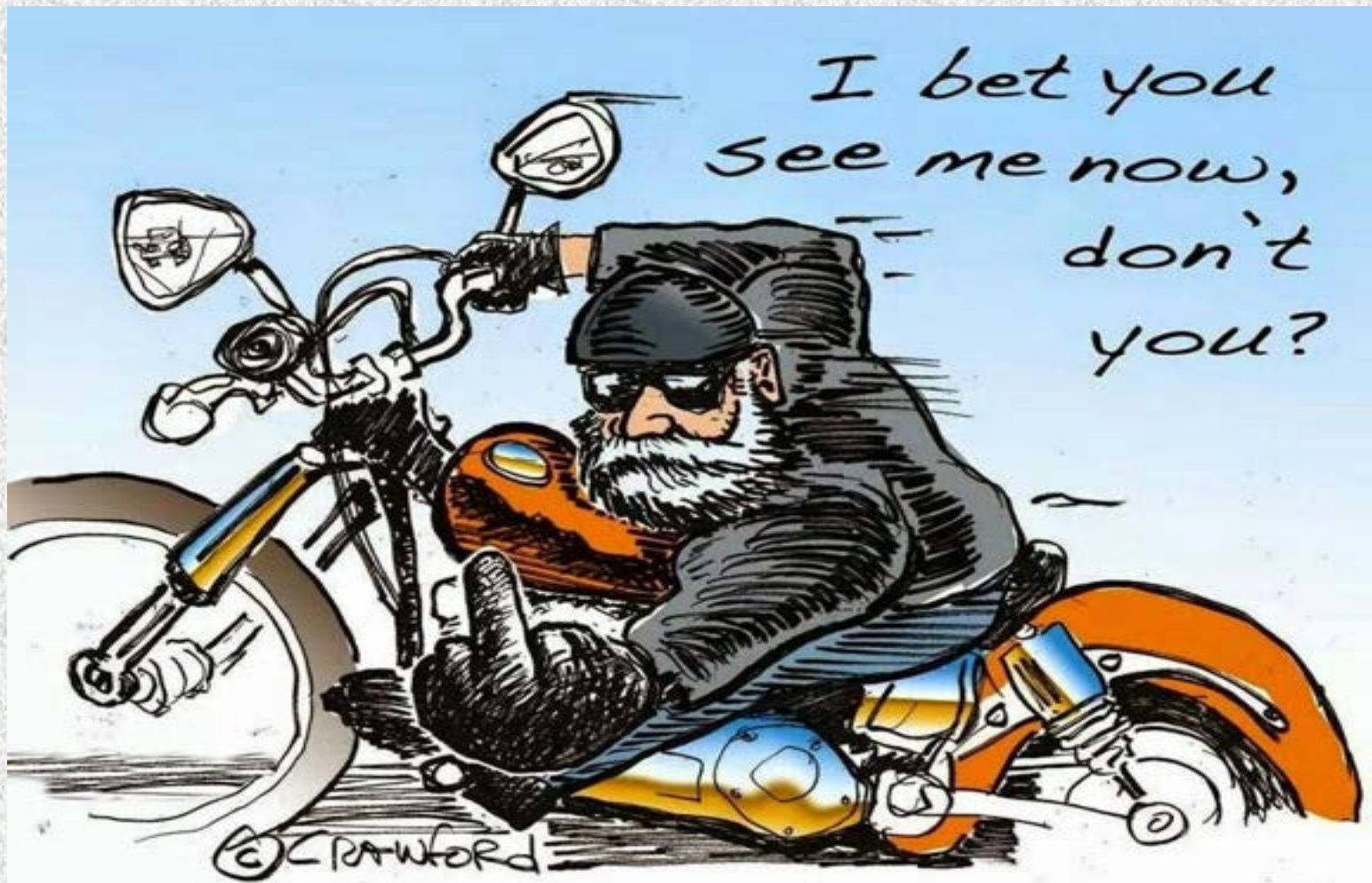


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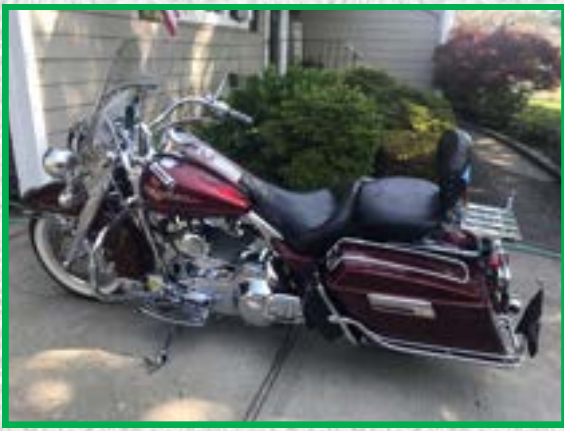
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